

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL ONLINE MEETING –March 15, 2021**

Mayor Albanese *calls the meeting to order at 5:30 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. Albanese, Deputy Mayor J. Heller, Mrs. BA Fort, Mr. J. Huelsebusch and Mr. B. Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator R. Sheola, Municipal Clerk K. Parker, 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, THERFORE, 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>
Personnel	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other Information will remain confidential
Municipal Court	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Block 45, Lot 26.07 (Dreahook Rd).....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Professional Services / Princeton Hydro..	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Block 65, Lot 16	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• <i>March 1, 2020</i>		
Affordable Housing.....	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
• <i>Contract Negotiations / Block 95, Lot 12.019 (19 Owl Court)</i>		
• <i>Contract Negotiations / Finelli Engineering / James Street</i>		
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation).....	Litigation.....	“ “ “

Civil Action Summons / Litigation..... “ “ “
Rosedale and Rosehill Cemetery Association vs. Township of Readington and the Township of
Committee of the Township of Readington

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. Smith to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Personnel

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel / Municipal Court

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2021-52

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2B:12-11E, that Julie Kosakowski be appointed Interim Court Administrator for the Township of Readington for the period of October 24, 2020 through October 24, 2021.

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

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	-Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Block 45, Lot 26.07 (Dreahook Road)

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Professional Services / Princeton Hydro

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the contract with Princeton Hydro for environmental evaluations, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	-Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Block 65, Lot 16

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the donation agreement with RB Meglaughlin, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	-Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 65, LOT 16 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM MEGLAUGHLIN

Ordinance #04-2021

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 authorizes the acquisition and acceptance of property known as Block 65, Lot 16 on the official Township Tax Map, consisting of approximately .9 +/- acres of vacant land and located at the corner of Barley Sheaf and Locust Roads in the Township, which property has been offered as a charitable donation to the Township by RB Meglaughlin. Acceptance of the property is subject to the Township's receipt of clear and marketable title, an acceptable survey and satisfactory environmental inspection, to be obtained by the Township at its own cost and expense. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and/or Township Attorney, as applicable, are authorized to prepare and/or execute all documents necessary to accept and complete the donation transaction. A copy of the tax map showing the proposed property is attached hereto as Schedule A. Said tax map depicting the property to be donated, together with the proposed donation agreement, shall be available for further inspection in the office of the Readington Township Clerk at the municipal building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J. prior to the public hearing.

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

Section 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Section 4. Evidence of Transaction.

Upon closing of title, the Deed and this Ordinance shall be recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office.

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

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	-Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

The Public Hearing was scheduled for April 5, 2021 at 7:45 p.m.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / March 1, 2021

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 1, 2021 for content only, seconded by Mr. Smith with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

- ***Contract Negotiations / Block 95, Lot 12.019 (19 Owl Court)***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to accept the contract for purchase of this property, seconded by Mr. Smith and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	-Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

- ***Contract Negotiations / Finelli Engineering / James Street***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the agreement with Finelli Engineering, seconded by Mr. Smith and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	-Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

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 Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Civil Action Summons / Rosedale and Rosehill Cemetery Association vs. Township of Readington and the Township Committee of the Township of Readington

Mayor Albanese stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Albanese 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 February 27, 2021 and March 1, 2021

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 21.04, Lot 504.04 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 \$685.63, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$200.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2020-007, to the lienholder, US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Capital Mgt II.

3. * ***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 21.12, Lot 31 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 \$946.60, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$100.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2020-008, to the lienholder, US Bank Cust/Pro Cap 8/Pro Capital Mgt II.

4. * ***Permit Fee Refund / Plesh Electric / Block 93, Lot 51 (Forest Hill Drive)***

5. * ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 39, Lot 31 (Gates Road)***

6. * **Resolution to Anticipate Miscellaneous Revenues in the 2021 Budget Using the Three-Year Average of Realized Revenues from the Prior Three Years**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2021-53

RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

WHEREAS, the COVID 19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2020 municipal current and utility fund budgets; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 amended N.J.S.A 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY2021 budget, and, if necessary, in future years and

WHEREAS, for FY 2021, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Readington Township, certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2020 by the COVID 19 pandemic and that the 3-year average of the amounts realized in 2018-2020 be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2021;

Revenue Category	2018	2019	2020	Average
Fines & Fees -Municipal Court	\$198,350	\$208,177	\$190,575	\$199,034
Fees & Permits - Other	\$89,573	\$109,302	\$61,281	\$86,719
Uniform Construction Code Permits	\$575,340	\$732,474	\$570,772	\$626,195

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Readington Township in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the above referenced revenues be anticipated using the three-year average as permitted by the amendments to 40A: 4-26, adopted by the P.L. 2020, c. 74

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	0-01	\$ 68,032.34
CURRENT FUND	1-01	\$ 1,252,435.92
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	1-02	\$ 417.50
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 15,654.33
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 4,623.51
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 386,355.99
2014 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-14	\$ 4,285.50
2018 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-18	\$ 107.50
2020 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-20	\$ 15,417.84
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 1,747,330.43

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

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	-Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

There were no comments from the public.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

ORDINANCE #-02-2021

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

There were none.

Attorney Dragan noted a minor typographical error.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

ORDINANCE #-02-2021

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

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Smith to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

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

ORDINANCE #-03-2021

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

There were none.

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

John Broten, Dogwood Drive, commented on the salary caps for Township officials.

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

Clerk read by Title:

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

ORDINANCE #-03-2021

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

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Memorandum dated March 2, 2021 from Lisa Fania, Municipal Clerk, Township of Raritan regarding ***An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, Supplementing and Replacing Article XXV Entitled "Stormwater Control" of the Part 5 Entitled "Stormwater and Flood Control" of Chapter 296 Entitled "Land Development" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan to Comply with the NJDEP'S New Stormwater Management Regulations Found at N.J.A.C. 7:8-1.2 Et Seq.*** No action taken.
2. Letter dated March 2, 2021 from Judith Sullivan, Township Clerk, Township of Bedminster regarding ***An Ordinance Amending Article 13 Entitled "The Land Development Ordinance Section 13-4-01" of the Township of Bedminster to Add a New Zone District to be Known as "Office Research Village Mixed Use District."*** No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Introduction of 2021 Municipal Budget***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2021-54

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Re: *Introduction of 2021 Budget*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey for the year 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Hunterdon County Democrat in the issue of March 25, 2021, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on April 19, 2021 at 7:45 o'clock (P.M.) or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Smith to introduce the *2021 Budget*, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

2. ***Special Event Permit Application / HSA Raffle Fundraiser / Salaj
(April 17th, rain date April 18th)***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Special Events Permit for the HSA Raffle Fundraiser, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

3. ***Request for Financial Support for Clean Communities - letter dated February, 2021
from Blake Putnam, Director of Development, Raritan Headwaters***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the donation of \$1,000 for Clean Communities, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

4. ***Appointment of Members to the Green Team***

This will be deferred to the next meeting to allow time to finalize members.

5. ***Recommendations from the Open Space Advisory Board Regarding the Management of Meadows***

Mrs. Fort expressed concern on the additional workload impact on the Department of Public Works mowing the meadows. The Committee suggested that Administrator Sheola forward the Management Plan to Scott Jesseman, Director of Public Works, for his review.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Huelsebusch to accept the Meadows Management Plan, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

6. ***Hunterdon County Historic County Preservation Grant Approval***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2021-55

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and established a Historic Preservation Grant Program to provide County funds in connection with the acquisition of historic properties and the preservation of historic properties, buildings, structures facilities, sites, areas or objects, in Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the Readington Museums desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$ 38,000 from the County of Hunterdon to fund the following historic preservation project:

Thomas Bowman House at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead roof replacement

at a cost of \$38,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body/board resolves that Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such Historic Preservation Grant Funds,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hunterdon shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan, adopted Freeholder Board Policies and the Procedures Manual for the Historic Preservation Grant Program adopted thereto, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County funds in accordance with such adopted Policies and Procedures, and rules, regulations and applicable statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Readington:

1. That the Mayor of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute any documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon known as Thomas Bowman House at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead roof replacement;
2. That the applicant has its share of funds, if required, in the amount of \$-0-;
3. That, in the event the County of Hunterdon's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;

Resolution #R-2021-55 cont'd

4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	-Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

7. * **Permit Fee Refund / Plesh Electric / Block 93, Lot 51 (Forest Hill Drive)**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

8. * **Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 39, Lot 31 (Gates Road)**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. * **Resolution to Anticipate Miscellaneous Revenues in the 2021 Budget Using the Three-Year Average of Realized Revenues from the Prior Three Years**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Sheola reported that the electric vehicles and charging station were delivered to the municipal building last week and the Branchburg shared Pierce aerial ladder truck will arrive at the end of the month.

Administrator Sheola further reported that the market to affordable housing program, facilitated by Social Services Director Chris Dey and Construction Official Angela DeVoe, is off to a great start.

Administrator Sheola also advised that the Township is waiting on guidance from the Division of Local Government Services regarding the American Rescue Act of 2021 and added that the Township was awarded the Sustainable NJ Technical Assistance Grant and requested considered from the Committee to accept the grant.

In conclusion, Administrator Sheola reminded everyone that the continuation of the goal setting meeting is scheduled for March 27th.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to accept the Sustainable New Jersey Technical Assistance Grant, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Smith	-Aye
Mayor Albanese	- Aye

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BETTY ANN FORT

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

JONATHAN HELLER

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

JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH

Mr. Huelsebusch reported that the Open Space Advisory Board will have a full calendar of volunteer opportunities forthcoming in April.

BENJAMIN SMITH

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

JOHN ALBANESE

Mayor Albanese stated that he had nothing further to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Albanese requested that the public comments be kept brief and organized and reminded speakers to state their name and address for the record.

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, commented on the proposal to replace the roof on the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead House and the Meadows Management Plan.

Andrew Roth, Route 523, commented on cannabis cultivation in Hunterdon County.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Albanese provided clarification on comments made at a previous meeting regarding articles published in the Readington News pertaining to land use applications. Mayor Albanese stated that the Beautification Committee is getting ready to start their plantings along Main Street. Mayor Albanese further stated that they recently had an informal meeting with Branchburg Officials and participated on a conference call regarding the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karin M Parker, *RMC*
Municipal Clerk