

READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2023

Sharon A. Dragan, Esq., *called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

PRESENT: Mr. John Albanese, Mr. Juergen Huelsebusch, Mr. Adam Mueller and Mr. Vincent Panico

ABSENT: Mr. Jonathan Heller

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Sharon A. Dragan, Administrator Richard Sheola, Municipal Clerk Karin Parker

Sharon A. Dragan, Esq. led those present in the *Salute to the Flag*.

Swearing in of Vincent Panico as a member of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term.

Commissioner Susan Soloway swore in Vincent Panico as a member of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term.

Attorney Dragan asked for nominations for Mayor for the year 2023.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to nominate *Juergen Huelsebusch* for the position of Mayor for 2023, seconded by Mr. Panico and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese - Aye
Mr. Mueller - Aye
Mr. Panico -Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

Commissioner Susan Soloway swore in Juergen Huelsebusch as Mayor for the year 2023.

2023 MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Welcome and Happy New Year. I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to our township residents, numerous departments and staff, and our volunteers for your service in 2022. I thank my fellow Township Committee members for their continued commitment and service. Welcome to Vinny Panico as he joins us and begins a three-year term on the Township Committee. Let me share some of our many accomplishments from 2022, and our goals for 2023.

This past year we had several Personnel updates. In our Department of Public Works, we promoted Ron Christy as our new director. We improved or paved ten roads and leveraged American Rescue Plan funds to purchase new Department of Public Works equipment.

We promoted Christina Schwartz to Director of Land Use and Development.

We hired Tom Ferry, an experienced Chief Financial Officer to manage our budget and financial affairs.

We hired James Curry as our new Public Safety Director, promoted, and hired several police officers, and agreed to a shared services arrangement with the Readington Board of Education to place dedicated officers in each of our schools.

We established a traffic safety subcommittee which includes residents, to actively identify improvement opportunities and make recommendations to the township and county.

Our ten-year Agricultural Plan has been completed. Two new farms have been identified for potential 2023 agricultural preservation, comprising an additional 150 acres.

An unused, empty baseball field has been converted into a productive hay field for a local farmer.

We built new basketball courts at Pickell Park. New pickleball courts and playground equipment were installed at Summer Road Park.

We accepted two open space donations, one in the Chambers Brook Watershed, and one at Darts Mills on the South Branch of the Raritan River.

Our Township received recognition as one of the top fifty (50) safest towns in New Jersey. We were given the silver award in the Sustainable Jersey program, and the gold award for water quality, one of only three New Jersey towns to achieve this distinction.

It has been a privilege to serve Readington. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our police, and to all our volunteers, especially rescue, fire and first responders.

Now we look forward to 2023.

As a Township Committee, we plan to focus additional planning and resources on addressing state and court mandates such as affordable housing. It is our intent to minimize the impact of over development on our semi-rural environment.

We will continue to actively preserve farms. We have two properties pending with State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) and intend to target additional farms and willing landowners with potential preservation programs. We will actively preserve open space in our priority areas, in watersheds, forested areas, and wherever we can expand trail corridors.

Stewardship will be a continued priority. We are organizing a stewardship program for 2023 to continue protection and enhancement of the forest, meadows, and watershed we manage. We will continue to promote traffic safety and education and engage residents from all parts of Readington.

In an effort to improve communication, we will continue to encourage in-person meetings and video capabilities to make our departments and committees more productive. Social media options will be reviewed and explored.

With our advisory committees we are working to identify goals and to share ideas and intentions across committees to foster more cooperation to further benefit everyone.

In closing, I encourage those of you already participating in our township affairs to continue to do so, and to encourage your friends and neighbors to volunteer.

Let's continue the positive progress we have made to keep Readington Township the beautiful place it is to work and live.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Karen Mittleman, Glenmont Road, Board of Adjustment member, requested that the Committee reconsider reappointing Christina Albrecht, as a valued member of the Board of Adjustment.

REORGANIZATION:

1. **2023 Appointments**

Mr. Panico requested to remove the position of Deputy Mayor and Township Attorney from the 2023 appointment resolution.

Mr. Albanese requested to remove the Board of Adjustment members from the 2023 Appointment resolution.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-01

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appointments are made for the year 2023:

2023 APPOINTMENTS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM/YEARS</u>
TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY.....	DAVID STRAND (FISHER PHILIPS)	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY.....	MATTHEW GIACOBBE	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.....	ROBERT CLERICO (VAN CLEEF ENG) ...	ONE YEAR
CONFLICT ENGINEER	FERREIRO ENGINEERING, INC.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR.....	STEPHEN DAVIS.....	ONE YEAR
ALTERNATE TWP PROSECUTOR.....	BRIAN DAVIS.....	ONE YEAR
CONFLICT TWP PROSECUTOR.....	ROBERT BALLARD III	ONE YEAR
ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.....	ANTHONY ROTUNNO	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK.....	ANN MARIE LEHBERGER	ONE YEAR
ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER.....	RICHARD SHEOLA.....	ONE YEAR
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER..	RICHARD SHEOLA.....	ONE YEAR
HOUSING MUNICIPAL LIAISON &	CHRISTINE DEY.....	ONE YEAR
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT		
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.....	CHRISTOPHER ROGLIERI.....	THREE YEARS
	DIANA HENDRY.....	THREE YEARS
	ANDREW SAAD (1 ST ALTERNATE).....	TWO YEARS
BOARD OF HEALTH:.....	JODI BETTERMAN.....	THREE YEARS
	JOHN KALINACH	THREE YEARS
	WENDY SHEAY (1 ST ALTERNATE)	TWO YEARS
DOG LICENSING OFFICIAL.....	MEG SLUTTER	ONE YEAR
DOG WARDEN	ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS.....	ONE YEAR
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION CHAIR	NEIL HENDRICKSON	ONE YEAR

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM/YEARS</u>	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	ROBERT BECKER	THREE YEARS	
	STEPHEN FOSTER.....	THREE YEARS	
	CASSANDRA WARD	TWO YEARS	
	JEFF CHARNEY (1 ST ALT)	TWO YEARS	
WATERWATCH ADVISORY BOARD.....	RENE RAO	THREE YEARS	
	MARLENE ORLANDI (2 ND ALT).....	TWO YEARS	
FLOOD VERIFICATION OFFICIAL	ROBERT O'BRIEN.....	ONE YEAR	
HISTORIC PRESERVATION.....	PAT FISHER-OLSEN (CLASS A).....	FOUR YEARS	
	SARAH JOHN (CLASS C).....	FOUR YEARS	
	CHUCK WATERS (CLASS C)	FOUR YEARS	
	HERB FISCHER (1 ST ALT)	TWO YEARS	
FUND COMMISSIONER.....	RICHARD SHEOLA.....	ONE YEAR	
	KARIN PARKER (ALTERNATE).....	ONE YEAR	
PERS/PFRS CERTIFYING OFFICER	DARLENE MITCHELL.....	ONE YEAR	
PLANNING BOARD.....	ADAM MUELLER	(CLASS I)..... ONE YEAR	
	VINCENT PANICO ..(CLASS III)	ONE YEAR	
	NEIL HENDICKSON .(CLASS IV).....	FOUR YEARS	
	CHRISTOPHER JOHN ...(CLASS IV)..	FOUR YEARS	
	ROBERT BECKER	(CLASS IV). TWO YEARS	
	SCOTT BARTON	(2 ND ALT).....TWO YEARS	
TOWNSHIP PHYSICIAN.....	THE DOCTOR IS IN.....	ONE YEAR	
ALTERNATE TWP. PHYSICIAN	THE DOCTOR IS IN.....	ONE YEAR	
POLICE OFFICER (SPECIAL).....	TOM WALLACE	(CLASS II).... ONE YEAR	
	CONOR STROHM.....	(CLASS II)....., ONE YEAR	
	JOHN HARRIS.....	(CLASS II)... ONE YEAR	
	BRIAN GILMURRAY.....	(CLASS III).... ONE YEAR	
	ANTHONY ADAMS.....	(CLASS I).... ONE YEAR	
	PROPERTY CERTIFICATION OFFICIAL.....	CHRISTINA SCHWARTZ	ONE YEAR
RECREATION COMMITTEE:	SHARON BOBNAR-BECKER	ONE YEAR	
	BILL QUINN.....	ONE YEAR	
	MARK TOMAN	ONE YEAR	
	MELISSA ADAMS.....	ONE YEAR	
	ALLISON QUINTARD	ONE YEAR	
	KEN GROEL	(1 ST ALTERNATE)	ONE YEAR
	EMANUEL BOLA... ..	(2 ND ALTERNATE).....	ONE YEAR
MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATOR	RON CHRISTY	ONE YEAR	
SOLID WASTER ADVISORY COUNCIL.....	ROBERT BECKER.....	ONE YEAR	
READINGTON -LEBANON SEWER AUTHORITY.	ADAM MUELLER.....	TWO YEARS	
SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	CRAIG VILLA	ONE YEAR	
	JONATHAN HELLER	ONE YEAR	
	DAVID OLSEN.....	ONE YEAR	

Resolution #R-2023-01 cont'd:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM/YEARS</u>
STREET NAMING COMMITTEE	STEPHANIE B. STEVENS.....	ONE YEAR
	PATRICIA FISHER-OLSEN.....	ONE YEAR
TAX SEARCH OFFICER.....	MICHAEL BOLOGH.....	ONE YEAR
AGRICULTURAL LAND ADVISORY COMM.	KRISTIN DOYLE	THREE YEARS
	JON KOWAL	THREE YEARS
	CLAY MASON	ONE YEAR
MUSEUM COMMITTEE.....	RENE RAO	THREE YEARS
	SARAH JOHN	THREE YEARS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD.....	CHRISTOPHER JOHN	THREE YEARS
	JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH	THREE YEARS
	MARIO ORLANDI.....	THREE YEARS
	ADAM MUELLER	THREE YEARS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY CHAIR	JOHN KLOTZ (2 ND ALT).....	TWO YEARS
	JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH.....	ONE YEAR
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY VICE-CHAIR.....	JULIA C. ALLEN.....	ONE YEAR

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATION STAFF

CO-OEM COORDINATOR.....	RICHARD SHEOLA.....	ONE YEAR
CO-OEM COORDINATOR.....	JAMES CURRY... ..	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY COORDINATOR.....	FRANK VENEZIALE.....	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY COORDINATOR.....	BJ APGAR.....	ONE YEAR
CERT COORDINATOR.....	PAUL GRASSIE.....	ONE YEAR
SECRETARY.....	IRENE NOVAK.....	ONE YEAR
READINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE.....	CARLOS FERRIERO.....	ONE YEAR
READINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT...CHIEF OF FIRE CHIEFS		ONE YEAR
WHITEHOUSE RESCUE SQUAD – EMS. JEFF HERZOG.....		ONE YEAR
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.....	RON CHRISTY	ONE YEAR
MAYOR.....	JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH.....	ONE YEAR
HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARMENT.....		ONE YEAR
READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	DR. JONATHAN HART.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP SOCIAL SERVICES	CHRISTINE DEY	ONE YEAR
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL	THOMAS PETTO	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER’S OFFICE... ..	ROBERT O’BRIEN	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY	SHARON A. DRAGAN	ONE YEAR

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

CO-OEM COORDINATOR.....	RICHARD SHEOLA.....	ONE YEAR
CO-OEM COORDINATOR.....	JAMES CURRY... ..	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY COORDINATOR.....	FRANK VENEZIALE.....	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY COORDINATOR.....	BJ APGAR.....	ONE YEAR
CERT COORDINATOR.....	PAUL GRASSIE.....	ONE YEAR
SECRETARY.....	IRENE NOVAK.....	ONE YEAR
READINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE.....	CARLOS FERRIERO.....	ONE YEAR
READINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT...CHIEF OF FIRE CHIEFS		ONE YEAR

Resolution #R-2023-01 cont'd:

WHITEHOUSE RESCUE SQUAD – EMS. JEFF HERZOG.....	ONE YEAR
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.....RON CHRISTY	ONE YEAR
MAYOR.....JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIASION..... JONATHAN HELLER.....	ONE YEAR
HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.....	ONE YEAR
READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLSDR. JONATHAN HART.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP SOCIAL SERVICESCHRISTINE DEY	ONE YEAR
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIALTHOMAS PETTO	ONE YEAR
FIRE OFFICIALSEAN SMITH.....	ONE YEAR

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to adopt this resolution (*with the removal of the Deputy Mayor, Township Attorney and Board of Adjustment Members*), seconded by Mr. Mueller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese - Aye
Mr. Mueller - Aye
Mr. Panico -Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

Mr. Panico opined that the position of Deputy Mayor was an important position in the Township and should be voted on independently.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to appoint *Adam Mueller* as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese - Aye
Mr. Mueller - Aye
Mr. Panico -Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

Commissioner Susan Soloway swore in Adam Mueller as Deputy Mayor for the year 2023.

Mr. Albanese stated that since he was not involved in the decision process of appointing members to the Board of Adjustment he requested further discussion with the full governing body.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to appoint *Christopher Roglieri, Diana Hendry, and Andrew Saad* to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Mr. Mueller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese - Nay
Mr. Mueller - Aye
Mr. Panico -Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

Mr. Panico stated that he requested that the appointment of the township attorney be removed because the decision was made without the full governing body discussion.

MOTION was made by Mr. Mueller to appoint Sharon Dragan as Township Attorney, seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese - Aye
Mr. Mueller - Aye
Mr. Panico - Nay
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

2. **2023 Committee Appointments Resolution by the Mayor**

The following resolution for consideration:

#R-2023-02

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor of Readington Township, that the following Committee assignments be made for the year 2023:

John Albanese:

Affordable Housing
Recreation
Social Services

Jonathan Heller:

Finance
Emergency Services / Fire Official
Sewer Advisory
Environmental Commission / Water Watch Advisory Board

Juergen Huelsebusch:

Police Department / Traffic Safety
Agricultural Advisory Committee
Farmland / Open Space Advisory Board

Adam Mueller:

Planning Board
Engineering / Roads / Buildings & Grounds / Recycling
Construction & Code Enforcement
Municipal Court

Vincent Panico:

Historic Preservation / Museums
Zoning
Board of Health
Library Services

Entire Township Committee

Township Clerk
Township Administrator

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

Mr. Albanese - Aye
Mr. Mueller - Aye
Mr. Panico -Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Huelsebusch made 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.

Mr. Panico requested to remove Items # 6 and 7 from the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. ***Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Cash Management Plan for the Year 2023***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5, et seq. requires that municipalities adopt a Cash Management Plan which is designed to assure, to the extent practical, investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and other permitted investments; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan must include:

1. The designation of a public depository or depositories.
2. The authorization for investments as permitted by various applicable laws.
3. The annual submission of the Cash Management Plan to the governing body, which must be approved by a majority vote.
4. An annual audit of the Cash Management Plan.
5. That when an investment is in bonds which mature in more than one year, a determination that the maturity approximates the prospective time when such funds are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the attached Cash Management Plan is hereby adopted for the year 2023.

Cash Management Plan

2023

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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the “Plan”) is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. A.40A: 5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits and investment of certain public funds of the Township of Readington, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to ensure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to ensure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN.

- A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township of Readington:
 - 1. Current Fund
 - a. Current
 - b. Payroll
 - 2. Treasurer’s Trust
 - a. Developers Escrow
 - b. Recreation
 - c. Driveway Apron
 - d. LOSAP
 - e. Maintenance Guarantee
 - f. Unemployment
 - g. General Trust
 - h. Payroll Agency
 - i. Housing
 - j. Board of Health Escrow
 - k. Open Space
 - l. Forfeited Property

Resolution #R-2023-03 cont'd:

3. Dog License
 4. General Capital & Capital Green Trust
 5. Sewer Operating & Expansion
- B. It is understood that this Plan is not intended to cover certain funds and accounts of the Township of Readington, Specifically:
1. Deferred Compensation
 2. Municipal Court
 - a. Fines Account
 - b. Bail Accounts

III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Readington and the Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of the Township of Readington are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

TD BANK
NJ CASH MANAGEMENT FUND
WELLS FARGO BANK
PNC BANK
INVESTORS SAVINGSEAPACK GLADSTONE BANK
UNITY BANK

All depositories must conform to the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA), and shall provide a Notification of Eligibility from the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, on a semi-annual basis. In addition, designated depositories shall maintain maximum FDIC or FSLIC coverage of all Township funds on deposit.

V. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15, into appropriate fund operating accounts. Non-interest bearing operating and capital accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment. Debt Service and Trust accounts shall be maintained in accordance with Federal and State statutes, regulating such funds. Payroll, Developers' Escrow, Professional Fees Escrow, Performance Bond deposits and other agency funds, which represent funds of individuals and other organizations held by the Township shall be deposited in regular interest bearing checking accounts, unless applicable State statutes direct otherwise. Grant funds shall be deposited in accordance with the regulations of the granting government or agency.

Where compensating balances are required by any designated depository to offset the cost of services provided an agreement between the Township and the depository shall be executed, specifying the charge for each service and the balance required to offset each charge. Said agreement shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

Resolution #R-2023-03 cont'd:

VI. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL.

The following brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions are hereby designated as firms with whom the Designated Officials of the Township, referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identified in this Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits. All such brokerage firms and/or dealers shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section III above.

FNC - FINANCIAL NORTHEASTERN COMPANIES
GIBRALTAR SECURITIES CO.

VII. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURE

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
2. Government money market mutual funds;
3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
4. Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the School district is located;
5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey School Districts, Municipalities, Counties and entities subject to the “Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law”, P.L. 1983, C313 (C40A:5A-1 et seq.) Other Bonds or obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase may be approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
6. Local government investment pools;
7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977,c.281 (C.52: 18A-90.4); or
8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - a. The underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
 - b. The custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - c. The maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - d. The underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); ND
 - e. A master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms “government money market mutual fund” and Local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

Resolution #R-2023-03 cont'd:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An Investment Company or investment trusts:

- a. Which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940,” 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1, et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.
- b. The portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities; and
- c. Which has:
- d. Attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
- e. Retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the “Investment Advisors Act of 1940,” 15 U.S.C. sec.80 b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 Months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- a. Which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a.7;
- b. Which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by U.S. Government securities;
- c. Which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52: 14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- d. Which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonable be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and
- e. which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank, located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

B: Notwithstanding the above authorization, the monies on hand in the following funds and accounts shall be further limited as to maturities, specific investments or otherwise as follows:

Resolution #R-2023-03 cont’d:

VIII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN.

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a “delivery versus payment” method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Township or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Township’s funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Township deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

IX. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

All funds shall be disbursed as authorized and directed by the Township Committee. The Chief Financial Officer shall, at the beginning of the year, present to the Township Committee a schedule of debt service principal and interest payments and when available, a schedule of School Tax payments for the upcoming year. Upon approval of the schedules of payments by the Township Committee, the Chief Financial Officer shall then have the authority to make the following disbursements:

- School Taxes
- County Taxes
- Open Space Taxes
- Interfunds
- Purchase of Investments
- Debt Service
- Payroll - Salaries and Wages
- Health Benefits for Employees & Retirees
- Pension payments
- Postage
- Petty Cash Reimbursements
- Utility bills

X. PETTY CASH FUND

Reimbursements for expenditures through the Petty Cash Fund shall be made within the limits approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Petty Cash Fund shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-21. Petty Cash Funds shall be maintained in the following amounts:

Finance Dept	\$ 200
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Resolution #R-2023-03 cont'd:

XI. CHANGE FUNDS

Change funds have been established by past resolutions of the governing body to provide change to taxpayers making payments to the following departments:

Tax Office	\$ 150.00
Municipal Court	\$ 200.00
Police Department	\$ 100.00
Department of Public Works	\$ 100.00
Township Clerk/ Animal Control License Official	\$ 100.00

XII. BONDING

The following officials shall be covered by individual or blanket surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution:

Chief Financial Officer
Treasurer
Tax Collector
Assistant Tax Collector
Municipal Magistrate
Court Administrator
Deputy Court Administrator

Staff members of the Department of Finance and Tax Collection not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Bond.

XIII. COMPLIANCE

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Readington shall be subject to the approval of the Township Attorney, and shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4.

As stated in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the official(s) charged with the custody of Township funds shall deposit them as instructed by this Cash Management Plan, and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability or loss due to the insolvency or closing of any designated depository.

If at any time, this Cash Management Plan conflicts with any regulation of the State of New Jersey, or and department thereof, the applicable State regulations shall apply.

XIV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

By the tenth day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Township a written report of any permitted investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

Resolution #R-2023-03 cont'd:

- A. The Name of any institution holding funds of the Township as a permitted investment.
- B. The amount of investments purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of investment purchased.
- D. The book value of such investments
- E. The earned income on such permitted investment. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such permitted investments.
- G. The market value of all permitted investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township.

XV. TERM OF PLAN.

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Township of Readington approving this Plan for such a time period. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Committee, the Designated Official (s) is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan. The amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

- * 2. ***Resolution authorizing check signing of Current/Municipal account checks for Readington Township for 2023***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-04

CHECK SIGNATURE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following officials be authorized to sign our Current/
Municipal Account checks for the Township of Readington for the year 2023:

- ◆ Administrator
- ◆ Municipal Clerk
- ◆ Chief Financial Officer
- ◆ Assistant to Administrator (Alternate)

* 3. *Temporary Budget Current & Sewer Utility Resolution*

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-05

**2023 TEMPORARY BUDGETS
 CURRENT FUND & SEWER UTILITY**

	SALARIES & WAGES	OTHER EXPENSES
CURRENT FUND:		
Administrative & Executive	\$ 95,802.00	\$ 46,750.00
Mayor & Committee	11,233.00	1,250.00
Elections		4,000.00
Financial Administration	59,590.00	2,575.00
Audit Services		11,250.00
Assessment of Taxes	29,684.00	1,625.00
Revision of Tax Map		3,750.00
Collection of Taxes	18,714.00	6,612.00
Legal Services		146,250.00
Prosecutor		13,000.00
Engineering		43,750.00
Buildings and Grounds	78,585.00	30,500.00
Planning Board	9,444.00	2,392.00
Board of Adjustment/Zoning	32,783.00	5,805.00
Environmental Commission		18,575.00
Consultants		37,500.00
General Liability Insurance		112,205.00
Employee Group Health		504,130.00
Workers Compensation		55,586.00
Health Benefit Waivers		3,750.00
Waste Collection/Recycling		217,594.00
Fire Companies/Rescue Squad		106,190.00
Police	817,457.00	79,350.00
Streets and Roads	413,870.00	104,000.00
Snow Removal		35,050.00
Tree Care		10,000.00
Board of Health	7,500.00	12,787.00
Emergency Management	3,925.00	2,200.00
Animal Control		1,250.00
Public Assistance/Housing	34,660.00	2,537.00
Recreation	40,275.00	12,875.00
Free County Library	35,602.00	2,125.00
Senior Transportation		1,250.00
Museum Committee	8,668.00	4,625.00
Historic Preservation Commission		200.00
Construction Code Official	89,718.00	31,400.00
Celebration of Public Events		1,875.00

Resolution #R-2023-05 cont'd:

Reserve for Salary/Wage Adjustments	56,250.00	
Fire Hydrant Service		27,500.00
Electricity		35,000.00
Telephone		18,750.00
Street Lighting		11,181.00
Fuel Oil		2,125.00
Gasoline		37,500.00
Contingent		1,250.00
Social Security		136,662.00
Pension Plans		383,948.00
SUI		1,875.00
DCRP		3,750.00
LOSAP		21,250.00
Municipal Court	29,559.00	7,537.00
Uniform Fire Safety	16,683.00	2,950.00
Public Defender		2,500.00
CURRENT FUND TOTALS	\$1,890,002.00	\$2,370,341.00

**OTHER
 EXPENSES**

SEWER UTILITY:		
Other Expenses		\$60,000.00
Service Fees		388,250.00
Capital Improvements		22,500.00
Surplus to General Budget		37,500.00
SEWER UTILITY TOTALS		\$508,250.00

*** 4. Resolution to set delinquent tax interest rate for 2023**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-06

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION FIXING INTEREST RATES ON DELINQUENT TAXES
 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to R.S. 54:4-67, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey hereby fixes the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes for calendar year 2011 at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 of delinquency.

Resolution #R-2023-06 cont'd:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the above provision, no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same became payable according to the laws in such cases made and provided. If such payment is not made within the ten (10) day grace period, the above rate of interest shall run and accrue from the original due date of such taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the same interest calculations for delinquent tax collections be applied to sewer utility accounts with the exception that the grace period be thirty (30) days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year shall be so charged an additional rate of interest of six percent (6%) against the delinquency.

* 5. **Resolution Designating Official Newspapers for 2023**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-07

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Committee does hereby designate the following newspapers as its official newspapers for the year 2023:

- ◆ *Courier News*
- ◆ *Hunterdon Democrat*
- ◆ *Hunterdon Review*
- ◆ *Star Ledger*
- ◆ *Express Times*

6. **Professional Services Resolution**

Mr. Panico requested clarification on the award through the competitive bid process for the professionals.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-08

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services;
and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services through a fair and open process must be publicly advertised.

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

Resolution #R-2023-08 cont'd:

1. That the following contracts have been awarded through the fair and open process as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6(1) (a)* of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:
 - ◆ *Sharon A. Dragan* of Mason, Griffin & Pierson, PC as Township Attorney
 - ◆ *Martin Allen, Esq. of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.* as Tax Attorney
2. Said contracts shall expire on December 31, 2023.
3. Copies of these Professional Service Contracts are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to adopt this resolution as amended, seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	-Nay
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

7. **Resolution setting 2023 meeting dates for Township Committee**

Mr. Panico confirmed that there was only one meeting in the month of August.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-09

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Committee hold its regular meetings on the First and Third Monday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m., (except where the date falls on a Holiday upon which the meeting will take place on the Tuesday) after at which time an Executive Session will be held, at the Municipal Building in the Court Room.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following meeting dates be confirmed for publication:

Resolution #R-2023-09 cont'd:

January 17, 2023
February 6, 2023
February 21, 2023
March 6, 2023
March 20, 2023
April 3, 2023
April 17, 2023
May 1, 2023
May 15, 2023
June 5, 2023
June 19, 2023
July 3, 2023
July 17, 2023
August 7, 2023
September 5, 2023
September 18, 2023
October 2, 2023
October 16, 2023
November 6, 2023
November 20, 2023
December 4, 2023
December 18, 2023

MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese - Aye
Mr. Mueller - Aye
Mr. Panico -Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

* 8. **Resolution - Added and Omitted Assessments**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-10

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
ADDED AND OMITTED ASSESSMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, recognizes that *N.J.S.A. 54-5-63.12 et seq.*, popularly known as the "Originally Method", allows the Collector of Taxes upon written complaint to the County Tax Board to notify such Board of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed; and

HEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, has requested the Township Committee to authorize her to notify the County Tax Board upon written complaint of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed pursuant to and in compliance with *N.J.S.A. 54:5-63.12*; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, is called upon with the knowledge of omitted and rollback taxes prior to the Tax Collector.
Resolution #R-2023-10 cont'd:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington be and is hereby authorized to notify upon written complaint to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed.

- * 9. ***Resolution - Authorization for Assessor to File Correction of Tax Assessment for 2023***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-11

***AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSESSOR TO FILE CORRECTION OF
TAX ASSESSMENT FOR 2023***

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, has been informed by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessments covering certain property locations within the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington has requested the Township Committee to authorize her to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington will relieve the Taxpayer for said property from filing an appeal with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington is hereby authorized after having previously notified the governing body by an appropriate list of properties setting forth the manner and mode of adjustment to file corrective appeals for 2023 with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors were made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any negotiations to be done on behalf of the Municipality will be handled by the Tax Assessor, including Resolution of Appeals filed directly by property owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor send copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

- * 10. ***Resolution – Authorization for Martin Allen, Esq., Readington Township Tax Attorney to File Correction of Tax Assessment for 2023***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-12

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MARTIN ALLEN, ESQ.,
READINGTON TOWNSHIP TAX ATTORNEY,
TO FILE CORRECTION OF TAX ASSESSMENT FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, has been informed by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessments covering certain property locations within the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, Martin Allen, Esq., Readington Township Tax Attorney (hereinafter “Tax Attorney”) has requested the Township Committee to authorize him to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections by the Tax Attorney of the Township of Readington will relieve the Taxpayer for said property from filing an appeal with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Tax Attorney of the Township of Readington is hereby authorized after having previously notified the governing body by an appropriate list of properties setting forth the manner and mode of adjustment to file corrective appeals for 2023 with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors were made; and, that any negotiations to be done on behalf of the Municipality will be handled by the Tax Attorney, including Resolution of Appeals filed directly by property owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor send copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the Consent Agenda (*with the removal of items# 6 & 7*), seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	-Aye
Mr. Panico	-Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Resolution in Recognition of Ron Monaco’s Years of Service to the Township***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-13

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ron Monaco, former Mayor and an active citizen, has selflessly served as a Township volunteer of Readington Township for over forty-five (45) years; and

WHEREAS, while Ron Monaco is now retiring to a neighboring Township, the Readington Township Committee wishes to acknowledge his many valued contributions toward the betterment of our community over the past four and a half decades; and

Resolution #R-2023-13 cont’d:

WHEREAS, upon moving to Readington in 1977, Ron Monaco was inspired by Readington’s working farms, open farmland, quaint historic villages, and pristine natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Ron immediately understood that, without policy changes and municipal action, the Township’s wonderful rural character he admired so much was in danger of being consumed by central New Jersey’s relentless suburban sprawl, so he devoted himself as a Township volunteer, and

WHEREAS, in pursuit of a goal to protect Readington’s historic rural character, Ron served Readington Township in multiple capacities:

- Readington Township Committee: seven (7) terms for a total of twenty-one (21) years, 1983 - 2003
- Mayor: five (5) one-year terms
- Readington Township Planning Board: thirty-seven (37) years, 1986-2022, chairman, seven (7) years
- Library Committee and Advisor: thirty-seven (37) years, 1982-2019
- Readington Lebanon Sewer Authority: 1983-2022
- Sewer Advisory Committee: 1987- 2022
- Agricultural Advisory Committee: twenty-one (21) years, 2001-2022
- Board of Trustees of the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance
- Board of Trustees of Go Hunterdon

WHEREAS, as a municipal leader and volunteer, Ron has been instrumental in many of Readington’s Township’s most impressive accomplishments, among them:

- The restoration of Whitehouse Station’s historic train station
- The creation of the Township’s first branch library in the restored train station.
- The creation of the Readington Lebanon Sewer system, which not only helped to protect Readington’s pristine water resources, but also allowed corporations such as Merck and Chubb to locate in Whitehouse Station.
- The designation of four local villages on the Historic Register
- The preservation of the historic museums, most notably the Stickney Museum
- The preservation of 3,000 acres of Open Spaces
- The preservation of 5,000 acres of farmland
- Municipal Master Plans and Municipal land use ordinances that prioritized the protection of natural resources and the protection of Readington’s historic rural character
- The creation of the “senior walkway” connecting the Lake Cushetunk Community to Main Street, Whitehouse Station
- The creation of an affordable housing plan that enhanced Readington and at the same time, assured State compliance
- As Township Committee liaison to the Finance Department and as a finance professional certified in municipal finance, Ron assured that Readington’s finances were sound

WHEREAS, in his years as a public servant, Ron’s ability to treat both colleagues and municipal constituents in a friendly, helpful, and polite manner has earned him the respect and admiration of all those who have had the opportunity to work with him; and

WHEREAS, Ron’s longstanding dedication and service to the Township has contributed to Readington being a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Readington Township Committee takes this opportunity to honor and thank him for his years of service to the Township and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

Resolution #R-2023-13 cont’d:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Readington Township Committee hereby declares January 3, 2023 as **Ron Monaco Day** in Readington Township with all ranks and privileges that may be bestowed.

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

Mr. Albanese	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	-Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Julie Allen (Hillcrest Road), Cheryl Filler (Round Valley Road), Betty Ann Fort (Taylors Mill Road), Jerry Cook (Railroad Lane), Jacqueline Hindle (Indian Run) and Christina Albrecht (Pine Bank Road) all spoke to their time working with Ron Monaco and thanked him for his kindness, expertise, friendship and countless contributions to the Township and the Community.

Ron Monaco spoke to his 40+ years as a volunteer with the Township and expressed his appreciation for the kind words that were offered.

Jon Cote, Heirloom Road, congratulated Mr. Panico on being elected to Township Committee and inquired as to whether Mr. Panico was planning to run for state legislature.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to adjourn at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Panico with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Submitted:

Karin M Parker, *RMC*
Municipal Clerk