

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
MEETING – DECEMBER 28, 2023**

Deputy Mayor Mueller *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: Deputy Mayor A. Mueller, Mr. J. Albanese, Mr. J. Heller and Mr. V. Panico

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

ABSENT: Mayor J. Huelsebusch

Deputy Mayor Mueller led those present in the *Salute to the Flag*.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Deputy Mayor Mueller 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. **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>
GENERAL FUND	3-01	\$ 475,261.44
SEWER UTILITY OP. FUND	3-02	\$ 3,421.75
OTHER TRUST	X-03	\$ 55.00
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX LIENS	X-05	\$ 74,590.76
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 203,521.79
2023 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-21	<u>\$ 10,596.00</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 767,446.74

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

Mr. Albanese - Aye
 Mr. Heller - Aye
 Mr. Panico - Aye
 Deputy Mayor Mueller - Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **2023 Budget Appropriation Transfers**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-197

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2023 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58* provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58* for transfer purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriation accounts of the 2023 Municipal Budget as follows:

Current Fund	FROM	TO
Uniform Construction Code S&W	45,000.00	
Administration O/E	300.00	
Streets & Roads S&W	72,300.00	
Municipal Court O/E		500.00
Group Insurance		10,000.00
Engineering		30,000.00
Legal Services		60,000.00
Telephone		7,000.00
Administrative S&W		100.00
Buildings & Grounds S&W		2,000.00
Public Assistance S&W		1,000.00
Prosecutor O/E		7,000.00
TOTAL	\$117,600.00	\$117,600.00

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. Heller - Aye
- Mr. Panico - Aye
- Deputy Mayor Mueller - Aye

The Committee went into Executive Session at 9:10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 *et seq.*, the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and desires to authorize the exclusion of the public from the portion of the meeting in accordance with the act;

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

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

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
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PBA.....	Contract Negotiations.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other Information will remain confidential
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Request for Qualifications / Professional Services	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
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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. Albanese to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Executive Session:

Contract Negotiations / PBA

Deputy Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Request for Qualifications / Professional Services

Deputy Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Deputy Mayor Mueller wished everyone Happy New Year!

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mr. Panico at 9:35 a.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Albanese with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Submitted:

Karin M Parker, *RMC*
Municipal Clerk