

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 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Clerk stated to 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 (absentees noted)	Mr. Michael Cooney	P
	Mr. Michael Di Croce	P
	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	P
	Mr. Sean Gray	P
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P

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

Mayor Di Croce began by acknowledging the New Jersey State Police Troopers, thanking them for their presence at the meeting. The Mayor advised the residents of Shamong to look at their tax bills and note that taxes have decreased. The Mayor then acknowledged the Members of the Board, who have held the line on spending, as well as the Township Administrator, Susan Onorato, and the Public Works Department for their contributions. The Mayor reminded Shamong voters that approximately 4¢ of each tax dollar goes to Shamong and also thanked them for their efforts in voting down the School Board tax increase. The Mayor congratulated Frank Locantore for his recent election to the Shamong Board of Education. The Mayor acknowledged his thanks to Mr. Livingston, Traffic Engineer for Burlington County, for the improved signage at Willow Grove and Stokes Roads. The Mayor welcomed back the Administrator, Mrs. Onorato, who had been out on medical leave and also thanked Joanne Robertson, Deputy Clerk, who stood in during her absence.

The Mayor opened the meeting to Joe Reinhart from the Shamong Historical Society for a Community Moment. Joe Reinhart, President of the Historical Society, reported the organization has been in existence for approximately forty-five (45) years and currently has around twenty-one (21) members. Mr. Reinhart stated one primary objective of the Society was to locate a historical building to upgrade/preserve, making it useful to Shamong residents along with the Historical Society. After consideration of several options, the Historical Society purchased property (354 Oakshade Road) which included a building that is approximately one-hundred (100) years old. Mr. Reinhart advised the Society intended to develop a three-year development plan and there is a lot of work/objectives ahead. Mr. Reinhart reported the upcoming Atsion Day (Antique & Flea Market) is one of their fund raisers – this fund raiser is held twice a year (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May and 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October). An additional fund raiser for the Society is their participation in the Adopt-A-Road clean-up program which is also twice a year. Mr. Reinhart reported the Society is pursuing grants and new members – this concluded his presentation.

Mayor Di Croce invited Mr. Reinhart back up and advised him he had a client who has agreed to put the Shamong Historical Society into their will.

The Mayor reported an invitation is extended for Shamong organizations to give a presentation to the Committee each month and to advise if anyone is interested.

The Mayor then opened the meeting up to the public (to items not related to the dog ordinance) at which time Laura King from the Historical Society advised the public the display cases and pictures, located in the Committee meeting room, were from the Historical Society.

Valentine, a designer, then stated he would volunteer 100 hours of design work to the Indian Mills Historical Society.

As there were no additional comments, the Mayor then closed this public comment portion of the meeting.

The Mayor addressed the public stating the Committee's goal regarding the dog ordinance, is to resolve an on-going problem to the best of their ability. The Committee has listened to numerous comments/complaints; met with members of the American Kennel Society; met with breeders; and additionally, have received numerous calls, emails and letters. The goal is to "thread the needle" while considering both resident rights, property freedoms (without nuisance or interference) – noting both are held dear - and to ensure animals are properly treated.

The Mayor stated that Shamong residents are different in that neighbors help neighbors; and this type of caring response has cured many issues (instead of reaching out to the government as a first response to an issue). The Mayor stated there are some situations in which governing may be required to act when something is being done wrong. The Mayor advised all are welcome to speak keeping comments to two minutes; advise your name, where you are from and for all to be respectful.

The Mayor turned the meeting over to the Solicitor to review points of the proposed ordinance such as the following:

- When is a kennel license needed under the proposed ordinance?
- Does the ordinance deal animals other than cats and dogs?
- Are kennels currently permitted in Shamong under existing law?
- Can breeders or dog hobbyists still be permitted to operate if ordinance is passed?
- Can a new breeder, pound, pet shop or shelter be established in Shamong if ordinance is passed?

The Solicitor reported the Committee has been addressing this issue for approximately 5-6 months. The Solicitor advised ordinances in the State of New Jersey governing animal issues are mostly antiquated and all over the place in what they cover; this makes it challenging to draw information from these sources. The Solicitor reported some language in the proposed ordinance needs to be clarified. The Solicitor reported the Township Zoning ordinance does not currently recognize breeder uses, kennel uses (as a permitted use) – if not listed as a permitted use, it would be a prohibited use and a variance request would need to be submitted to the Joint Land Use Board to seek approval.

The Solicitor reported under the proposed ordinance, a kennel license would be needed if there were five (5) or more breeding female dogs at the premises.

The Solicitor reported the proposed ordinance does not deal with any animals other than cats and dogs.

The Solicitor reported the last meeting brought to light the issue of a “hobby kennelist” (small operation out of their house as a hobby) and comments and concern on this have been received. The Solicitor stated his recommendation to the Committee would be to have another Executive Session advising legal counsel after tonight’s public hearing is over regarding potential further amendments.

The Solicitor reported other factual scenarios have developed regarding correspondence with the Pinelands Commission and correspondence from resident that need to be addressed with the Committee (Executive Session) as well.

The Mayor then advised that public comment regarding the proposed dog ordinance would now begin.

Judy Ware (Maurice River Twp.) – she is an AKC (American Kennel Club) breeder involved with three breeds and has a kennel license. She is concerned with the proposed definition of a “breeding female”.

Susan Bentlif (Pinelands Dog Training Center, Medford, NJ) – she would like to caution the Council about passing the current proposed ordinance without input from sources like the Burlington County Kennel Club, NJ Federation of Dog Clubs and the AKC. She feels the current wording is over-reaching and is concerned it will have a negative impact on others (hobby breeders).

Alan Braslow (Cherry Hill, NJ) – he is a member of the Camden County animal response team. He is a rescue advocate and strong supporter of quality breeders. He is in support of preventing the opening of puppy mills supplying commercially breed puppies to pet stores.

Katherine Spence (Stokes Road, Shamong) – she is opposed to the animal ordinance and feels it will ultimately ban all dog and cat breeding including responsible breeders. She feels many provisions are already covered by State law and feels together we can address a local ordinance for this local issue in Shamong.

Laura Anderson (Tabernacle, NJ) – she is a volunteer for the Burlington County animal response team and has volunteered at the Shamong rabies vaccination clinics seeing some of the dogs in question. She agrees Shamong has a problem – one problem – and feels this issue should be faced in a manner that does not impede on the rights and freedoms of others in the community.

Pat Brown (Shamong) – she is a dog owner and opposes the proposed ordinance as written. She is unclear how it will stop the alleged activity and feels it will force people to choose “rescue only” pets (not pets from breeders).

Gloria Weintrub (Shamong) – she is a veterinarian and Shamong resident and feels a majority of the proposed ordinance is already established by State laws. She feels a simple ordinance that allows investigation of complaints and establishes someone to implement the investigation is what is needed instead.

Steven Ware (Maurice River Twp.) – he is an AKC breeder and feels the proposed ordinance requirements are extreme and most items are already covered. He feels having fifty sexually intact dogs for the primary purpose of reproduction “screams” puppy mill.

Aldyth Keith (Shamong) – she advised this proposed ordinance is a repeat of one that occurred 15-20 years prior for horses and farm animals; it was determined five acres was required for domesticated farm animals. She expressed concern that what is done with this ordinance will infringe on resident rights and requested the Council be very careful in their decisions.

Louise Haines (Bunker Hill, Shamong) – she supports both breeders and rescue operations and feels the proposed ordinance needs some work and should address abusive animal situations.

Karen Froberg-Fejko (Forked Neck Road, Shamong) – she is a breeder and veterinarian and feels the proposed ordinance is over reaching and unnecessary. She stated these types of issues are already covered on the State (she referred to NJ Title 4, Chapter 22 – 10-60) and County levels.

Alan Michnowski (Shamong) – he expressed his continued concern for the state of the animals and that the focus should be on one situation and needs to be resolved quickly.

Donna Roberts (Oakshade Road, Shamong) – she acknowledged being charged with animal cruelty, but all charges were overturned. She reported having 73 dogs on the property and, aside from being fined for not having a supervising vet some time ago, has since passed numerous inspections by the Board of Health. She reported having the dog warden (Maryann Bailey) at her house three times this year and nothing wrong was found. She advised none of her dogs are “debarked”. She reported owning 40 of the dogs and her daughter owns 33. She advised during a previous Board of Health quarantine, she had 180 dogs and was not permitted to sell, move or give away any of the dogs during this time.

Mrs. Roberts continued, advising she did find homes for 110 dogs (after the quarantine was lifted). She advised the remaining 73 dogs were “grand-fathered” if the ordinance was passed (as advised by her lawyer Mark Molz). She advised her kennels follow Board of Health compliance. She advised she has not been convicted of anything, but has plead guilty to a misdemeanor of not having a supervising vet, as well as a dogs barking charge.

The Mayor asked Mrs. Roberts if she had any plans to move any of the 73 dogs. Mrs. Roberts replied as she finds homes, yeah, probably, but advised she is not getting a kennel, doesn't want a kennel and she is not breeding any dogs.

The Mayor asked Mrs. Roberts if she would be agreeable to setting forth voluntary terms with how many dogs would be moved out from the property and the timing. Mrs. Roberts replied she cannot do that and will move at her own pace.

Kris Lamb (Shamong) – she questioned the number of dogs referenced in the proposed ordinance and asked if it would affect pets or just breeders. The Solicitor advised the ordinance focus (defined as having 5 sexually intact breeding females) was to establish a commercial kennel license.

Brian Hackett (Humane Society, NJ Office) – he is the NJ State Director of the Humane Society. He stated the proposed ordinance does not go against pet ownership and does not affect responsible breeders. If it did, the Humane Society would oppose. He advised that 5 sexually intact breeding females or more is a U.S.D.A. (United States Department of Agriculture) standard. He stated the Humane Society does promote animal rescue and adoption, but also helps people obtain right information on how to find good breeders. He advised if breeders are responsible in what they are doing, the ordinance does not affect them nor those people/breeders that do not live in Shamong. He supports the ordinance stating it is about a commercial dog breeding kennel license.

Marni Mitchell (Shamong) – she feels the language of the proposed ordinance is confusing. She stated the issue that needs to be established is determining the difference between a hobby breeder and a kennel and protecting animals going forward.

Tracy Burleson (Oakshade Road, Shamong) – she is a recent resident of Shamong and did hear dogs barking when researching her current home. After moving in and discovering the barking was a constant issue, she did some google research and was upset by the findings; including 2008 meeting minutes describing the same issue regarding 26 dogs. She stated a solution is needed to end this issue.

Denise Tollefson (Oakshade Road, Shamong) – she advised the sounds she hears are heart rending and stated the debarking claims were made by Donna Roberts herself to neighbors. She feels the proposed ordinance regulations need to keep the animals safe and prevent animal cruelty.

Bob (President, NJ Pine Barrens Retriever Club, Vineland) – he feels the proposed ordinance needs to have input by the primary stakeholders (hobby breeders, etc.). He stated the current proposed ordinance should be scrapped and rewritten involving these stakeholders.

Kim Pezerato (Shamong) – she questioned if the proposed ordinance wasn't going to affect a small breeder (not a commercial breeder) then why bother.

Ernie Lazos (Kingswood Road, Shamong) – he first thanked the Committee for the reduction in taxes. He advised that the taxpayers and residents of Shamong that are affected by this issue would like something done. He referenced the recent article in the Pine Barrens Tribune advising that he did not speak to any reporter directly. He advised that the person in question, is not a Shamong Township resident or tax paying citizen (public records show the house in question and 2 properties are in the name of Harold Abrams ET ALS). He advised the 73 dogs are licensed in the name of Donna Roberts. He referenced years ago when a lot of needles and medical waste washed up on the shore, there were no regulations at that time. Although physicians did the right thing making sure medical waste was regulated and disposed of properly, many others did not. At that point, it became an issue and the State had to step in – not unlike this current situation in Shamong in which the conditions of the animals in question are an issue. When he pursued a solution, he was advised this was a Township problem (by Voorhees Animal Shelter, SPCA, PETA, etc.). He was advised that without a Township ordinance with regulations, these organizations cannot legally follow up.

Nola Mahoney (Shamong) – she advised this proposed ordinance needs to be directly related to the problem without affecting other residents. She stated the ordinance needing definition of breeding female, number of breeding females permitted, definition of commercial kennel and definition of a hobby breeder. She suggested the Committee find out the facts and have an understanding first.

Aldyth Keith (Shamong) – she stated that you can responsibly have an intact female that does not breed.

Andrew Tollefson (Oakshade Road, Shamong) – he reported having purchased a pet store puppy that had many issues and believes there should be regulations. He stated finding it difficult to believe how you can properly take care of such a large numbers of dogs and that putting laws into place would be helpful.

Jenna Quinn (Medford) – she feels amendments are needed and should be done quickly, but stated she does feel an ordinance is necessary.

Susan Finn (Washington Twp. Sewell) – she is an AKC breeder and owns a boarding kennel. She feels the Township should have a noise ordinance and advises people should be going to the right source with their complaints. She advised to enforce the laws already on the books.

Valentine Finel (Shamong) – he stated there needs to be some sort of realistic ordinance in line with the changing demographics, but that something does need to be done for accountability.

Mike Kogelman (Shamong) – he inquired if there was any current regulation that addresses this situation. The Solicitor reported there are legal implications with what people do with their property; and that Shamong Township currently does not have an ordinance that would govern this activity.

Kris Lamb (Shamong) – she inquired how the proposed ordinance will affect the specific problem.

Alan Michnowski (Shamong) – he inquired about the average savings per year in taxes (\$300), the number of dogs at the property in question (73), and asked the number of people in the room from Shamong that would be willing to contribute their tax savings for the purchase of a dog from the person in question to get them to a good home.

Donna Roberts (Shamong) – she advised she would not release her dogs to anyone in New Jersey. She reported she does have people coming from VA, PA and SC. She advised she was getting older and that was the reason her daughter and son-in-law’s names are on the deed to her house.

Dawn Abrams (Shamong) – she advised to leave her husband and ten kids out of this situation. She reported various vandalism has occurred at her home. She advised her husband’s family has been here for years and are good people. If there was a problem with the dogs, she would be the first to say something.

Katherine Spence – she advised no responsible breeder wants the person(s) in question to be miserable. She feels an issue with the proposed ordinance is once adopted, it states no new breeder shall be established – she wants all parties involved to have a good life, but no one should have 73 dogs.

Judy Wave (Maurice River) – she stated responsible breeders do not oppose regulations. She stated there are regulations in place with the State to handle animal abuse. She stated regarding noise regulations; she does not like barking dogs either and follows the regulations in place.

Alan Braslow (Cherry Hill) – he stated other issues going on in this situation are health issues and hoarding issues.

Gloria Weintrub (Shamong) – she feels everyone is not against an ordinance, but they are against this proposed ordinance. She advises there should be a brief ordinance that allows the implementation of the State rules already in place.

Ernie Lazos (Shamong) – he stated it was ironic that September is puppy mill awareness month and he does not want Shamong to be known for this issue.

The Mayor then asked if there were any questions or comments from the members of the Board, as there were none, he closed the meeting to the public.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:**

**On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, approval of the August 7, 2018 Regular and Executive Session minutes were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except for Committeeman Gray who abstained.**

Mrs. Onorato, the Clerk, reported there was a sale of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2018 sold on August 7<sup>th</sup> - Ordinance 2016-6 (2016 Road Program) for the principal amount of \$720,000; and Ordinance 2018-5 (Acquisition of equipment and construction of site improvements associated with Township operation of a Municipal Cemetery) for \$237,500, both notes had an interest rate of 2.91%.

The Clerk reported needing approval for herself, Mrs. Onorato, to attend a seminar on October 18<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$20.00. **On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Susan Onorato to attend the Burlington County Municipal Clerks Association on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at a cost of \$20.00. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported receiving notice from Citizens Improving Affordable Housing (CIAH) including a lengthy article that the Clerk made available to the Committee and Solicitor. The Clerk reported the article states the frustration in meeting the mandates of the affordable housing laws and the calculations on how the numbers are generated. The Clerk advised the document will be in the Township office for anyone to review.

The Clerk reported on receipt of notification from a resident suggesting a “no idling zone” at the schools. The Mayor advised the Committee had no opposition to this idea and reminded the public to refrain from letting cars idle or leave them running.

The Clerk gave an update on the damage that occurred at the Stoney Creek Recreation Field during a storm on July 12-13, 2018 resulting in approximately \$7,000.00 of repairs. The charges were turned in to the Township insurance company; the charges were approved, and the only liability was the \$1,000 deductible.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

The Clerk reported a request for a Special Affairs annual event. Permit received and all required documentation has been submitted to the State of New Jersey, New Jersey State Police and the Township. **On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2018R-81 Authorizing issuance of a Social Affairs Permit to permit Beer Garden at the Valenzano Winery 2018 Winefest on Sept. 15-16, 2018. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported on the need to request permission from the State of New Jersey to insert additional items to the current budget. This is common practice when actual numbers are not available when creating the budget. The Clerk advised the amount was \$311,600 of which \$251,750 is to be funded through the New Jersey State Department of Transportation and this was for work on Oakshade Road. The balance of \$59,850 will come out of operating expenses. **On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2018R-82 Requesting the Director of the Division of Local Government Services grant permission for the insertion of an item of special revenue in the 2018 budget entitled New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant – “2018 Road Program”. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported the authorized signers for the Municipal Court regular and bail accounts now require one of two signatures (Court Administrator or Municipal Magistrate). **On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2018R-83 Amending Resolution 2018R-08 Authorized Signers of Legal Depositories. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported this was for the Tax Title Lien account requiring two of three signatures (Tax Collector, Certified Municipal Financial Officer or Township Clerk). **On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2018R-84 Naming Legal Depositories (for tax title lien account). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported this was a 2017 credit for \$385.66 which has rolled over to the current year. The homeowner is in the process of selling the house and would like this credit refunded to them directly. **On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2018R-85 Authorization to Refund a 2017 Homestead Credit on Property 7 Silver Lake Drive (Block 23.16, Lot21). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

## **ORDINANCES:**

The Solicitor asked the Committee if they would like to move for an immediate vote on this ordinance or instead table it until after the Executive Session (to discuss pending issues). **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to table Ordinance 2018-7 Second Reading and Public Hearing: AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE GOVERNING “ANIMALS” (BCT 8/13/18) until after the Executive Session. All members present agreed.** The Solicitor announced to the public that under the law, the Open Public Meetings Act has an exception allowing the Solicitor to provide legal advice on pending legal issues during Executive Session. Official action may only occur during the public session.

The Solicitor reported that Indian Mills Athletic Association has appointed a person to handle the administration of background checks and this ordinance allows that action to occur. The Mayor advised that if anyone wanted to be a coach (or volunteer) with a Township athletic team, a background check is required, and that responsibility is currently processed through the Township office staff. The Mayor further advised this process would now be taken care of by individuals involved in the athletic association. The Solicitor reported there would still be an appeal process for any applicant showing a criminal record (not involving the health/safety of a child) the opportunity to come before the Committee Board for appeal/review. The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comments, as there were none, the Mayor then closed the meeting to the public. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2018-8 Second Reading and Public Hearing: AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 58 GOVERNING “BACKGROUND CHECKS” (BCT 8/14/18). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Solicitor reported these next two (2) ordinances are related to a proposal from Valenzano Winery with the possibility of locating a business on Route 206 (Brotherton Brewery). The Solicitor reported that in order for this to occur, the Township would need to amend the existing alcohol regulations and existing zoning ordinance to recognize permitted use. The Solicitor advised the second ordinance (zoning) would have to refer to the Planning Board for a consistency review of the Master Plan and report back to the Committee before the second reading.

**On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2018-9 Introduction: AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE SHAMONG TOWNSHIP CODE AT CHAPTER 51, ARTICLE I TO EXPAND THE PERMITTED ISSUANCE OF CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSES FOR LIMITED BREWERIES, RESTRICTED BREWERIES (BREW PUBS), PLENARY WINERIES, FARM WINERIES, INSTRUCTIONAL WINEMAKING FACILITIES, PLENARY DISTILLERIES AND LIMITED DISTILLERIES. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2018-10 Introduction: AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 110, ARTICLE IX, SECTION 125(D) OF THE SHAMONG TOWNSHIP LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO PERMIT LIMITED BREWERIES, RESTRICTED BREWERIES, PLENARY WINERIES, FARM WINERIES, INSTRUCTIONAL WINEMAKING FACILITIES, PLENARY DISTILLERIES AND LIMITED DISTILLERIES IN THE PINELANDS VILLAGE COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

### **BILL LIST:**

The Mayor requested any questions or comments on the bill list; as there were none, **on motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

### **REPORTS:**

The Engineer Reported:

- Parks project is scheduled to begin next week.
- Received the Department of Transportation authorization for the award on the road program and contracts have been prepared.
- Grassy Lake Road drainage project grant application was submitted to the Department of Transportation.
- Finalizing submittal for cemetery columbarium for installation; some clean-up work needs to be done, but most everything is in order.

The Solicitor Reported:

- Reviewing required Employee Manual updates required by the Joint Insurance Fund.

The Administrator Reported:

- Addition of “Recycle Coach” to Shamong website.
- FEMA meeting on Sept. 6, 2018 (with OEM Coordinator) regarding storm damages from earlier this year.
- Reached out to Melissa Durham regarding potential 2018 Shamong Holiday Lights contest.
- 2018 Pine Barrens 500 taking place on October 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.
- Department reports submitted with packet.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Di Croce opened the meeting to the public for comments, at which time Laura King (Atsion Road) inquired regarding the cemetery timeline. The Mayor reported there was a delay due road establishment, but things are moving as quickly as possible. Mrs. King inquired regarding the Pine Barrens 500 and the Clerk confirmed this was the cycle riders’ event through the woods (mostly off-roads). Mrs. King mentioned she was happy the taxes went down but advised her displeasure with the recent appointment of an Assistant Superintendent (\$163,000+ salary). The Mayor suggested she go to the school board meetings to advise the Board on her thoughts and then reminded the public on the importance of voting.

Laura Anderson (Tabernacle) took a moment to thank the Committee for taking the opportunity to listen to everybody and to take into consideration all that was said during Executive Session. Ms. Anderson referenced the genetic/health testing mentioned in the ordinance stating there are over 213 breeds in the AKC and each has its own set of recommendations. Ms. Anderson suggested determining that part of the ordinance may be beyond the scope of the Township.

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

The Mayor advised they may or may not act during Executive Session and the public will be advised of such afterwards.

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Gray and a roll call vote showing all members present voting yes, by Resolution 2018R-86 the Committee went into Executive Session for matters of Attorney Client privilege.**

The Committee reconvened their regular meeting and the Mayor reported comments received were discussed by the Committee (regarding the dog ordinance). The Solicitor advised that many comments and paperwork has been received and further review is recommended. The Solicitor reported it is the intent of the Committee to move forward with some level of ordinance to address this issue in the best way possible. The Solicitor advised the ordinance is proposed to be tabled so further work can be done to get potential amendments in place. The next meeting would then be the “first reading” of any amendments. This would be followed by another “second reading and public hearing” at the next meeting on schedule or a possible special meeting option.

There were additional brief comments regarding the Committees intent to review all options and come up with the best solution possible, as well as comments regarding how these dog nuisance situations are handled. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to table Ordinance 2018-7 Second Reading and Public Hearing: AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE GOVERNING “ANIMALS”.** A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

There being no further business, **on motion of Committeeman Gray, 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