

The Shamong Township Committee held a Regular Meeting on the above date at the Municipal Building.

Deputy Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 pm.

The Clerk stated please be advised that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act in the following manner. Written notice has been sent to the Burlington County Times, published in the Central Record, and posted as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call and)	Mr. Sean Gray	P
Absentees)	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	A
Noted)	Mr. Kenneth Long	P
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P
	Mr. Jonathon Shevelew	A

The Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

Deputy Mayor Gray opened the meeting for public comment. As there was no public comment made, he closed the meeting to the public.

The approval of the July 10th regular and executive minute meetings was tabled since there was insufficient amount of votes.

The Administrator reported she met with PSE&G, their foreman for tree trimming, their forester in charge of the tree trimming project, along with Bill Schoen and another resident from Pakenah Trail. Mayor Shevelew was unable to attend since he had a medical problem and was in the hospital. They explained in previous years they topped the trees at about 35 feet in height, however, this year new regulations have been put in place and they are clear cutting within 200 feet of the right-of-way. The Administrator explained she has discussed with them if there is a less invasive way of doing things but they are standing strong on their position to clear cut the right-of-way. She also reached out to the Pinelands Commission and they said PSE&G has the right to do what they are going to do. Additionally the Administrator reached out to other towns, such as Voorhees, who have contested the clear cutting of the PSE&G right-of-way who stated as a township there was nothing they could do. Mrs. Onorato stated she contacted and Mr. Heinold researched towns that did try to sue and lost in trying to save the trees within the utility right-of-way. Mrs. Onorato did request PSE&G to consider planting some trees/bushes where they have clear cut (Indian Mills Road and Stokes Road) and they verbally said they would plant some trees that would not grow more than 3 to 5 feet tall in that area. She is still working to see if the trees at Pakenah Trail entrance, that are directly under the towers, can be saved but she said it doesn't look good. PSE&G is clear cutting across the entire State anything that is over 10 feet per the regulations. At this time the Administrator is still waiting to hear if they will come up with some alternatives. Mr. Heinold confirmed that a township did take PSE&G to court and they lost. Committeeman Long asked if there has been an EMF study and no one believed there had been or if it would help. A resident from Pakenah Trail questioned why they have not

clear cut in Medford and the committee said they will look into it. Deputy Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public for comment on PSE&G. Mr. Blair from 37 Pakenah Trail stated one of the requirements PSE&G has to do is present an Innovative Vegetation Management Plan. The Administrator explained that was a prior requirement before the new set of regulations. Beth Blair of 37 Pakenah Trail said she read the regulations and it doesn't sound like planting some scrubs will satisfy the vegetation management. Committeeman Long asked if an environmental study had been done because if some endangered species were found that could change things. There being no further comments from the public, Deputy Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Heinold reiterated the 7 Oil spill on Atsion Road to the public and reported they are going to pay all costs associated with the dispute which will settle the case. The Committee agreed with this and asked Mr. Heinold to proceed.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the CFO and Tax Assessor to attend educational courses at a cost of approximately \$450.00. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator informed the Committee the Tax Assessor will be on Military Leave until August 21st. Deputy Tax Assessor Joseph Rahman will be available to handle any urgent matters, should they arise during this time.

The Administrator reported the residents of Fawn Lake Village are concerned about getting in and out of their entrance from Route 206 and have submitted a letter of request to the State for a no passing zone in that area. The State has asked for township support of this request before they act on it. The Committee agreed to support this request and will submit whatever information the State requires.

The Administrator reported the Medford-Vincentown Rotary Club has requested permission to do a charitable donation drive at the intersection of Oak Shade Road and Indian Mills Road on September 15th. We do have an ordinance in place that allows this. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the request was approved. A roll call vote showed all in favor.**

The Administrator reported she received the 2011 Audit from the Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company and a copy was given to the Committee. They are asking for the usual donation at budget time.

The Administrator reported on the Recycling Cart Program through the county stating it would cost the town approximately \$57,000 to implement. She is getting more information on this program and will confirm if it is going to be mandatory by next year.

Mr. Heinold reported on the Saddlebrook Ridge Complex explaining the process with the Pinelands Commission and issues over the stormwater drainage. They need to move forward as to not lose the grant money from the County.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, Resolution 2012R-66 ABC license renewal for 2012/2013 for Scoot's Liquor Store was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, Resolution 2012R-67 authorizing Change Order #1 final payment for 3 Dellett Drive Drainage Improvement Project was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, Resolution 2012R-68 Edmond's Finance and Tax software purchase was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Resolution 2012R-69 Opposing A-323/S2074 which permits Agricultural Tourism on preserved farmland was tabled.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, Resolution 2012R-70 Salary Ordinance was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCES:

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, Ordinance 2012-07 Introduction – authorizing the collection of fees as associated with N.J.S.A. 54:5-54 and 54:5-97 for the calculation of redemption of tax lien was approved on first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

BILL LIST:

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, the Attached Bill List was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

REPORTS:

Mr. Mannix, the engineer, reported they still have not received any word from the State on the tax maps and he has re-submitted Oak Shade Road Project to the DOT for grant funds.

Mr. Heinold reported he will supply the Committee with a report he has on property issues they have been discussing in executive session. He also reviewed and explained the issues between the township and the Pinelands Commission on clustering and feels the overall numbers are not significantly different but has requested data to support this theory. He and the Administrator will look at the material to see if they have any concerns. They will bring their findings and concerns to the Township Committee. Mr. Heinold explained if the township wants to put a more restrictive ordinance on the clustering than the Pinelands Commission has in place they will give the township grant money of approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000 to do this.

The Administrator reported on the following items; there is no workshop meeting scheduled for August, Atlantic City Electric sent out a revised letter better describing to residents on their planned tree trimming along Tuckerton Road, the township roadway stripes have been repainted, and Tabernacle Township sent a notice they have adopted a clustering ordinance as submitted by the Pinelands Commission. She also reported the Tax Collector, Building, and Court offices monthly reports were in their packet. The Court Administrator stated the ticket intake was up a little in July; however, the revenues were about the same. The Construction Office is still showing improvement due to the gas projects throughout the township.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deputy Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Schoen questioned the safety and liability of the township's responsibility by allowing a coin-drop in the township. Committeeman Mozitis explained it is at a 4-way stop intersection and the Knights of Columbus have done it in prior years. The Administrator explained this is the first time the rotary will do it and the Indian Mills Fire Company has considered a coin-drop there as well. The IMVFC received permission last year from the County to do it at the Atsion/Oak Shade Road intersection but we do not control that intersection. There also is a township ordinance in place for this to be done at Oak Shade/Indian Mills Roads with the approval of the Township Committee. There being no further comments or questions the meeting was closed.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan Onorato
Municipal Clerk