

Shamong, NJ 08088

January 24, 2012

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

Mayor Shevelew called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Shevelew advised everyone that Committeeman Norman had resigned from the Township Committee after many years of service and dedication and he thanked him for his services and said he would be missed. He stated Chris is the solicitor for Medford Township.

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public and Mr. Norman stated it has been a pleasure serving on the Committee for the last five and one half years and he learned a lot during his time of service to Shamong. He also commended the Committee for doing a great job in keeping our taxes down and he leaves with saying the town is in great hands.

On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the minutes of December 20, 2011 were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Tax Assessor, Jay Renwick, reported the reassessment is completed and the letters have gone out to the residents explaining their old and new assessed value. He explained he met with over 300 residents who were not happy with or had questions on their new assessment. After meeting with these residents, only one resident left upset, all others had a better understanding of the process. Mr. Renwick also explained he expects the reassessment project will come in approximately \$85,000 to \$90,000 under budget.

Mayor Shevelew explained there is a republican vacancy on the Committee due to Mr. Norman's resignation. Mr. Gray serves as the Republican Chairperson for the Shamong Township County Committee. He and the Shamong Township County Republican Committee will submit three names for the Township Committee to choose one from to fill the vacancy. The Shamong Township County Republican Committee will present their recommendations by the February 7th Township Committee meeting and the Township Committee can choose to make the appointment at that time. This replacement

will be appointed for the remainder of this year then and will need to run in the 2012 election to complete the remainder of Mr. Norman's term which expires in December 2013.

Mayor Shevelew explained the heater broke down and due to the costs of the required repairs; it was more cost effective to replace it with a new and more efficient unit then to repair the old one.

The Administrator reported that Troop 47 of the Boy Scouts did a Christmas tree collection on behalf of the Township saving the Township hours in labor and equipment costs. This project seemed to work out well and she will have a full report for the next meeting.

Mayor Shevelew explained there is new legislation that gives the school board an option of moving its election from April to November. If the Board of Education elects to do this they will not be required seek public approval of their school budget if it is under the 2% cap. The School Board will introduce this at their February meeting.

The Administrator reported there has been a change in contractor for the solar project and in their final review there were some concerns about the system being put on our building thinking there could be greater efficiencies and the weight load on the building. The panels should be delivered this week and installation will be shortly thereafter. As of January 1st they will pay the Township \$750 yearly rental for rooftops. Nothing further at this time.

Mayor Shevelew suggested waiting until they receive the State's final numbers before adopting the Township Budget. He recommended everyone review the proposed budget and suggest any changes or adjustments. He stated for the most part the budget we are looking at right now is pretty much flat which shows a \$5,000 increase over last year.

There was discussion on the salary resolution for the JLUB and Committeeman Mozitis felt the clerical work could be done during regular business hours, therefore, only the meetings would need to be addressed. Mayor Shevelew felt he was not familiar enough with what had to be done and suggested tracking the hours so it can be revisited next year. **On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to approve Resolution 2021R-19 Salary Resolution. A roll call vote showed Committeemen Gray and Shevelew voting yes, Committeeman Mozitis voting no.**

The Administrator reported on the following items; office computers are 7 years old this year, one was replaced this month, the old computer will be used to repair the CFO's computer and the network router will be replaced, we have 3 computers that could need replacement in the near future. PSE&G has notified the Township they will remove all trees within the easement near the entrance of Pakenah Trail and side-trim all branches beginning the week of January 9th. Pine Barrens Jeep Jamboree is March 29-31. Federal Road Signs Standards will require the Township to prepare a "sign management plan".

The Township Committee and Administrator will attend an Elected Officials Risk Management Seminar hosted by the JIF resulting in a credit to our liability insurance bill. DEP has notified the Township that we are required to submit all future Recycling Tonnage Reports via a Certified Recycling Coordinator as of April 2012. The Construction Code Official, Court Administrator, and Tax Collector reports through the end of last year are attached.

At this time Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions, seeing none, he closed the meeting to the public.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on **motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gray. Roll call showed all voting yes.**

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk