

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – June 15, 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

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:

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

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
Hunterdon Co. Special Weapons & Tactics Team / Addendum to Mutual / Volunteer Assistance Agreement	Contract Negotiations.....	.Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Recreation.....	Personnel.....	
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• June 1, 2015		
Mt. Laurel 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."

- This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Contract Negotiations / Hunterdon County Special Weapons & Tactics Team / Addendum to Mutual / Volunteer Assistance Agreement

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Broten to enter into an agreement with the Hunterdon County Special Weapon & Tactics Team for Officers Gregory Wester, Christopher Heycock, Carlos Ferreiro, Vincent Corsentino and Steven Rindock, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Contract Negotiations / Transcontinental Pipe Line Co.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Duffy to authorize Attorney Dragan to file a *Notice of Appearance* in the two matters of Hanna, Dabrowski and Little, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Personnel / Recreation

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to hire the following additional summer camp counselors and bus drivers for the summer recreation program:

<i>NAME</i>	<i>HOURLY RATE</i>
Emily Berstler	\$9.36
Olivia Kaiser	\$9.00
Salina Vitale	\$9.00
Ashlin Sahlin	\$9.00
<i>BUS DRIVERS:</i>	
Donny Schuyler	\$14.00
Diane Barna	\$14.00
Dee Hromoho	\$14.00

This Motion was 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

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / June 1, 2015

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 1, 2015 for content only, seconded by Mr. Tropello with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Potential Litigation / Mt. Laurel Affordable Housing

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-63

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, (1) AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION AND A MOTION FOR TEMPORARY IMMUNITY, (2) AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF MONIES TO RETAIN DR. ROBERT BURCHELL TO PROPOSE A SENSIBLE APPROACH TO ROUND 3 ALLOCATIONS, AND (3) COMMITTING TO BOND TO FUND A REHABILITATION PROGRAM, AND (4) DELCARING ITS INTENT TO FULLY COMPLY WITH ITS CURRENT AND FUTURE MOUNT LAUREL OBLIGATIONS AND TO SERVE AS THE "CATALYST FOR CHANGE" TO RENDER ANY MOUNT LAUREL LAWSUITS AS "UNNECESSARY LITIGATION"

WHEREAS, in So. Burlington County N.A.A.C.P. v. Tp. of Mount Laurel, 92 N.J. 158, 279-80 (1983) ("Mount Laurel II"), the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled, subject to several other limitations, that in order for a plaintiff to be entitled to a builder's remedy, it must "succeed in litigation;" and

WHEREAS, in Toll Bros. Inc. v. Tp. of W. Windsor, 173 N.J. 502, 507 (2002), the Supreme Court ruled that in order for a developer to succeed in litigation, it must not only prove that the municipality failed to create a realistic opportunity to satisfy its affordable housing obligation, but also must be the "catalyst for change;" and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2013, the Supreme Court released In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 215 N.J. 578 (2013) which invalidated the Round 3 regulations adopted in 2008 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH"); and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2014, the Supreme Court issued an order directing COAH to propose new Round 3 regulations on or before May 1, 2014 and to adopt them by October 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the March 14, 2014 Order further provided that, if COAH failed to meet these deadlines, the Court would entertain a Motion in Aid of Litigant's Rights which could include an application for the right, on a case-by-case basis, to file a builder's remedy suit against a municipality under COAH's jurisdiction, such as the Township; and

WHEREAS, COAH and/or another agent of State government retained the Rutgers University Center for Urban Policy Research ("CUPR"), which prepared the fair share methodology for the first and second rounds (collectively the prior round – from 1987 to 1999) for COAH; and

WHEREAS, CUPR prepared a methodology in 2014 for Round 3 which was incorporated into the rules which COAH proposed for adoption on April 30, 2014 and released for public comment by publishing the rules in the New Jersey Register on June 2, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these proposed regulations, COAH assigned the Township a fair share of 595 units, consisting of a 102 unit rehabilitation obligation, a 363 unit unmet prior round obligation, and a 130 unit prospective Round 3 obligation; and

WHEREAS, COAH accepted public comments on the proposed Round 3 regulations until August 1, 2014, and indeed received roughly 3,000 comments; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2014, the COAH board met to consider adopting the proposed regulations, but deadlocked 3-3 and therefore did not adopt the proposed regulations; and

WHEREAS, COAH therefore failed to meet the Supreme Court's October 22, 2014 deadline; and

WHEREAS, COAH's failure to adopt the proposed regulations has left the Township in a continuing state of limbo despite its unwavering commitment to constitutional compliance without the need for litigation; and

Resolution #R-2015-63 cont'd:

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2014, Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) filed a Motion In Aid of Litigant’s Rights urging the Supreme Court, among other things, to direct trial judges -- instead of COAH -- to establish standards with which municipalities must comply; and

WHEREAS, FSHC’s motion included an alternative fair share calculation for each municipality, which was not prepared by CUPR and which was subsequently revised in April of 2015, further highlighting the uncertainty of the framework with which municipalities must ultimately comply because there are no standards with which to comply; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to alternative calculations furnished by FSHC in April of 2015, the Township would have an obligation of 1,495 units consisting of a 101 unit rehabilitation obligation, a 394 unit prior round obligation (1987 to 1999), and a 1,215 unit Round 3 (1999 to 2025) obligation (capped at 1,000); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015, the Supreme Court issued a decision entitled In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015), in which it (1) found that COAH had violated its March 14, 2014 Order by failing to adopt new Round 3 regulations by October 22, 2014, (2) held that, without new Round 3 regulations, COAH could not process petitions for substantive certification for the 314 municipalities currently under COAH’s jurisdiction, (3) directed trial courts to assume COAH’s functions, (4) authorized municipalities under COAH’s jurisdiction to file a Declaratory Judgment Action along with a motion for Temporary Immunity by July 8, 2015, or risk exposure to exclusionary zoning lawsuits and (5) ruled that municipalities would have five months to prepare and file a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan with a trial court for review; and

WHEREAS, trial courts must now (1) calculate the “fair share” obligations for Round 3 and establish the standards with which municipalities must satisfy these obligations; and (2) process declaratory judgment actions filed by municipalities seeking approval of an affordable housing plan based upon new judicially established standards (not yet determined); and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court emphasized that municipalities bear no responsibility for COAH’s inexcusable failure to adopt Round 3 regulations, and emphasized the desirability of municipalities complying voluntarily consistent with case law that reaches back for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Township brought itself under COAH’s jurisdiction because all three branches of government preferred COAH’s administrative process to resolve disputes over affordable housing matters rather than litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a history of voluntary compliance in that the Township previously received both First and Second Round substantive certification from COAH and received an extension of its Second Round certification; and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted an initial Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on November 28, 2005 and petitioned COAH for substantive certification on December 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, COAH did not conduct a substantive review of the Township’s 2005 Plan and did not certify the Plan prior to the issuance of the Appellate Court decision in January 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Township prepared an amended Third Round Plan in accordance with COAH’s revised third round rules (effective June 2, 2008 and October 20, 2008) and petitioned COAH for Third Round substantive certification on December 30, 2008 and received Round 3 substantive certification from COAH on October 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the fact that the Township has already received Round 3 substantive certification from COAH puts it in a special class in that the Supreme Court held in its March 10, 2015 opinion that such municipalities would be entitled to immunity presumptively as long as said municipalities filed a Declaratory Judgment Action along with a motion for Temporary Immunity between June 8, 2015 and July 8, 2015; and

Resolution #R-2015-63 cont'd:

WHEREAS, FSHC's proposed fair share formulas have generated patently excessive obligations for municipalities across the state resulting in a groundswell of support to retain an expert to develop an appropriate analytic approach; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to participate in the cooperative process of retaining CUPR – the Rutgers University entity which had proposed the fair share methodologies for the First and Second Rounds – to prepare the Third Round methodology; and

WHEREAS, the Township did not have an assigned third round rehabilitation component from COAH based on the 2000 census, to the extent that the Township may have a third round rehabilitation component based on the 2010 census, Readington Township will rely on the Hunterdon County housing rehabilitation program for at least home-owner occupied units. Hunterdon County is determining whether to offer a shared services program for rental rehabilitations.

WHEREAS, regardless of whatever affordable housing obligation is ultimately assigned, the Township remains committed to comply voluntarily with its obligations; and

WHEREAS, given all that Readington has done to house low and moderate income households and its commitment to comply with any future obligation once that obligation is determined, it would be particularly unfair for the Township to suffer exposure to any exclusionary zoning lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to be in a position to complete its efforts to comply voluntarily once its obligations are defined; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Township wishes to follow the path provided by the Supreme Court and by bringing a declaratory relief action and simultaneously bringing a motion for immunity so that the Township can complete its efforts to comply voluntarily with whatever standards the trial judge may determine are appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Township herein intends to make its intentions inescapably clear to the public and all concerned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Township hereby reaffirms its commitment to satisfy its affordable housing obligations, however they may ultimately be defined, voluntarily and in the absence of any Mount Laurel lawsuits.
2. The Township hereby authorizes and directs its special Mount Laurel counsel to file a declaratory relief action between June 8, 2015 and July 8, 2015, and to simultaneously file a motion seeking temporary immunity while the Court reviews the Township's approved Round 3 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as will be amended and resubmitted to the Court within five months of the filing of the Township's declaratory judgment action.
3. The Township authorizes its legal and planning professionals to seek a judicial determination of its Round 3 obligations via motion or other means and to take all reasonable and necessary action to facilitate the efforts of Readington and its Planning Board to satisfy those obligations expeditiously.
4. The Township hereby joins with other similarly situated municipalities and authorizes the allocation of funds so that it can retain Dr. Robert Burchell to develop a sensible and lawful approach to Round 3 allocations and the Township shall share the cost of the expert with other participating municipalities. The Township authorizes special Mount Laurel counsel to enter into the shared services agreement and to pay a fee of \$2,000 (a) to help fund the preparation of a report by Dr. Burchell, (b) to examine the challenges to his analysis; and (c) to prepare a rebuttal report.

Resolution #R-2015-63 cont'd:

5. The Township hereby commits to operate a rental rehabilitation program in the event that the County does not operate such a program. The Township commits to bond for any shortfall regarding the funding of the rehabilitation program (owner-occupied and renter-occupied) it will implement to satisfy any rehabilitation obligation assigned the Township by the trial court.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Broten pointed out that there is a clause which under the advice of Counsel is necessary to improve the Township's standing in the Declaratory Judgment, referring to item #3 "*Committing to bond to fund a rehabilitation program*" which does not obligate the Township as a result of this resolution but rather will be assessed in the future, in the event that is required. Mr. Auriemma and Mr. Tropello agreed with this caveat.

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

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-64

TOWNSHIP OF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington has filed or anticipates filing a Declaratory Judgment Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hunterdon County in furtherance of the Supreme Court's March 10,2015 decision captioned In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (the "Supreme Court Decision"); and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC"), through the services of David Kinsey, has prepared what it considers to be the statewide fair share numbers (the "FSHC Numbers") for use by the 15 vicinage Mt. Laurel Judges to calculate a municipality's affordable housing obligation pursuant to the Supreme Court Decision; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to participate in the preparation of a statewide fair share analysis to be undertaken by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey ("Rutgers"), through Dr. Robert W. Burchell, Principal Investigator, and various other experts employed by Rutgers in order to establish a rational and reasonable methodology (the "Burchell Fair Share Analysis") for determination of a municipality's obligation to provide a realistic opportunity through its land use ordinances for its fair share of the region's affordable housing needs in accordance with the Mount Laurel Doctrine as set forth in In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C.5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1(2015) ("Decision") and prior decisions of the Courts of New Jersey, and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et. seg.; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers, utilizing Dr. Burchell as the Principal Investigator and author has agreed to prepare the Burchell Fair Share Analysis within 90 days of being retained to establish his view of the proper way to determine each municipality's fair share obligation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burchell estimates the cost to prepare the initial Burchell Fair Share Analysis will be \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will be a need for Dr. Burchell to analyze any challenges to his conclusions and prepare a rebuttal report to said challenges which is not included in the \$70,000; and

Resolution #R-2015-64 cont'd:

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that if each municipality contributes \$2,000, there will be sufficient monies to pay the cost to prepare the initial Burchell Fair Share Analysis, to analyze any challenges to the Initial Fair Share Analysis and to Prepare A Rebuttal Report given the number of municipalities that have expressed an interest in retaining Burchell; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (hereinafter MSSDA"), has been prepared (a) so that monies can be collected to enter into an agreement with Rutgers (hereinafter "the Rutgers Agreement") and so that Burchell, along with various other experts from Rutgers, can perform the tasks described above and (b) so that the rights and responsibilities of each municipality that wishes to sign the agreement to retain Rutgers are defined; and

WHEREAS, the MSSDA provides that the Law Offices of Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC ("Surenian") will serve as the administrative entity to sign the Rutgers agreement on behalf of the municipalities that signed the MSSDA and paid the \$2,000 fee; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative given the time constraints for municipalities that wish to retain Burchell to sign the MSSDA and pay the \$2,000 fee so that Burchell can conduct the necessary analysis; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible that the MSSDA may need to be changed as a result of ongoing negotiations with the Rutgers agreement following execution of the MSSDA and the payment of the \$2,000 fee; and

WHEREAS, in such an event, any member that objects to the changes that Rutgers may require shall have the opportunity to relinquish membership in the Municipal Group and to receive back the \$2,000 payment as more specifically set forth in the MSSDA.

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

1. The terms and conditions of the MSSDA attached hereto are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.
2. The amount of \$2,000 is hereby authorized to be expended by the Township of Readington for Rutgers through Dr. Robert Burchell, Principal Investigator to prepare the Burchell Fair Share Analysis.
3. A certification of funds authorizing the aforesaid expenditure has been signed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Readington and is appended hereto.
4. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid MSSDA to memorialize the participation of the Township of Readington in the preparation of the Burchell Fair Share Analysis and to take any and all actions reasonably required to effectuate said Agreement.
5. The Township of Readington hereby authorizes Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. to execute on behalf of the Township of Readington the Research Agreement with Rutgers to initiate and complete Burchell Fair Share Analysis and to do such other actions to effectuate the purposes of said Research Agreement.
6. If further changes to the MSSDA are needed as a result of finalizing the Rutgers Agreement, within ten (10) days of notification by Surenian of the changes, the Township of Readington will inform Surenian if it objects to the changes and wishes to withdraw from the Municipal Group and obtain a refund of the \$2000 it paid.
7. 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 - Aye
Mayor Fort - Aye

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 remains 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.

* 1. **Approval of Minutes** of meeting of June 1, 2015

* 2. **Tax Refund**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP

HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Tax Collector has recommended the following refunds for property taxes:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
22/40.16 C04	Muriel Fletcher	Duplicate Payment	\$1,638.40
34/36.224	CitiMortgage, Inc.	Overpayment	545.97

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the amount recommended.

* 3. **Light Permit Applications**

- ◆ Robert Spielberger (blue light)
- ◆ William Wallace (blue light)
- ◆ David Hill (blue light)
- ◆ Carl Memel (blue light)
- ◆ Paul Hooretz (red light)

* 4. **Refund of Special Events Permit Application Fee** (National Psoriasis Foundation)

- * 5. **Resolution Authorizing State Contract Purchase** (Asphalt Paving / Asphaltic Oil and Aggregate Surface Treatment)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-65

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE CONTRACT PURCHASES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase construction services for Asphaltic Oil and Aggregate Surface Treatment from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey, Division and Purchase Property and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12*; and

WHEREAS, Asphalt Paving Systems Inc., PO Box 530, Hammonton, NJ 08037, has been awarded State of New Jersey Contract #83583 (Index# T-0896), for the period between 3/01/13 through 2/29/16; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the Asphaltic Oil and Aggregate Surface Treatment are estimated not to exceed \$200,000; and

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 Asphalt Paving Systems Inc. be awarded a contract for Asphaltic Oil and Aggregate Surface Treatment; 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.

- * 6. **Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase** (Denville Line Painting / Traffic Striping on Roadways)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-66

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase services for Traffic Striping on Roadways from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12*; and

WHEREAS, Denville Line Painting, Inc., 2 Green Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866 has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No. #36 for Traffic Striping on Roadways for the period one (1) year, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015; and

Resolution #R-2015-66 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available, not to exceed \$25,000.00;

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 Denville Line Painting, Inc., be awarded a contract for services for Traffic Striping on Roadways; 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.

- * 7. **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	\$ 734,255.69
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	5-02	\$ 1,100.00
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 1,810.14
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 55,113.06
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 180,494.46
CAPITAL	X-14	\$ 1,315.00
CAPITAL	X-15	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 974,688.35

A MOTION was made by Mr. Broten to approve the Consent Agenda, 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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Notice of Public Hearing from Steven Gouin, Esq. Attorney for Applicant, regarding **Consideration of an Application for Preliminary Major Site Plan Approval for 110-112 Main Street**. No action taken.
2. Proclamation from Mayor Janice Kovach regarding **Recognition of Day of Remembrance for Women and Girls Killed in the Name of Honor in solidarity**. No action taken.

3. Letter dated June 3, 2015 from Pamela Borek, Municipal Clerk, Township of Hillsborough regarding ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 188, (Land Use and Development), Article V (Design Districts and Standards) of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough, County of Somerset, State of NJ to Create the GC, Gateway C Zone District and to Change the Zone Designation for Several Properties in the Transit Ready Development / East Amwell Gateway Area.*** No action taken.
4. Letter dated June 2, 2015 from Jeff Tareila, Principal Wetland Ecologist, regarding ***Wetland Delineation / Letter of Interpretation Application, Block 71, Lot 8.01.*** (Entire File Available in Clerk's office for Review) No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

* 1. ***Light Permit Applications***

- ◆ Robert Spielberger (blue light)
- ◆ William Wallace (blue light)
- ◆ David Hill (blue light)
- ◆ Carl Memel (blue light)
- ◆ Paul Hooretz (red light)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 2. ***Refund of Special Events Permit Application Fee*** (National Psoriasis Foundation)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 3. ***Resolution Authorizing State Contract Purchase*** (Asphalt Paving / Asphaltic Oil and Aggregate Surface Treatment)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 4. ***Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase*** (Denville Line Painting / Traffic Striping on Roadways)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Township was awarded through the NJDEP a 319h grant in the amount of \$420,333.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported that she has been working with Administrator Mekovetz to send out the letters for the Mandatory Sewer Analysis questionnaire to both capacity holders of unused gallonage in addition to any requestors of sewer capacity prior to 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thomas Auriemma

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

John Broten

Mr. Broten reported on the improvement on Halls Mill Road.

M. Elizabeth Duffy

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

Betty Ann Fort

Mayor Fort reported that the third grade museum program took place during the last two weeks.

Mayor Fort also reported that she has been in discussion with John Barczyk on the demolition of the diner on Route 22.

Samuel Tropello

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mrs. Duffy commended the Environmental Commission and Steven Foster for volunteering their time to work with Dr. Stephen Souza to submit a grant application resulting in the Township being awarded a \$420,000 grant. Mr. Broten added that Ken Garvey has been active in the Pleasant Run and Holland Brook communities to raise awareness.

Mr. Broten commented that he attended several events over the weekend including a flag retirement ceremony hosted by Oldwick Troop 199 and an Eagle Scout Award ceremony for Patrick Quinn.

Mayor Fort requested to re-open ***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC*** one more time since the meeting started earlier this evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jerry Cook, Railroad Lane, commented that the reward of working as a volunteer is the residents of Readington coming out on Election Day to speak their peace and cast their ballots, showing their appreciation for what Readington is all about.

Marsha Montgomery Indian Run, thanked whoever arranged for the warning signage with regard to the lawn chemical treatment application at Hillcrest Park and further requested that the sign be placed where it can be seen rather than parallel, in addition to adding the date of the treatment application on the sign allowing residents to calculate the days since chemicals have been applied.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma at 7:39 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