

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
2021 GOAL SETTING MEETING –March 27, 2021**

Mayor Albanese *calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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 joined the meeting virtually

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator R. Sheola, Municipal Clerk K. Parker

**ABSENT:** None

## **2021 GOAL SETTING**

Administrator Sheola explained that this meeting is a continuation of the goal setting session from last month to further define the top strategic goals for the Township.

The Committee collectively voted to focus on the following priority goals and the overall impact to the community:

### **1. Growth / Affordable Housing**

- population increase
- school system
- public safety (internal and external)
- increased need for social services
- traffic (internal and external)
- water/wastewater
- overall commercial growth

### **2. Financial Considerations**

- infrastructure
- operating expenses
- capital planning
- debt reduction
- “stabilization” of property taxes
- grant management
- municipal staffing & operational costs

### **3. Complete the Route 22 Zoning Study**

- 5 miles of Route 22 throughout the Township
- 26 median opening along Route 22
- vision for future, immediate and long term
- impact of growth/population and updating/analyzing of existing zoning
- stakeholder input including County Economic Development, New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJDEA), business owners, property owners and residents

### **4. Fire and Rescue Departments**

- recruitment/response/retention
- budgeting
- equipment planning
- operating efficiency
- cooperation
- staffing

### **5. Stewardship (Environmental, Parks, Open Space, Agriculture and Waterwatch)**

- planning – C-1 streams
- land management
- wildlife management
- migration of volunteers to volunteer/staff

## 6. Community Engagement

- Township's brand identification
- reasons for coming to Readington
- reasons for continuing to stay in Readington
- likes/dislikes with the Township
- surveying residents for opportunities to change or enhance the community
- engagement of more volunteers

Administrator Sheola stated that he will begin to frame out the goals discussed, along with listing the lesser ranked goals for future goal planning and advised that the next step would be to draft an overall report for the Committee's review.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made at 10:35 a.m. by Mrs. Fort to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karin M. Parker, *RMC*  
Municipal Clerk