

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

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

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, published in the Central Record, and posted as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment**

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

**On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the regular and executive minutes of June 12, 2012 meeting. A roll call vote showed all members present yes.**

The Clerk read the names that were submitted for the annual volunteer recognition to be announced at the Pine Barrens Festival. They were; Gary Vinciguerra, Jeff Siedlecki, and John Volpa. After some discussion, **on motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, Gary Vinciguerra and John Volpa were the two names approved to be submitted to the church. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

There was a brief discussion between the Clerk and the Committee on the future of the Township newsletter. Items discussed include but are not limited to information the newsletter covers for organizations within the Township, some of these organizations already have websites of their own. Additionally the Township information in the Newsletter is accessible on the Township web-site. The information e-mailed to residents is often included in either the Central Record or Shamong Sun which serves our community as well. **On a motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to discontinue the newsletter since most communication is done through the internet and e-mails.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**On a motion by Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, the Committee approved the attached Resolution 2012R-61 the appointment of a Deputy Tax Assessor. All members present voted yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the attached Resolution 2012R-62 approving Remington Vernick and Arango to submit a grant application to the NJ Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of Oak Shade Road. There will be no cost to the Township. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the attached Resolution 2012R-63 authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract for roadway restriping. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the attached Resolution 2012R-64 authorizing re-allocation in workforce. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

### **ORDINANCES:**

After some discussion Ordinance 2012-07 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 tabled.

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

### **REPORTS:**

The Engineer reported they have not heard from the State for final approval on the Township Tax Maps since they submitted copies approximately 4 months ago. In reference to the fuel spill the insurance carrier's expert report came in verifying his opinion that there is no further risk of degradation to the road and the edge is soft but will harder over time. Our engineer feels there could be but he stated you're not going to be able to factually prove it because you're going to have different opinions. Mayor Shevelew asked can we request that monies be put in escrow to cover potential damages. The engineer stated our solicitor has been in discussion with the attorney for the insurance carrier on that matter. Committeeman Long explained it stated in the report that the side of the road is soft from the spill so he feels we should have escrow money because undoubtedly the road will break up in time. The engineer explained our solicitor is pursuing the performance guarantee which he thinks they are not going to be agreeable to and/or the reimbursement to all costs that the township has incurred to date over this matter. The engineer reported our solicitor has been following up but has not received any formal response from the Pinelands Commission in reference to Saddlebrook Ridge Complex. The engineer reported all work was completed at Dellett Drive and said the homeowner was not 100% happy with the work but generally happy since they were inconvenienced and was not exactly what he expected. The homeowner requested sod instead of seed due to it being mid-summer and it was approved. The base bid was awarded around \$19,500 and the final cost is less even with the sod. They are in the process of finalizing everything and there will be a 2 year maintenance bond submitted to the Township. The homeowner has a concern on the repair of his driveway and was told to contact us if he has any issues since there is a 2 year maintenance bond. The Administrator reported the neighbor across the street from 3 Dellett Drive complained she had a sink hole in front of her property caused by the heavy equipment being parked on the road. Our Public Works Department filled the hole. That completed the solicitor's and engineer's report.

The Administrator reported on the following items; no workshop meetings are scheduled for July or August, 2012 Pine Barrens Festival will be held on July 23-28 at Holy Eucharist Church and Shamong volunteer of the year will be recognized on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, estimates will be requested on the construction of a handicapped ramp to access dais and to repair the utility closet, Atlantic City Electric will send a revised letter out to residents on their planned tree trimming along Tuckerton Road, PSE&G has been requested to revise their tree clearing program near the entrance of Pakenah Trail and to plant a “natural fence” near the borders where trees have been removed, and the 2012-13 road projects will be reported to South Jersey Gas as requested to coordinate SJG gas pipe installation and maintenance while insuring the integrity of the municipal roadways.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public at which time Laura King asked about the shared services with the court and if there would be no more court in Shamong. Mayor Shevelew explained Medford Lakes approached Shamong because their Judge left and they started using ours. Due to that, they asked about shared services by using their Court Administrator and their building and maybe they could save on court costs. After discussions on that the Committee met with Cheryl and said for the balance of this year, if they could cut expenses in the court, they would leave things intact and re-evaluate at the end of the year. He explained they reduced Cheryl’s hours from 30 to 28 which eliminated her health care coverage which she has somewhere else and in lieu of that she received \$2500 to get her own health care through her husband. The Administrator explained the savings through shared services would be about \$38,000 and in doing this the savings will be about \$20,000. Mrs. King asked about the ordinance that has to be re-advertised and what the cost would be. The Administrator stated the fee is approximately \$140 for both. Mrs. King asked about the cemetery and Mayor Shevelew stated the project is moving forward.

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Long, the Committee took a recess so the Administrator could check on an ordinance. All were in favor.**

After recess the Administrator stated that the Ordinance 2012-07 will be amended and re-introduced at the August 7, 2012 meeting.

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Long, the Committee went into executive session under Resolution 2011R-65 authorizing executive session for potential land purchase. All in favor.**

Mayor Shevelew reconvened the regular meeting stating no action was taken during executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan Onorato  
Municipal Clerk