

Shamong, NJ 08088

April 5, 2016

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

Deputy Mayor DiCroce 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	A
	Mr. Sean Gray	P (7:38)
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deputy Mayor DiCroce opened the meeting to the public for comments at which time Bill Lampman of 47 Manitoba Trail asked if there was going to be a vote on contract snow removal in our Township and Deputy Mayor DiCroce explained there was a discussion of whether that was an option to be looked at and it is, but there is no vote being taken this evening. He explained it is being looked at to save money for the township only if it would be less expensive having an outside contractor. He explained the Committee was asked to purchase another truck and before doing that they felt it would be wise to check other options to save the taxpayers money. The Committee realizes what a good job the Public Works employees do and have acknowledged it quite often. 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 Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the March 1, 2016 Regular and Executive session minutes were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except for Committeemen Gimbel and Gray who were absent.

The Administrator introduced the 2016 Annual Budget reporting it is a new format which the State requires. She reported last year the revenue was \$3,238,704, whereas, this year it is \$3,169,440.82. The difference is \$69,000 and change but most of it will be made up by other small revenues that will be brought in. Also in the budget is a 2 cent local purpose tax plus school tax increases. She reported the Township received a \$220,000 NJDOT grant awarded to repair Oak Shade Road and a \$150,000 Burlington County Municipal Park Grant. **On**

motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, the 2016 Annual Budget was approved after first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes. It will be on the May 3rd agenda for second reading and a public hearing.

The Administrator reported there are 25 vacant homes in foreclosure in our township and the township will be putting the mortgage companies on notice that they must register these vacant homes at a cost of \$500 for the first year. To date the township has collected \$1500 in fee registration on 3 vacant homes.

The Administrator reported that the network upgrade is underway and should be completed by next week.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve the request of a resident, Mr. Greco, to cut dead and downed trees on Township land. He has gotten approval over the last 3 years to do this and all paper work is in order. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reported John Lyons, OEM Coordinator, attended a meeting on March 22nd on the MAP update for Wharton State Forest. The main focus was on road maintenance, enforcement of existing rules/laws, protection of environmentally sensitive areas, and offers to volunteers to assist with the above.

The Administrator reported on the snow removal estimates from private contractors stating Norman Welsh had reached out to some landscapers but they were not interested. Also, our office contacted L & L Redi Mix, and Joseph Buonano & Son Concrete and they do not have the equipment to do such work. The Administrator reported the township gets \$115 per mile from the County to salt or plow County Roads and \$230 to salt and plow County Roads. If we use this basis to estimate the cost to salt and/or plow our Township roadways one time it would cost \$9,600 and \$19,200 to salt and plow once. Committeeman Mozitis feels the Township cannot afford to buy another big truck to be used for only snow, especially, when there is other equipment needed, like a new backhoe. He wants to make do with what we have to keep taxes down. He said people are leaving town now because they can't afford the taxes. Deputy Mayor DiCroce explained the Township would like to purchase a truck but the money is not there at this time and the Township has to budget their money like residents do their household budget. He also reminded everyone that the Township now has a road program in place which will improve the roads within the Township over the next ten years and the Township only receives a small portion of taxes that are collected.

The Administrator reported paper work has been forwarded to FEMA in reference to the January 23-24 snow storm and, if approved, we possibly could be refunded approximately \$50,000 from costs that were incurred by the Township. She will keep the Committee updated.

The Administrator reported on Lenape Regional High School District, Senior Day of Service, which will be June 2, 2016. She explained about 6 seniors will come and clean up around the

municipal building and plant flowers. It's a nice program that the district offers with the children giving back to the community.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve the attached Resolution 2016R-44 cancelling taxes on block 18 lot 19 in the amount of \$77.52. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the attached Resolution 2016R-45 resolution of the Township of Shamong in the County of Burlington State of New Jersey authorizing award of lease of Township property for use for wireless telecommunications facilities on a portion of block 10, lot 12 to TowerNorth Development, LLC. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCES:

Deputy Mayor DiCroce read by title Ordinance 2016-4 amending Township Code to create Chapter 120 governing "Mobile Home Parks". Mr. Heinold explained this ordinance will change the licensing of the mobile home parks from a 3 year renewal to a 1 year renewal due to having issues with one of the parks. Deputy Mayor DiCroce opened the meeting to the public for comments at which time Donna Nixon stated there has been nothing done and she understands they have until the end of this month to have their license renewed. She would like to know what was supposed to be done since she cannot see that anything was done. The Administrator said the Construction Official will be going through the park to do an inspection and she understands that some electrical work has been done in the pump house or laundry room and they took out a permit for a generator. However, she does not know if that work is completed. Mrs. Nixon said they dumped 6 piles of septic sand next to her yard but they have done nothing to fix any septic systems as yet. Mrs. Nixon said there are about 6 trailers that are disgusting and she can't believe they haven't been condemned. There being no further comments Deputy Mayor DiCroce closed the meeting to the public. **After second reading and public hearing, on motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, Ordinance 2016-4 was adopted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

BILL LIST:

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

REPORTS:

Mr. Guzzi, our Engineer, reported work will be starting on the Park Project next week and should be completed in about 4 to 6 weeks. Still have a few items on the punch list for

Forked Neck Road which should be completed soon. The road project for this year is ready and should go out to bid so work can be done this summer. The notice came out last week for the Safe Route to School grants and the paper work is due June 27th. The last time we applied for that grant it was for Grassy Lake Road which we were not awarded.

Mr. Heinold, our Solicitor, reported on the Cowperthwaite property stating we settled on the 7 acre piece on the fire house side of Willow Grove Road and are under contract and will close shortly on the 23 acre piece on the other side of Willow Grove Road. Mr. Guzzi has prepared the subdivision plan and it will go in front of the planning board April 19th for approval. Mr. Guzzi stating Green Acres will review all documentation before giving their approval. After closing we would get funding from County and State which makes up 75% of the cost of the property. There are really no plans for this property at this time other than preservation and no housing.

The Administrator reported on the following items; the auditors were at the Municipal Building finishing up the 2015 audit so we should have the report soon, the Pine Barons Enduro Riders will be holding an endure ride on April 10th through the townships of Tabernacle, Washington and Woodland, the Annual Stormwater management report is due in May, the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report has been granted an extension due to a medical leave of absence by our Certified Recycling Coordinator.

Deputy Mayor DiCroce opened the meeting to the public at which time Lou Conover of 9 Liberty Circle asked if any townships or municipalities in New Jersey successfully privatized their snow removal and Deputy Mayor DiCroce said he is not aware of any. Jeff Myers of East Stokes Road said as far as the Wharton road closures, one of the roads that they are talking about closing is a section of East Stokes Road from Hampton to the railroad tract. He asked why but was not given an answer so he wanted the township to be aware of this. Deputy Mayor DiCroce thanked him and asked that he keep the township informed. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and their participation.

Deputy Mayor DiCroce convened the regular meeting and **on motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, Resolution 2016R-46 to go into executive session for attorney client privilege was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The meeting was reconvened and Deputy Mayor DiCroce stating no formal action is needed as a result of the discussion in executive session.

On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, the meeting was adjourned with all members present voting yes.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato, Municipal Clerk