Shamong, NJ 08088 March 8, 2016

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

Mayor Gimbel called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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 and published in the Burlington County Times and sent to the Central Record and posted as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call and)	Mr. Michael Cooney	P
Absentees)	Mr. Michael DiCroce	P
Noted)	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	P
	Mr. Sean Gray	P
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public for comments at which time Ed Bader of 3 Cranberry Lane stated Waste Management has notified their customers they will no longer be coming into Shamong for trash removal so Garden State Removal is the only other carrier. He wanted to know if the Township had any say in what they charge and Mayor Gimbel explained trash removal is private by a certified contractor and the Township has no control. There being no further comments from the public, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICAL ACTION:

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, the February 2, 2016 Regular and Executive Session minutes were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except for Committeeman Mozitis who abstained.

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve Susan Onorato to attend an educational seminar on April 19th at an estimated cost to the Township of $120.00. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve A & T Sprinklers Inc. to repair and maintain our sprinkler systems on the recreation complexes for 2016. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reviewed the information on getting a new server explaining the need and cost. On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve the purchase and installation of equipment at a total cost not to exceed $4,500.00. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reported on the inventory project of abandoned homes stating she, the Zoning Officer, and Construction Official are doing the inspections and when completed will notify the mortgage companies, banks, etc. Mayor Gimbel explained that the township passed an abandon house ordinance so they now have more power to go after the banks making them pay a fee to register the abandon homes. Hopefully, this will encourage the banks to sell the homes more quickly.

The Administrator reviewed some budget increases stating taxes will probably go up approximately $275 for the average assessed home of $308,000. She stated the State funding to the Township has continued to drop each year causing the Township to use more of its surplus. The Administrator reviewed the total cost of purchasing a new dump truck which the Public Works Department has requested and asked the Committee to consider purchasing this year. They feel this is needed to keep the roads clear during snow storms because their other trucks are getting old and need more and more repair. They also feel there is a need to buy lawn equipment and a new backhoe soon. The fire company is asking the township to refurbish one of the ambulances at a cost of $108,000. Mayor Gimbel asked for input from the Committee and Committeeman Mozitis stated he felt the County should do their own roads because what we get paid doesn't cover the costs or maybe we should go out to bid to a private contractor for plowing and salting. He said the guys do a great job but once you leave Shamong it doesn't matter because the other Township roads are covered with snow. Committeeman DiCroce said he would like to purchase equipment but doesn't want to put this on the tax payers at this time. **On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to purchase a plow truck. A roll call vote showed Committeemen Gray and Cooney voting yes, Committeemen DiCroce, Mozitis, and Gimbel voting no.**

After much discussion on paying for the refurbishing of a new ambulance, **On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to pay for the refurbishing of one ambulance and requesting to see the fire company's financial statement. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman DiCroce who voted no.**

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-40 granting final approval for Burlington County Farmland Preservation of properties that do not require municipal cost share. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-41 Resolution of the Township of Shamong in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey authorizing public bidding of use and occupancy agreement for farming of Township property at block 18, lot 19. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCES:

Mr. Heinold, the Township Solicitor, reviewed Ordinance 2016-3 and explained to the public why the Committee created this ordinance. Mayor Gimbel also explained this is part of the goal the Committee is trying to bring in money to the Township and also help the businesses. Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public on Ordinance 2016-3 amending Township Code to create Chapter 152 governing "Tax Abatements" at which time Frank Schoen of 5 Burr Trail asked if the ambulance charges for their service and Mayor Gimbel replied no but they have talked about it over the last few years. Mayor Gimbel closed the meeting to the public after there were no comments on the ordinance. **After public hearing and second reading, on motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Gary, Ordinance 2016-3 was approved. A roll call vote showed Committeemen Cooney, Gray and Gimbel voting yes, Committeeman Mozitis voting no and Committeeman DiCroce abstaining.**

Mr. Heinold, the Township Solicitor, explained Ordinance 2016-4 is changing the term for trailer parks to renew their licenses. It was a three year term now it will be a one year term. Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public on this ordinance, there being no comments, he closed the meeting to the public on this ordinance. **On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, Ordinance 2016-4 amending Township code to create Chapter 120 governing "Mobile Home Parks" was approved after first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, the attached Bill List was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

REPORTS:

Mr. Guzzi, the Township Engineer, reviewed with the Committee information on a grant application and after much discussion decided to have Mr. Guzzi check into it further and get back to the Committee to see if they wanted to make application. He reported he should have a Certificate of Filing from the Pinelands Commission soon on the subdivision for Cowperthwaite property then can move forward with Township and County for subdivision. Mr. Guzzi reported he has had several conversations with Addison Bradly on the property across the street and understands he is working on a conceptional plan for a cemetery. The Park Project meeting will be this week and now that the weather is cooperating we can get started. The contractor is working on the punch list for Forked Neck Road. Mr. Guzzi reported they will be doing the spring inspection at Packenah Trail next month.

Mr. Heinold stated he covered everything in the regular meeting but has other matters for executive session.

The Administrator reported on the following items; Superior Court of Burlington County will conduct its annual visitation of the Shamong Township Municipal Court located in Southampton Township Building on March 17th, Pine Barons Enduro Riders will be holding an endure ride on April 10th through the Townships of Tabernacle, Washington and Woodland, Kay Breitman's, secretary to Rent Control Board, previous employer Engility Corp. of Mt. Laurel donated 2 lateral filing cabinets and 4 storage shelving units, the free rabies clinic was held on Saturday, March 5th with 42 dogs and 24 cats being vaccinated, and South Jersey Enduro Riders have notified the Township of the annual Curly Fern Enduro ride in our area on March 20th .

Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public at which time Mrs. King reminded the Committee how far back she went on trying to get a cemetery in Shamong. Mrs. King asked for the definition of abandoned under the ordinance of abandoned properties. Mr. Heinold stated there are 15 to 20 descriptive sentences that cover pretty much anything you can think of that might qualify as abandoned. The goal is to get the properties that are in foreclosure process to be responsible in keeping up the properties and selling them in a timely manner. Mrs. King said there are a lot more that 15 or 16 abandon houses in town. Mrs. King asked how many ambulances we have and the Administrator said 3. She also asked if Tabernacle charges for their ambulance calls and was told yes. The Administrator explained we do have shared services with Tabernacle and if you call for an ambulance and get Tabernacle to respond you will receive a bill but not if Shamong responds. Mrs. King talked about bike paths saying the large groups of bikers don't use them because they take up the whole road and she feels the Pinelands would not approve Grassy Lake Road for a bike path because it is too narrow. Mrs. King said where she lived in Pennsylvania they had "Rails and Trails" which worked very well. There being no further comments Mayor Gimbel closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Gimbel asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session so, **On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, Resolution 2016R-42 for executive session discussion on personnel matter, attorney client privilege and contract negotiations was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Gimbel reconvened the regular meeting and the Administrator stated in executive session **the Committee instructed the Administrator to take action to temporarily reduce the salary of class III equipment operator/laborer down to $16.06 per hour from February 23, 2016 for a period of 90 days after 90 days it will be reinstated with proof of a valid driver's license to $17.06 per hour. On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, the above action was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except for Committeeman DiCroce who abstained.**

The Administrator stated the Committee in executive session also instructed her to take action on the interview with Addison G. Bradley LLC for his work in helping to establish a cemetery and his proposal is a $4,000 retainer for which he will create a concept plan, pre-application plan for Pinelands as well as cemetery board, and additional draft of application to proper authority. This would be effective immediately. **On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve appointing Addison G. Bradley LLC to do the above work. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public, there being none, he closed the meeting to the public.

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

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk