

Shamong, NJ 08088

May 23, 2017

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.

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

Mayor Gimbel 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;

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, approval of April 25, 2017 Regular Session and Executive Session minutes were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except for Committeeman Mozitis who abstained.

The Mayor asked the Administrator to give a brief recap of what went on this weekend with the forest fire. The Administrator read a letter from John Lyons who could not be at the meeting tonight. Mr. Lyons stated in his letter “as we were dispatched to check on the fire, Corky mustered the Pinelands CERT to gather possible needed volunteers. In a short time from a Swift911 alert call to the CERT, we had 12 responses for available volunteers. Those volunteers come from Shamong, Tabernacle, Mt. Laurel, Medford, even one volunteer who lives out towards Pemberton. These are all folks that are members of the Pinelands CERT team and were ready to drop everything and assist. Additionally, special mention to volunteers Jerry Parker, Sandy Howley, and Kerri Lyons who all reported to the OEM office and assisted with phones, email and logistics to support the town and our first responders at the scene. I’d also like to correct a report and give credit where it is due, it was reported that Shamong and Tabernacle OEM went door to door on Forked Neck Road advising of the conditions to homeowners; it was actually members of the Indian Mills Fire Company that did this. When Tom Gerber asked for that, it had already been completed.” The Administrator explained the fire is still under investigation, not believed to be suspicious, possible lightning. The Mayor commended John Lyons on doing a fine job and keeping the Mayor updated throughout the whole process. He also commended all involved in the

operation of controlling the fire and keeping residents out of harms way. The Administrator noted that Gary Welsh gave her an early notification of what was going on which was very helpful.

The Administrator reviewed a cost estimate received from Mr. Guzzi on Grassy Lake Road, wherein, it would improve a little of the drainage issue but, he said there will always be a drainage issue. It would smooth out some of the dips and clean up the roadway. The estimate does not include widening of the road. Mayor Gimbel explained he would like to place two temporary speed humps/bumps regardless of any road work to see if it helps with the speeding complaints. The Administrator will get pricing to purchase the temporary humps/bumps.

The Administrator reported the Rent Control Board meeting went very well per Chris Zenhder's email to her and the board voted to extend Fawn lake Village's license to October 1, 2017 in order to allow them to complete the entire septic project. She reported the next Rent Control Board meeting will be September 13th and she asked our solicitor to have a resolution for the June 14th Township Committee meeting to extend the license as requested.

The Administrator reported a Wellness and Safety Clinic was held today at the Medford Union Fire Company hosted by Tabernacle, Southampton, Shamong, and Medford using JIF wellness funds. There were a lot of vendors and services available to our employees/volunteers and their spouses.

The Administrator explained it is time for our 3 year renewal with JIF and they would like to attend our September 26th meeting for a brief presentation. As in the past, we can see if it's beneficial to stay with JIF or go privately for our insurance. In the past it has always been financially beneficial to stay with the JIF.

The Administrator explained the Tax Collector would like to see the township implement a program for direct debit withdrawals for payment of real estate taxes upon authorization of property owner. She did check with other towns that do this and there is no cost to township or resident. She will gather more information and have ready for next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2017R-57 authorizing the Township of Shamong to execute an Agreement with Burlington County for Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Act of 1974. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

REPORTS:

The Administrator reported there were 11 tax appeals heard at the hearing last Friday, 5 were settled prior to the hearing, 4 cases the township won, 1 appeal was heard and we are waiting on the decision, and 1 appeal was postponed until the end of June. Committeeman DiCroce

asked about Haas and was told that was dropped. The one adjourned is 31 Breckenridge, and one that was heard and waiting for decision is 15 Colebrick.

The Administrator reported the Burlington County Freeholders Office notified the Township that Indian Mills Road between Stokes Road and Oak Shade Road will be overlaid in 2018. The Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company plans to bill for ambulance service and have paid duty crew which will be funded by bills. The Tonnage Report will be completed and submitted by the end of June. The Annual Memorial Day Parade will take place Sunday, May 28th with start time approximately 9:50 am at the Methodist Church and proceed to the Memorial at the school. The IMVFC and Boy Scouts are planting flowers at the War Memorial. The Building Code Office, Municipal Court and Tax Collector reports were filed.

Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public for comment, there being no public, he closed the meeting.

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, by Resolution 2017R-58 the Committee went into executive session for matters of employment, the nature of discussion is Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar. No action will be taken in executive session.

The Committee reconvened their regular meeting and the Administrator stated the Committee reviewed applications for the position of Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar and the 2 applicants that the Mayor and Administrator interviewed. The findings of the Committee are to appoint Joanne Robertson for the positions Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar/Adm. Assistant position for the balance of this year at an annual salary of \$37,500. **On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, Joanne Robertson was appointed to the position of Deputy Clerk/Deputy/ Registrar/Adm. Assistant for the balance of 2017. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.** Also discussed and approved was the change of hours for the municipal building. **On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved for the municipal building office hours to be 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

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

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk