

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

Mayor Di Croce called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 PM

The Clerk, Susan Onorato, stated the Sunshine Statement advising that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Pledge of Allegiance - waived

Roll Call (absentees noted)

Mr. Michael Cooney	P
Mr. Michael Di Croce	P
Mr. Timothy Gimbel	P
Mr. Sean Gray	A
Mr. Martin Mozitis	A

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only

Mayor Di Croce opened the meeting to the public for comments, at which time there were none, so he closed the meeting to the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

The Clerk reported due to changes in law and fees, switching insurance to Guardian Insurance is recommended – no annual assessment fees. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Guardian Insurance to serve as the short-term disability coverage in place of the State of New Jersey. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

RESOLUTIONS:

The Clerk reported the budget cancellation total is \$270,214.15 - \$220,000 Streets & Roads; \$15,000 Cemetery Operating Expenses; \$35,000 Building & Renovations and \$214.15 interest. Immediate benefit - this amount goes right into the surplus account. **On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2019R-107 Budget Cancellation. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported an inhouse OPRA analysis revealed that in 2019 there have been 364 OPRA requests processed to-date, requiring 569 hours and \$4,000 in litigation fees. The Clerk would like to petition the State on behalf of the Township to see if the OPRA process can be improved. The Clerk advised the State has already received over 200 resolutions filed from other Townships requesting the OPRA process be looked into for improvement as the law is 20 years old and being abused. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Resolution 2019R-108 calling for Study Commission to review the Open Public Records Act (OPRA). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

ORDINANCES: None

BILL LIST:

The Mayor requested any questions or comments; the Clerk reported the addition of a \$643.18 reimbursement check, from the bill list previously circulated, to Melissa Durham for out of pocket expenses associated with the Holiday Lights event. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Di Croce opened the meeting to the public for comments, at which time *Megan Mozitis* (Shamong) stated for the record her accolades for Melissa Durham for putting together another great Holiday Lights Event – it gets better each year. Megan suggested Melissa’s hard work should be publicly acknowledged. The Mayor stated his agreement confirming Melissa Durham had already received a Proclamation during a recent Township meeting.

The Mayor acknowledged the great job done by John Lyons, the Township Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, at the Holiday Lights event.

The Mayor commented on the increase of special events promoting town spirit including a lighting contest being held at Fawn Lake Village on December 22nd at 5:00 PM.

As there were no additional comments, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

There being no further business, **on motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney and a roll call vote showing all members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest:


Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk