

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – May 6, 2013**

Mayor Allen *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: Mayor J. Allen, Deputy Mayor B. Muir, Mr. T. Auriemma, Mrs. B. Fort, Mr. F. Gatti

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>
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other
Executive Session Minutes..... • April 15, 2013	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation).....	Litigation.....	“ “ “
Readington Township vs..... Ryland Developers	Litigation.....	“ “ “
25 Ridge Road Realty..... & JED Trucking & Warehousing	Litigation.....	“ “ “

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. Fort to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Police Department

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to accept the resignation of Detective William Federico effective May 1, 2013 and send him a letter thanking him for his service, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / April 15, 2013

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 15, 2013 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Muir 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 Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Readington Township v. Ryland Developers LLC

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / 25 Ridge Road Realty, LLC & JED Trucking & Warehousing, Inc.

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Allen 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 15, 2013
- * 2. ***Release of Security Deposit for Hunting Properties*** (Pines Rod & Gun Club)
 - Summer Road (Block 94, Lot 8)
- * 3. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow*** (John Schley / Block 14, Lot 1 / 33 Island Road)
- * 4. ***Release of Developer Escrow*** (Net Property Group LLC / Block 35, Lot 1 & 25 / 547 Route 22)

* 5. **Lien Redemption**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP
HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 95, Lot 12.375 and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lienholder the redemption amount.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$626.80, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$100.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2012-018, to the lienholder, John LaFlamme.

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

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	2-01	\$ 79,938.89
CURRENT FUND	3-01	\$ 641,833.48
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	3-02	\$ 99,529.64
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 45,413.80
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 2,848,594.27
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 196,517.52
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$ 5,471,300.16
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 5,040.00
	X-10	\$ 2,674.00
	X-11	\$ 2,520.00
	X-12	\$ 64,514.02
	X-66	<u>\$ 2,520.00</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 9,460,395.78

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As it was after 7:45 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

An Ordinance Amending a Portion of Chapter 112 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Emergency Services Agency Members

◆ Ordinance #09-2013

Mayor Allen stated that after a discussion with the Chiefs of Emergency Services this ordinance amends an ordinance that was passed in December of 2012.

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

There were none.

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

John Rathborne, Chief of Readington Volunteer Fire Company, stated that on behalf of the membership of the Readington Volunteer Fire Company, he would like to request that the ordinance be tabled for thirty (30) days in light of the recent passing of a fellow member of their fire company; not allowing him sufficient time to review the ordinance. Mrs. Fort sympathized with Chief Rathborne; however, expressed that there was ample time from December of 2012 and the several subsequent amendments to the ordinance that were taken into consideration from the many comments received. Mrs. Fort continued that she recommended passing the ordinance at this time since there is enough of an improvement to the ordinance and in the event there are any serious changes, amendments can be considered at a later date. Mrs. Muir countered that the ordinance should not be rushed, requesting to hear the opinions of the respective companies. Mr. Auriemma stated that he had emailed each of the Chiefs earlier in the year with the changes and did not receive any additional comments therefore he could not see any reason in delaying the passing of the ordinance. Chief Rathborne requested to see the evolution of the ordinance from its inception. Administrator Mekovetz offered to provide copies of minutes reflecting the amendments.

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

Clerk read by Title:

An Ordinance Amending a Portion of Chapter 112 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Emergency Services Agency Members

◆ Ordinance #09-2013

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

Mr. Auriemma	- Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Gatti	- Aye
Mrs. Muir	- Nay
Mayor Allen	- Aye

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gatti to adjourn the regular meeting to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 66-5 of the Code of the Township of Readington
Pertaining to the Fees for the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses***

◆ Ordinance #10-2013

Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

Mr. Gatti stated that he fully supported the increase of fees to cover the administrative costs of processing these applications in addition to the fact that even with the allowable 20% increase Readington Township is not at the maximum fee.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 66-5 of the Code of the Township of Readington
Pertaining to the Fees for the Alcoholic Beverage Licenses***

◆ Ordinance #10-2013

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Memorandum dated April 11, 2013 from Roberta Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Township of Tewksbury regarding ***An Ordinance to Amend Article VII, Section 715 of the Township of Tewksbury Development Regulations Ordinance to Revise the Bulk Requirements for Front, Side and Rear Yard Setbacks in the VR Village Residential District and to Establish a New Zone District to be Known as the VR-1 Village Residential-1 District and to Amend Article IX, Section 900 to Modify the Application and Escrow Fee Schedule to Reflect Specific Charges for Variances Required for Residential Emergency Power Generators and Air Conditioning Units.*** No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated April 16, 2013 from Rose Sollena, Municipal Clerk, Township of Readington regarding ***Resolution Opposing S2364/A3553 Early Voting.*** No action taken.
3. Memorandum dated April 17, 2013 from Rose Sollena, Municipal Clerk, Township of Readington regarding ***An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey to Amend the Fence Standards Under Chapter 16.64 General Guidelines and Use Regulations and More Specifically 16.64.120.*** No action taken.

4. Letter dated April 22, 2013 from Janice Mironov, President NJLM, Mayor of East Windsor Township regarding *Sustainable State Funding Source for Open Space and Farmland Preservation*.

Mayor Allen requested that the Committee consider adopting this resolution.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-58

Resolution Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long and successful history of preserving open space, parks, farmland, and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Green Acres program has helped to preserve over 650,000 acres of land and supported more than 1,100 park development projects over the past 50 years, and the state Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000 ; and

WHEREAS, all remaining funds for these programs under the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 were fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the Garden State have been direct beneficiaries of, and partners to, these critical state preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, substantial unmet needs remain for additional land and water protection, park development, and farmland and historic preservation, for the health and welfare of all our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a sustainable state funding source be established in order to sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Readington hereby expresses support for the establishment of a sustainable state funding source for these purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the legislators of the Township of Readington State Legislative Districts, the members of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Personnel / Recreation / Donna Gulick** (Discontinuation of Aerobics Program)

Administrator Mekovetz stated that the Aerobics Program is running at a loss due to lower enrollment numbers and the recommendation of the Recreation Committee is to discontinue the program for budgetary reasons. Administrator Mekovetz indicated that in the event there is interest in the future, the Recreation Committee discussed returning the program with the voucher system, ensuring that the enrollment fees cover the cost of the instructor.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Committee to discontinue the Exercise Program and terminate the instructor, Donna Gulick, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Administrator Mekovetz added that Donna Gulick has been employed with the Township for a very long time and proven to be a very good employee. Mayor Allen requested to send a letter of thanks to Donna Gulick for her service.

2. ***Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank for Calendar Year 2013***

Administrator Mekovetz stated that the law allows the appropriation side of the budget to be increased by 2% and this ordinance grants the Township the ability to bank up to 3.5% in the event that it may be needed in the future.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

**CALENDAR YEAR 2013
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

ORDINANCE #11-2013

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 2.0% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2013 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 451,574.00 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2013 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Readington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 451,574.00, and that the CY 2013 municipal budget for the Township of Readington be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

Ordinance #11-2013 cont'd:

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to introduce this ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for May 20, 2013 at 7:45 p.m.

3. **2013 Municipal Budget** – introduction

Mayor Allen stated that it is a very difficult budget year resulting in an increase of \$565,490 higher than 2012 and in examining the budget there is a \$600,000 pass through stemming from the contract with AshBritt for the Hurricane Sandy clean up. Mr. Gatti added that there is a tremendous revenue shortfall again and the Committee has worked diligently to cut expenses wherever possible. Mr. Gatti stated that the assessed valuations have dropped and the over the last couple years, the rate has been raised modestly, therefore unfortunately the hold out has resulted in the current increased rate.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to introduce the budget, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for June 17, 2013 at 7:45 p.m.

4. **An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of an Easement Dedicated on a Portion of Block 36, Lot 125 For Sanitary Sewer Purposes on Oakland Drive West in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from John and Patricia C. McDermott**

Engineer O'Brien stated that this ordinance provides the Township the additional ten (10) feet of an easement needed for improvements on the Oakland Pump Station.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT DEDICATED ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 36, LOT 125 FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES ON OAKLAND DRIVE WEST IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM JOHN AND PATRICIA C. MCDERMOTT

ORDINANCE #12-2013

Ordinance #12-2013 cont'd:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township of Readington shall accept a 10 ft. wide easement of approximately .03 acres on a portion of Block 36, Lot 125 which easement has been dedicated to the Township by John and Patricia C. McDermott, husband and wife, as contained in the document entitled "Sanitary Sewer Easement" which is on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J. and may be reviewed during regular business hours. Acceptance of this Sanitary Sewer Easement will allow the Township to install, improve and/or maintain needed sanitary sewer facilities to the municipal sanitary sewer pump station on Oakland Drive West and on Block 36, Lot 125 as part of a public sanitary sewer improvement project the Township is undertaking at the aforementioned pump station .

SECTION 2. This easement is being acquired pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-3, 4 and 5 et seq. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, and upon the recording of the Sanitary Sewer Easement.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for May 20, 2013 at 7:45 p.m.

5. **Recommended Municipal Ordinance Change to Chapter 123 Fire Prevention Fees –**
Memorandum dated April 23, 2013 from John Barczyk, Fire Official

Mayor Allen stated that John Barczyk, Fire Official, has provided a detailed memo with a list of proposed changes bringing the zoning and fire prevention fee schedule up to date from 2002.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to request Attorney Dragan to draft this amended fee schedule into the form of an ordinance, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

6. **2013-14 Hunting Properties**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to request Administrator Mekovetz to bid out the properties for hunting, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

7. **Acceptance of Performance Bond** (Ryland Inn Property LLC / Block 14, Lot 29)

Engineer O'Brien stated that the performance bond was provided by the Ryland Inn for their landscaping and their sanitary sewer that they will be installing along Old Highway 28.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to accept the Performance Bond, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

8. **Treatment Works Approval Application** (Ryland Developers / Lot 14, Lot 29.02 / Eastview Building)

Attorney Dragan stated that it is her understanding that there is still some question on the approval situation and suggested deferring this matter until the next meeting.

9. **Treatment Works Approval Application** (Ryland Developers / Lot 14, Lot 29.03 / Westview Building)

Attorney Dragan stated that it is her understanding that there is still some question on the approval situation and suggested deferring this matter until the next meeting.

10. **American Diabetes Association New Jersey Skylands Tour DeCure / June 2, 2013** – request to use Township roads

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to approve this request to use Township Roads, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

11. **Request for Protective Guardrail / Corner Route 22 East and Lake Drive** – letter from Office of the Hunterdon County Engineer dated April 15, 2013

Mayor Allen stated that there is letter from First Step Petite Academy expressing a safety concern with regard to the absence of a protective guardrail on the corner of Route 22 and Lake Drive. Mayor Allen requested Engineer O'Brien to visit the site and determine what may be involved.

12. **Special Event Grand Opening Permit Application** – Hunterdon Hills Vet Corp. (May 19, 2013; 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Special Event Permit Application, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

* 13. **Release of Security Deposit for Hunting Properties** (Pines Rod & Gun Club)
• Summer Road (Block 94, Lot 8)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 14. **Release of Board of Health Escrow** (John Schley / Block 14, Lot 1 / 33 Island Road)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 15. ***Release of Developer Escrow*** (Net Property Group LLC / Block 35, Lots 1 & 25 / 547 Route 22)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported that she had received notice of a preconstruction conference on May 17th regarding the Route 22 westbound resurfacing project from I-78 to Oldwick Road and requested that the Committee consider authorizing Engineer O'Brien to attend the meeting.

Administrator Mekovetz commended the Animal Control Officer for assisting the Township in a difficult animal control issue which had arisen a few weeks ago and advised the Committee that the Officer had offered some recommendations to our Board of Health ordinance to avoid costly problem situations in the future. Administrator Mekovetz requested direction from the Committee on how to proceed with amendments to the Board of Health ordinances relative to animal control. It was decided that copies of the existing ordinances would be requested from the Board of Health secretary and distributed to the Township Committee members along with recommended changes.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer O'Brien reported that he has been following up with the DOT regarding the Route 22 flooding near the Merck entrance.

Engineer O'Brien reported that Readington Township received a \$150,000 grant for Summer Road Project, Section 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Julia Allen

Mayor Allen reported that she has been attending various meetings for the Pleasant Run Loop Transco pipeline expansion and recently toured in Clinton Township to speak with residents that are currently experiencing the construction and restoration process. Mayor Allen stated that it is our intent to be familiar with the process in order to offer guidance to the residents of Readington. Mrs. Allen continued that she had invited two advocates to provide a better understanding of the process.

Kate Millsaps, NJ Sierra Club and Karina Wilkerson, Food and Water Watch, gave a brief explanation of the environmental impact along with the timeline for intervention in the FERC approval process. They also provided some insight on recommended steps through informational hearings and various forums to ensure the affected property owners have the necessary information available to them.

Tom Auriemma

Mr. Auriemma stated that he had nothing further to report.

Betty Ann Fort

Mrs. Fort reported that the Bouman Stickney *Colonial Beer Brewing* held on Sunday was well attended. Mrs. Fort also reported that the Historic Preservation Commission is working on filling some vacancies.

Frank Gatti

Mr. Gatti stated that he had nothing further to report.

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir stated that he had nothing further to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rob Nonni commented that a foreclosed property in his development is in need of lawn maintenance and requested assistance from the Committee.

Tim Apgar, Chief of Whitehouse Fire Company No. 1, presented the Committee with an Apparatus Replacement Request.

John Rathborne, presented the Committee with the 2013 Report of Readington Volunteer Fire Company.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 9:25 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gatti with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA
Municipal Clerk