

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – December 7, 2015**

Mayor Fort *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 B. Fort, Deputy Mayor T. Auriemma, Mr. J. Broten, Mrs. M. Duffy and Mr. S. Tropello

**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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Sergeants Promotional Process .....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Cole (Block 67, Lot 12 & Block 68, Lot 14)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Developers Agreement (Block 4, Lot 57)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
ECHO (Kerwin / Block 42, Lot 1).....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• November 16, 2015		
Affordable Housing.....	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; 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 Mr. Broten to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

***Personnel / Department of Public Works***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to hire Dylan Desaulniers for the position of full-time laborer at a hourly rate of \$20.16, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Auriemma	- Aye
Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	- Aye
Mayor Fort	- Aye

***Personnel / Sergeants Promotional Process***

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Cole (Block 67, Lot 12 and Block 68, Lot 14)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a letter to the County requesting them to hold the easement on the property, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Tropello to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a contract, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Contract Negotiations / Developers Agreement (Block 4, Lot 57)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the Developers Agreement, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Contract Negotiations / ECHO (Kerwin) / Block 42, Lot 1 / 402 Route 523 North***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2015-134***

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

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington (“Township”) is the owner of a certain small (24' x 30') modular residential structure known as an Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity (“ECHO”) unit that was acquired for the purposes of providing affordable rental housing for senior citizens as part of the Township’s affordable housing program approved by COAH; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned ECHO unit had been in service since 1993 (more than 20 years) and, during the course of its service, was moved to several different property locations where it was rented to several different tenants; and

***Resolution #R-2015-134 cont'd:***

**WHEREAS**, the Township's last lease with tenants Leslie and Adele Ruppert and landowners Joel and Jeanne Kerwin (hereinafter "Kerwin"), expired due to the deaths of both tenants, and the unit is still situated at the Kerwin property at 402 Route 523 North (Block 42, Lot 1) in Whitehouse Station; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned lease requires that the Township move the unit to another location upon expiration, however, due to past experience with this and other ECHO units, the Township believes it would be cost-prohibitive to move this unit and that it would, further, damage the structure of the building due to its age; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that the ECHO unit is no longer needed for public use as the Township will obtain COAH credit via alternate means; and

**WHEREAS**, the current landowners have requested to retain the ECHO unit on their property as an accessory guest cottage structure and applied for and obtained variance approval for same from the Readington Township Board of Adjustment under the terms and conditions set forth in a Resolution memorialized on August 20, 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule A. (*on file in Clerk's office*); and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 (6) authorizes the private sale of personal property owned by the governing body if the value is determined to be less than 15% of the municipality's bid threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, 15% of the Township's bid threshold of \$40,000 is \$6,000 and, based on past auctions of similar ECHO units in the Township, such units have sold for much less; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is willing to sell the unit to the current landowners Joel and Jeanne Kerwin for \$675.00.

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

1. The Township Committee finds that the Property (ie. the 24' x 30' former ECHO modular structure located on the Kerwin property) is not otherwise needed for public use and, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(6), authorizes it to be sold via private sale to the Buyers Joel and Jeanne Kerwin for \$675.00 to be used in accordance with the approval granted in the Resolution approved by the Readington Township Board of Adjustment on July 16, 2015 and memorialized on August 20, 2015.
  2. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Administrator/Clerk of the Township and the Township Attorney are authorized and directed to take all reasonable, necessary and lawful steps including preparation and signing of the contract, bill of sale and execution of any and all other necessary documents toward the sale of the aforesaid Property, in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions specified above and are further authorized and directed to accept payment from the Buyers/Kerwin of the Property.
  3. This Resolution amends, supersedes and replaces Resolution #2015-28 concerning the Property which was previously adopted by the Township Committee on January 20, 2015.
3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

Mr. Auriemma	-Aye
Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	- Aye
Mayor Fort	- Aye

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / November 16, 2015***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 16, 2015 for content only, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing***

Mayor Fort 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 67, Lot 2***

Mayor Fort stated that this matter was not discussed in Executive Session.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Fort 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.

Administrator Mekovetz requested to remove the following items from the Consent Agenda under New Business for minor corrections: *Item #4, Item # 10, Item #13 and Item # 14*

- \* 1. **Approval of Minutes** of meeting of November 16, 2015
  
- \* 2. **Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Animal Control Services (2016)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-135**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Animal Control Services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.5*; and

**WHEREAS**, the term “non-fair and open contract,” for the purposes of the law, refers to a Professional Services Contract awarded to a contractor who has not made a political contribution as described in *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.* or in *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-8, et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services may exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, Animal Control Solutions has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Animal Control Services at an annual rate of \$24,960.00; and

**Resolution #R-2015-135 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, Animal Control Solutions has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Animal Control Solutions has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Readington in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Animal Control Solutions from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer's Certification of the availability of funds is on file - *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*) and will be amended to reflect the final approved funds for this purpose upon adoption/approval of the 2016 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Animal Control Solutions as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said contract shall expire on December 31, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Professional Service are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- \* 3. ***Annual Resolution to Bank & Reserve the 2015 Municipal Allocation of Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Funds***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-136**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

***Annual Resolution to Bank & Reserve the 2015 Municipal Allocation of Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Funds***

**WHEREAS:**

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Grants Program to provide Program Funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for recreation, conservation and general open space purposes; farmland preservation; preparation of plan elements of a municipal Master Plan, and restoration of county owned or municipal owned historic properties, buildings, structures or facilities, etc.

The Governing Body of Readington Township desires to obtain Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$329,647 to fund the following project(s):

*Profeta (Block 7, Lot 19, 30, 30.01 and 30.02)*

and to bank the balance for a future preservation project.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Governing Body resolves:

1. Vita Mekovetz is authorized to: (a) make an application to the County of Hunterdon for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Grants Program and (c) act as the principal contact person and liaison of the above named municipality.

**Resolution #R-2015-136 cont'd:**

2. If the County of Hunterdon determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan and the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the municipality is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such adopted policies and procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto. And;
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon for the approved Open Space Trust Funds.

\* 4. ***Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-137**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase gasoline and diesel fuel from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program for the calendar year 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington currently is purchasing their gasoline and diesel fuel from the same vendor through a previous bid under the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to make this change in the interest of saving money. The bid price under the Morris County Cooperative is more advantageous to the Township than continuing with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission. As there will be no change in vendor, just a price, or billing change (reduction) between the vendor and the Township, the change will be seamless; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, NJS.A. 40A:II-12; and

**WHEREAS**, Allied Oil LLC, 25 Old Camplain Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract #1 for Gasoline, and Contract #12 for Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, both for the period one (1) year, January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available, not to exceed \$360,000 for Allied Oil, LLC.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Allied Oil LLC be awarded a contract for Gasoline and Ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and replaces Resolution #R-2015-100 adopted by the Township Committee on October 5, 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- \* 5. ***Resolution to Cancel Contract with Eastern Concrete Materials and Award to Second Lowest Responsible Bidder, Stavola Construction Materials, Inc.***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2015-138***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington publicly advertised for bids for the proposed 2015 Maintenance and Repair Materials in the Township; and

***WHEREAS***, on June 23, 2015 the Administrator/ Municipal Clerk/QPA conducted the bid opening for the 2015 Maintenance and Repair Materials; and

***WHEREAS***, at the Township Committee meeting held on July 6, 2015, the Township Committee reviewed the recommendation for awarding these contracts, and

***WHEREAS***, *Item 1a, ¾” Road Stone* was awarded to Eastern Concrete Materials Inc. and

***WHEREAS***, the Director of Public Works has found that the company’s material is inconsistent and does not meet the required quality as outlined in the specifications; and

***WHEREAS***, Eastern Concrete Materials Inc. has been advised by letter dated October 23, 2015 that the Township, specifically the Director of Public Works, has been dissatisfied with the quality of its materials and will subsequently recommend canceling its contract for *Item 1a, ¾” Road Stone*; and

***WHEREAS***, the recommendation to replace this contract is to award the contract for *Item 1a, ¾” Road Stone* to the second lowest responsible bidder, Stavola Construction Materials, Inc.

***WHEREAS***, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract; and

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby cancels the contract with Eastern Concrete Materials, Inc. for *Item 1a, ¾” Road Stone* and awards the contract for these materials to Stavola Construction Materials. pursuant to specifications dated July, 2015, Page 11, which reads as follows: “If the material is inconsistent and does not meet our quality requirements and needs, the Township may opt to cancel the contract with said vendor, and pursue the next lowest responsible bidder.”

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Township Administrator/Clerk is authorized to notify the successful bidders on these awards in the amounts as shown as the attached “Schedule of Low Bidders” and the Mayor and Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign those contracts.

- \* 6. ***Municipal Alliance Renewal Application – Grant Year: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-139**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION**

***Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019***

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington, further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Hunterdon;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township of Readington Council does hereby authorize the submission of a strategic plan for the Central Hunterdon Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2017 in the amount of :

<i>DEDR</i>	<i>31,844</i>
<i>Cash Match</i>	<i>7,961</i>
<i>In-Kind</i>	<i>23,883</i>

2. The Township of Readington Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

- \* 7. ***Resolution to Cancel Old Outstanding Checks***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-140**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION**

***OUTSTANDING CHECKS TO BE VOIDED 2015***

<b>Account</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Current</i>	9/4/2013	12012	80.00
	9/4/2013	12040	450.00
	12/3/2013	12656	400.00
	8/5/2014	14284	230.00
	12/2/2014	15041	50.00
	12/2/2014	15088	1,530.00
<b>Total current Account</b>			<b>2,740.00</b>
<b>Total amount of checks to be voided</b>			<b>2,740.00</b>



- \* 8. *Blue Light Permit / Brian Hornak*

- \* 9. *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 48, Lot 11.01 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 \$36,871.64, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$29,500.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2013-018, to the lienholder, US Bank, Custodian for Pro Cap III, LLC.

- \* 10. *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	5-01	\$ 788,835.69
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	5-02	\$ 105,392.50
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 100,148.18
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 93,170.50
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 333,360.49
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$2,426,484.00
2014 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-14	\$ 238,509.11
2015 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-15	<u>\$ 9,689.50</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$4,095,589.97</b>

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

- Mr. Auriemma -Aye
- Mr. Broten - Aye
- Mrs. Duffy -Aye
- Mr. Tropello - Aye
- Mayor Fort - Aye

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** for items listed on the agenda only

There were none.

**CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Memorandum dated November 10, 2015 from Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg regarding *Introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance for the Township of Branchburg by Amending Section 5-11 Entitled, “Tree Removal, Reforestation and Tree Replacement.”* No action taken.

2. Memorandum dated November 24, 2015 from Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg regarding *Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance for the Township of Branchburg by Amending Section 5-11 Entitled, "Tree Removal, Reforestation and Tree Replacement."* No action taken.
3. Public Notice from Ernest Renda, Esq. regarding *Appeal to Board of Adjustment for Denial by the Zoning Officer of its Application for a Zoning Permit to Permit Construction of a Diner and Related Site Improvements as Approved by the Board.* No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. ***Request for Performance Guarantee Reduction / The Farm Property LLC (Block 36, Lot 48)***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-141**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The Farm Property, LLC did on October 2, 2015 file a written request with the Township of Readington for a further reduction in Cash Performance Guarantee Check #5139600-3 in the amount of \$22,363.68 and Performance Bond #S-272889 in the amount of \$201,273.12 for work completed on Block 36, Lot 48; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has confirmed that a certain amount of work has been done by The Farm Property, LLC on said property; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law the Township may retain up to 30% of a Performance Bond to assure the completion of site work;

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has supplied a reduced bond amount for Cash Performance Guarantee Check #5139600-3 and Performance Bond #S-272889, as indicated in his letter of November 4, 2015 based upon the Municipal Land Use Law requirement:

<b>BOND OR CHECK</b>	<b>ORIGINAL BONDED AMOUNT @ 120%</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED REDUCTION @120% (March 2014)</b>	<b>RECOMMEND REDUCTION FOR WORK COMPLETED @ 120%</b>	<b>REMAIN PERFORM GUARANTY @120%</b>
NGM Insurance Co. #S-272889	\$ 201,273.12	\$ 100,224.00	\$ 37,876.25	\$63,172.87
Check #5139600-3	\$ 22,363.68	\$ 11,136.00	\$ 4,208.47	\$7,019.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 223,636.80</b>	<b>\$ 111,360.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,084.72</b>	<b>\$70,192.08</b>

**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 reduce Cash Performance Guarantee Check #5139600-3 and Performance Bond #S-272889, as recommended by the Township Engineer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution approving these reduced amounts to the applicant.

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

Mr. Auriemma	-Aye
Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	- Aye
Mayor Fort	- Aye

2. ***Request to Hold Jersey Man Triathlon Utilizing Various Township Roads (May 22, 2016)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Broten to approve the request to hold the Jersey Man Triathlon, contingent upon obtaining permission from the Hunterdon County Freeholders as well, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

3. ***An Ordinance Appropriating \$38,000 from the Reserve for Green Acres Purchases (TRANSCO) for the Acquisition of Block 66, Lot 53 (RENO) in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey***

The following ordinance was offered for consideration:

***ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$38,000 FROM THE RESERVE FOR GREEN ACRES PURCHASES (TRANSCO) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 66 LOT 53 (RENO) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY***

***ORDINANCE #12-2015***

***BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:***

Section 1. \$38,000 is hereby appropriated from the “reserve for green acres purchases(Transco)” for the acquisition of Block 66 Lot 53 on the tax map of the Township, including all related costs and expenditures incident thereto, in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Township”).

Section 2. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

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

Mr. Auriemma	-Aye
Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	- Abstain
Mayor Fort	- Aye

*The Public Hearing was scheduled for December 21, 2015 at 7:45 p.m.*

4. ***Resolution of the Township of Readington Authorizing Implementation of a Certified Market-to-Affordable Housing Program***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2015-142***

***RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF A CERTIFIED MARKET-TO-AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM***

***WHEREAS***, Readington Township, Hunterdon County, has been voluntarily under the Council on Affordable Housing's (COAH's) jurisdiction and has complied with its *Mt. Laurel* obligations, receiving first round substantive certification from COAH on June 26, 1989, second round certification from COAH on May 7, 1997, an extension of second round substantive certification on May 11, 2005, and third round substantive certification from COAH on October 4, 2009; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township has fully satisfied its first and second round fair share affordable housing obligations and indeed has carried forward affordable housing credits into the third round; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township wishes to continue its efforts to comply voluntarily with its affordable housing obligations; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township herein intends to authorize the implementation of its COAH-certified Market-to-Affordable Program.

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

1. The Township hereby reaffirms its commitment to satisfy its future affordable housing obligations voluntarily and in the absence of any *Mount Laurel* lawsuits.
2. The Township directs its legal, administrative and planning professionals to take all reasonable and necessary actions to implement its COAH-certified Market-to-Affordable Housing Program as fully set forth in the Readington Township 2008 Amended Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.
3. The Township hereby authorizes the use of affordable housing trust funds and bonding to fully fund the COAH-certified Market-to-Affordable Housing Program.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

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

Mr. Auriemma	-Aye
Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	- Nay
Mayor Fort	- Aye

\* 5. ***Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Animal Control Services (2016)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 6. ***Annual Resolution to Bank & Reserve the 2015 Municipal Allocation of Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Funds***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 7. ***Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 8. ***Resolution to Cancel Contract with Eastern Concrete Materials and Award to Second Lowest Responsible Bidder, Stavola Construction Materials, Inc.***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 9. ***Municipal Alliance Renewal Application – Grant Year: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- 10. ***Chapter 159's (2015 Budget) Federal and State Grants***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2015-143***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON***

***SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION  
IN THE 2015 BUDGET  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87***

***WHEREAS***, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

***WHEREAS***, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Township of Readington hereby requests The Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue In the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of **\$ 110,109.33** which items are now available as a revenue from the following sources pursuant to the provision of statute:

NJDEP Clean Communities	\$ 55,184.31
Municipal Court Alcohol Education/ Rehabilitation Fund	4,302.12
NJ Body Armor Replacement Fund	2,436.47
NJ Green Community Forestry Grant	2,041.84
Sustainable NJ Grant	10,000.00
NJ Historical Commission – Museum	8,000.00
Police Drive Sober I	2,800.00
Police Drive Sober II	5,000.00
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	16,344.59
Police Click it or Ticket	4,000.00

**Resolution #R-2015-143 cont'd:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$ **110,109.33** be and the same is hereby Appropriated under the caption of the following:

NJDEP Clean Communities	\$ 55,184.31
Municipal Court Alcohol Education/ Rehabilitation Fund	4,302.12
NJ Body Armor Replacement Fund	2,436.47
NJ Green Community Forestry Grant	2,041.84
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Police Click it or Ticket	4,000.00

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

Mr. Auriemma -Aye  
Mr. Broten - Aye  
Mrs. Duffy -Aye  
Mr. Tropello - Aye  
Mayor Fort - Aye

\* 11. **Resolution to Cancel Old Outstanding Checks**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

\* 12. **Blue Light Permit / Brian Hornak**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

13. **Release of Escrow / Block 42, Lot 1 (Kerwin)**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the release of escrow for Block 42, Lot 1 (Kerwin), seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Auriemma -Aye  
Mr. Broten - Aye  
Mrs. Duffy -Aye  
Mr. Tropello - Aye  
Mayor Fort - Aye

14. **Release of Escrow / Block 39, Lot 139 (Hartman)**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the release of escrow for Block 39, Lot 139 (Hartman), seconded by Mr. Tropello and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Auriemma -Aye  
Mr. Broten - Aye  
Mrs. Duffy -Aye  
Mr. Tropello - Aye  
Mayor Fort - Aye

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Mekovetz reported that Township of Branchburg was imposing a weight restriction on Old York Road and it was recommended by the State of New Jersey to place signage on certain roads warning the motorists of the proposed weight restriction.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-144**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington received a request from the Township of Branchburg to erect weight restriction signage in Readington Township to facilitate the proposed weight restriction on Old York Road from Route 202 to Somerset County Route 637, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation has identified potential entrapment roadways within Readington Township that may be impacted by the proposed Branchburg Township weight restriction on Old York Road, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey and the Township of Branchburg recommends certain signage to be placed on Brookview Road, Centerville Road, Sunset View Road and Craig Road located in Readington Township to warn motorist of the proposed weight restriction on Old York Road in Branchburg Township, and

**WHEREAS**, under NJAC 16:27 requires the adjoining municipality to supply the State of New Jersey a concurring resolution in support of the proposed signage located in the Township of Readington in order to facilitate the proposed weight restriction on Old York Road in Branchburg Township.

**NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED**, authorizes the Township Clerk to submit to the State of New Jersey this resolution in support of and concurrence with the proposed weight restriction on Old York Road in Branchburg Township and the associated signage within Readington Township to facilitate the proposed regulation.

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

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer O'Brien reported that Wyckoff Road has been repaired; and also that Somerset County has a new scope on the Readington Road project with the road being closed 24-7 from August of 2016 through June of 2017. Engineer O'Brien also reported that there is a planned site meeting for the culvert on Route 22 near the Merck entrance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Thomas Auriemma**

Mr. Auriemma commended Mayor Fort on working with Nancy Devine to keep the Dog Park open.

**John Broten**

Mr. Broten reported that the Road Department has been able to complete a lot of the work on the catch basins due to the mild weather.

**M. Elizabeth Duffy**

Mrs. Duffy reported that a number of interested citizens from Readington, herself included, attended the Freeholders meeting last week where the Open Space, Farmland Preservation and Historic Trust Fund resolution was being discussed; which was subsequently voted down and based on the comments, changes would be made for re-introduction in 2016.

**Betty Ann Fort**

Mayor Fort stated that she had nothing further to report.

**Samuel Tropello**

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

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

John Kalinich, Whitehouse Station, commented on Mrs. Duffy's report on the Freeholder meeting and thanked those involved in their efforts to work to amend the resolution.

Paula Baldwin, Morning Star Road, requested clarification on some questions she had with regard to a letter written by Mayor Fort. Mrs. Baldwin also asked how much the Township has spent on legal fees this year.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

Mr. Broten commented that today is the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and expressed sympathy for all those lost and appreciation for all those that served then and serve now.

Mayor Fort commented that she recently visited the new establishment in Whitehouse Station, *The Farmer and the Chick Pea*.

As there was no further business, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Broten with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA  
Municipal Clerk