

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

Mayor Gimbel called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Clerk, Susan Onorato, read the Sunshine Statement advising that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	P
	Mr. Michael Di Croce	P
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P
	Mr. Brian Woods	P
	Mr. Christopher Zehnder	P

Also, in attendance: D. Heinold, Solicitor and J. Hirsh, Engineer

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Agenda Items Only

Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public for questions/comments, at which time the following responded:

*Ron Wiggins* from Tabernacle advised he came in support of Resolution 2022R-86 opposing the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) plan for a permit system in the Wharton State Forest.

*Sean Soble -419 Stokes Road* advised he was there along with Lauren Tenner – they also came in support of Resolution 2022R-86 opposing the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) plan for a permit system in the Wharton State Forest.

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

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

**On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Woods, approval of the October 4, 2022 Regular and Executive Session minutes were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except Committeeman Di Croce who abstained.**

The Clerk reported on the review of the 2022 Best Practices Survey advising a score of 32.50 was received for the Township. This score meets the required score of at least 24 to avoid reduction of funding. A motion to accept the survey is required for the CFO to then file with the State.

**On motion of Committeeman Di Croce, seconded by Committeeman Zehnder, it was moved to approve the 2022 Best Practices survey. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Zehnder, seconded by Committeeman Di Croce, it was moved to approve the Appointment of Wendolyn Trozzo to Fire Police for the balance of a 5-year term expiring April 1, 2024. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk gave an update on the pending purchase of a new fire truck for IMVFC (Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company) advising the purchase order has been issued signed and submitted. All requirements have been met to date.

The Clerk reported on the Burlington County Farmland Preservation Program – Acquisition Targeting List for Shamong which was previously submitted for Committee review. No formal action is required, as upon review, there were no suggested changes to the list.

The Clerk reported on the suggested meeting room upgrades to the sound recorder, microphones, camera(s) and speakers – this project will be Funded through the American Recovery Funds received by the Township. Two quotes were submitted - \$27,172.54 and \$10,722.22. Zoom Meeting platform costs would be additional. **On motion of Committeeman Woods, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve meeting room upgrades, to the lower quote, to sound recorder, microphones, camera(s) and speakers. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported on a proposed public auction of used office and public works equipment via Gov Deals who will handle all auction details for a minimal fee. The Clerk commented that on last inspection, DEP had suggested getting rid of older unused Public Works equipment to avoid potential drainage issues. **On motion of Committeeman Di Croce, seconded by Committeeman Zehnder, it was moved to approve the public auction of used office and public works equipment (attached list) via Gov Deals. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

The Clerk reported John Lyons, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator, has been successful in obtaining this \$10K grant the last several years which assists in funding the OEM. **On motion of Committeeman Di Croce, seconded by Committeeman Woods, it was moved to approve Resolution 2022R-82 AUTHORIZING SHAMONG TOWNSHIP TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk advised the refund amount of each resolution is \$50.00. **On blanket motion of Committeeman Zehnder, seconded by Committeeman Di Croce, it was moved to approve Resolution 2022R-83 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF ZONING PERMIT FEE FOR BLOCK 17 LOT 2.01 (480 OAK SHADE ROAD) and Resolution 2022R-84 AUTHORIZING**

**REFUND OF ZONING PERMIT FEE FOR BLOCK 12.02 LOT 12 (13 Wilted Grass Trail). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk advised the road resurfacing project is being done by Asphalt Paving Systems for the contracted amount of \$195,072.44. **On motion of Committeeman Woods, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2022R-85 AUTHORIZING AND CONFIRMING THE 2022 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM EXPENDITURE FOR MICROSURFACING THROUGH STATE CONTRACT. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Clerk reported that the State announced a proposed permit program which includes a fee schedule that would limit access to roads maintained by the State of New Jersey in the Wharton forest. After brief Committee discussion, **on motion of Committeeman Di Croce, seconded by Committeeman Woods, it was moved to approve Resolution 2022R-86 OBJECTING TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S PROPOSED PLAN TO INTRODUCE A PERMIT SYSTEM FOR THE USE OF ROADS IN THE WHARTON STATE FOREST. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

#### **ORDINANCES:**

The Solicitor reported that the State of New Jersey passed regulations indicating provisions that are effectively adopted in each Municipality. Pinelands created a model version of the Ordinance and as a Pinelands Municipality we would adopt that. As discussed at last meeting, there would be very limited application to our Municipality. Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public for questions/comments at which time *Ron Wiggins-Tabernacle* briefly commented on challenges of going EV (availability and disposal issues). The Mayor closed this portion of the meeting to the public. **On motion of Committeeman Woods, seconded by Committeeman Zehnder, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2022-13 Second reading and public hearing: AN ORDINANCE BY TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AMEND THE CODE AT CHAPTER 110 WITH RESPECT TO PROVISIONS GOVERNING ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE 2022-4 (BCT 10/7/22). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Solicitor commented there is currently an Ordinance on the books addressing Foreclosures and Vacant properties. The State passed a law creating uniformity to these provisions and this amendment falls into the new State parameters. Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public for questions/comments, at which time there were none, so he closed this portion of the meeting to the public. **On motion of Committeeman Zehnder, seconded by Committeeman Woods, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2022-14 Second reading and public hearing: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG GOVERNING "REGISTRATION OF FORECLOSING MORTGAGES AND VACANT PROPERTY" (BCT 10/7/22). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Gimbel commented this is year seven of the ten-year road project. The Mayor then opened the meeting to the public for questions/comments, at which time there were none, so he closed this portion of the meeting to the public. **On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Di Croce, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2022-15 Second reading and public hearing: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHAMONG, FINALLY ADOPTED ON APRIL 5, 2022 ENTITLED "A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP of SHAMONG, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE 2022 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$900,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING SAID IMPROVEMENTS; AND MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING."** (BCT 10/7/22). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

**APPROVAL OF THE ATTACHED BILL LIST: \$2,652,210.17**

The Clerk advised \$730K quarterly payment to Burlington County, \$423K to Lenape Regional, \$869K Shamong Board of Ed, \$372K MEL/JIF Wire Transfer Claims received back, \$156K Funding Transfer from Capital to Current Account. The Mayor requested any questions or comments; as there were none, **on motion of Committeeman Di Croce, seconded by Committeeman Zehnder, it was moved to approve the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**REPORTS:**

The Engineer Reported:

- DOT approval received to go out to bid on Phase III Grassy Lake Road. Phase IV approved early September and will go out to bid as well.
- Meeting scheduled to go over a few issues with micro surface project.

The Solicitor Reported: NONE

The Administrator Reported:

- \$500.00 reimbursement for 2022 JIF Cyber Risk Program received.
- Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company – coin toss at intersection of Indian Mills and Oakshade Roads on November 12, 2022.
- Veterans Day Ceremony at Pinelands Memorial Park Cemetery on November 12, 2022.

The OEM Coordinator Reported:

- Civic Alert system working well and will be used to advise of temporary road closure on Forked Neck Road on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> related to an event.
- Coordination meeting for public safety with the school system productive.
- Pinelands CERT team volunteers meeting in November for preliminary damage assessment assistance training.
- Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company received NARCAN training and some supplies also received through a grant at no cost.
- COVID tests available for residents at the Township provided by County at no cost.
- Pinelands Young at Heart had presentation/training on emergency preparedness for Seniors.
- County/State recording drill next week.
- Distribution event in Fawn Lake Village for practice training and fund drive handouts.
- Grant updates, donations and events reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**


Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public for questions/comments, at which time the following responded:

*Bill Kratch, VP/Tabernacle Rescue Squad* - advised on coverage challenges reporting a program has been initiated with Lumberton Emergency Squad who will provide staff during the day. Advised that coverage at the Tabernacle Station is available five days a week from 6AM- 6PM.

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

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

Attest:

  
Susan D. Onorato  
Municipal Clerk