

Shamong, New Jersey 08088

June 12, 2012

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	P
Absentees)	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	P
Noted)	Mr. Kenneth Long	P
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P
	Mr. Jonathon Shevelew	P

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Administrator reported the new recording and sound system is in place and the public should be able to hear better due to the overhead speakers.

#### **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.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Shevelew reported there were three proclamations honoring residents of Shamong Township who have been members of the Indian Mills United Methodist Church for seventy-five years. He said the township would like to recognize Ralston Weeks, Reba Wright, and Jean Wells for their service to the community. The Administrator informed everyone there will be a service on July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Indian Mills United Methodist Church and the proclamations will be given to the recipients then. The Mayor also commented it should be noted Mr. Ralston served as Santa Claus at the church for many years. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to adopt the proclamations. 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 regular and executive minutes of May 1, 2012 meeting. A roll call vote showed Committeemen Gimbel, Long, and Shevelew voting yes, Committeemen Gray and Mozitis abstaining.**

The Administrator informed the Committee she would be getting quotes to place a handicap ramp in the court room since a member of the Rent Control Board has physical needs which require him the use of a wheelchair. She will keep the Committee informed.

Mayor Shevelew explained the shared service agreement for the court was held over to this meeting since all the members were not in attendance at the last meeting. The Mayor asked the Administrator to review the information for the Committee. She explained Medford Lakes had asked Shamong Township if we would like to enter into a shared service agreement, wherein, they would share our Judge and provide Court staff, their building and everything else related to our court operations. The projected savings in doing this is \$38,065 and in doing this our employee, Cheryl Beaumont's job would be eliminated which is why the Committee is researching other options within the Township. There was a discussion on the reduced staffing at the NJSP – Red Lion Barracks versus the decline in ticket volume during this time frame. Mayor Shevelew summarized for those present the Township has received a proposal from Medford Lakes for a Shared Service Agreement and given the projected savings it is necessary to research all alternatives. Mrs. Beaumont reported to the Committee that although we are recognizing a lower volume of traffic tickets the Court office is responsible for a higher criminal incident volume presumable due to the economy as they are often tied to break-ins which is keeping her busy at this time. The Committee decided it would discuss this matter further during Executive Session.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:**

The 2012 Pine Barren's Festival Volunteer of the Year nomination was discussed and the Administrator reported on who received the award over the past several years. The Committee decided to table this item until July 10<sup>th</sup> to give all Committee members an opportunity to submit nominees. Mr. Long recommended Brian Stahr who has worked a great deal with the Lacrosse program and Joe Gitagnello - for his time in Coaching. Mayor Shevelew recommended we consider a non-sport related nominee this year as Al O'Keefe for the IMAA received the award last year. Mayor Shevelew recommended Rich Giberson and/or Gary Vinciguerra from the Joint Land Use Board to consider another area of volunteers. Both of these individuals have served the Township residents on a volunteer basis on the Land Use Board for approximately 15 – 20 years or more.

#### **RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:**

**On a motion by Committeeman Gray, Seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, the Committee approved the Tax Collectors request to attend a seminar at an estimated cost of \$15 plus the time away from the office. All members present voted yes.**

Resolution 2012R-56 Tax refund on block 17 lot 11 of \$1,746.61 was adopted **on motion by Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gray. All members present voted yes.**

Resolution 2012R-57 ABC license renewal for 2012/2013 - The Administrator verified the resolution did not include Scoot's Liquors, which at this time does not meet the required documentation to renew their license, but to not delay the other two licenses the Committee may approve the renewal for the ABC Licenses associated with La Campagnola and the Pic-a-lily Inn. Resolution 2012R-57 was adopted **on motion by Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Long. All members present voted yes.**

Resolution 2012R-58 Opposing S-1914 – Mayor Shevelew summarized the resolution opposes the State of NJ placing a cap on municipal user fees as it does on the Tax rates. **On a motion by Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gray the motion was adopted with all members present voting yes.**

Ordinance 2012-7 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. Mr. Heinold summarized the purpose of the ordinance to allow the Township to charge to the state maximum the fees associated with preparing calculation of redemption of a tax lien and both he and the Administrator discussed the fact that if a resident requested this calculation, they would not be charged until they requested the same calculation a third time at a cost of \$50 within a calendar year. This would be more directed to investors in tax liens who request this calculation multiple times a year. **Ordinance 2012-7 was approved for introduction on a motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Long with all members present voting yes.**

**The attached bill list was approved on a motion by Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gray with all members present voting yes.**

#### **REPORTS:**

The Engineer stated Kevin Zelinsky is waiting for final approval on the Township Tax maps. Atsion Road fuel spill, we are still waiting for a report from their attorney. Mr. Heinold stated he has followed up with their attorney a few times and is waiting for the results of their expert they flew in to complete a site inspection. Mr. Heinold stated we are trying to agree on potential damages to the site to set a bond amount to cover any potential damage to the roadway that may develop over time. Mrs. Onorato stated that we have requested a bond on the potential damages to the site that will be returned to them if there is no long term damage to the roadway. She feels this is in the best interest of both parties which would avoid the fees both sides are incurring during the process of evaluation, especially since the insurance company states their expert feels no damage will occur to the roadway. Mr. Mannix reported on the Saddlebrook Fields; he has received a letter from the Pinelands Commission and the response letter drafted by the Township Solicitor, Engineer and Administrator has been sent. He stated that the bids were scheduled to be open this Thursday and amended the bid opening date to Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at which time he hopes the Pinelands Commission will have provided their final approval and the bid documents could be revised, if necessary to meet the final Pinelands approval. If we move ahead with the bid documents in their present status any changes required by the Pinelands Commission would require Change Orders to be prepared at an additional cost and delays. Mr. Heinold summarized for the Committee the cause of the delays by the Pinelands Commission, which in part go back to Phase I of this recreation area, which was already completed by the developers. Mr. Mannix stated the Pinelands is requiring the Township to document anything that was completed prior to 2010. There was a discussion of the studies required to the site specific to Phase II, and what the Township with the assistance of Indian Mills Athletic Association has done to date to meet the requirements of the Pinelands Commission as it relates to the recreation facilities created by the developers in the 1990's. The Pinelands Commission is treating the improvements of the 1990's as existing, but proposed. At this time they want all improvements quantified and qualified before they move forward. There was also a discussion on the stormwater management for the site is a blended mix of 1990 standards and current standards for the new proposed development of the site. Mr. Heinold reminded those present that the longer we

take to get the Pinelands approval, the longer it takes to begin the project which could impact future funding on this site through the Burlington County park grant. Mayor Shevelew suggested we remove the field house from the plan development to eliminate any potential delays associated with receiving the approvals on the field house as the final design plans of the field house and associated septic system are not available at this time. Mr. Heinold stated he would contact Chuck Horner of the Pineland's commission to verify if the proposed field house will detain the Pineland's approval to complete Phase II as the field house proposed would be included in Phase III of the soccer complex. Mr. Mannix reviewed the resubmission of an application for the DOT grant for Oak Shade Road and updated the Committee on the work being completed at 3 Dellette Drive.

The Township Solicitor stated we have covered everything in his report.

The Administrator's review included: Closing on the property located off of Quaker Bridge Road in scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>. PSE&G has met with residents of Packerah Trail, Mayor Shevelew and the Administrator to discuss their plans to clear cut the trees in the right-of-way. The residents of Packerah Trail would like to protect the trees that buffer the tower which is located approximately 30 feet off the street. It does not appear the residents have a strong case. Mr. Heinold confirmed he reviewed a case from Cinnaminson, where they had a stronger case than ours and the Court sided with PSE&G based upon the BPU regulations and safety regulations. The Administrator stated we might be successful in requiring PSE&G to plant some buffering landscape which meet the height limitations. 2012 E-Jif inspection was passed by 100% with two recommendations and one correction to the report pending.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

As there were no comments from the public, the meeting was closed to the public.

Resolution 2012R-59 Executive Session to discuss Contract negotiation, personnel, land purchase and attorney client privilege items was approved **on motion by Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gray with all members present voting yes.**

The Committee reconvened their meeting after the Executive Session. Mr. Heinold summarized: the Committee discussed two items pertaining to land purchase and personnel issues in Executive Session. In respect to the personnel matter a potential Shared Service Agreement there is now a third option on the table which will need to be discussed by the Administrator and the Court Administrator before the Committee can take any action on that item. There is no action being taken by the Committee at this time on the Land matter.

There being no further business, **on motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gray, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato  
Municipal Clerk