

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – May 16, 2011**

Mayor Gatti *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 F. Gatti, Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. B. Muir, Mrs. D. Simon

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan

**ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor T. Auriemma

**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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Grant Agreement / ..... Block 53, Lot 5.02 / Holland Brook	Contract Negotiations.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will be confidential
Peters / Block 40, Lot 2.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Award of 2011 Road Reclamation....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
2011-12 Hunting Contracts.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... •May 2, 2011	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
Hunterdon Hills Vet. Corp., Inc..... Escrow Fees	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
Block 38, Lot 52.....	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
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. Muir to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

***Contract Negotiations / Grant Agreement / Block 53, Lot 5.02 / Holland Brook***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the grant agreement, seconded by Mrs. Simon and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mrs. Muir	- Aye
Mrs. Simon	- Aye
Mayor Gatti	- Aye

***Contract Negotiations / Peters / Block 40, Lot 2***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve moving forward to update the appraisal on this property, seconded by Mrs. Simon and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mrs. Muir	- Aye
Mrs. Simon	- Aye
Mayor Gatti	- Aye

***Contract Negotiations / Award of 2011 Road Reclamation Bid***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2011-51***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington (ACommittee@) publicly advertised for bids for the proposed 2011 Roadway Reclamation and Resurfacing Program for various roadways in the Township (hereinafter referred to as Athe Project@); and

***WHEREAS***, on May 12, 2011 the Administrator/ Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders responding was one (1); and

***WHEREAS***, the Reclamation, LLC submitted the only bid for the Project in the amount of \$131,885.00; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township Engineer reviewed the bid schedule and recommended the award to Reclamation, LLC , subject to receiving certification as to availability of funds and municipal attorney review; and

***WHEREAS***, at the Township Committee meeting held on May 16, 2011, the Township Committee reviewed the recommendation of the Township Engineer and the Township Attorney.

**Resolution #R-2011-51 cont'd:**

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

1. The Township Committee hereby awards a contract to Reclamation, LLC in the amount of \$131,885.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Administrator/Clerk is authorized to notify the successful bidder on this award in the amount of \$131,885.00 and the Mayor and Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk are authorized to sign the contract with Reclamation, LLC.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Simon to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mrs. Muir	- Aye
Mrs. Simon	- Aye
Mayor Gatti	- Aye

**Contract Negotiations / 2011-12 Hunting Contracts**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the list of hunting properties to be bid out, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Attorney –Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (May 2, 2011)**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 2, 2011 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Potential Litigation / Hunterdon Hills Vet. Corp., Inc. / Escrow Fees**

Mayor Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Potential Litigation / Block 38, Lot 52**

Mayor Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**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 Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Gatti 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 May 2, 2011
- \* 2. **Tonnage Grant Application**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2011-49**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
2010 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs, and to continue and expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Director of Public Works/Municipal Recycling Coordinator Scott Jesseman to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

\* 3. **Tax Identification Statement for Tonnage Grant**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2011-50**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
TAX IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L. 2007, chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage a local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility.

**WHEREAS**, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality

**Resolution #R-2011-50 cont'd:**

except that all grant monies received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Readington that the Township of Readington hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, chapter 311, in 2010 in the amount of \$22,083.51 Documentation supporting this submission is available at Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, 08889 and shall be maintained for no less than five years from the date.

- \* 4. **Annual Poppy Drive** – letter from Jane H. Nash (American Legion, Post 284) requesting to hold Annual Poppy Drive in the month of May
  
- \* 5. **Soil Witness Reimbursement** – William Melchione (\$400)
  
- \* 6. **Release of Security Deposit on Leased Hunting Properties**  
Seven Point Pines Gun Club / Block 55, Lot 13.51 (\$247)
  
- \* 7. **Blue Light Permits**
  - Richard Adesso
  - Brian J. Apgar
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- \* 8. **Tax Lien Redemption** (Block 45, Lot 10)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 45, Lot 10 +QFARM and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lienholder the redemption amount.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$24,917.79, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$13,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #616, to the lienholder, Tad J. Dabrowski.

- \* 9. **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	\$ 440.00
CURRENT FUND	1-01	\$ 316,525.30
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	1-02	\$ 2,410.20
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 11,178.86
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$3,185,484.51
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 148,013.16
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 975.00
2010 CAPITAL	X-10	\$ 7,144.31
2006 CAPITAL ORDINANCE	X-66	\$ <u>61.60</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 3,672,232.94</b>

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye  
 Mrs. Muir - Aye  
 Mrs. Simon - Aye  
 Mayor Gatti - Aye

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** for items listed on the agenda only

There were none.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

As it was after 7:30 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Simon with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**2011 Municipal Budget**

Mayor Gatti stated that the municipal tax rate will remain the same at 43¢.

Administrator Mekovetz gave a power point slide presentation on the highlights of the 2011 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Gatti asked if there were any other comments from the Governing Body.

There were none.

Mayor Gatti asked if there were any comments from the Public.

Mike Brown, Farmersville Road, stated that he was disappointed to learn that there was a deficit in the fire company’s public safety line item which would put a greater burden on the fire companies to do even more fundraising.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to close the Public Hearing and open the regular Meeting, seconded by Mrs. Simon with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt the 2011 Municipal Budget, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen -Aye  
 Mrs. Muir - Aye  
 Mrs. Simon - Aye  
 Mayor Gatti -Aye

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Simon to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF READINGTON TOWNSHIP TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND OTHER STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY MEMBERS***

*γ Ordinance # 11-2011*

Mayor Gatti asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body.

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

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A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Simon and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mrs. Muir	- Aye
Mrs. Simon	- Aye
Mayor Gatti	- Aye

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Simon to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE FOR PROTECTIVE CUSTODY OF INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS***

*γ Ordinance # 12-2011*

Mayor Gatti asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body.

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

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*γ Ordinance # 12-2011*

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mrs. Muir	- Aye
Mrs. Simon	- Aye
Mayor Gatti	- Aye

***CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION***

1. Memorandum dated April 29, 2011 from Tricia Houck, Deputy Clerk, Township of Clinton regarding the following:
  - ***An Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Chapter 165 Entitled “Land Use Regulations” of The Code of the Township of Clinton, 2003, to Clarify the Definition of a Shed and Require a Zoning Permit for All Sheds and a Construction Permit for Large Sheds***
  - ***An Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Chapter 165 Entitled “Land Use Regulations” of The Code of the Township of Clinton, 2003, as Heretofore Supplemented and Amended is Hereby Supplemented and Amended to Amend Sign Regulations to Permit Commercial Window Signs, Regulate Their Placement and to Provide Regulations for the Location of Temporary Special Event Signs***

No action taken.
2. Letter dated April 29, 2011 from Karen Sandorse, Municipal Clerk, Township of Lebanon regarding ***Opposing Reduced Allocation of Open Space Tax Levy Funds to Municipal Grant Programs***. No action taken.
3. Memorandum dated May 5, 2011 from Denise B. Dolan, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Hunterdon, regarding ***Supporting the Repeal of the Global Warming Response Act (2007) and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Implementing Law (2007)***.

Mrs. Allen stated that she is not in favor of this resolution and requested that the Committee consider sending a resolution to the Governor to ***not*** repeal these laws; since the Township is hoping to take advantage of the results of these laws, including the subsidies for providing savings in electricity along with the recent generated revenue in construction for solar installation. Mrs. Simon stated that she looked into RGGI and there is considerable information out there that this is just under the guise of the Gore and Goldman fiasco for higher taxes and would disagree with a resolution stating such.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2011-52**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey has become a national leader in the production of solar energy, ranking second only to the State of California, and

**WHEREAS**, the business of providing renewable energy has made an important contribution to the health of the State of New Jersey's overall economic recovery, and

**WHEREAS**, many consumers of electricity in New Jersey, including large industrial leaders, prosperous small businesses, governmental units such as municipal and county governments and school districts, as well as farms, and individual homeowners have benefited by the provisions of the Global warming Response Act passed by the New Jersey legislature in 2007, and

**WHEREAS**, many electrical consumers and important taxpayers in Readington Township, including the World Headquarters for Merck, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies, as well as many of our residents and homeowners, have taken advantage of financial incentives made possible by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee is of the opinion that the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative is beneficial to the State's economic well being, and is, in fact, succeeding in its stated mission of reducing carbon emissions significantly by the year 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of both present and future residents of the State of New Jersey, Hunterdon County and Readington Township for the State of New Jersey to continue its efforts to promote the development of alternative forms of energy, and

**WHEREAS**, Readington Township believes that higher concentrations of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere and the climate change that is the inevitable result of this concentration, will be detrimental to the health, welfare and safety of future residents of the State of New Jersey, and Readington Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, strongly urges the State Assembly to not repeal the Global Warming Response Act (2007), as currently proposed in the State Assembly and Senate, and not to withdraw New Jersey from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) cap-and-trade program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal of Clerk of the Township of Readington is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senate Minority Leader Thomas Kean Jr., Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver and Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCroce; the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the various governing bodies of the Townships and Boroughs of Hunterdon County, the various representatives to the State legislature of the 23<sup>rd</sup> legislative district, the governing bodies of the Townships and Boroughs of the 23<sup>rd</sup> legislative district, and the Readington Township Planning Board, Environmental Commission, Green Team, and Board of Education.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote three ayes, one nay.

4. Legal Notice of Public Hearing from David H. Soloway, Esq., Vogel, Chait, Collins and Schneider, P.C. regarding **Application for Permission to construct a Wireless Communication Facility on Property Owned by East Whitehouse Fire Co., Block 13, Lot 74**. No action taken.

5. Memorandum dated May 4, 2011 from Denise B. Doolan, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Hunterdon, regarding ***Recognition of the third week of May as “Early Intervention Week.”*** No action taken.

***NEW BUSINESS***

1. ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 204 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey to Add New Provisions Concerning the Installation, Replacement and Repair of Sidewalks*** – discussion

Mayor Gatti stated that the sidewalk ordinance needs to be addressed since several of the sidewalks on Main Street are in disarray. Attorney Dragan stated that she has been working on this ordinance with Engineer O’Brien including the responsibility of the costs of installation and/or maintenance of the sidewalks and asked the Committee to review the ordinance. The Committee discussed the timing of repairing sidewalks and felt that a time period of sixty (60) days would be more appropriate. The Committee agreed to bring this matter back to the next meeting.

- \* 2. ***Tonnage Grant Application***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 3. ***Tax Identification Statement for Tonnage Grant***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 4. ***Annual Poppy Drive*** – letter from Jane H. Nash (American Legion, Post 284) requesting to hold Annual Poppy Drive in the month of May

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 5. ***Soil Witness Reimbursement*** – William Melchione (\$400)

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- \* 6. ***Release of Security Deposit on Leased Hunting Properties***

- Seven Point Pines Gun Club / Block 55, Lot 13.51 (\$247)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 7. ***Blue Light Permits***

- Richard Adesso
- Brian J. Apgar

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

***ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT***

Administrator Mekovetz reported that at the last Green Team meeting there was a discussion regarding the consideration of a banner recognizing Readington Township for receiving their Sustainable Jersey certification at Community Day and asked the Committee for their recommendation on the banner. Administrator Mekovetz stated that there was also a request to present Readington Township with a plaque for receiving their Sustainable Jersey certification at the next meeting.

### ***ATTORNEY'S REPORT***

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

### ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

#### **Frank Gatti**

Mayor Gatti reported that on May 15<sup>th</sup> the Readington Middle School was using the Museum grounds and barn as a backdrop for family photos for a fundraising event. Mayor Gatti also reported the Colonial Life Program will be at the Bouman Stickney Farm and on May 20<sup>th</sup> the local Home School group will be attending a program at the Cole Brook School. Mayor Gatti reported that Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, is the first of two barn dances to be held at the Wade Wyckoff Barn. Mayor Gatti reported that on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Ron Carnegie, who played George Washington for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, did a program on 18<sup>th</sup> century surveying. Mayor Gatti reported that the Museums will be having a summer intern who will be helping with the school programs and archiving general museum work through mid-July.

Mayor Gatti stated that the Memorial Day parade will begin at 10:30 a.m.

#### **Julia Allen**

Mrs. Allen reported that the Open Space Walk took place yesterday along the River Trail.

Mrs. Allen reported the seventh grade science classes received a grant from the Readington Education Foundation and will be utilizing it for the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Walk in the Woods* on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of May.

#### **Beatrice Muir**

Mrs. Muir stated that the vaccination clinics for dogs and cats sponsored by the County in the various townships are available to all residents of Hunterdon County.

#### **Donna Simon**

Mrs. Simon reported that the Shared Services Task Force met on Saturday morning and they are looking at reallocation of services and also regionalization of services, such as animal control and IT services. Mrs. Simon reported that they will be meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> with the Mayors again to revisit consolidation and reallocation of services. Mrs. Simon reported she and Mrs. Allen attended the Sons of Italy Pasta Fest Celebration at Our Lady of Lourdes.

### ***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Mike Talias, 98 Readington Road, stated that he was seeking a solution to the noise generated by ATV's operated on the property across from his home. Mr. Talias stated that in the past he has contacted the police; however it is difficult to enforce the noise ordinance because they would need to catch them in the act. Mrs. Muir stated that in the event the noise would need to be monitored, the cost of the equipment should be borne by the person who violates the ordinance. Mrs. Allen stated that it would be possible to claim that this is a nuisance rather than rely on the noise ordinance and file a complaint. Mayor Gatti stated that he will meet with the police regarding this issue.

### ***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

Mrs. Allen stated that the 523 Bridge will be closed beginning June 27<sup>th</sup> for approximately 6-8 weeks. Mrs. Muir requested that a letter be sent to the County asking them to expedite the process by having the road construction work 24/7 to complete this project.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to draft a letter to the County Engineer requesting to shorten the length of time to complete this project, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

As there was no further business, A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir at 10:02 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Allen with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO  
Municipal Clerk