

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – May 3, 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, Engineer R. O'Brien

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, THEREFORE, 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

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
Tax Collector's Spring Conference... Personnel.....		Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will remain
Tax Collector's Office..... Personnel.....		“ “ “
Police..... Personnel.....		“ “ “
Museums..... Personnel.....		“ “ “
MADA FARMS, LLC..... Contract Negotiations..... (Previously Verdi) Block 80, Lot1		“ “ “
Formerly Bush, Block 4, Lot 94.... Contract Negotiations.....		“ “ “
109 Dove Cote Court..... Contract Negotiations.....		“ “ “
Block 17, Lot 8..... Potential Litigation.....		“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... Attorney-Client Privilege..... (March 29 & April 5, 2010)		“ “ “

Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33,. Litigation..... “ “ “
Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block
Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2
(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 7:40 p.m.

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

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

Personnel/Tax Collector’s Spring Conference

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to deny the request for approval of the purchase order for the Tax Collector’s Spring Conference, since she is retiring as of June 30, 2010, 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

Personnel/Tax Collector’s Office

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to hire Michael Balogh as Tax Collector at an annual salary of \$68,625, with his appointment to be effective July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, 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

Personnel/Museums

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to hire Kimberly Costa as part-time Museum Administrator at an hourly rate of \$20 for 20 hours per week, effective May 10, 2010 and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel/Police

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to hire Patrolman Robert Medvetz as a full-time employee with the status as “Recruit,” pursuant to the patrolman’s contract at his current rate of pay, 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/Police Lieutenants

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/MADA Farms, LLC (Previously Verdi)/Block 80, Lot 1

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2010-63

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
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 80, Lot 1 (f/k/a Lots 1 and 2) in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, subject to an agricultural developments rights easement and a restrictive covenant held by 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 Anthony J. Verdi (hereinafter “Verdi), in the amount of \$445,000.00; 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 Verdi 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 the contract, Verdi requested to assign the contract to Mada Farms, LLC, in which he has 50% interest;

WHEREAS, the contract permits such assignment with the Township’s approval, provided the original buyer has a majority interest in the entity to which it is being assigned. However, the Township Committee is satisfied that the proposal by Verdi meets the intentions of this provision since his interest in the entity is nevertheless substantial;

WHEREAS, the making of the 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:

1. The Township agrees to amend the aforementioned contract to provide for an assignment from the buyer Anthony J. Verdi to an entity in which he has a 50% interest.
2. The Township approves the assignment of the aforementioned contract from Anthony J. Verdi to Mada Farms, LLC.
3. 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 closing documentation, including the deed, affidavit of title, closing statements and any other documentation needed to effectuate the sale of Block 80, Lot 1 to Mada Farms, LLC, in accordance with the auction terms, the contract, prior resolutions approving same, and this resolution.

Resolution #R-2010-63 cont'd:

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen 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/Formerly Bush/Block 4, Lot 94

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to send a letter to the County thanking them for their offer and advising them that the Township is not interested in purchasing the property, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Contract Negotiations/109 Dove Cote Court

Mayor Shamey stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

Potential Litigation/Block 17, Lot 8

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to refer Readington Realty Holdings, LLC to the Sewer Advisory Board, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney –Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (April 19, 2010)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 19, 2010 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded. Mayor Shamey abstained since he was not present during Executive Session.

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 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 April 19, 2010

- * 2. **Sewer Extension at Mimosa Drive and Pulaski Road** – Treatment Works Approval Permit Application

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2010-64

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the use of public sewers to accommodate property on Pulaski Road and Mimosa Drive; and

WHEREAS, Readington Township has consented to an application for a Treatment Works Approval Permit for the extension and use of such sewers to Pulaski Road and Mimosa Drive; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Readington Township, has filed application for the extension and use of such sewers to Pulaski Road and Mimosa Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington reviewed this application at its regular meeting held May 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined and reported by our Township Engineer that this application is in order and may be filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby authorize the following action:

1. The Township authorizes the Administrator/Municipal Clerk, Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign for the Governing Body at appropriate locations on the WQM-003 Statement of Consent Form for Pulaski Road and Mimosa Drive.
- * 3. **Fallone (Buckingham Estates), Block 76 Lot 3.12** – release of driveway bond
- * 4. **Postponement of Mortgage** – Cora-Lee Haber- 103 Dove Cote Court
- * 5. **Blue Light Permit** – Brandon Murphy
- * 6. **Tax Lien Redemptions** – Block 13, Lot 24.01

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 13, Lot 24.01 and,

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$1,369.39, known as Tax Sale Certificate #562, to the lien holder, Tad J. Dabrowski.

- * 7. **Tax Exemptions** – Block 39, Lot 49.07

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP
HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the property owner of Block 39, Lot 49.07 is a permanently disabled vet and therefore is tax exempt; date of determination, November 30, 2009 and

WHEREAS, the property owner has resided in Readington Township since October 6, 1978...

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee that the Tax Collector be authorized to refund prorated taxes paid in 2009 in the amount of \$717.28 and 2010 taxes paid in the amount of \$2,110.44 plus cancel the balance of 2010 taxes.

- * 8. **Payment of Bills** – (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk’s Office)

Fund Description	Fund No.	Received Total
CURRENT FUND	0-01	\$ 449,688.53
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	0-02	\$ 100,892.81
CURRENT FUND	9-01	\$ 14,094.00
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 16,187.91
2004 CAP. APPROP.	X-04	\$ 3,000.00
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 3,175,625.18
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 196,557.63
REGIONAL & SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$5,543,551.53
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 4,547.88
2010 CAPITAL	X-10	<u>\$ 7,854.30</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$9,511,999.77

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Consent Agenda, 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

Mayor Shamey abstained from the approval of the minutes from the meeting of April 19, 2010 since he was not present at that time.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION

1. Memorandum dated April 16, 2010 from Eileen Birch, Township Clerk, Township of Union, regarding **Resolution opposing the proposed fare increase and service cuts by New Jersey Transit**. No action taken.
2. Notice to Public Service Electric and Gas Company Electric and Gas Customers regarding **Petition of Public Service and Electric and Gas Company to modify its manufactured gas plant (MGP) Remediation Component within its electric societal benefits charge (SBC) and its gas SBC**. No action taken.

3. Letter dated April 27, 2010 from Shana L. Goodchild, Land Use Administrator, Township of Tewksbury, regarding ***Public Hearing on Amendments to the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan of the 2003 Master Plan***. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Administrator Mekovetz stated that at the request of the Construction Code Official, this amendment clarifies that the Construction Code Official would be handling the building and structural aspects of any complaints and the County would be enforcing any the sanitary issues involving rental units.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

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

ORDINANCE #14-2010

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 138 of the Code of the Township of Readington also known as the “Readington Township Housing Standards Ordinance” is hereby amended as follows [additions are indicated **thus**, ~~deletions~~ are indicated thus]:

§ 138-1. Enforcement official.¹

The Code Enforcement Officer of the Township of Readington is hereby designated as the officer to exercise the powers prescribed by this chapter.

§138-2. Adoption of standards.²

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:49-5.1, the New Jersey State Housing Code as approved by the Departments of Health and Commerce and Economic Development and filed in the township offices, is hereby accepted, adopted and established as a standard to be used as a guide in determining whether dwellings in this municipality are safe, sanitary and fit for human habitation and rental. A copy of the New Jersey State Housing Code is annexed to this chapter and three copies of the same have been placed on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk and are available to all persons desiring to use and examine the same.

§ 138-3. Inspections.³

The ~~Code Enforcement Officer~~ **Construction Code Official and the Hunterdon County Board of Health** are hereby authorized and directed to make inspection to determine the condition of dwellings, dwelling units, rooming units and premises located within the Township of Readington in order that he may perform his duty of safeguarding the health and safety of the occupants of dwellings and of the general public.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to introduce this ordinance, 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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for May 17, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

2. ***An Ordinance Amending Sec. 148-120.1 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey Providing for Exemptions for Certain Municipal Capital Improvement Projects Involving Open Space and Farmland Preservation***

Attorney Dragan stated that the purpose of this amended ordinance was to clean up the language.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 148-120.1 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW
JERSEY PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS INVOLVING OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND
PRESERVATION**

Ordinance #15 -2010

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows (language underlined thus _____ represents new language; language in brackets [] signifies deletions):

SECTION 1. Section 148-120.1 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Readington pertaining to municipal capital improvement projects involving open space and farmland preservation is hereby amended to add the following provision:

Definitions. "Municipal Capital Improvement Project" for the purposes of this ordinance means a municipal acquisition of real property or major construction project"

Municipal capital improvement projects within the Township shall be exempt from subdivision, site plan or variance approval as set forth in the development regulations of the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Readington, Ch. 148 et seq. in the following cases:

A. Where the municipal governing body is the applicant and contract purchaser or owner of the real property which is the subject of the governmental acquisition and: development application: and

(1) The primary purpose of the acquisition by the municipality is to provide for permanently preserved property, in fee or easement to be used for conservation, recreational or agricultural purposes under a Municipal, County or State funded preservation program such as, but not limited to: the County or State Farmland Preservation Program, New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program, Green Acres or other similar program; and

(2) The application does not propose any new development. Nothing herein shall preclude the municipality from proceeding pursuant to this section if the application contemplates a conservation easement, agricultural development rights easement with one or more non-severable" exception areas" which would allow the property to eventually be developed for some purpose. All municipal, county, state or federal rules or regulations shall continue to comply within the aforesaid exception areas and no building permit shall be issued within such exception areas until the applicant or property owner has met all applicable rules or regulations that may apply to the future development.

SECTION 2. Section 148-120.1 B is amended to read as follows:

B. Notwithstanding the above, the municipal entity shall present the proposed municipal capital improvement [governmental acquisition] project to the Planning Board for a courtesy review to determine whether or not it [the proposed capital review project] is in accordance with the Township's master plan and for any recommendations. [, pursuant to the procedure set forth

Ordinance #15-2010 cont'd:

in the municipal land use law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15]. In the event, the governing body authorizes the Planning Board to prepare a capital improvement program, then, in those circumstances, the procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:55D-29 through 31, et seq. shall also be followed.

SECTION 3. All other language not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of the Land Use or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 5. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to introduce this ordinance, 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

A Public Hearing was scheduled for June 9, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

3. **Recommended Fee Schedule for Parks/Picnic Areas**

Mr. Auriemma stated that the Recreation Committee had revisited the fees for park and picnic facilities to make them more in line with current pricing. Mrs. Muir requested clarification on which of the fees were old and which fees were increased. It was decided by the Committee to carry this matter.

4. **Nomination to the State Register of Historic Places for House on Cushetunk Nature Center** – letter dated April 20, 2010 from Historic Preservation Commission requesting consideration of nomination

Mrs. Allen stated that this was suggested by the NJ Barn Company to make the Township more eligible for the Historic Preservation grants if the Township went through the application process.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to support the Historic Preservation Commission in their pursuit of the nomination to the State Register of Historic Places for the House on Cushetunk Nature Center, 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

5. **Wilmark Building Contractors, Lake Drive (Block 21.12 Lots 46 & 46.03)** – request for release of maintenance bond

Engineer O’Brien stated that the inspection was performed and Wilmark has satisfactorily completed the punch list items and recommended the release of the maintenance guarantee.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**R-2010-66
 TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. did on March 25, 2010 file a written request with the Clerk of the Township of Readington for the release of Irrevocable Letter of Credit #08-10 from Peapack-Gladstone Bank for Wilmark, Lake Drives Estates for work completed on Block 21.12, Lots 46 & 46.03; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed this request for release of the maintenance guarantees, conducted a final inspection of bonded items, and has no objection to the releases, as indicated in his letter dated April 29, 2010.

DEVELOPMENT	BOND OR CHECK	ORIGINAL BONDED AMOUNT	REMAINING MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE
Wilmark Lake Drive Estates Block 21.12, Lots 46 & 46.03	Peapack-Gladstone Bank Irrevocable Letter of Credit #08-10	\$50,568.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$50,568.00	\$0.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release Irrevocable Credit #08-10 for Wilmark Lake Drive Estates, as recommended by the Township Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution approving the release to the applicant.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen 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
- Mayor Shamey - Aye

6. **Wilmark Building Contractors, Stanton Place Phase II (Block 25, Lots 50 and 43)** – request for release of maintenance bond

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**R-2010-67
 TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION**

Resolution #R-2010-67 cont'd:

WHEREAS, Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. did on March 25, 2010 file a written request with the Clerk of the Township of Readington for the release of Irrevocable Letter of Credit #08-10 from Peapack-Gladstone Bank for Wilmark, Stanton Place Phase II for work completed on Block 25, Lots 43 & 50; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed this request for release of the maintenance guarantees, conducted a final inspection of bonded items, and has no objection to the releases, as indicated in his letter dated April 29, 2010.

DEVELOPMENT	BOND OR CHECK	ORIGINAL BONDED AMOUNT	REMAINING MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE
Wilmark Stanton Place Phase II Block 25 Lots 43 & 50	Peapack-Gladstone Bank Irrevocable Letter of Credit #08-10	\$33,255.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$33,255.00	\$0.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release Irrevocable Credit #08-10 for Stanton Place Phase II, as recommended by the Township Engineer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution approving the release to the applicant.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen 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

- 7. **Readington Home School Association, Inc** – letter requesting to hang banner over Route 523 (Kings) May 4th through May 16th

Mr. Auriemma stated that the banner for the Memorial Day parade was just hung. Mrs. Allen suggested the possibility of an alternate location by the firehouse on Route 523.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the hanging of the banner at the firehouse location with the approval of the utility company and the County, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- * 8. **Sewer Extension at Mimosa Drive and Pulaski Road** – Treatment Works Approval Permit Application

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 9. **Fallone (Buckingham Estates), Block 76 Lot 3.12** – release of driveway bond

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 10. *Postponement of Mortgage* – Cora-Lee Haber- 103 Dove Cote Court

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 11. *Blue Light Permit* – Brandon Murphy

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Township received a check in the amount of \$172,561.53 from the County Open Space for the Ann Reno Barn project.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported that the closing on the Block 80, Lot 1 will take place on Friday.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer O'Brien reported that Branchburg is working on the design for County Line Road project.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Gerard Shamey

Mayor Shamey reported that a few weeks ago Administrator Mekovetz, Mrs. Allen and himself had met with representatives from Transco, the company that owns that gas pipeline. Mayor Shamey stated that there is some discussion to extend the gas pipeline and asked Administrator Mekovetz to send a letter, along with some of the materials from the company, to those property owners which would be affected by the proposed extension.

Julia Allen

Mrs. Allen stated she had nothing to report.

Thomas Auriemma

Mr. Auriemma stated 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

Erin Ball, of 42nd Street and Robert Schenck, of Bonnell Street, appeared before the Committee to stress the importance of extra curricular activities at Hunterdon Central.

Paula Trepello, of Pine Bank Road, asked about the process of addressing the defeated school budget at the Readington School level.

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Jennifer Zook, Pleasant Run Road, asked the Committee if the meeting with the Readington Board of Education regarding the school budget would be open to the public.

As there was no further business, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma at 8:30 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