

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – July 7, 2014**

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

**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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Planning Board-Board of Adjustment-Environmental Commission	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Municipal Court.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Transcontinental Pipeline Co. ....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Walgreens / Ryland Office Park..... (Block 8, Lots 13 & 14) / Declaration of Easements	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Fallone..... Block 32, Lot 12 & Block 34, Lots 10 & 11	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Homeowners Association / Toll Bros... Block 36, Lot 49	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Maintenance Contract / Doyle.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “

Award of Bids on 2014-2015..... Contract Negotiations..... “ “ “  
Hunting Lease Properties

Executive Session Minutes..... Attorney-Client Privilege..... “ “ “  
• June 16, 2014

Barchi and Barchi v. Starzel..... Potential Litigation..... “ “ “

Ryland Developers, LLC v. .... Litigation..... “ “ “  
Readington Twp.

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..... “ “ “

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 8:30 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

***Personnel / Planning Board-Board of Adjustment-Environmental Commission***

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to accept the letter of retirement from Linda Jacukowicz, as Planning Board / Board of Adjustment Coordinator and Environmental Commission Secretary, effective June 30, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Personnel / Municipal Court***

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to terminate Nicole Slaughter due to the loss of her Municipal Court Administrator certification, effective July 7, 2014, 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

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to advertise for the replacement position of the Municipal Court Administrator, seconded by Mr. 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

***Personnel / Police Department***

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Transcontinental Pipeline Co.***

Attorney Dragan stated that this resolution is in support of an application to the DEP for a diversion for the Transcontinental pipeline conditioned upon reaching suitable compensation.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2014-67***

***RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSION PRE-APPLICATION TO THE NJDEP GREEN ACRES PROGRAM FOR THE DIVERSION OF PARKLAND***

***WHEREAS***, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC ("Transco") has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the "FERC") for the approval to construct and operate a new underground natural gas pipeline as part of its Leidy Southeast Project (the "Project"), which will be adjacent to a portion of Transco's existing natural gas pipelines; and

***WHEREAS***, the proposed Project impacts five parcels of land owned in fee by the Township of Readington ("Township"), located at Block 50, Lots 13, 14.01, 41; Block 75, Lot 32.03; and Block 76, Lot 3.01 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon; and portions of the property in question are encumbered with restrictions against disposal or diversion from recreation and conservation uses in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, rules and regulations (N.J.S.A. 13:8A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:36-1.1 et seq.); and

***WHEREAS***, the proposed Project will also impact two parcels of land across which the Township holds a conservation easement, located at Block 50, Lot 14, owned by Judith Garfield; and Block 75, Lot 32, owned by Marcia Zweerink; and portions of the property in question are encumbered with restrictions against disposal or diversion from recreation and conservation uses in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, rules and regulations (N.J.S.A. 13:8A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:36-1.1 et seq.);

***WHEREAS***, in conjunction with the proposed Project, it is necessary to remove the Green Acres restrictions from approximately 0.525 acres of Block 76, Lot 3.01; 0.405 acres of Block 75, Lot 32; 0.040 acres of Block 75, Lot 32.03; 0.414 acres of Block 50, Lot 14; 0.019 acres of Block 50, Lot 14.01; and 1.085 acres of Block 50, Lot 41 for the purposes of a permanent easement. No permanent easement is needed across Block 50, Lot 13;

***WHEREAS***, in addition to the abovementioned permanent easements, approximately 0.807 acres of Block 76, Lot 3.01; 1.234 acres of Block 75, Lot 32; 0.092 acres of Block 75, Lot 32.03; 0.806 acres of Block 50, Lot 14; 0.026 acres of Block 50, Lot 14.01; 0.533 acres of Block 50, Lot 13; and 2.541 acres of Block 50, Lot 41 will be used for temporary work space during construction of the Project; and

***WHEREAS***, the removal of Green Acres restrictions from parkland requires the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and the State House Commission pursuant N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and

***WHEREAS***, as required by N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8(a), the Township held a scoping hearing on March 12, 2014 to solicit comment on the proposed diversion of parkland in connection with the Project; and

***WHEREAS***, the next step in the application process for approval of a major disposal of parkland is the filing of a pre-application under N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.9; and

**Resolution #R-2014-67 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.9(d)11, it is necessary for the Township to submit as part of the pre-application a Resolution endorsing the application to divert parkland;

**WHEREAS**, the Township understands that Transco is prepared to provide compensation to mitigate the losses caused by the lands proposed to be diverted for the Project, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.10 and any other applicable rules and regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Readington Township Committee that:

1. The Township endorses the filing of a pre-application for the diversion of a portion of lands located at Block 50, Lots 13, 14, 14.01, and 41; Block 75, Lots 32 and 32.03; and Block 76, Lot 3.01 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26; and
2. The appropriate Township officers are authorized to meet and discuss the details of the application with representatives of Transco and Green Acres and to render any assistance as may be required in connection with the pre-application procedure; and
3. The appropriate Township officers are hereby authorized to immediately submit to the Green Acres Program a complete pre-application for the diversion for review and approval by the Green Acres staff; and
4. The Township acknowledges that in order to obtain approval of the diversion, all substantive and procedural requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:36-26 must be met, including compensation requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.10. Compensation is to be determined, and must be in an amount acceptable to the Township.
5. The Clerk of the Township of Readington shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, and to Transco.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this resolution, 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

**Contract Negotiations / Walgreens / Ryland Office Park (Block 8, Lots 13 & 14) / Declaration of Easements**

Attorney Dragan stated that there are three (3) Declaration of Easements requiring acceptance by ordinance for back up and enforcement purposes.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN DECLARATIONS OF EASEMENTS CONCERNING PORTIONS OF PROPOSED BLOCK 8, LOTS 13 AND 14 (F/K/A BLOCK 8, LOTS 4, 5, 6 AND 7) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM RYLAND OFFICE PARK, LLC AND WELLS FARGO CORPORATION, RESPECTIVELY***

***ORDINANCE #14-2014***

***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 an easement on portions of property known as proposed Block 8, Lot 13 (f/k/a Block 8, Lots 4, 5 and p/o 7) in the Township of Readington, dedicated by Ryland Office Park, LLC, a limited liability company of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter "Grantor Ryland") for the purposes of installing a Meadow Area on the aforesaid property, pursuant to a minor subdivision and preliminary major site plan approval, with use and bulk variances, granted by the Readington Township Board of Adjustment in Resolution # BOA-2013-257 for the development of a Walgreens on proposed Block 8, Lot 13, which resolution was memorialized on December 10, 2013 and corrected by resolution adopted on January 16, 2014, and as depicted on a minor subdivision map prepared by Errol Melnick, P.L.S. of Maser Consulting, P.A., dated June 15, 2007 and revised through April 29, 2014 and about to be recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office. The purpose of the Meadow Area to be installed within the easement area is to support the proposed storm water management system intended to serve the development to be constructed on proposed Block 8, Lot 13 and the existing Wells Fargo development on Block 8, Lot 14. There is no public right of use to Readington Township created by this easement; it is subject to access by the municipality only for the purposes of inspection and enforcement; responsibility for both construction and maintenance of the Meadow Area within the easement shall remain with Grantor Ryland, its, his, her or their heirs, successors, and/or assigns, and/or with the owner of adjacent Block 8, Lot 14 and its, his, her or their heirs, successors and/or assigns. The aforesaid easement shall run with the land and be binding on the Grantor Ryland and the Grantor Ryland's heirs and assigns. It is on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J.

**SECTION 2.** The Township of Readington shall accept the following easements on portions of property known as proposed Block 8, Lot 14 (formerly known as Block 8, Lots 6 and p/o 7) in the Township of Readington, dedicated by Wells Fargo Corporation, a Corporation of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter "Grantor Wells Fargo"):

- a) Declaration of Easement for Bioretention Basin on Block 8, Lot 14; and
- b) Declaration of Easement for Meadow Area on Block 8, Lot 14

pursuant to a minor subdivision and preliminary major site plan approval, with use and bulk variances, granted by the Readington Township Board of Adjustment in Resolution # BOA-2013-257 for the development of a Walgreens on proposed Block 8, Lot 13, memorialized on December 10, 2013 and corrected by resolution adopted on January 16, 2014, and as depicted on a minor subdivision map prepared by Errol Melnick, P.L.S. of Maser Consulting, P.A., dated June 15, 2007 and revised through April 29, 2014 and about to be recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office. The purpose of the Meadow Area and Bioretention Basin to be installed within the easement areas is to support the proposed storm water management system intended to serve the development to be constructed on proposed Block 8, Lot 13 and the existing Wells Fargo development on proposed Block 8, Lot 14. There is no public right of use to Readington Township created by these easements; they are subject to access by the township only for the purposes of inspection and enforcement; responsibility for both construction and maintenance of the Meadow Area and Bioretention Basin within the easement shall remain with Grantor Wells Fargo, its, his, her or their heirs, successors, and/or assigns, and/or with the owner of adjacent Block 8, Lot 13 and its, his, her or their heirs, successors and/or assigns. The aforesaid easement shall run with the land and be

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binding on the Grantor Wells Fargo and the Grantor Wells Fargo's heirs and assigns. It is on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J.

**SECTION 3.** 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 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law. A copy of the ordinance shall be recorded with the Easement document in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir 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 July 21, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

**Contract Negotiations / Fallone / Block 32, Lot 12 & Block 34, Lots 10 & 11**

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Contract Negotiations / Homeowners Association / Toll Bros. (Block 36, Lot 49)**

Attorney Dragan explained that the Township is required to approve the language of the Homeowner and Condo Association documents which she found to be in order, therefore recommended the resolution of approval.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-68**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has received proposed homeowners association documents, specifically a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and a Master Deed for the Condominium Association for the residential development project known as “Regency at Readington” being developed by Toll NJ I, LLC for property known as Block 36, Lot 49 in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Attorney has reviewed the aforementioned homeowners association documents, last revised on July 7, 2014 and recommends approval of the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby approves the proposed homeowners association documents submitted by Toll NJ I, LLC specifically a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and a Master Deed for the Condominium Association, as revised through July 7, 2014 for the residential development project known as “Regency at Readington” for property known as Block 36, Lot 49 in the Township, conditioned on receipt of the finalized signed

**Resolution #R-2014-68 cont'd:**

documents from Toll NJ I, LLC, together with the recording information from the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, 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

**Contract Negotiations / Maintenance Contract / Doyle**

**A MOTION** was by Mrs. Muir to approve the maintenance contract for two (2) years as amended for Erick Doyle to mow the properties, 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

**Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / Cole Road (Block 52.01, Lot 14.06)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-69**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2014-2015 season on Block 52.01, Lot 14.06 (Cole Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as "the Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2014, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$4,626.99, was from Kodiak Rod and Gun Club (hereinafter "Kodiak"); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Kodiak, the only bidder in the amount of \$4,626.99 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Kodiak, in the amount of \$4,626.99 for hunting game on Block 52.01, Lot 14.06 during the 2014-2015 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, 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

***Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / Cole Road (Block 66, Lots 2 & 3)***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2014-70***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the season on Block 66 Lots 2 and 3 (Cole Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

***WHEREAS***, on June 18, 2014, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

***WHEREAS***, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$2,000.00, was from Pinkbank Hunting Association; and

***WHEREAS***, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Pinebank Hunting Association, the only bidder in the amount of \$2,000.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid from the highest bidder, Pinebank Hunting Association, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for hunting game on Block 66, Lots 2 and 3 during the hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, 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

***Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / County Route 523 (Block 25, Lots 19 & 20)***



The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-71**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2014-2015 season on Block 25 Lot 19 & 20 (County Road 523) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2014, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property were two (2); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$2,101.00, was from Woods & Water Sportsmen (hereinafter “Woods & Water ”); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Woods & Water , the highest bidder in the amount of \$2,101.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accept the bid of the highest bidder, Woods & Water in the amount of \$2,101.00 for hunting game on Block 25, Lot 19 & 20 during the 2014-2015 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to adopt this resolution, 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

**Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / Dreahook Road (Block 50, Lot 25)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-72**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2014-2015 season on Block 50, Lot 25 (Dreahook Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2014, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

**Resolution #R-2014-72**

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$8,151.99, was from Kodiak Rod and Gun Club (hereinafter “Kodiak ”); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Kodiak, the only bidder in the amount of \$8,151.99 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Kodiak, in the amount of \$8,151.99 for hunting game on Block 50, Lot 25 during the 2014-2015 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt this resolution, 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

**Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / Pinebank Road (Block 55, Lot 13.51)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-73**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2014-2015 season on Block 55 Lot 13.51 (Pinebank Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2014, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$1,238.00, was from Pines Rod and Gun Club (hereinafter “Pines Rod and Gun”); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Pines Rod and Gun, the only bidder in the amount of \$1,238.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Pines Rod and Gun in the amount of \$1,238.00 for hunting game on Block 55, Lots 13.51 during the 2014-2015 hunting season.

**Resolution #R-2014-73 cont'd:**

2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt this resolution, 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

**Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / Pleasant Run Road (Block 66, Lot 13)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-74**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2014-2015 season on Block 66 Lot 13 (Pleasant Run Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2013, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the onky bid offered, \$2,000.00, was from Pinebank Road Hunting Association (hereinafter “Pinebank”); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Pinebank, the only bidder in the amount of \$2,000.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Pinebank, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for hunting game on Block 66, Lot 13 during the 2014-2015 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt this resolution, 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

***Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / Summer Road (Block 94, Lot 8)***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-75**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2014-2015 season on Block 94 Lot 8 (Summer Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2014, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$2,238.00, was from Pines Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter “Pines”) ; and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Pines, the only bidder in the amount of \$2,238.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Pines in the amount of \$2,238.00 for hunting game on Block 94, Lot 8 during the 2014-2015 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to adopt this resolution, 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

***Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / Thor Solberg Road (Block 57, Lot 2)***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-76**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2014-2015 season on Block 57, Lot 2 (Thor Solberg Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2014, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was two (2); and

**Resolution #R-2014-76 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$2,852.00, was from Cranford Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter “Cranford”); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Cranford, the highest bidder in the amount of \$2,852.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the highest bidder, Cranford in the amount of \$2,852.00 for hunting game on Block 57, Lot 2 during the 2014-2015 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, 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

**Contract Negotiations / Award of Bids on 2014-15 Hunting Lease Properties 2014-15 / Woodschurch Road (Block 63, Lots 19 & 64)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-77**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2014-2015 season on Block 63 Lot 19 and 64 (Woodschurch Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2014, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$4,601.00, was from Woods & Water Sportsmen (hereinafter “Woods & Water”); and

**WHEREAS**, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Woods & Water, the only bidder in the amount of \$4,601.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Woods & Water, in the amount of \$4,601.00 for hunting game on Block 63, Lot 19 & 64 during the 2014-2015 hunting season.

**Resolution #R-2014-77 cont'd:**

2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt this resolution, 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

**Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / June 16, 2014**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 16, 2014 for content only, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Potential Litigation / Barchi and Barchi v. Starzel**

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Litigation / Ryland Developers, LLC v. Readington Twp.**

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in 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 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 June 16, 2014
- \* 2. **Tax 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 36, Lot 28.02 and,

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

***Tax Lien Redemption Resolution cont'd:***

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$6,219.92, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$1,800.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #11-08, to the lienholder, Tad J. Dabrowski.

\* 3. ***Tax Overpayments***

***READINGTON TOWNSHIP  
 HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY***

***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, there exist several tax overpayments from 2013, and

***WHEREAS***, the Tax Collector desires to apply the following 2013 overpayments to the amounts due for 2014 taxes prior to the printing and mailing of the property tax bills:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
12.01	6		\$ 304.14
17	9	T01	24.87
19.01	6		30.76
20	6	T03	24.87
25	20.03	Q0124	7.18
34	36.269		5,718.75
38	55		2,035.30
39	53.04	C0003	17.66
42	24.02	Q0186	80.47
43	3		1,370.16
43	15	Q0202	56.97
46	10.28		3,601.12
46	14.03	T03	24.87
51.03	21		22,174.45
65	12.01	Q0427	14.07
69	13.30		250.00
69.01	13.04		296.10
70.01	44.04		409.59
74	30.01		300.19
75	27		1,066.08
76	2.03	Q0562	32.93
95	12.388		938.83
96	2	T02	24.87

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to apply the above-referenced 2013 property tax overpayments to 2014 property taxes receivable.

\* 4. ***Resolution Authorizing the Township of Readington Office of Emergency Management to Accept Funds from Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 of Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding and for the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Readington to Amend the Budget and Certify the Availability of Funds***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-78**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington, Office of Emergency Management has been awarded Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant Program (“EMAA”) from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management Agency available for successful applicants funded through the FY2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant for the dates of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subgrant, consisting of a total amount of \$10,000 (including \$5,000 Federal Award and \$5,000 Local Matching Funds) which the Readington Township Office of Emergency Management will satisfy with the Office of Emergency Management’s existing salaries and wages.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee that the Mayor of the Township of Readington, the Readington Township Chief Financial Officer and the Readington Township Emergency Management Coordinator are hereby authorized to sign the required Grant Applications/ Subgrant Award Documents with the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution shall be forward to the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management, the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management; the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; the Readington Township Office of Emergency Management, the Mayor, and the Chief Financial Officer.

\* 5. **Resolution in Recognition of Austin F. Ciccarino Attaining Eagle Scout**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-79**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Austin Ciccarino a valued member of his Boy Scout Troop, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Candidate Austin Ciccarino’s Eagle Project was to oversee reclamation effort of the picnic area at two parks in Readington ; and

**WHEREAS**, the first part of the project included refurbishing and staining picnic tables at Hillcrests Park ; and

**WHEREAS**, the second part was to repair and stain the park benches and a small bridge at Pickell Park as well as weed and mulch the picnic area; and

**WHEREAS**, Readington Township is thankful for the enhancement of these important outdoor recreational parks for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle Scout is the highest rank of recognition offered in Scouting; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2014 Austin Ciccarino will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.



**Resolution #R-2014-79 cont'd:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Austin Ciccarino for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

\* 6. **Resolution in Recognition of Daniel Lewis Hyland Attaining Eagle Scout**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-80**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Daniel Lewis Hyland a valued member of his Boy Scout Troop, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Candidate Daniel Lewis Hyland's Eagle Project was a continuation of the ongoing community efforts to refurbish Pickell Park in Readington ; and

**WHEREAS**, Daniel planned, funded and managed a crew of thirty five (35) volunteers, contributing 236 hours of service over a four-day effort to landscape the entrance to the park, paint picnic tables and power wash the park pavilion; and

**WHEREAS**, Readington Township is thankful for the enhancement of this important outdoor recreational park for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle Scout is the highest rank of recognition offered in Scouting; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2014 Daniel Lewis Hyland will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Daniel Lewis Hyland for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

\* 7. **Resolution Authorizing Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2014-15**  
♦ Bensi / Kalli 2 LLC

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-82**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the following Readington Township Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal for 2014-2015 be approved:

**Resolution #R-2014-82 cont'd:**

**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION:**

<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL FEE</u>	<u>STATE FEE</u>
1022-33-007-006	Bensi of Whitehouse Station, LLC.	\$2,214.60	\$200.00
1022-33-009-007	Kalli 2 LLC	\$2,214.60	\$200.00

- \* 8. **Blue Light Permit** (Arpad Salopek)
- \* 9. **Release of Board of Health Escrow / Konzelman** (Block 46.02, Lot 5.02)
- \* 10. **Release of Board of Health Escrow / Maggio** (Block 53, Lot 2.13)
- \* 11. **Release of Soil Witness Fees / McPherson** (Block 25, Lot 25.01)
- \* 12. **Release of Security Deposits for Hunting Lease Properties**  
 ♦ Cranford Rod and Gun Club / Block 25, Lots 19 & 20 and Block 57, Lot 2
- \* 13. **Permit Fee Refund (Block 51, Lot 21.09 / 4 Timber Court)**
- \* 14. **Permit Fee Refund (Block 67, Lot 19.29 / 144 Readington Road)**
- \* 15. **Catering Affair Permit / Festival of Ballooning / Gold N Dough Boys**  
 (July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>)
- \* 16. **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	4-01	\$1,276,993.06
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	4-02	\$ 100,591.08
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 175,411.95
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 62,980.71
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 282,637.57
REG. & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$5,373,223.00
CAPITAL	X-14	\$ 7,031.29
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$7,278,868.66</b>

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Muir 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 Mrs. Fort 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 96, ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE #13-2014**

Mike Kovonuk, Construction Code Official, was present to review the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

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.

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96, ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE #13-2014**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt 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

**CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Notice of Schedule from Lauren O’Donnell, Director, Division of Gas-Environment and Engineering for **Environmental Review of the Leidy Southeast Expansion Project**. No action taken.
2. Letter dated June 19, 2014 from Steven M. Dalton regarding **Response to Notice of Application Incompleteness, Site-Specific Amendment Application, Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority Wastewater Management Plan, Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan, Eastview Building, Block 49, Lot 29.02**. (Entire File Available in Clerk’s Office for Review) No action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Letter dated from Ken Staats, VP of Operations, Festival of Ballooning** – requesting re-consideration of a temporary cell tower during the three (3) days of the Festival of Ballooning

Ken Staats, was present to address the letter of denial he had recently received from the Committee regarding his prior request to install a temporary cell tower during the three (3) days of the Festival of Ballooning. Mr. Staats addressed one of the concerns regarding the height of the mast pointing out that it has now been decreased to 80' following the reasonable guidelines of the FAA. Patrick Duffy, a representative for Verizon Wireless added that the noise decibel level of the generator is around 43-53 which meets the requirements set up by Township noise ordinance. Mr. Duffy continued that ideally the generator would run through the night. Attorney Dragan requested that an insurance policy naming *Readington Township as additional insured* be provided from Verizon Wireless for review by the Township's insurance company.

Chief Donaruma stated that from a public safety view point, he has been lobbying to get Verizon to come to the festival for enhanced cellular capacity for emergency purposes. Jeff Herzog, Chief of Whitehouse Rescue, also reaffirmed the need for enhanced cellular coverage due to difficulty of ambulances communicating with hospital and mobile data terminals which communicate with the State.

Mr. Auriemma opined that in the prior request, the immediate need for the temporary cell tower was not presented as a priority need for emergency services and public safety. Mr. Auriemma continued that with the mast being reduced to 80' and although the hours of noise ordinance requirements have been met, he would still request that the generator be turned off between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. along with meeting the liability requirements as specified by the attorney, he would be inclined to approve this request with these conditions. Chief Donaruma requested that the time to turn off the generator be extended until the close of the Command Post, approximately 11:00. Mrs. Muir countered that her concern was still the liability issue and also odor from the diesel fumes of the generator.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the request to install an 80' temporary cell tower, the hours of operation of the generator would be from 7:00 a.m. to the close of the Command Post (approximately 11:00 p.m.) and the liability certificates from Verizon and the Festival of Ballooning be written as per the recommendation of the Township Attorney, and in the event there are any complaints from residents regarding the generator, the Mayor may cease the operation, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to further clarify that the operation of the generator be ceased based on the notification from the Mayor *at her discretion*, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. ***An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Readington Township 2013 Salary Ordinance for Officers and Employees of the Township of Readington***

Administrator Mekovetz stated that the ordinance reflects the increases for the year required by the union contracts in addition to the non-union employees as agreed to by the Township Committee.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Readington Township  
 2013 Salary Ordinance for Officers and Employees of the Township of  
 Readington***

***ORDINANCE #15-2014***

**SECTION 1**

**GOVERNING BODY AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL**

MAYOR	per annum		\$9,388
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER	per annum		\$8,355
ADMINISTRATOR/MUNICIPAL CLERK/ DEPUTY REG. OF VITAL STATISTICS/TREASURER/QPA	per annum		\$155,837
ADMINISTRATOR	per annum	\$17,321	
Clerk/Deputy Reg. of Vital Stat/Treasurer...per annum		\$138,516	
TAX COLLECTOR/TAX SEARCH OFFICER	per annum.		\$74,647
TAX ASSESSOR..(P/T/25/hrs per wk)	per annum.		\$70,356
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL	per annum.		\$91,530
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	per annum		\$50,567
LIBRARIAN	per annum	\$1,984	\$50,476
HOUSING LIAISON AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT	per annum		\$66,803
CHIEF OF POLICE	per annum		\$123,926
RECREATION DIRECTOR	per annum	\$48,000	\$72,262
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	per annum		\$105,569
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & PARKS	per annum		\$106,656
ROAD SUPERINTENDENT, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & PARKS	per annum		\$97,666
PLANNING & ZONING COORDINATOR/SECRETARY TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (P/T/28/hrs per week)	per annum		\$59,345
Planning & Zoning Coordinator	per annum	\$55,060	
Secretary to Environmental Commission	per annum	\$4,285	
FIRE OFFICIAL/ LAND USE ADMIN.	per annum		\$86,174
SUPERVISOR OF ADMIN. SERVICES/	per annum	\$57,849	\$59,049
REGISTRAR	per annum	\$1,200	

**SECTION 2**

**CLERICAL (CONFIDENTIAL) PERSONNEL**

RECEPTIONIST	per annum..	\$31,371	\$34,031
SECRETARY TO TWP ADMINISTRATOR\DEPUTY REGISTRAR	per annum	\$34,727	\$39,851
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK/SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE SECRETARY	per annum	\$49,678	\$55,065
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RANK VI	per annum	\$41,178	\$62,576
BOOKEEPER/PAYROLL CLERK	per annum	\$40,000	\$51,355
PLANNING BD/BD OF ADJUSTMENT SECRETARY	per annum	\$45,000	\$52,000

**SECTION 3**

**CLERICAL PERSONNEL**

CLERK/TRANSCRIBER	per annum	\$33,159	\$43,243
OFFICE ASSISTANT	per annum	\$25,894	\$38,674
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR (40 HRS/WK)	per annum	\$43,784	\$66,092
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK	per annum	\$37,528	\$52,231
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, TAX ASSESSOR	per annum	\$39,478	\$51,385
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	per annum	\$43,784	\$56,401
DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR	per annum	\$39,281	\$51,920
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	per annum	\$42,927	\$52,565
FLOATER	per annum	\$36,793	\$45,994

**Ordinance #15-2014 cont'd:**

**SECTION 4  
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL**

SUB-CODE OFFICIAL PLUMBING & MECH (PART TIME)	per hour	\$30.00	\$45.45
ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL (PART TIME)	per hour	\$30.00	\$37.65
BUILDING INSPECTOR (PART TIME)	per hour	\$30.00	\$31.21
FIRE SUB-CODE OFFICIAL (PART TIME)	per hour	\$30.00	\$37.65

**SECTION 5  
ROAD, UTILITY AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL  
 RATES FOR TITLES HELD LONGER THAN ONE YEAR:**

DRIVER – LABORER 6	per hour		\$28.98
SR. DRIVER – LABORER 3	per hour		\$31.76
JR. MECHANIC	per hour		\$26.68
MECHANIC	per hour		\$34.02
SR. MECHANIC	per hour		\$37.34
CREW LEADER	per hour		\$36.10
OPERATOR	per hour		\$34.02
WORKING FOREMAN	per hour		\$39.38
SEWER OPERATORS:			
C-1 LICENSE (HOURLY ADDITIONS)	per hour		\$1.00
C-2 LICENSE (HOURLY ADDITIONS)	per hour		\$1.25

RATES FOR GRADES WITHIN TITLES:

LABORER – 1	per hour		\$20.16
LABORER – 2	per hour		\$21.00
DRIVER-LABORER – 1	per hour		\$21.85
DRIVER – LABORER – 2	per hour		\$22.68
DRIVER – LABORER – 3	per hour		\$23.53
DRIVER – LABORER – 4	per hour		\$24.37
DRIVER – LABORER – 5	per hour		\$25.19
DRIVER – LABORER – 6	per hour		\$26.04

**SECTION 6  
POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

POLICE MATRON	per hour	\$8.25	\$31.00
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER	per hour	\$13.08	\$25.30
PATROLMAN (FIRST YEAR) Certified/Probationary.	per annum		\$58,302
PATROLMAN (SECOND YEAR)	per annum		\$62,982
PATROLMAN (THIRD YEAR)	per annum		\$67,660
PATROLMAN (FOURTH YEAR)	per annum		\$72,341
PATROLMAN (FIFTH YEAR)	per annum		\$77,018
PATROLMAN (SIXTH YEAR)	per annum		\$80,595
PATROLMAN (SEVENTH YEAR)	per annum		\$85,636
PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS	per annum		\$90,671
CORPORAL	per annum		\$92,487
INVESTIGATOR - OVER GRADE	per annum		\$600
PROBATIONARY SERGEANT	per annum		\$94,947
SERGEANT'S BASE SALARY	per annum		\$100,110
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	per annum		\$103,166
PROBATIONARY LIEUTENANT	per annum		\$103,666
LIEUTENANT	per annum		\$122,609

**Ordinance #15-2014 cont'd:**

**SECTION 7  
PART-TIME PERSONNEL**

MUNICIPAL JUDGE	per annum		\$29,859
SUBSTITUTE MUNICIPAL JUDGE	per hour		\$149.12
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASE WORKER/ FILING CLERK (33 hrs)	per annum		\$35,908
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK (20 hrs)	per hour		\$20.81
MUSEUM ADMINISTRATOR	per hour		\$20.40
ASSISTANT TO THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR	per hour		\$16.00
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS	per annum	\$3,778	\$16,668
LIBRARY ASSISTANT	per hour	\$8.27	\$17.80
COURT CLERK	per hour	\$18.00	\$21.95
EXERCISE PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR	per hour	\$12.74	\$30.00
ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF RECREATION (25 hrs-wk)/ DIRECTOR OF SUMMER RECREATION	per annum		\$43,374
SPORTS & TOURNAMENT ASSISTANT	per hour		\$15.61
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	per annum		\$12,615
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORD.	per annum		\$1,000

**SECTION 8  
SUMMER RECREATION PERSONNEL**

SUPERVISOR & ASS'T SUP'V SUMMER PROG	per hour	\$8.25	\$18.08
SUMMER PROG. & SPECIAL PROG. COUNSELOR	per hour	\$8.00	\$12.92
BUS DRIVERS	per hour	\$8.63	\$18.23
CONCESSION STAND ATTENDANT	per hour	\$7.25	\$10.36
SUMMER PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINT. LABORER	per hour	\$7.25	\$14.39

**SECTION 9  
BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND RECYCLING**

PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LABORER	per hour	\$16.09	\$28.11
RECYCLING WORKER	per hour		\$22.63

**SECTION 10**

Rates of compensation provided herein are retroactive to January 1, 2014.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti 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 July 21, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

- \* 2. ***Resolution Authorizing the Township of Readington Office of Emergency Management to Accept Funds from Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 of Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding and for the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Readington to Amend the Budget and Certify the Availability of Funds***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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♦ Bensi / Kalli 2 LLC  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 6. ***Blue Light Permit (Arpad Salopek)***  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 7. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Konzelman (Block 46.02, Lot 5.02)***  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 8. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Maggio (Block 53, Lot 2.13)***  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 9. ***Release of Soil Witness Fees / McPherson (Block 25, Lot 25.01)***  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 10. ***Release of Security Deposits for Hunting Lease Properties***  
♦ Cranford Rod and Gun Club / Block 25, Lots 19 & 20 and Block 57, Lot 2  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 11. ***Permit Fee Refund (Block 51, Lot 21.09 / 4 Timber Court)***  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 12. ***Permit Fee Refund (Block 67, Lot 19.29 / 144 Readington Road)***  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
- \* 13. ***Catering Affair Permit / Festival of Ballooning / Gold N Dough Boys***  
(July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>)  
This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

***ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT***

Administrator Mekovetz stated that she had nothing further to report.



***ATTORNEY'S REPORT***

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**Julia Allen**

Mayor Allen stated that she had nothing further to report.

**Thomas Auriemma**

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

**Betty Ann Fort**

Mrs. Fort stated that she had nothing further to report.

**Frank Gatti**

Mr. Gatti reported that on June 26<sup>th</sup> the Township entered into the bond market to refinance the 2005 bonds resulting in a \$740,000 savings over the remaining term of the bond. Mr. Gatti stated that the Township's AA rating was reconfirmed and thanked everyone involved in achieving these very favorable results.

**Beatrice Muir**

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

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

There were none.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

Mr. Auriemma commented that there are some roads, namely Pinebrook, Roosevelt and Holland Brook, currently going from pavement to loose gravel creating hazardous road conditions, recommending that there should be warning signs posted on the roads.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 9:34 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Muir with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA  
Municipal Clerk