

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – April 7, 2025**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Administrator J. Curry, Acting Municipal Clerk A. Lehberger and Attorney C. Corsini

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

April 7, 2025

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 Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u>
Police..... of Twp	Personnel	Certain information at the discretion the Township Committee tonight shall remain confidential
Hawk Strategies.....	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Van Cleef Engineering (Survey and Wetlands Work Block 46 Lot 5.07)	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Block 43 Lot 1	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Block 1 Lot 1 & Block 3 Lot 1..... (SQ Properties LLC)	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Block 46 Lot 6 (Dowling-Volk)	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Block 93 Lot 2 (Torsilieri)	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Professional Services (Website Services)	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “

Executive Session Minutes..... Attorney-Client Privilege..... “ “ “
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Affordable Housing..... Potential Litigation..... “ “ “

Administration..... Personnel “ “ “

- 2. 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”.
- 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Police

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-86

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Readington Township Police Department has been without a chief of police, and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has chosen to promote a member of the department to the rank of chief of police in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, and;

WHEREAS, the candidates were subjected to a demanding review, and;

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Steven Rindock was the prevailing candidate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township Committee of Readington Township hereby agrees to appoint Steven Rindock, Chief of Police with the Readington Township Police Department effective April 7th, 2025 at a salary of \$187,500.

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

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

Mayor Mueller swore in Steven Rindock as the Chief of Police.

Personnel / Police

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-87

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Raymond Mackiewicz was appointed police sergeant on April 3rd 2022; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Raymond Mackiewicz has successfully completed 3 years at the rank of sergeant,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township Committee promotes Sergeant Raymond Mackiewicz to the rank of Sergeant First Class for Readington Township effective April 3rd, 2025, at a base salary of \$139,997 set by contract.

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

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

Contract Negotiations / Hawk Strategies

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

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

Contract Negotiations/ Van Cleef Engineering (Proposal for Survey and Wetlands Work Block 46, Lot 5.07)

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/ Block 43 Lot 1

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Block 1, Lot 1 and Block 3, Lot 1 (SQ Properties LLC)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-84

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHERE AS, the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan established an Open Space Acquisition Grants Program to provide Open Space Trust Funds to qualifying charitable conservancies or municipalities for the acquisition of lands for public recreation, conservation, and general open space purposes in Hunterdon County.

The corporate body/board of the Township of Readington desires to further the public interest in Hunterdon County by obtaining Open Space Trust Funds to fund the following acquisition project:

Block 1, Lot 1, commonly known as 2 Rockaway Road in Lebanon, Township of

Readington, and Block 3, Lot 1, with a location unidentified by numerical address on Taylor's Mill Road in Lebanon, Township of Readington, and are both owned by SQ Properties LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the corporate body/board authorizes:

1. James J. Curry Jr., Township of Readington Administrator, to: (a) make an application to the County of Hunterdon for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Nonprofit Grants Program and (c) act as the principal contact person, correspondent and authorized signatory of the above name Nonprofit Organization.

2. If the County of Hunterdon determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan and the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Nonprofit Grants Program adopted thereto, the Nonprofit Organization agrees to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such adopted policies and procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto.

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

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

Contract Negotiations / Block 46, Lot 6 (Dowling-Volk)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-85

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

RESOLUTION

WHERE AS, the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan established an Open Space Acquisition Grants Program to provide Open Space Trust Funds to qualifying charitable conservancies or municipalities for the acquisition of lands for public recreation, conservation, and general open space purposes in Hunterdon County.

The corporate body/board of the Township of Readington desires to further the public interest in Hunterdon County by obtaining Open Space Trust Funds to fund the following acquisition project:

A 11.98-acre portion of block 46, lot 6, commonly known as 622 Route 523 in Whitehouse Station, Township of Readington, owned by the Estate of Kenneth Joseph Volk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the corporate body/board authorizes:

3. James J. Curry Jr., Township of Readington Administrator, to: (a) make an application to the County of Hunterdon for Open Space Trust Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Nonprofit Grants Program and (c) act as the principal contact person, correspondent and authorized signatory of the above name Nonprofit Organization.

4. If the County of Hunterdon determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan and the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Nonprofit Grants Program adopted thereto, the Nonprofit Organization agrees to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such adopted policies and procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto.

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

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

Contract Negotiations / Block 93, Lot 2 (Torsilieri)

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Professional Services/Website Services

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to approve the contract with City Connections LLC, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes/March 17, 2025

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 17, 2025 for content only, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel / Administration

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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. * **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of March 13, 2025 and March 17, 2025
2. * ***Application for Blue Light Permit (Elaine Apgar)***
3. * ***NJ State Firefighter's Association Application for Membership (Dante Markow)***
4. * ***Acceptance of Maintenance Bond/Top Line Construction/2024 Road Improvements***
5. * ***Acceptance of Maintenance Bond/Top Line Construction/Pulaski Road Section 2***
6. * ***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	4-01	\$ 34,826.19
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	4-02	\$ 10,472.22
GENERAL	5-01	\$ 4,847,201.45
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	5-02	\$ 150,518.82
GENERAL	G-01	\$ 36,851.94
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	G-02	\$ 42,086.76
OTHER TRUST	X-03	\$ 87,034.13
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 321,018.03
2021 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-21	\$ 15,895.58
2022-14 VARIOS CAPITALS	X-22	\$ 13,577.45
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 5,559,482.57

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. *An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Readington Township Salary Ordinance for Officers and Employees of the Township of Readington -Ordinance #07-2025*

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, 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

Ordinance #07-2025

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Notice of Hearing of Branchburg Township Planning Board on April 8, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. - ***Starr Industries (Block 17 Lot 1-County Line Road)***- No action taken
2. Letter from PSE&G- ***Application for FHA Permit by Certification #10 in kind replacement of culvert Block 2.01 Lots 9 & 9.01***-No action taken
3. Resolution from Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners - ***Supporting legislation that will authorize local governments to publish legal notices on a local governments official website***-No action taken
4. Notice from PSE&G - ***In the Matter of the Petition of Public Electric and Gas Company for Approval of Electric and Gas Rate Adjustments Pursuant to the Infrastructure Advancement Program*** -No action taken

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Bond Ordinance of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Reappropriating \$84,830.67 No Longer Needed for its Existing Purpose in Order to Provide for the Remediation of Fuel Storage Tanks - Ordinance #08-2025***

Mayor Mueller announced that the introduction of this ordinance will be tabled at this time.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Mueller to table this matter, seconded by Mr. Panico with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

2. ***Resolution Designating the Pensions and Benefits Certifying Officer and Supervising Certifying Officer***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-88

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PENSIONS AND BENEFITS CERTIFYING OFFICER AND SUPERVISING CERTIFYING OFFICER

WHEREAS, Chapter 52, P.L. 2011, N.J.S.A. 43:3C-15 establish procedures and employer training requirements for the enrollment and/pr transfer of employees into the State administered retirement systems; and

WHEREAS, it is mandatory that the Township of Readington appoint both a Certifying Officer and Supervising Certifying Officer in order to perform the duties relating to matters concerning the New Jersey State administered Retirement Systems with respect to each of the employees of the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Noon, Chief Financial Officer, shall be appointed Supervising Certifying Officer, and Shannon Paul, Finance Assistant, shall be appointed Certifying Officer.

WHEREAS, said named individuals have agreed to perform the duties associated with the said positions.

Resolution #R-2025-88 cont'd:

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

1. That Alicia Noon is hereby designated as Supervising Certifying Officer in the Township of Readington for the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Policeman's and Fireman's Retirement System of the State of New Jersey.
2. That Shannon Paul is hereby designated as Certifying Officer in the Township of Readington for the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Policeman's and Fireman's Retirement System of the State of New Jersey.

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

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

3. Resolution Appointing a Fund Commissioner to the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-89

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Alicia Noon, CFO as the Fund Commissioner and James Curry, Jr, Acting Township Administrator as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Alicia Noon - Fund Commissioner
2. James Curry Jr - Alternate Fund Commissioner
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

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

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

4. Resolution Appointing a Treasurer

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-90

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TREASURER

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Alicia Noon, Chief Financial Officer as the Treasurer for the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer.

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

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

5. Resolution Authorizing Self-Examination of the 2025 Municipal Budget

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-91

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-78b authorizes the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Readington has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2025 budget year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body finds the budget has met the following requirements:

3. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
4. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

Resolution #R-2025-91 cont'd:

5. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
6. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
7. The budget will be introduced and will be publicly advertised and adopted in accordance with the relevant provision of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
8. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

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

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

6. Resolution Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriation Prior to Adoption of 2025 Budget

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-92

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025 Budget has not been adopted and additional temporary appropriations are required in order to provide township services until the 2025 Budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 of the Local Budget Law authorizes the governing body by resolution adopted by a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof to make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following emergency temporary appropriations be made for the year 2025:

Resolution #R-2025-92 cont'd:

Division Title	1/7/2025		3/3/2025		3/17/2025		4/7/2025		Modified	
	Temporary Budget		Amendment		Amendment		Amendment		Temporary Budget	
	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary
CURRENT FUND										
Administrative & Executive	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 40,000.00					\$ 163,000.00		\$ 268,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Mayor & Committee	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 750.00					\$ 12,000.00		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 750.00
Elections		\$ 3,000.00							\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Financial Administration	\$ 61,625.00	\$ 20,000.00					\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 96,625.00	\$ 60,000.00
Audit Services		\$ 5,000.00						\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 1,625.00				\$ 2,375.00	\$ 25,500.00		\$ 54,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Revision of Tax Map		\$ 250.00				\$ 3,750.00			\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Collection of Taxes	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 6,700.00					\$ 27,620.00		\$ 55,120.00	\$ 6,700.00
Legal Services		\$ 200,000.00							\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
Prosecutor		\$ 11,250.00						\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 31,250.00
Engineering		\$ 40,000.00						\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 30,500.00			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 76,010.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 176,010.00	\$ 90,000.00
Planning Board	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 2,400.00					\$ 6,850.00		\$ 11,250.00	\$ 2,400.00
Board of Adjustment	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 2,400.00					\$ 6,850.00		\$ 11,250.00	\$ 2,400.00
Land Use & Development	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 3,000.00				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Environmental Commission		\$ 1,000.00							\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Consultants		\$ 25,000.00							\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
General Liability Insurance		\$ 340,000.00						\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 346,500.00
Employee Group Health		\$ 800,000.00				\$ 600,000.00		\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000.00
Workers Compensation		\$ 171,800.00						\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 173,800.00
Waste Collection/Recycling		\$ 5,000.00						\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Companies/Rescue Squad		\$ 60,000.00							\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
Police	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 60,000.00			\$ 250,000.00		\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 2,300,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Streets and Roads	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 85,000.00					\$ 375,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 775,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 60,000.00			\$ 25,000.00		\$ 90,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 105,000.00
Snow Removal		\$ 10,000.00		\$ 125,000.00		\$ 65,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 215,000.00
Tree Care		\$ 5,000.00						\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Board of Health	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 9,000.00					\$ 16,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 32,200.00	\$ 11,000.00
Emergency Management	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00					\$ 2,000.00		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Animal Control		\$ 500.00							\$ -	\$ 500.00

Division Title	1/7/2025		3/3/2025		3/17/2025		4/7/2025		Modified	
	Temporary Budget		Amendment		Amendment		Amendment		Temporary Budget	
	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary
CURRENT FUND										
Public Assistance/Housing	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 40,000.00		\$ 77,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Recreation	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 13,500.00					\$ 55,700.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 125,700.00	\$ 33,500.00
Free Library	\$ 37,700.00	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 32,000.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 69,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Senior Services		\$ 1,000.00							\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Museum Committee	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 3,300.00			\$ 5,800.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 5,300.00
Historic Preservation Commission		\$ 200.00							\$ -	\$ 200.00
Construction Code Official	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 5,000.00				\$ 15,000.00	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Celebration of Public Events		\$ 500.00						\$ 13,500.00	\$ -	\$ 14,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service		\$ 28,000.00						\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 58,000.00
Electricity		\$ 35,000.00						\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 55,000.00
Telephone		\$ 20,000.00						\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
Street Lighting		\$ 12,000.00							\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
Fuel Oil		\$ 2,500.00							\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Gasoline		\$ 37,500.00				\$ 52,500.00			\$ -	\$ 90,000.00
Natural Gas		\$ -		\$ 20,000.00				\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
General Serial Bonds		\$ -						\$ 1,710,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,710,000.00
Interest on Bonds		\$ -						\$ 510,000.00	\$ -	\$ 510,000.00
Social Security		\$ 185,000.00						\$ 180,000.00	\$ -	\$ 365,000.00
PERS		\$ 150,000.00						\$ 378,604.00	\$ -	\$ 528,604.00
PFRS		\$ 300,000.00						\$ 618,360.00	\$ -	\$ 918,360.00
SUI		\$ 2,500.00						\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
DCRP		\$ 4,000.00							\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Municipal Court	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 3,800.00			\$ 15,000.00		\$ 34,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 8,800.00
Uniform Fire Safety – Shared Service									\$ -	\$ -
Fire Sub-code		\$ 13,000.00							\$ -	\$ 13,000.00
Fire Official		\$ 24,000.00							\$ -	\$ 24,000.00
Public Defender		\$ 2,500.00						\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	\$ 2,066,525.00	\$ 2,846,475.00	\$ -	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 315,800.00	\$ 763,125.00	\$ 2,246,030.00	\$ 4,410,664.00	\$ 4,628,355.00	\$ 8,165,264.00
										\$ 12,793,619.00
SEWER UTILITY										
Salaries & Wages	\$ 50,000.00								\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Other Expenses		\$ 60,000.00						\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ 115,000.00
Service Fees		\$ 425,000.00				\$ 140,000.00		\$ 370,000.00	\$ -	\$ 935,000.00
Capital Improvements		\$ 10,000.00							\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus to General Budget		\$ 37,500.00							\$ -	\$ 37,500.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 532,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -	\$ 425,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,097,500.00
										\$ 1,147,500.00

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

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

7. Resolution Calling Upon Governor Murphy and Attorney General Platkin to uphold their Oaths of Office

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Mueller to adopt this resolution, since there was not a second the motion failed.

8. Sustainable Land Use Pledge Resolution

The Committee discussed and agreed to table this matter at this time.

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Mueller to table this matter, seconded by Mr. Panico with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

9. Resolution for Governor's Council on Substance Use Disorder Fiscal Grant Cycle October 2020-June 2026

The Committee discussed and agreed to table this matter at this time until more information is provided.

A **MOTION** was made by Mayor Mueller to table this matter, seconded by Mr. Panico with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

10. Application for Special Events Permit / Ready Set Go Adventures

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to approve the Special Event Permit, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

11. Resolution for Approval to Apply for Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board 2025 Summer Youth Work Experience Program Grant

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-93

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO
GREATER RARITAN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

WHEREAS, The County of Somerset is soliciting proposals through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 et seq. for the Request for Application (RFA) for a Summer Youth Employment Program funded by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor;

WHEREAS, the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board (GRWDB) seeks to create a pool of employers to provide up to 90 youth, ages 16-24, valuable summer work experience to help them successfully transition into the world of work;

Resolution #R-2025-93 cont'd:

WHEREAS, this is the sixth consecutive year that the GRWDB is sponsoring this summer youth program with funding from the NJ Department of Labor;

WHEREAS, various departments within Readington Township have expressed the desire to participate in this grant program for clerical support work in the municipal office, maintenance work or other duties as needed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the application for the aforementioned grant and approves acceptance of the grant if awarded.

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

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

12. Request for Approval to hold 2025 Annual Memorial Day Parade

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to approve the holding of the annual Memorial Day Parade for 2025, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

13 * Acceptance of Maintenance Bond/Top Line Construction/2024 Road Improvements

. This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

14. * Acceptance of Maintenance Bond/Top Line Construction/Pulaski Road Section 2

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Acting Administrator Curry stated that he is happy to be in the Administrator role and reported that the Main Street beautification project is moving forward.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Corsini stated that he had nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer O'Brien reported that he attended DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) Stormwater training and they are recommending shared services to comply with the street sweeping requirement. He also reported that estimates were obtained for portable I&I meters that are being reviewed by DPW(Department of Public Works). He gave an update on the Oakland Pump station and stated that the

County work on Bridge R-168 - Barley Sheaf over Pleasant Run will not begin until the later half of next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOHN ALBANESE

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

JONATHAN HELLER

Mr. Heller reported that Raritan Headwaters will be sponsoring a stream cleanup on April 12th and on April 18th RVCC (Raritan Valley Community College) will be doing a preliminary planting on the 20 acre property on Dreahook Road that the Township received a reforestation grant for to develop a planting plan going forward.

JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH

Mr. Huelsebusch reported on an upcoming Open Space walk on Round Mountain and that the Township recently purchased land on Mountain Road where they are in the process of planting a trailhead. He also reported that the SADC (State Agriculture Development Association) annual report available online the annual seedling giveaway will be on April 19th at the DPW (Department of Public Works) building.

ADAM MUELLER

Mayor Mueller reported that they are working on the budget with the new CFO for introduction in May and that the Township will be resubmitting the grant for the police department expansion for 2026. He also reported that there was a devastating fire on Dreahook Road and thanked all the emergency services for their hard work.

VINCENT PANICO

Deputy Mayor Panico reported on upcoming museum events.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jocelyn Van Den Akker addressed the ongoing problem with cars speeding down Potterstown Road stressing the safety concerns of all the residents. She requested coordination with Clinton Township since the road is split between the two towns.

Stefan Van Den Akker echoed the safety concerns stated by his wife and thanked the police for their assistance so far.

Andrew Roth spoke to speed enforcement.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Panico at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Submitted by:

Ann Marie Lehberger, *RMC*
Acting Municipal Clerk