

A meeting of the Shamong Township Joint Land Use Board was held on the above date at the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Jim Sweet, Chairman, at approximately 7:07 P.M.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, notice of this meeting had been published in The Burlington County Times, and posted accordingly.

Chairman Sweet confirmed the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call taken at the previous re-organization meeting.

Members present from re-organization meeting were:

Noni Bookbinder-Bell	P	Susan Onorato	P
Michael Cooney	P	Vacant-Mayor's Alt	A
Dave Diamond, Alt	P	Bonnie Schneider-Alt	P
Joseph Gigantiello	A	James Sweet	P
Michael Di Croce	A	Kathleen Wigley	P
Gene Lera, Alt	P	Barbara Valenzano	P

Also present were Peter Lange, Esq., Solicitor, and Dante Guzzi, Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Lera, seconded by Mrs. Valenzano, it was moved that the minutes of the December 18, 2017 regular meeting be approved as submitted with all members present voting yes, except for Mrs. Wigley who abstained.

Resolutions:

The Solicitor, Mr. Lange, reported the Board of Education had submitted a site plan waiver review (courtesy review) for a second emergency generator behind the middle school. The Solicitor advised the concrete pad would be adjacent to the existing generator and the exercise schedule would be the same as the existing schedule. **On motion of Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mrs. Schneider, it was moved to approve Resolution 2018-6 to approve as submitted the site plan review on Block 7, Lot 21.02 (295 Indian Mills Road-Shamong Township BOE-IMMS) with all members present voting yes, except for Mrs. Wigley who abstained.**

Application:

Chairman Sweet introduced the application on Block 7, Lots 22.01 & 22.02 (439 Oak Shade Road – LaCampagnola) minor site plan review and bulk variance for a proposed 39' 8" x 33' 0" kitchen addition. Mr. Chris Norman, the attorney for the applicant, introduced Mr. Matthew Hender, the Engineer and Mr. Antonio Sparacio who is one of the principals of the restaurant. Mr. Norman reported they are seeking a waiver for a minor site plan as required, since the improvement is greater than 1000 square feet. Mr. Norman additionally advised the site plan is for an existing restaurant, built on an existing concrete pad and would not involve additional restaurant seating or parking. Mr. Norman reported they are also seeking bulk variance relief based on undue hardship since the site is already developed with a pre-existing set back. Mr. Matthew Hender, the Engineer (a licensed Professional Planner and Landscape Architect) and Mr. Antonio Sparacio were sworn in by Mr. Lange, the Solicitor.

Mr. Guzzi, the Engineer confirmed that although the addition is greater than 1,000 square feet, since it is being built on existing pad and not much bigger, he supports this as being a minor site plan waiver.

Chairman Sweet opened the meeting to questions or comments, there being none, **on motion of Mr. Lera, seconded by Mrs. Onorato it was moved to approve the application for Block 7, Lots 22.01 & 22.02 (439 Oak Shade Road – LaCampagnola) minor site plan review and bulk variance for a proposed 39’ 8” x 33’ 0” kitchen addition as a minor site plan application with all members present voting yes.**

Antonio Sparacio then spoke and advised he and his brother Peter are co-owners of LaCampagnola going on thirteen years. Mr. Sparacio reported the reason for the kitchen addition is to have more refrigeration on the ground floor (most located in the basement) to avoid the staff from constantly having to go up and down the stairs which is also a safety issue. Mr. Sparacio reported the exterior of the addition will match the existing restaurant exterior and that most of it would be blocked by existing trees. Mr. Sparacio confirmed there would be no additional seating in this area.

Mr. Hender then spoke characterizing the justification for the variance stating it was an existing exceptional condition. Further stating the addition will follow the existing wall along Oakshade Road and is being built on an existing concrete pad which will not create any additional issues with storm water run-off. Upon questioning, Mr. Hender reported they would be following up with the Burlington County Health Department for final approvals that may be needed for any septic alterations.

Dante Guzzi read his report into the record as submitted.

Chairman Sweet reinstated his motion to approve with all member present voting yes.

Chairman Sweet introduced the application on Block 7, Lot 21.06 (449 Oak Shade Road – Tower North – Opici Wine) seeking use variance and site plan approval to construct a wireless communication tower. Mr. Warren Stillwell of Cooper Levenson representing the applicant Tower North Development, LLC and Celco Partnership (DBA-Verizon Wireless) for the application to place a wireless communications tower in the RGC (Regional Growth Commercial) zone. This application was opened at the December meeting and upon request a continuance was granted to provide the applicant time required to put together a more thorough report of the steps taken to investigate alternate sites along with the chosen site. The site chosen is a conditional use relative to the Shamong Township code. Mr. Stillwell then summarized the Shamong Township code prioritization of locating a wireless communication tower and therefore they are submitting for a D3 conditional use variance. Mr. Stillwell stated they are also seeking a variance for 253 sf where 100 sf area of development at the base of the tower which will be explained in the presentation tonight.

Mr. Stillwell then introduced his first witness, Mr. Bert Stern, Principal of Tower North, LLC; his 2nd witness will be Mr. Andrew Petershon, Radio Frequency expert; his 3rd witness will be Mr. Joshua Cottrell, Professional Engineer and his 4th and final witness will be James Miller, Professional Planner. Mr. Lange confirmed that due to the fact that this is a D3 member the class I and II members cannot participate in the meeting discussion. There are 9 members present,

including two (2) alternates who can participate in the discussion, but cannot vote unless one or more of the members cannot vote for any reason. Mr. Cooney stepped down from the dais and all discussions. The first alternate – Mr. Diamond was confirmed to be capable to vote on the application. Mr. Lange swore in Mr. Stillwell and his witnesses.

Mr. Stern summarized his firm's relationship to this application and verified he had investigated a location for a wireless communication facility placement within Shamong in September 2013 and then gave a detailed presentation of the Site Acquisition history submitted as **exhibit A-1**. The goal was to locate the wireless communications tower as per the Shamong Township Code as a priority. Because of this goal, in September 2013 the process began with discussions with then Mayor Ken Long to place the communication tower on Township owned land within the target area and the search began once a list of Township owned properties was supplied by the Shamong Township Clerk, S. Onorato. The list of Township land was provided as **exhibit A-2**. Mr. Stern noted that although the full list of Township properties was provided, any which are already on the Green Acres or Recreations Open Space Inventory (ROSI) list should be removed from the list of qualified parcels as the state requirements would not permit a wireless communications tower to be placed on these parcels. Mr. Stern submitted a copy of the Shamong Township Zoning map with key parcels marked within the key areas as **exhibit A-3**. Mr. Stillwell pointed out to those present the importance of the zoning within the township relative to areas the cell tower would be permitted. He also reported that all wireless communication towers must have permission from the Pinelands Commission and have a site approved to be on the Pinelands Comprehensive Master Plan for placement of wireless facilities. Each wireless company has an approved site, and the process to seek approval or amendment from the Pinelands Commission which is a 2 to 2 ½ year process and includes the requirement of the Governor's approval as well. The need to find a site within the pre-approved area is a key element. The other option was the Indian Mills Memorial School which will be discussed further later. A bid was generated by the Township and noticed as required **exhibit A-4**. The projected initial revenue to the Township was \$1,800 per month plus some revenue share of any additional carriers connecting to the site. Mr. Stern stated Verizon Wireless submitted a letter of intent from April 15, 2015 to be part of the site development and submitted as **exhibit A-5**. The Shamong Township Committee ultimately awarded the bid for the lease of Township property for use of wireless telecommunication facilities on block 8.01 lot 9 in a letter dated April 29, 2015 – **exhibit A-6**. Mr. Stern stated since he had a site with a provider and therefore met with Pineland's staff along with Mayor Long. He received a letter addressed to Mayor Long from the Pinelands Commission dated July 30, 2015 directing him to submit an application to April Field - **exhibit A-7**. Realizing the restrictions and the informal review of the application Mr. Stern felt overcoming the objections brought forward at the informal review, gaining approval from the Pinelands Commission on this site with wet lands issues was unlikely and he then decided to meet with Verizon to determine if there was an alternative site within the target zone from the list of Township property. The property he chose was 4 Red Onion Road. This parcel is still in the Rural Development zone but had no wetland issues and Verizon Wireless was in agreement with this location. Mr. Stern also stated he also chose to pursue a section of Township Owned land known as the Stoney Creek Recreation Complex (also zoned Rural Development), which is on the ROSI, but the thought was that perhaps a section of this parcel could be removed under the regulations of the state of NJ ROSI guidelines and replaced with alternative Township land. Mr. Stern then submitted **exhibit A-8** an email to Mr. Sosick on Jan. 4, 2016 of the Pinelands Commission to discuss the viability of these two (2) sites. The feedback was to research any existing infrastructure in the area to determine if co-location is available within the area. The

January 20, 2016 letter from the Pinelands Commission was submitted as **exhibit A-9**. The existing infrastructure was evaluated and included a fire tower in Medford which was not tall enough, the Headwater Village Fire Tower in Medford and the PSE&G power lines right of way. The Headwater Village Fire Tower is located outside of the target area and is an historic structure which is not structurally strong enough to support the cell tower. The PSE&G power lines right of way did not qualify as PSE&G will not permit the placement of the wireless communications mandated emergency backup generators nor does PSE&G permit access for the maintenance of the wireless communications equipment which is required on a regular basis. Mr. Stern elaborated on this as the maintenance for modern wireless communications is required every few months and required the powerlines to be turned down, so bucket trucks can be under the lines. Approval to turn off the powerlines can take 2 years for approval of an outage. Also, PSE&G will not permit any backup generators within their easements which are required by Verizon Wireless to insure service during power outages. An update was submitted to the township on February 10, 2016 submitted as **exhibit A-10**. Mr. Stern then met with his engineer and Township staff to determine the viability of the 4 Red Onion Road site on Feb. 18, 2016 – **exhibit A-11**. As a result, the Township moved forward with publishing a second bid notice for placement of the wireless communications tower on 4 Red Onion Road as required by state laws. The bid notice was submitted as **exhibit A-12**. As a result of the second bid submission, a lease was approved by the Township and submitted as **exhibit A-13**. Mr. Stern then submitted a letter to the Pinelands Commission dated June 7, 2016 - **exhibit A-14** on why the Red Onion Road site made the most sense relative to the other sites reviewed in his letter. On August 9, 2016 the Pinelands Commission responded to Mr. Stern's June 7, 2016 letter as submitted in **exhibit A-15**. The Pinelands Commission response stated that although they appreciate his response, the Pinelands Commission did not feel he had taken sufficient steps in evaluating properties zoned as regional growth. As Mr. Stern had considered every Township owned parcel of land within the target area including those zoned regional growth over the past 2 years at this point. Mr. Stern then focused his attention on parcels of private property or Indian Mills Memorial School. Mr. Stern reached out to Mayor Gimbel as he did not want to put private property ahead of school property. He then submitted a copy of a text message from Mayor Gimbel dated January 16, 2017 - **exhibit A-16** indicating that the Memorial School was not an option. As Mr. Stern relied on the information provided by Mayor Gimbel he decided to move forward with evaluating privately held property. He analyzed a number of privately owned regional growth properties. Some of the privately-owned properties evaluated were: Barbara Jordan on Stokes Road which had significant wet land issued; within the Regional Growth Commercial zone Mr. Stern evaluated the Wawa, LaCampagnolia, Cross Roads Church, Opici. Mr. Stern felt the Opici property was the most appropriate location due to the size of the parcel and ability to set the tower off the road further. Mr. Sweet asked if Mr. Stern invited the Pinelands Commission to walk any of the sites evaluated. Mr. Stern stated all parties were provided with significant information on the sites he reviewed with them and although he cannot verify if anyone from the Pinelands Commission walked any of these sites, he does know the Pineland Commission has an endless supply of applications to evaluate which makes it difficult to get them to leave the office to visit each site they are evaluating. Mr. Stern did verify he had submitted an application for the property in question (PIQ) and they provided plans to address the stormwater management issues and verified a previous sub-division on this property which was resolved. A certificate of filing was finally received from the Pinelands Commission. Mr. Lange questioned how he was introduced to the principals of Opici Corporation. Mr. Stern stated he made some phone calls, submitted a proposal and worked together to obtain a signed lease agreement. Mr. Stillwell asked Mr. Stern if he had any confirmation from the Mayor or anyone else regarding the school board's

position on placing a cell tower on school property. Mr. Stern submitted a copy of an email from Mrs. Vespe, Superintendent of the Shamong Township Board of Education stating they were not interested in placing a cell tower on Shamong Township School District Property – **exhibit A-17**. Mr. Stern hopes the Board can appreciate the time he spent on attempting to place the cell tower on Township land. Mr. Stern confirmed to Mr. Lange the estimated revenue would be the agreed-to \$1,800 plus potentially an additional \$500 – \$1,000 of revenue from sharing a percentage of any additional carriers that might be added to the tower. Mr. Stillwell stated the lease was property advertised and awarded for \$1,800 per month as a base lease and theirs was the only bid submitted. Mr. Lange verified the total revenue from the base bid is \$21,600 (with an additional revenue stream of \$6,000 - \$12,000). Mr. Lange asked the board if they had any questions directed to Mr. Stern at this time. Mr. Lera asked Mr. Stern asked for verification on the need for the cell tower. Mr. Stillwell stated the next witness will speak in regard to this.

Mr. Stillwell then introduced his next witness, Mr. Petershon who presented **exhibit A-18** entitled Verizon Wireless Existing Reliable In-building Coverage map. Mr. Andrew Peterson of DBM Engineering Firm provided his credentials which were accepted by Chairman Sweet for the Board that he is qualified as an expert based upon his qualifications. Mr. Stillwell stated they submitted the radio frequency reports, non-interference reports, radio frequency design report, etc. and the determination the structure was not required to be registered as there are no airports locally. Mr. Peterson then presented on Verizon Wireless' qualifications providing cellular service. Mr. Peterson then presented on how Verizon Wireless is providing cellular service since the late 1980's to current day technology. As a result, we no longer need 250' – 300' tall towers thanks to the new technology, however today the demands on the cellular service requires more towers to meet the needs of the new cell phone technology. By 1990's the amount of cell users and 2G & 3G technology increased demands and reduced the height requirement of towers but covering a smaller area by design. With 3G services brought increased demands of web searches, emails, etc. Less than a decade ago 4G technology was established driving demand for cell service higher and includes live streaming, automobile usage and residual users in place of land lines. Now the new demands of the newest 5G technology will drive demand for wireless solution for phone, television and internet services going forward, which are typically provided by a hard wire or fiber optic wire to serve. Chairman Sweet asked Mr. Petershon if the technology would also drive the height of towers down to a lower height going forward. Mr. Petershon feels the height of towers could continue to shrink, but he does not for see towers lower than 150' too soon nor would the proposed tower become obsolete any time soon. Mr. Petershon stated the saturation rate is near 100% at this time due to usage patterns where as consumers use the service for their phone, laptop, vehicle entertainment system, watches, along with possible unknown devices such as agricultural equipment. All these uses require larger amounts of data and drive the growth of the need of data service. The new 5G technology will provide greater service and with it there will be higher demands coming from the public, medical profession and autonomous vehicles. Mr. Petershon continued his presentation of the study on **exhibit A-18** Verizon Wireless Existing Reliable In-building coverage to verify the necessity increased service in this area. This map has three (3) existing towers represented along with the proposed tower. Mr. Petershon explained why they use the in-building coverage in reflecting the need for service. He also identified areas on the map where existing cell service does not meet the current needs of the residents. He also stated the new voice over IP will further increase the demands on the current services provided by existing towers. Mr. Petershon then presented **exhibit A-19** entitled Verizon Wireless Proposed Reliable In-Building Coverage and confirmed much of the information and data had been provided by Verizon Wireless. The exhibit shows

the new reliability area generated from the additional cell tower. There is an overlap of service to insure coverage, but Mr. Petershon does not have any percentages to provide tonight. Mr. Petershon testified this is a good location for the tower within the exhaustive limitations imposed on all the other locations proposed. A portion of the map shows a section of Medford which will not gain additional coverage. Mrs. Onorato stated that area is not highly populated and had the Red Onion Road site been approved by the Pinelands Commission, service would have been provided to that area of the map, which Mr. Petershon agreed to. Mr. Petershon stated the demand of increased technology will push the demand and continue to drive the need to meet those demands above current capacity issues.

Mr. Petershon then began his presentation on **exhibit A-20** Verizon Wireless Existing Best Server Coverage depicts coverage including the new proposed cellular coverage with the data being supplied by Verizon Wireless which will provide a seamless service to the area based upon a capacity perspective. Each tower would have three (3) sectors of antennas which can be directed as needed. Mr. Petershon stated that typically the signal is weakest on the seams where the sectors join. Mr. Petershon then began his presentation on **exhibit A-21** titled Verizon Wireless Proposed Best Server Coverage which depicts the improved area of service with the additional proposed tower to be constructed on Oak Shade Road. The new tower would also relieve the demands on the three (3) bordering towers and therefore the service would be improved to those tower areas and the overall network efficiency will improve. Mr. Petershon then began his presentation on **exhibit A-22** titled "Shamong" northerly Facing Sector's Usage Trend and refers to the sector of the Shamong site facing North from Shamong site in pink which was facing capacity issues. This chart shows the average sector eligible users (ASEU) for the sector measured in a per millisecond basis. The chart depicts as of July 2018 the current cell tower signal will no longer be strong enough to handle the demand on the network. At that point data speeds will decline, end users will face reliability issues will decline especially for data applications. This decline in service will become more chronic going forward if the facilities are not improved. Mr. Petershon stated as New Jersey State Police are Verizon Wireless users as well as Township fire, EMS and Township staff coverage and capacity issues need to be maintained for these services as well. Mr. Petershon testified the height of the structure is under 150' and under the height restrictions of the Township Code with respect to best meeting the needs of the area. Mr. Petershon then went on to testify regarding the health affects of the proposed site in terms of compliance with federal communication commission (FCC) exposure allowances. Mr. Petersohn referred to his report dated October 28, 2017 and submitted with the original application. Mr. Sweet asked Mr. Petersohn if he could confirm the proposed meets the FCC standard and there are no health concerns unless someone is 10' from the antennas which are located close to the top of the tower approximately 140' from the ground. Mr. Petersohn stated as additional providers attach to the tower, they generally at 10-foot increments towards the ground. These additional providers combined do not exceed the FCC standards. Mr. Sweet asked for a confirmation of the type of towers which will be a mono-pole with exterior antennas. Mr. Petersohn also testified the proposed tower will not interfere with any electronic equipment and is included in his report.

Mr. Stillwell requested a 10-minute break, which was granted by Chairman Sweet.

Mr. Stillwell introduced his next witness to give testimony as Josh Cottrell of French and Parrello gave his credentials as a professional planner who was accepted an expert in the field by Chairman Sweet. Mr. Cottrell then presented the site plans submitted with the application with plans to construct a 60' by 60' compound area at the base of the tower along with the area to

place the backup generator, phone cabinet and various other equipment placed in the compound which will be surrounded by a 6' high fence. Power will be supplied to the tower via underground electrical wires. Mr. Cottrell's testimony on the plans included the access road which would be constructed in a manor to eliminate the ability to look down the access drive and see the tower directly. Mr. Cottrell confirmed for Chairman Sweet the size of the compound is consistent with similar towers. Mr. Stillwell directed Mr. Cottrell to review the items outlined in Mr. Guzzi's report to the board in relationship to the plans to meet these requirements. In summary Mr. Stillwell verified to the Board that all the items identified by Mr. Guzzi would be addressed as reported in Mr. Guzzi's report. Mr. Lange questioned the distance from the proposed tower site to the corn field which is zoned for single family homes which is 201' from the closest property line.

Mr. Guzzi made a presentation of his report that was not already covered.

Mr. Cottrell testified the 75-gallon tank will be under the backup generator and will store diesel fuel. He was questioned on how long the backup generator could operate with that amount of fuel, which Mr. Stern stated a minimum of 48 hours of operation with the 75-gallon fuel. Mrs. Onorato questioned if the site accommodates three (3) additional providers plus the municipal emergency services. Mr. Stillwell verified they would provide space on the tower for municipal services.

Mr. Stillwell then introduced Mr. James Miller as a professional planner whose credentials were accepted by Chairman Sweet as an expert. Mr. Miller confirmed the need of a D3 and possible C2 variance for this application. Mr. Miller presented the photo simulations of the site with **exhibit A-23 through A-27** which were prepared by James Kyle. Mr. Miller stated this exhibit show the location of the proposed tower on **exhibit A-23**. **Exhibit A-24** shows the proposed tower from Indian Mills Road located on Indian Mills Road. **Exhibit A-25** simulates the view of the proposed tower from Old School House Road, **exhibit A-26** simulates the view of the proposed tower from Oakshade Road and **exhibit A-27** simulates the view of the proposed tower from Stokes Road. Mr. Miller then presented **exhibit A-28** which shows the site plan from a google earth photo providing the site and surrounding properties including the Indian Mills Memorial School, commercial buildings, a church, LaCampagnolia Restaurant and residential properties. Mr. Miller testified the impacts of the use can be permitted by Township and the Pineland's code. Mr. Miller stated the sole deviation from the conditional use standards the applicant is not consistent with is the 4-part preference list established by the code defined by uses that are in e3, basically publicly owned land, a parcel for resource extraction, a fire station/rescue squad use or a landfill. Since we were not able to provide a viable site with these standards the applicant is required to submit for a variance. Mr. Miller then testified as to why this site was adequately suited for the proposed cell tower with adequate parcel to meet all set back requirements, and meets the Pineland's impact plan while in a regional growth area which is more favorably accepted by the Pineland's Commission. As the primary concern is visual impact, by locating the tower in a zone that provides some screening such as existing vegetation. While it is not possible to totally hide a tower that is nearly 150' tall, buffering it is beneficial to the community. Additionally, due to the size, zoning and location of the PIQ makes this site more acceptable. Mr. Miller testified the public benefits of the wireless services far exceeds any detriment to the public to place a tower at the PIQ. The negative criteria for the use variance does provide to this use on this property by every standard with exception to the fact that it is not a publicly owned property, however the Shamong Township code does provide for deviation

from the code. In terms of the bulk variance the larger area for the equipment area is well buffered to reconcile this application of deviation from the Township Code and references the Coventry Square case. Mr. Lange asked Mr. Miller if he was aware of any other attempts by the applicant to place the tower on the Shamong Board of Education property other than the text message submitted by the mayor and the email from the Superintendent of the Shamong Township Board of Education.

Mr. Stern provided testimony on an aerial photo included with the application package submitted as **exhibit A-28**. Mr. Stern also testified as to the public bid process as it relates to the Shamong Board of Education land and the efforts to place the tower on multiple locations of Township owned property. He did not attempt to reach out to the Shamong Board of Education more than already testified.

As there were nothing more to present by the application at this time the meeting was opened to the public. Mr. Sean Rowe of 454 Oakshade Road was sworn in by Mr. Lange. Mr. Rowe stated that although the applicant received the Pinelands approval the attempt to contact the school was limited and the placement of the tower in the back yard of the school was an “explicative” by putting the tower in the school boards backyard. Mr. Rowe then referred to exhibit A-25 and stated the picture is angled deliberately to make the tower look further away than it actually is. Mr. Rowe does not believe the testimony represented the need for additional cell phone service. Mr. Rowe asked the Board in their analysis to hopefully consider this a poor location.

Mr. Joshua Graber from 458 Oakshade Road was sworn in by Mr. Lange with two major concerns. The first being property value, which he believes it will not be positively impacted by the cell tower. Mr. Graber’s second concern being the notification to the School board and does not feel the school board was adequately notified of the option and positive revenue to the school.

Ms. Ashley Clark from 454 Oakshade Road was sworn in by Mr. Lange. She stated she has been a resident of Shamong since 1988 and is concern of the location of the cell tower and potential loss of revenue which will not benefit the school board. Ms. Clark is also concerned with the potential noise coming from the regular testing of the generators as it relates to the quality of her daily life.

Mrs. Tischner from 463 Oakshade Road was sworn in by Mr. Lange. Mrs. Tischner stated she researched the property values which decline for homes near a tower and feels an alternative site would be the answer. She is also concerned with the location so close to the schools as it relates to potential health risks.

As there were no additional comments from the public, Mr. Sweet closed the meeting to the public.

Mr. Stillwell testified regarding the concerns raised by the public that the generators would be run during daytime hours with noise not be generated not to exceed 60dB. The generator would only be run at night during periods of power outages or emergencies, which would be exempt from the noise ordinance.

Mr. Lange reminded the Board that they must act as a quasi-judicial board which is required to filter through the information and make a finding of what the facts are as they exist by the proof standards which the board must determine if they have had sufficient time to absorb this information and act upon the application or possible need additional time to consider the information and facts provided they have that option as well. If the board would like to make a decision tonight, Mr. Lange would need approximately 10 – 15 minutes to review the facts for the Board and the requirements outlined in the Township ordinance. The Board would need sufficient time to deliberate on the application. At that time there was a brief discussion between the board members and Mr. Lange was asked if the Board should contact the School board on this to insure they have had the opportunity to review the potential benefits of locating the tower on their property. Mr. Lange stated the Board must make their decision based upon all the evidence submitted relative to the application. If you feel you need additional information on this application the Board can ask the applicant to provide additional information of evidence. Mr. Stillwell verified Mr. Heinold did issue a letter to the school board requesting their feedback on the option or opportunity to move forward with a tower placed on the school board property. Mrs. Onorato stated to her knowledge no response has been provided by the Shamong Township Board of Education to Mr. Heinold's letter which was issued in early January. Chairman Sweet stated he felt the issue with the school board was an important issue and given the late hour would like to continue the hearing to provide sufficient time for the School Board to reply. Chairman Sweet stated he wants to be as thorough as possible on this application and give it the time it requires. **Chairman Sweet proposed a motion to continue the application to the next Joint Land Use Board meeting scheduled for February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm which was seconded by Mrs. Valenzano. All members of the board voting in favor of continuing the application hearing with exception to Mr. Lera who abstained as an Alternate #2 member and Mr. Cooney who recused himself as a Township Committee representative to the Joint Land Use Board.**

Correspondence:

Mrs. Onorato stated the NJ Planner for November/December 2017 was distributed to the Board Members.

Mr. Sweet opened the meeting to the public at which no public was present; therefore Mr. Sweet closed the meeting to the public.

There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. Schneider, seconded by Mrs. Onorato the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 pm with all members voting in favor.

Attested by:

Susan D. Onorato
Secretary Shamong Township Joint Land Use Board