



August 20, 2025

The Honorable Michael DiCroce, Mayor  
The Honorable Brian Woods, Deputy Mayor  
Shamong Township Committee  
105 Willow Grove Road  
Shamong, NJ 08088

Dear Mayor DiCroce and Deputy Mayor Woods;

I am writing to express my outrage at the lack of transparency and public engagement regarding Emergency Management Services (EMS) in Shamong, specifically the cancellation of an agreement with Tabernacle Rescue Squad (TRS).

The fact that Committee leaders took this action in Executive Session after the public left is appalling. The agenda for that evening simply stated, "Contract Negotiations."

Senior citizens constitute nearly 10% of Shamong's population. I believe their safety and well-being, as well as that of our children, are more than just "Contract Negotiations". Many of our residents have expressed their frustration with the news of your actions.

This issue has been festering since July 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, when you were advised of the missed calls for TRS, yet you remained silent.

After the public portion of the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting concluded, Committee leadership decided to terminate the agreement with TRS behind closed doors and after the public had left, including myself, therefore not allowing public comment, another lack of transparency.

Most of our community did not learn of your actions until media reports began circulating on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Over a week later, following the August 5 meeting, you posted a public statement on the Shamong Township website on August 13. I find this action to be wholly inadequate. The Committee should have held an Executive Session prior to the start of the public session, thereby enabling the public, in attendance or online, to be informed.

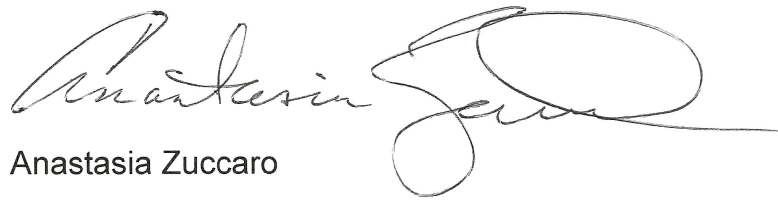
This would have allowed interested parties to learn more about what alternatives would be available.

As shared in your Public Statement of August 13, EMS services have been a topic of discussion since October 2024. I find it frustrating that the Committee chose to use the excuse of "too expensive" instead of searching for solutions at that time. Instead, you remained silent until your vote to abruptly cancel our township's ambulance services.

Ambulance and medical transport are key components of our Public Safety and Emergency Response system. I am astounded that the Committee cancelled this service approximately one hour after recognizing firefighters, EMS, and other volunteers for their efforts to protect our community following the Mines Spung Wildfire.

I urge you to bring together stakeholders from our township, along with county and state officials, to address these issues in a public forum. This transparency is a matter of life and death and too vital to be discussed behind closed doors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anastasia Zuccaro", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Anastasia Zuccaro

Cc: The Honorable Neil Wilkinson, Shamong Township Committee  
The Honorable Megan Mozitis, Shamong Township Committee  
The Honorable David Diamond, Shamong Township Committee  
The Honorable Felicia Hopson, Director, Burlington County Commissioners  
The Honorable Allison Eckel, Deputy Director, Burlington County Commissioners  
The Honorable Latham Tiver, New Jersey State Senate District 8  
The Honorable Andrea Katz, New Jersey Assembly District 8  
The Honorable Michael Torrisi, Jr., New Jersey Assembly District 8  
The Honorable Herb Conaway, United States House of Representatives