# READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – May 17, 2010

Mayor Shamey *calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

**PRESENT**: Mrs. B Muir, Mr. F. Gatti, Mrs. J. Allen, Mr. T. Auriemma

Mayor G. Shamey

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan

**ABSENT:** None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

# RESOLUTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and desires to authorize the exclusion of the public from the portion of the meeting in accordance with the act;

*NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter as set forth in the following Exhibit "A."

## **EXHIBIT A**

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| Museums                         | Personnel              | Certain info<br>the discret<br>Committe |    | nship<br>other |
| Readington Library              | Personnel              | ••                                      | 66 | "              |
| Board Appointment               | Personnel              |   | "  | "              |
| Museums                         | Personnel              |   | "  | "              |
| Police Lieutenants              | Contract Negotiations  | 44                                      | "  | "              |
| Elbert/ Block 94, Lot 17        | .Contract Negotiations | "                                       | "  | "              |
| Arcadia Publishing              | Contract Negotiations  |   | "  | "              |
| 127 Buttercup Court             | Contract Negotiations  |   | "  | "              |
| Block 93, Lot 1.01              | Contract Negotiations  |   | "  | "              |
| Lackland/Block 64, Lots 26 & 40 | Contract Negotiations  |   | "  | "              |

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(Solberg Aviation)

It is anticipated at this time that the stated subject matter will be made public on or about the time set forth in Exhibit "A."

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Shamey led those present in the Salute to the Flag.

## RECOGNITION of James Bolek for his Military Service in Iraq

Administrator Mekovetz stated that the Township wanted to thank James for serving our country and recognizing his service in the Military in Iraq.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#### #R-2010-68

## TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James Bolek enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in 2007; and

*WHEREAS*, in December of 2008 James Bolek was ordered to active duty for the purpose of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of Alpha company 1<sup>st</sup> of the 150<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Battalion supporting America's war on terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, SPC James Bolek served as a Crew Chief with this unit from February, 2009 to January, 2010.

*WHEREAS*, SPC James Bolek was awarded the following decorations, medals, badges, citations and campaign ribbons: Basic Aviation Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Metal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington recognizes and thanks James Bolek for his service to our country.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we celebrate his safe return to his family and Readington Township as an employee of our Public Works Department.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt this resolution, seconded Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Meg Slutter presented James Bolek with a Quilt of Valor that she had made for him.

Mayor Shamey announced that the following business was completed during Executive Session:

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#### Personnel/Museums

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

## Personnel/Readington Library

Mayor Shamey stated that there was no discussion on this matter.

### Personnel/Board Appointment

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

## Contract Negotiations/Police Lieutenants

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the contract as amended, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mr. Auriemma - Aye
Mr. Gatti - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

## Contract Negotiations/Elbert/Block 94, Lot 17

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#### #R-2010-69

# **READINGTON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS*, the Township of Readington ("Township"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, et seq. held an auction on March 1, 2010 to sell the property it owns known as Block 94, Lot 17 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, subject to an agricultural development rights easement and a restrictive covenant to held by the Township of Readington for eventual conveyance to the County of Hunterdon in accordance with the farmland and open space preservation goals of the Township and the County and State Farmland Preservation Program, as well as additional use restrictions; and

*WHEREAS*, as a result of the auction, the highest bid received to purchase the property was offered by Karen K. Elbert (hereinafter "Elbert"), in the amount of \$290,000.00; this bid was accepted and approved by the Readington Township Committee at the meeting held on March 1,2010; and

**WHEREAS** the Township thereafter entered into a contract with Elbert in accordance with the offer made, and further, subject to easements set forth in the specifications required by the Township in the auction package; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to the date of contract, Elbert requested to amend the contract to include both her and her husband Oliver Elbert;

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has no objection to the addition of Oliver Elbert to the aforesaid contract;

**WHEREAS**, the making of this resolution is authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.1, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

### Resolution #69-2010 cont'd:

- 1. The Township agrees to and approves amending the aforementioned contract to include the buyer's husband, Oliver Elbert as a party to same.
- 2. On behalf of the Township Committee, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as the case may be, are authorized to prepare and sign any necessary contract amendments and all closing documentation, including the deed, affidavit of title, closing statements any other documentation needed to effectuate the sale of Block 94, Lot 17 to Karen Elbert and Oliver Elbert, in accordance with the auction terms, the contract, prior resolutions approving same, and this resolution
  - 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mr. Auriemma - Aye
Mr. Gatti - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

## Contract Negotiations/Hunting Contracts

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Shamey read the following statement:

All items listed with an asterisk "\*" are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- \* 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of May 3, 2010
- \* 2. Resolution to Auction Block 93, Lot 1.01

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

### #R-2010-70

## READINGTON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-36 a governing body may authorize the sale of municipally owned personal property not needed for public use.

*NOW*, *THEREFORE*, *BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby declare Block 93, Lot 1.01 (.705 acres) as surplus; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby authorize a public auction to be held Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at the Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J.

\* 3. *National Military Appreciation Month* – resolution

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#### #R-2010-71

## TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the blood shed and continued vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the sacrifices that such members of the United States Armed Forces and of the family members that support them, have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation making it unique in the world of community; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress, in two thousand and four, passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month, calling all Americans to remember those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of all of our Armed Services who have served and are now serving our Country, together with their families; and

*WHEREAS*, the months of May and June were selected for this display of patriotism because during these months, we celebrate Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day/Week, National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day, Navy Day, Army Day and Flag Day;

*NOW, THERE*, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington do hereby proclaim the period of May 1, through June 14, 2010 as a special time to show appreciation for our Military and proclaim it as *National Military Appreciation Month* in the Township of Readington and encourage all citizens to join us in showing our gratitude by appropriate display of flags and ribbons during the designated period.

- \* 4. *Social Affairs Permit* Polish American Citizens Club June 5, 2010
  - This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 5. *Release of Driveway Bond* Thomas Cancannon Jr. (\$600)

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**\*** 6. *Tax Lien Redemption* – Block 73, Lot 29.03

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

### RESOLUTION

## READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 73, Lot 29.03 and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lien holder the redemption amount,

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#### Resolution cont'd:

**NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$32,868.10, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$6,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #574, to the lien holder, US Bank Cust/Sass Muni V dtr.

\* 7. *Payment of Bills* – (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk's Office)

| <b>Fund Description</b>  | Fund No. | <b>Received Total</b> |  |  |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--|--|
| CURRENT FUND             | 0-01     | \$1,057,953.49        |  |  |
| SEWER APPROPRIATIONS     | 0-02     | \$ 4,485.00           |  |  |
| TRUST FUNDS              | X-03     | \$ 23,488.65          |  |  |
| 2004 CAP. APPROP.        | X-04     | \$ 1,999.34           |  |  |
| MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, |          |                       |  |  |
| LIENS                    | X-05     | \$ 51,278.32          |  |  |
| PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS       | X-06     | \$ 165,159.89         |  |  |
| DUE TO STATE OF NJ       | X-09     | \$ 8,597.34           |  |  |
| 2010 CAPITAL             | X-10     | \$ 36,976.91          |  |  |
| 2006 CAPITAL             | X-66     | \$ 1,999.34           |  |  |
| 2008 CAPITAL             | X-88     | \$ 9,731.39           |  |  |
| TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS       |          | \$1,361,669.67        |  |  |

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

| Mrs. Allen   | - Aye |
|--------------|-------|
| Mr. Auriemma | - Aye |
| Mr. Gatti    | - Aye |
| Mrs. Muir    | - Aye |
| Mayor Shamey | - Aye |

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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As it was after 8:00 p.m., *A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 138 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon Pertaining to Housing Standards

### **Ordinance** #14-2010

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body.

There were none.

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the public.

There were none.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

# An Ordinance Amending Chapter 138 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon Pertaining to Housing Standards

#### *Ordinance #14-2010*

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen -Aye
Mr. Auriemma -Aye
Mr. Gatti - Aye
Mrs. Muir -Aye
Mayor Shamey -Aye

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION

- 1. Notice Hearing on Application from Michael P. O'Grodnick, Esq. of Mauro, Savo, Camerino Grant & Schalk, regarding *Tannery Row, LLC Amended Major Site Plan for Building Occupancy to allow more office space for a commercial tenant in an approved and constructed building and any other variance and waiver relief deemed necessary.* No action taken.
- 2. Letter dated April 30, 2010 from Heather Brewster, Senior Project Manager, AECOM, regarding *Application for a systemwide pipeline maintenance permit.* (Entire file available in Clerk's Office for review) No action taken.
- 3. Memorandum dated May 3, 2010 from Rebecca D'Alleinne, Administrator, Township of Clinton, regarding *Notice of Public Hearing on a Revised Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.* No action taken.
- 4. Legal Notice from Kenneth L. Pape, Esq. regarding Advance/GLB Development Partners, LLC application to the Branchburg Zoning Board of Adjustment for conversion of a previously approved age-restricted project known as Fox Hollow II. No action taken.
- 5. Memorandum dated for May 5, 2010 from Rose Sollena, Township Clerk, Township of Raritan regarding An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey to Amend an ordinance entitled "Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan, 1999" and More Specifically to Amend Chapter 16.28A to Include a Planned Residential Development Overlay Zone on Block 36, Lot 17 in the I-1 Zone. No action taken.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Recommended Fee Schedule for Parks/Picnic Areas

Mayor Shamey stated that Greta Kenney, the Recreation Director, has provided previous fees charged for the fields along with the new recommended fees. Mayor Shamey stated that he felt that the language for *New Price would be for leagues that do not have residents would be \$500/season, based on 20 games @ \$25/game* was too vague. It was decided that it should read *if the majority of the members by the roster are non-residents*. Attorney Dragan stated that the fee for a club that was local and non-profit should be added as *non-profit residents \$25* for clarification purposes.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the revised fee schedule with the two revisions as noted, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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| Mrs. Allen   | -Aye  |
|--------------|-------|
| Mr. Auriemma | -Aye  |
| Mr. Gatti    | - Aye |
| Mrs. Muir    | -Aye  |
| Mayor Shamey | -Aye  |

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# 1. Readington Board of Education 2010-2011 Tax Levy Changes

Mayor Shamey stated that he and Mr. Auriemma met with representatives of Board of Education to conduct negotiations to reduce the Tax Levy for the year 2010-2011. Mayor Shamey stated that the sessions were a collaborative effort and thanked Dr. Schiff, Business Administrator DeCasas, members of the Finance Committee and the entire Board of Education for working with the Township and recognizing the voices of the voters. Mayor Shamey stated that the cuts that were made would not have a negative impact on the education of the children nor the programs.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

### #R-2010-72

# TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET FAILURE REDUCTIONS

*WHEREAS*, the Readington Township Board of Education submitted the 2010-2011 budget to the legal voters of Readington Township on April 20, 2010 for approval, and

WHEREAS, the budget was defeated at the polls by 963 votes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Board of Education met with representatives of the Readington Township Committee to review the budget and agree on budget reductions, and

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

(1) The General fund (base budget) Tax Levy is to be reduced by the total sum of \$417,000 as delineated below.

| <b>Account Number</b>  | Amount   | Description of Reduction(s)             |
|------------------------|----------|---|
| 11-000-221-580-000-002 | \$ 1,000 | Conferences                             |
| 11-000-221-600-000-002 | 1,950    | Replacement Computer                    |
| 11-000-221-800-000-002 | 1,200    | Memberships                             |
| 11-000-222-580-000-005 | 1,500    | Technical Conferences/Travel            |
| 11-000-222-590-000-005 | 20,000   | Media/Lib-Other Purchased Tech Services |
| 11-000-223-320-000-002 | 4,000    | Professional Development: Technology    |
| 11-000-223-580-000-xxx | 2,375    | Workshops                               |
| 11-000-223-600-000-002 | 500      | New Staff Orientation                   |
| 11-000-230-530-000-005 | 3,600    | Communications                          |
| 11-000-230-580-000-100 | 1,000    | Supt's Growth and Travel                |
| 11-000-230-590-000-100 | 2,000    | Classified/Legal Advertising            |
| 11-000-270-420-000-007 | 2,127    | Fuel Spill Cleanup                      |
| 11-190-100-610-000-005 | 57,200   | Instructional Supplies Tech             |
| 11-110-100-101-000-160 | 28,762   | Kindergarten Salaries TBS               |
| 11-110-100-101-000-170 | 24,092   | Kindergarten Salaries WHS               |
| 11-120-100-101-000-160 | 44,600   | Teacher Salaries TBS                    |
| 11-120-100-101-000-170 | 8,230    | Teacher Salaries WHS                    |
| 11-130-100-101-000-150 | 38,855   | Teacher Salaries RMS                    |
| 11-000-291-270-000-100 | 25,000   | Benefits: Dental                        |
| 11-000-252-100-000-105 | 50,000   | Technology Department Salaries          |

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11-000-262-622-000-008

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Total Reductions \$417,000

- (2) That the Readington Township Committee in cooperation with the Board of Education suggests that \$300,000 from Capital Reserve Funds be appropriated for 2010-2011 year debt service tax relief;
- (3) The Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby decreases the 2010-2011 total request for taxes by \$717,000 (\$27,703,081 for General Funds and \$1,889,894 for Debt Service);
- (4) The Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby certifies that the revised budget is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient education.
- (5) The Clerk of the Township of Readington is directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution by no later than May 19, 2010 to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools, the Readington Township School District Board of Education and to such other parties as required by law to receive copies.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mr. Auriemma - Aye
Mr. Gatti - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

Dr. Schiff, of the Readington Board of Education, stated there was a concerted commitment to find a way to address the concerns of the taxpayers of the community without impacting the quality of the programs for the children. Dr. Schiff thanked the Committee and members of the Finance Committee for doing a fine job.

Rick Finn, Chairman of the Finance Committee for the Board of Education, stated that the process of negotiating the school budget is to balance the requirements of the school along with the requests of the voters. Mr. Finn stated that the process is working and is continuously improving.

Mr. Auriemma stated that as a Committee member, who was part of the negotiating meetings regarding the school budget, he felt everyone should be pleased with the outcome because the reduction was met without affecting the quality of education for the children.

# 2. Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education 2010-2011 Tax Levy Changes

Mayor Shamey stated that he and Mr. Gatti attended a meeting with representatives of the five sending districts to reduce the Tax Levy. Mayor Shamey stated that reduction of \$100,000 was agreed upon. Mr. Gatti stated that the teachers and administration acted in good faith to freeze their wages therefore they felt the reduced budget was fair accordingly.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2010-73

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*WHEREAS*, the Board of Education of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School District presented to the voters, at the annual school election held on April 20, 2010, a question concerning the tax levy requirements for the 2010-2011 Budget for Current Expenses and Capital Outlay, designated as the General Fund, in the amount of \$50,307,526; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the five municipalities comprising the school district rejected the General Fund question by a vote of 5,997 No votes to 4,920 Yes votes; and

**WHEREAS**, a joint meeting of the designated elected officials of the municipalities and the Board of Education was held on May 5, 2010 to discuss the General Fund Budget during which changes to the budget were reviewed and a consensus was reached regarding said changes; and

**WHEREAS**, careful consideration has been given to the information received from the Board of Education with a view toward providing a thorough and efficient system of education in the school system of the Board of Education and with recognition of the wage freeze accepted by Hunterdon Central staff for the 2010-2011 school year;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

(1) The General Fund (base budget) Tax Levy is to be reduced by the total sum of \$100,000 as delineated below.

# <u>HUNTERDON CENTRAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> 2010-2011 TAX LEVY CHANGES

## **GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS REDUCTIONS**

| Account Number | <u>Description</u>            | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 11-140-100-101 | Instructional Salaries        | \$ 50,000     |
| 11-000-100-568 | Instructional Undistributed - | \$ 50,000     |
|                | Expense Tuition               |               |

TOTAL GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY REDUCTION: \$ 100,000

ORIGINAL GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY:

REDUCTION:

REVISED GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY:

\$50,307,526

- 100,000

\$50,207,526

- (2) The Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby certifies the tax levy for the General Fund of the 2010-2011 Hunterdon Central Regional High School Budget in the amount of \$50,207,526.
- (3) The Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby certifies that the revised budget is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient education.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Township of Readington is directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution no later than May 19, 2010 to the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools, the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education, and to such other parties as required by law to receive copies.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mr. Auriemma - Aye
Mr. Gatti - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye

Readington Township Committee Meeting – May 17, 2010 Page 11 of 14 Mayor Shamey - Aye

# 3. Consideration of properties to be bid out for hunting purposes for the 2010/11 season

Mayor Shamey stated that there is a recommendation from the Open Space Advisory Board, well as in response to objections raised by residents, to not bid out Block 3, Lot 3. Mrs. Allen also asked to remove Block 80, Lot 1 since the Township no longer owns that property; however; possibly adding Block 94, Lot 8 which runs along Summer Road and Route 202. Mayor Shamey suggested that since the Township has no experience with this property, the Police Department, Open Space Advisory Board and the Hunting Subcommittee should first look into this property. The proposed property will be subject to recommendation after review.

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the seven remaining properties on the list, with the possibility of the additional property being added subject to recommendation at a later date, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. Appointee to Environmental Commission – vacancy

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Allen to appoint Judith Tutela to Environmental Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jackie Oliphant through 12/31/2010, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

\* 5. Resolution to Auction Block 93, Lot 1.01

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

\* 6. *National Military Appreciation Month* – resolution

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

\* 7. *Social Affairs Permit* – Polish American Citizens Club – June 5, 2010

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

\* 8. **Release of Driveway Bond** – Thomas Cancannon Jr. (\$600)

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Ann Reno Barn received the nomination for the Historic Preservation Award.

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Township's revamped website should be up and running soon.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

## **Gerard Shamey**

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Mayor Shamey stated that he had nothing to report.

#### Julia Allen

Mrs. Allen reported that Or Chadash did some volunteer work on the Vislocky Trail as community service.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to send a letter of appreciation to Or Chadash for their volunteer work on the Vislocky Trail, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Mrs. Allen reported that the Open Space Walk took place on Sunday on the South Branch Wildlife Management Area. Mrs. Allen stated that the next Open Space Walk will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> on Round Mountain.

### **Thomas Auriemma**

Mr. Auriemma stated that he had nothing to report.

#### Frank Gatti

Mr. Gatti stated that he had nothing to report.

#### **Beatrice Muir**

Mrs. Muir stated that she had nothing to report.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

## COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were none.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to return to Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Mr. Auriemma left the meeting during Executive Session.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

# RESOLUTION EXECUTIVE SESSION

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### **EXHIBIT A**

|  | EXIIIDII A                  |                                     |  |                    |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Subject Matter   | Basis Of Public Exclusion   | <u>Date Anti</u><br><u>Disclose</u> |  |                    |
| Arcadia Publishing   | Contract Negotiations       | the disc<br>Comm                    | information<br>retion of T<br>ittee tonigh<br>rmation wi | ownship<br>ntother |
| Block 93, Lot 1.01   | Contract Negotiations       |                                     | 44   | 44                 |
| Lackland/Block 64, Lots 26 & 40  | Contract Negotiations       |                                     | 44   | "                  |
| Executive Session Minutes(May 3, 2010)   | . Attorney-Client Privilege | "                                   | 66   | 44                 |
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It is anticipated at this time that the stated subject matter will be made public on or about the time set forth in Exhibit "A."

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

## Contract Negotiations/Arcadia Publishing

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the memorandum of agreement, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mr. Gatti - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

## Contract Negotiations/126 Buttercup Court

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Muir to accept the purchase offer and authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a contract, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye Mr. Gatti - Aye Mrs. Muir - Aye Mayor Shamey - Aye

## Contract Negotiations/Block 93, Lot 1.01

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

### Contract Negotiations/Lackland/Block 64, Lots 26 and 40

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

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*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 3, 2010 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Litigation/Solberg Aviation / Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lot 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2

Mayor Shamey stated that there was nothing discussed.

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma at 10:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Muir with vote of all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO Administrator/Municipal Clerk