

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – November 15, 2010**

Mayor Shamey *calls the meeting to order at 6:30 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 G. Shamey, Deputy Mayor F. Gatti, Mrs. J. Allen, Mr. T. Auriemma, Mrs. B. Muir

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan

ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
Public Works.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will be confidential
Police.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Building and Grounds.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
404 Dove Cote Court..... (Block 21.06, Lot 301.06)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Jersey Central Power & Light..... (Block 73, Lot 9.01 & 9.02)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
AP Wireless Infrastructure Partners.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... (November 3, 2010)	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation).....	Litigation.....	“ “ “

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 Mrs. Allen to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

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

AWARDS TO SERGEANT WILLIAM DUFOSSE, CORPORAL CARLOS FERREIRO AND PATROLMAN ROBERT MEDVETZ

Presentation by Readington Township

Mayor Shamey presented plaques to Sergeant DuFosse, Corporal Ferriero and Patrolman Medvetz in recognition and appreciation for their dedication and professionalism while responding to a life threatening medical emergency which resulted in the successful saving of a life.

Presentation by American Red Cross

Diane Concannon, from the American Red Cross, stated that they were very pleased to facilitate the grant that provided the AEDs placed in police cars and presented each officer with the Community Hero Award.

Mayor Shamey also thanked Chief Herzog and members of the Whitehouse Rescue Squad for their efforts as well in responding so quickly and for their service to the Township.

Mayor Shamey read a letter from Mr. John Ball regarding the courtesy and professionalism of Patrolman Joseph Hartman responding to an accident involving his daughter.

Mayor Shamey announced that the following business was completed during Executive Session:

Personnel / Public Works

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel / Police

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Building and Grounds

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / 404 Dove Cote Court (Block 21.06, Lot 301.06)

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Jersey Central Power & Light (Block 73, lot 9.01 & 9.02)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft an ordinance to convey an easement to JCP&L on this property, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mr. Auriemma - Aye
Mr. Gatti - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

Contract Negotiations / AP Wireless Infrastructure Partners

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Attorney –Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (November 3, 2010)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 3, 2010 as amended for content only, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Litigation/Solberg Aviation / Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lot 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Shamey 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 November 3, 2010
- * 2. **Tax Refund** – Block 34, Lot 36.248

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

RESOLUTION

***READINGTON TOWNSHIP
HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Tax Collector has recommended the following refund for 2010 property taxes:

<u><i>BLOCK/LOT</i></u>	<u><i>REFUND TO</i></u>	<u><i>REASON</i></u>	<u><i>AMOUNT</i></u>
34/36.248	Johanna M. D’Amico	duplicate payt	\$1,405.66

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the amount recommended.

- * 3. **Tax Refund** – Block 39, Lot 21.02

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

RESOLUTION

READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 39, Lot 21.02; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lien holder the redemption amount,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$24,801.47 plus a premium paid in the amount of \$5,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #615 to the lien holder, Tad Dabrowski.

- * 4. **Payment of Bills** – (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk’s Office)

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	0-01	\$ 425,051.22
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	0-02	\$ 2,979.60
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 26,816.88
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 43,764.13
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	<u>\$ 143,393.72</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 642,055.55

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

- Mrs. Allen - Aye
- Mr. Auriemma - Aye
- Mr. Gatti - Aye
- Mrs. Muir - Aye
- Mayor Shamey - Aye

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION

1. Resolution from Brenda Shepherd, Borough Clerk, Borough of Frenchtown, regarding **Requesting Hunterdon County Freeholders Engage in an Analysis of Municipal Services**. No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated November 5, 2010 from Rose Sollena, Municipal Clerk, Raritan Township regarding the following:
 - **An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, to Amend an Ordinance Entitled, “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan, and More Specifically to Amend Title 16, Chapter 16.14 Application and Filing Procedures and More Specifically Section 16.14.010 General Procedures for Subdivision and Site Plan Approval**
 - **An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey to Amend an Ordinance Entitled, “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan, and More Specifically to Amend Chapter 16.18 Land Subdivision Standards and Chapter 16.20 Site Development Standards**

No action taken.

3. Resolution from Lara Olsen, Township Clerk, Township of West Amwell, regarding *Requesting Hunterdon County Freeholders Engage in an Analysis of Municipal Services*. No action taken.
4. Letter dated November 1, 2010 from Arif Malick, P.E., Principal of Malick & Scherer, P.C. regarding *Request for NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permits#2, #10B, and Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit*. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported that there was a Green Team meeting this past week and they are continuing to pursue attaining Sustainable New Jersey certification for this year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated there is nothing further to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gerard Shamey

Mayor Shamey stated that he has nothing further to report.

Julia Allen

Mrs. Allen stated that the Freeholders are going to be considering the tree logging on Round Mountain at their meeting tomorrow evening and that she and several members of the Committee will be attending.

Frank Gatti

Mr. Gatti stated that he has nothing further to report.

Thomas Auriemma

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

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir stated that she had nothing further to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Betty Lane Bowman, 115 West Woodschurch Road, asked the Committee how the proposed logging plan on Round Mountain came about.

Emily Petraski, 2 Fieldstone Way, expressed concerns about the resolution passed at the previous meeting regarding emergency medical services and asked that the Committee reconsider.

Jeff Herzog, Chief of Whitehouse Squad, thanked the Committee for passing the resolution and for their support of Whitehouse Rescue. Mr. Herzog stated that the plan will enhance the medical coverage and response to the Township residents and going forward they will continue to work with Branchburg, Flemington and Clinton squads.

Chief Donaruma stated that the Police Department supports the Whitehouse Rescue squad being the primary responder.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma at 8:25 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Allen with vote of all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO
Municipal Clerk