

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 7:30 PM

The Clerk 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 was recited.

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| Roll Call (absentees noted) | Mr. Michael Cooney | P |
| | Mr. Michael Di Croce | P |
| | Mr. Timothy Gimbel | P |
| | Mr. Sean Gray | * |
| | Mr. Martin Mozitis | A |

*Committeeman Gray joined the meeting via phone at 8:06 PM

Also, in attendance: D. Heinold, Solicitor and D. Guzzi, Engineer

Mayor Di Croce read the following Proclamations into the minutes:

- o Boy Scouts Christmas Tree Collection – presented to Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Worrell who spoke briefly regarding the tree collection service.
- o Eagle Scouts:
 - Andrew Ballinger
 - Robert King, Jr.
 - Michael Zahradnick

The Mayor congratulated the Scouts and mentioned a potential Township project for their consideration; a bike path in Shamong with resting and water stations.

The Clerk advised there were two additional Proclamations for Eagle Scouts that were unable to attend; Lou Bergdoll and Aaron Uscinowicz.

Mayor Di Croce opened the meeting to the public for comments, at which time *Elaine Billmeyer* (16 Wheatsheaf) expressed her appreciation for the Township Public Works Department and the wonderful job they do. Ms. Billmeyer then expressed her concern on the proposed rotary the County is suggesting for the Willow Grove and Stokes Road intersection; suggesting perhaps a four-way stop would be a better option. The Mayor advised the Committee is reviewing the County’s proposal for the best option. The Mayor also stated his appreciation to the County for addressing the issue and stated the Township’s main focus is safety. Ms. Billmeyer also mentioned she has concern regarding the possibility of marijuana production in our area.

Bob Clark (55 Stokes Road) spoke regarding the intersection at Willow Grove and Stokes Road suggesting a traffic light would work better. Mr. Clark commented on his concerns and issues with the amount of money being spent and how the rotary would change the character of the town. The Mayor clarified that the County was not making the Township do the rotary, but suggested it as an option to the town.

Jim Skaggs (328 Indian Mills Road) spoke regarding Grassy Lake and Stokes Road stating this was a dangerous intersection and that Stokes Road is a race track. Mr. Skaggs also mentioned that Indian Mills Road needs repair. The Clerk advised Indian Mills was a County road that was on the County list to be repaired last year, but the project was bumped – a new date has not been confirmed. Mr. Skaggs also commented on the marijuana issue, advising he was not in favor, felt it would be negative and questioned if the State would allow the Township to tax it – he doesn't feel it would succeed. The Mayor shared some thoughts regarding finding ways to decrease taxes; the limited governmental benefits to the town as we have our own wells, sewer, volunteer fire/EMS company and State Police; cannabis farming and the proper distribution and taxation. Mr. Skaggs expressed concern for the kids. The Mayor commented the theory is if selling is regulated, it would take it out of the hands of a secondary market to a licensed storefront instead.

Laura King (903 Atsion Road) spoke regarding the proposed circle/rotary and advised she is not in favor. Mrs. King also commented on the marijuana issue and that there were issues years ago. Mrs. King referenced an article she read that stated opioid usage has dropped in States that have legalized marijuana. She touched on the widespread heroin issue resulting from people getting addicted to pain pills. Mrs. King commented that the marijuana farming may be something to look at in that respect, but not that she is for it.

As there were no further questions or comments, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

The Clerk advised that Committeeman Gray was now joining the meeting via cell phone – 8:06 PM – for the purpose of voting on the proposed Resolutions 2019R-34 through 2019R-40. Mr. Gray verified he could hear comments from the meeting room and the Clerk confirmed all present could hear Mr. Gray.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Resolution 2019R-34 Authorizing an amendment to the 2019 CY Temporary Budget to include capital lease obligations 45-941 of \$44,067.26 and to include this item in the 2019 CY Budget. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2019R-35 Authorizing the Township of Shamong to apply for and accept a subgrant award of the federal fiscal year 2018 of the Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Funding and for the Township Chief Financial Officer to amend the budget and certify the availability of funds. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Resolution 2019R-36 Authorizing the Township of Shamong to apply for and accept a grant agreement between Shamong Township and the State of New Jersey by and for the Department of Environmental Protection. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2019R-37 Authorizing an amendment to the 2019 CY Temporary Budget to include a NJ Clean Construction Program Off-Road Diesel Replacement Grant of \$88,111.68 and to include this item in the 2019 CY Budget. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve the following by blanket motion:

- Resolution 2019R-38 Authorize a refund of over payment of taxes on block 3.01 lot 4.08 (Eric Hunt – 122 Tuckerton Road) for the 1st quarter of 2019. Refund payment of \$3,269.00 will be issued to First Jersey Title Company.
- Resolution 2019R-39 Authorize a refund of over payment of taxes on block 18 lot 20.09 (Dector – 10 Mills Brook Lane) for the 1st quarter of 2019. Refund payment of \$3,483.32 will be issued to Surety Title Company.
- Resolution 2019R-40 Cancellation of first and second quarter taxes totaling \$2,459.62 on block 3.01 lot 4.01 (354 Oak Shade Rd.) and all future taxes. Property was purchased by Indian Mills Historical Society.

A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Committeeman Gray then signed off from the meeting at 8:10 PM.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, approval of the January 22, 2019 Regular Session minutes were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Mrs. Onorato, the Clerk, reported on the options received by Burlington County Recycling (BCR) advising they are still offering to pay half the cost of the CARTS which comes with a ten-year warranty. BCR would also provide around 700 additional CARTS, at no cost, for the estimated homes that would require two. The Clerk reported the estimated cost to the Township is \$65,000 which would be spread out over nine years. Partial funding could also come from the recycling tonnage grant, but the Clerk advised that amount has decreased over recent years. The Clerk advised the Township would own the CARTS and be responsible for repairs and replacements. The Deputy Mayor suggested finding out details on what the warranty actually covers. The Clerk advised BCR is requesting a decision by April meeting. Committeeman Cooney expressed his concern about wasting money on more of the current buckets and felt the entire Committee should be present to decide on how to move forward.

The Clerk reported on E-Waste recycling advising the current Goodwill container for computers, printers, tv's, has been located at the Township for about five years. The Clerk advised that on short notice, Goodwill has taken this service away. The Clerk reported the Committee decided to continue the service for approximately three months giving the Township time to get the word out to the residents. The Clerk advised it has been a free service, but going forward would now cost the Township to maintain. The Clerk also advised the Goodwill drop has been a constant issue of being a continued dump site for non-electronic items; also resulting in costs to the Township. The Clerk reported that Garden State Recycle can take one bulk item a week and that you just need to call to schedule a pick-up. The Clerk additionally advised that items can still be taken directly to the Goodwill drop-off site on Hartford Road in Medford.

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the following by blanket motion:

- **Motion to approve Clerk/Registrar, Deputy Registrar and Chief Financial Officer to attend an educational seminar on March 15, 2019 in Deptford, NJ at a total combined cost of \$200.**
- **Motion to approve Township Clerk's request to attend an educational conference May 1 – 2, 2019 at cost of \$490.**
- **Motion to approve Tax Collector's request to attend an educational seminar on February 27, 2019 at a cost of \$18.**
- **Motion to approve Recycling Coordinator to attend mandatory training at the Burlington County OTC in Westampton on March 12, 2019 at a cost of \$29.**
- **Motion to approve the Office of Emergency Management Coordinator to attend the NJ Preparedness Conference in April/May. Cost to attend is \$125 registration plus approximately \$40 parking. No mileage as he will be using the OEM vehicle to attend.**

A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Clerk reported LOSAP is a retirement fund of sorts for our deserving first responders and the program was approved by the voters in 2004. Based on the hours of volunteer service spent serving our community, the 2018 contribution amount is \$21,657. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve the 2018 LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) contribution. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported the budget is still in process and we are waiting on State funding details to come through. The Clerk touched on topics such as: Grant to fund 25% cost of a new backhoe through DEP approved; Burlington County election costs increasing in new budget year due to cost of return mailers from a mail-in ballot reach out that the County wants Municipalities to pay. The Clerk advised the State would like the budget introduced by March 20, 2019, which has been extended. The Clerk advised she is working with the Auditor to get the budget introduced shortly.

ORDINANCES:

The Solicitor reported receiving updates from the JIF (Joint Insurance Fund); one update advising to look at Township code for Peddling and Soliciting. The Solicitor advised the amendment is to bring the Township into compliance with Constitutional case law in New Jersey.

The Mayor opened the meeting up for public questions or comments, as there were none, he then closed this portion of the meeting to the public. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2019-3 Second reading and public comment - Amending the Township Code at Chapter 133 Governing "Peddling and Soliciting" (BCT 2/11/19). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

BILL LIST:

The Clerk reported on the bill list amount of \$1,482,781.01 and there was a Committee question regarding the General Code item. The Clerk advised that any changes to Township ordinances are reviewed by Code, updated on the website and the required hard copies are created for the Township books. **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.**

REPORTS:

The Engineer Reported: no reports

The Solicitor Reported:

- Closed on property on Grassy Lake and Atsion Road which was sold to be used in conjunction with a development, but not developed. Generated \$60,000 in income to the Municipality to help off-set budgets. The Clerk advised that amount was ear marked for the deposit on the truck purchased last year.

The Administrator Reported:

- On-line cyber security training course required by BurlCo JIF completed by Township staff to help safeguard computer system.
- Elected Officials Liability Seminar required by BurlCo JIF to be held on March 21, 2019.
- South Jersey Enduro Riders holding annual Curly Fern Enduro on March 24, 2019.
- 2019 Rabies Clinic scheduled on March 30, 2019 at Public Works from 9-11:00 AM.
- Police Unity Tour will be coming to our town on Thursday, May 9th arriving at the Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company around 1:00 PM with approx. 40-50 support vehicles.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Di Croce opened the meeting to the public for comments, at which time *Laura King* (903 Atsion Road) commented on people putting incorrect items in the dumpster area and suggested a camera. The Clerk advised that was being evaluated. *Mrs. King* also suggested finding out from Garden State who is not getting pick up from them and then ask those people where they are putting their trash.

As there were no other questions or comments, the Mayor then closed the meeting to the public.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING AGENDA:

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, the regular meeting was recessed and the Board of Health meeting took place. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Clerk stated the Board of Health meeting is an annual requirement, advising that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mrs. Onorato, the Clerk, reported on the 2019 dog license requirements stating any dog over six (6) months should be licensed and should get a rabies shot. A rabies vaccine should be good through November 1st of the current year for licensing – license costs are \$12.00 for a neutered dog and \$15.00 for a non-neutered dog. The Clerk advised the rabies clinic is March 30th and noted the census has been waived and is no longer a requirement. There were vaccines given to 48 dogs and 22 cats at the 2018 rabies clinic. There were 273 dog licenses issued in Shamong in 2018. The Clerk advised veterinarian Kenneth Dazen, VMD, he or a member of his staff, will be present volunteering their time for the rabies clinic; taking over for Dr. Stull who previously volunteered/served the community for over 20 years. The Clerk expressed thanks to Dr. Dazen and staff for stepping up to help the Township going forward.

The Clerk advised that dog licenses can be gotten at the upcoming rabies clinic; which will also offer a micro-chipping service for an additional cost. John Lyons from the Office of Emergency Management will also be present at the clinic with OEM information available for residents.

The Clerk reported the Burlington County Board of Health inspection reports on food establishments and schools in the Township have been received with satisfactory results.

The Mayor opened this portion of the meeting to the public for questions or comments, at which time *Laura King* (903 Atsion Road) inquired about the dog census being stopped. The Clerk reported it previously was a State requirement, but the State has taken the requirement away. There being no more questions or comments, the Mayor then closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

The Mayor complimented all of the Boy Scouts for their accomplishment of Eagle Scout; all the parents for their participation in their lives and for all the Scouts do for our community.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney and a roll call vote showing all members present voting yes, by Resolution 2019R-41, the Committee went into Executive Session for matters of Attorney Client privilege, potential land acquisition and the potential amendment to current zoning requirements within the Rural Development I zone for Murphy's pit (Block 10, Lot 24.01).

The Committee reconvened their regular meeting and the Solicitor reported deferring any action on discussions relative to possible amendments to the zoning ordinance to next agenda. The Committee has given direction to Township Administration relative to pursue potential land acquisition – no formal action taken at this time.

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

Attest:



Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk