

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – November 7, 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, Deputy Mayor T. Auriemma, Mrs. J. Allen,
Mrs. D. Simon

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan, Engineer R. O'Brien

ABSENT: Mrs. B. Muir

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>
Environmental Commission.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will be confidential
PBA Local No. 317.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Teamsters Local No. 469..... Building and Grounds	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Teamsters Local No. 469..... Department of Public Works	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Bergold / Block 52.01, Lot 22.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
6 Gulick Road LLC..... Block 10.01, Lot 1	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Award of Sewer Extension..... Pulaski Road Bids	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... □ October 17, 2011	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. Simon to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Environmental Commission

Mayor Gatti stated that there was no action taken on this matter.

Contract Negotiations / PBA Local No. 317

Mayor Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Teamsters Local No. 469 / Building and Grounds

Mayor Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Teamsters Local No. 469 / DPW

Mayor Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Bergold / Block 52.01, Lot 22

Mayor Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / 6 Gulick Road LLC / Block 10.01, Lot 1

Mayor Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Award of Sewer Extension Pulaski Road Bids

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to award the contract to Team LLC in the amount of \$42,450.00, seconded by Mrs. Simon and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mr. Auriemma	- Aye
Mrs. Simon	- Aye
Mayor Gatti	- Aye

Attorney –Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes (October 17, 2011)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 17, 2011 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 Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Mayor Gatti stated that an additional matter was added to Executive Session.

Personnel / Department of Public Works

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 October 17, 2011
- * 2. **Resolution to Purchase Rock Salt through Hunterdon County Co-op Purchasing Program** (International Salt)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2011-104

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 et seq.*, Readington Township authorized a joint agreement with the County of Hunterdon at the July 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in accordance with this agreement, has awarded the bid for rock salt to International Salt at a price of \$54.55 per ton, not to exceed \$120,000 ; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 5:34-5* the Governing Body is required to award this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby award the contract for the purchase of rock salt for the 2011/2012 season (October 4, 2011 to October 3, 2012) to International Salt at a price of \$ 54.55 per ton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the County of Hunterdon Purchasing Department.

- * 3. **Release of Escrow** – Powers, Robert (Block 71, Lot 6)
- * 4. **Release of Escrow** – Radomski, Dorothy (Block 21, Lot 7)
- * 5. **Permit Fee Refund** – Puleo, (Block 46, Lot 10.21)

* 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>
CURRENT FUND	0-01	\$ 23,808.00
CURRENT FUND	1-01	\$ 628,836.20
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	1-02	\$ 104,373.28
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 72,745.33
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$2,578,657.34
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 194,385.81
REG. & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$5,733,082.85
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 56,372.00
2010 CAPITAL	X-10	\$ 1,962.10
2011 CAPITAL	X-11	\$ <u>99,239.75</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 9,493,462.66

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

- Mrs. Allen - Aye
- Mr. Auriemma - 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 8:00 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma 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:

An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of a Conservation Easement on Block 10.01, Lot 1 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from Ashton

Ordinance #19-2011

Mayor Gatti stated that this ordinance is not titled correctly therefore it will need to be rescinded and reintroduced for Public Hearing. Attorney Dragan stated that the owner is 6 Gulick Road LLC and the ordinance should be amended to reflect that.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to rescind proposed Ordinance #19-2011, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

- Mrs. Allen - Aye
- Mr. Auriemma - Aye
- Mrs. Simon - Aye
- Mayor Gatti - Aye

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 10.01, LOT 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM 6 GULICK ROAD LLC

Ordinance #20 -2011

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township of Readington shall accept a conservation easement ("Easement") on a 5.6+/-acre portion of property known as Block 10.01, Lot 1 on the official tax map of the Township of Readington and is located adjacent to Gulick Road, which has been offered to be donated by 6 Gulick Road LLC. (hereinafter" Grantor"). The aforesaid Easement shall run with the land and be binding on the Grantor and the Grantor's heirs and assigns. It is on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J.

SECTION 2. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, upon recording of the Easement in the Hunterdon County Clerk's office. The ordinance shall also be recorded with the easement in the aforesaid Clerk's Office.

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

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mr. Auriemma	- Aye
Mrs. Simon	- Aye
Mayor Gatti	- Aye

The Public Hearing was scheduled was December 5, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Memorandum dated October 14, 2011 from Ella M. Ruta, Municipal Clerk, Union Township regarding ***Resolution Opposing S-2887, Regarding Wind Energy Generation Projects on Farms.***

Mrs. Allen suggested that the Township adopt a similar resolution.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2011-105

Opposing S-2887, Regarding Wind Energy Generation Projects on Farms

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-2887 would establish a new category of farmland-based wind energy generation projects on farms that require no regulatory review other than limited minor site plan review by the municipality on farmland, whether it is permanently preserved or not; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would mandate that any such qualifying projects shall be a permitted use under local zoning, and, further, that any such project would be exempt from any

public notice or hearing requirement currently required of all zoning variances; and

Resolution #R-2011-105 cont'd:

WHEREAS, to meet this special exemption projects would need to meet the following standards:

1. No more than 1 turbine for every 33 contiguous acres;
2. 750 foot setback requirement from any residence or property line;
3. Must not exceed 55 decibels noise level at the property line; and
4. Meets uniform construction code requirements and all interconnection requirements as set forth by the Board of Public Utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that, while this municipality supports the promotion of renewable and green energy sources where appropriate, this governing body **opposes** S-2887 for the following reasons:

1. The legislation is an unnecessary and unwarranted intrusion on local zoning discretion;
2. The legislation undermines the legislative and regulatory intent of the farmland preservation program. Public dollars were used to permanently preserve farmland, and this bill would open such land to large scale wind energy generation projects; and
3. Exempting such projects from notice and hearing requirements excludes public notice and participation in the process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, Senator Michael Doherty, State Assemblyman John DeMaio and State Assemblyman Erik Peterson and all Hunterdon County municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies of this resolution shall also be forwarded to the following members of the State Environment and Energy Committee: Hon. Bob Smith, Hon. Robert M. Gordon, Hon. Linda Greenstein, Hon. Christopher "Kip" Bateman, Hon. Jennifer Beck, as well as the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

2. Memorandum dated October 12, 2011 from Rebecca E. D'Alleinne, Administrator of the Planning Board, Township of Clinton regarding ***Amendment to the Land Use Plan Element of the Clinton Township Master Plan***. No action taken.
3. Memorandum dated October 13, 2011 from Donna J. Burham, Township Clerk, Township of Clinton regarding ***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 Correct a Drafting Error in the Zoning Map by Changing a portion of the Rc Rural Conservation Zone District (Block 28.1, Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20) back to the Vr Village Residential Zone District***. No action taken.
4. Memorandum dated October 20, 2011 from Rose Sollena, Municipal Clerk, Raritan Township regarding ***Resolution to Request a Study of School District Consolidation in the County of Hunterdon***.

Mrs. Simon commented that in the resolution it reads that *reassigning the highest level Administrative personnel would reduce related expenses by approximately \$3.6 million* and questioned why a study for cost saving would be necessary.

In addition Mrs. Simon stated that she did not necessarily agree with the fact that the cost savings would maintain or improve the educational outcome for the students and would like to see what the study reveals in other towns.

5. Memorandum dated October 25, 2011 from Rebecca P. Newman, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Flemington regarding *A Resolution Supporting an Amendment of OPRA Laws to Preserve its Original Intent*. No action taken.
6. Notice of Public Hearing from James Weinstein, Executive Director, NJ Transit Corporation regarding *Gathering of Information and Receiving Comments from Interested Parties Concerning Program Developed Pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act*. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Pedestrian Walkway Between Sophie Street and Pearl Street (Block 38, Lot 54, 74 & 75)* – letter dated October 12, 2011 from Robert O’Brien, Township Engineer

Engineer O’Brien stated that the designed walkway was required by the Planning Board resolution and the developer would be required to supply the materials for the Township to construct the walkway. Engineer O’Brien stated that two estimates were provided, one with pressure treated lumber and the other with the composite decking, which although it would last longer would also be more expensive. Mrs. Allen stated that if the walkway is to be constructed it should be with the material that has a longer life span for the future maintenance. Mrs. Simon requested that a cost estimate be provided for Department of Public Works for their labor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *An Ordinance Amending Chapter 187-25 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Sewer Connection Fees*

Mayor Gatti stated that a recommendation was made by Engineer O’Brien to amend the sewer ordinance to include the plan review and inspection fees to cover the cost of the Engineer’s fees.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187-25 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO SEWER CONNECTION FEES

Ordinance #20-2011

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington in County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Chapter 187-25 of the Code of the Township of Readington, pertaining to sewer connection fees is hereby amended as follows (language underlined thus _____ represents new language and language in brackets [] signifies deletions):

SECTION 1. Section 187-25 Connection Fee.

A. Upon the effective date of this section, there shall be charged and collected for each sewer rental unit (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "unit") for each connection with the sanitary sewer system of the Township of Readington a fee of \$640.00. For the purposes of this article, "sanitary sewer system" refers to users both in the Readington Lebanon Sewerage Authority sewer service area and in the Raritan Township Municipal Utilities Authority sewer service area. Said payment shall be due and payable to the Township at the time an application [applicant] is made for a permit and prior to the time that the connection or tie-in is made. No

person, firm, or other entity shall install or make connection to the Sanitary Sewerage System without first paying the aforesaid fee.

Ordinance #20-2011 cont'd:

B. The above connection fee shall be in addition to any annual sewer use charge and the following sewerage services charges for review of the plans and inspection [any and all fees such as inspection fees that may be required to cover the cost of inspection].

1. Plan review fee: \$700

2. Inspection fee: \$600

Payment of the review and inspection fees shall be due and payable to the Township at the time an application is made for a permit and prior to the time that the connection or tie-in is made.

C. The above connection fee shall apply to all new connections made after the effective date of this article, except for those entities which have entered into an agreement with the Township for payment in lieu of the connection fee.

D. In accordance with NJ.S.A. 40A:26A-11 and any other applicable statutory authority, the Township shall recompute the connection fee at the end of each budget year (but not later than 90 days therefrom) if it is determined, after public hearing, that the fee should be revised. In accordance with statutory requirements, connection charges shall not exceed the actual cost of the physical connection plus an amount representing a fair payment towards the cost of the system to the Township and shall be computed as follows:

(1) The amount representing all debt service, including but not limited to sinking funds, reserve funds, the principal and interest on bonds, and the amount of any loans and interest thereon, paid by the Township, as the case may be, to defray the capital cost of developing the system as of the end of the immediately preceding budget year shall be added to all capital expenditures made by the Township, not funded by a bond ordinance or debt for the development of the system as of the end of the immediately preceding budget year;

(2) Any gifts, contributions or subsidies to the Township, as the case may be, received therefrom, and not reimbursed or reimbursable to, any federal, State, county or municipal government or agency or any private person, and that portion of amounts paid to the Township by a public entity under a service agreement or service contract, shall then be subtracted;

(3) The remainder shall be divided by the total number of service units served by the authority at the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year of the authority, and the results shall then be apportioned to each new connector according to the number of service units attributed to that connector, to produce the connector's contribution to the cost of the system. In attributing service units to each connector, the estimated average daily flow of sewage for the connector shall be divided by the average daily flow of sewage for the average single family residence in the Township's sewer service area to produce the number of service units to be attributed.

(4) The connection fee combined with the sewerage services charges of the Township shall be such that the revenues to the Township as a result of the sewerage facilities shall be adequate to pay the expenses to the Township of the operation and maintenance of the sewerage facilities, including improvements, extensions, enlargements and replacements to sewerage facilities, reserves, insurance, principal and interest on any bonds, and to maintain reserves or sinking funds therefor as may be required under the bond covenants or any contracts, or as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

E. The public hearing shall be held at least 20 days after notice is mailed to the Clerk of any other municipality serviced by the Readington Lebanon Sewerage Authority and the Raritan Township Municipal Utilities Authority and after publication of notice of any proposed adjustment of the service charges and of the time and place of the public hearing in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the area serviced by the authority.

F. The revised connection fee shall apply to those who subsequently connect to the system in that budget year.

Ordinance #20-2011 cont'd:

SECTION 2. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. All language not specifically revised by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

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

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mr. Auriemma	- Aye
Mrs. Simon	- Aye
Mayor Gatti	- Aye

The Public Hearing was scheduled for November 21, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

2. ***Farmland Preservation Applications (Block 75, Lot 19 / Block 75, Lot 30 / Block 75, Lot 30.02)***

Mrs. Allen stated that this is a 360+/- acre farm on Pleasant Run Road, State Highway 202 and Summer Road and the owners will be farming organic vegetables and natural meats in addition to erecting a farmstead on the property. Mrs. Allen stated that this is an application for state direct easement purchase which is 100% state financed. Mrs. Allen stated that the soils are excellent and in the vicinity of other preserved farms and all three parcels are large enough to be agricultural parcels.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to support this application and send a letter for reasons of support, seconded by Mrs. Simon with a vote of ayes, all nays none recorded.

3. ***Request to Release Performance Bond from Winfield Management Corp.***
(Cushetunk Manor / Block 8, Lot 3)

Engineer O'Brien stated that the work is completed; however they have not done the conditioned items as of yet nor provided the required maintenance bond, therefore he recommended deferring this matter. Engineer O'Brien requested that the Committee consider accepting the improvements as completed.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to accept the improvements as completed, seconded by Mrs. Simon with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. ***Request to Hang Banner Over the Intersection of Main Street and Kline Blvd. for the Production of the "Dining Room" – email dated October 25, 2011 from Rob Nonni, Readington Community Theatre***

Mr. Auriemma stated that there is a request to hang the banner; however, due to the utility companies being so busy attending to more significant issues, this will not happen therefore the request has been modified to hang the banner near the ground by the Rockaway Reformed Church instead.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to place the banner from November 1st through November 17th by the Rockaway Reformed, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

5. **Request to Hang Banner over Main Street by Kings Shopping Center** – letter dated October 20, 2011 from Greg Raimann, Readington Township Junior Baseball League Board

Mr. Auriemma stated that he would like to have more information on specific dates to hang the banner before he agrees to this request. Mayor Gatti requested that Administrator Mekovetz contact Readington Baseball to get definitive dates to hang the banner.

- * 6. **Resolution to Purchase Rock Salt through Hunterdon County Co-op Purchasing Program** (International Salt)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 7. **Release of Escrow** – Powers, Robert (Block 71, Lot 6)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 8. **Release of Escrow** – Radomski, Dorothy (Block 21, Lot 7)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 9. **Permit Fee Refund** – Puleo, (Block 46, Lot 10.21)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

10. **Request to Hang Banner over Main Street by Kings Shopping Center** – letter dated November 3, 2011 from Rev. David Ruisard, Rockaway Reformed Church

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve hanging the banner over Main Street near the entrance of Kings Shopping Center from November 21st through December 4th, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz stated that Scott Jesseman was waiting for some information prior to moving forward on the sidewalk improvements and requested confirmation on the agreement.

Administrator Mekovetz confirmed the dates to waive the fees for the cleanup to the end of November.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer O'Brien reported that the DOT submitted an application to the DEP in February 2010 to dredge out the tributary under the culvert and the application is currently stalled since the DEP

has requested the DOT to remove an obstruction downstream.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Gatti

Mayor Gatti reported that the Museum Committee wrote a complimentary letter to Scott Jesseman and the DPW regarding the work they did on the bridge by the guest house.

Mayor Gatti reported that he received an email from a resident complimenting the road department on the good job they had done during the snow storm and clearing the roadways of the fallen trees. Mayor Gatti reported that the Township along with many other areas of the State went through some difficult times with all the power outages that existed. Mayor Gatti stated that he was in constant communication with JCP&L and understood the frustration of the residents because of the length of time it took to repair the damage and restore power. Mayor Gatti stated that grid is so weak out here because the lines in the rural areas just terminate rather than go back to the grid. Mayor Gatti proposed drafting a resolution to recommend to our legislature to recommend to the Commissioner of the BPU that the power company and/or any utilities provide a certain amount capital improvement back to the grid each year.

Julia Allen

Mrs. Allen reported that the Planning Board meeting has been cancelled.

Tom Auriemma

Mr. Auriemma stated that this coming weekend is a scheduled holiday for the Department of Public Works and asked Administrator Mekovetz to post on the website whether the yard will be open or closed.

Donna Simon

Mrs. Simon stated that Wednesday there will be a preconstruction solar meeting and Thursday begins the day of site tours.

Mrs. Simon stated that Freeholder Director Matt Holt was invited to attend the Township meeting on November 21st to help understand the potential changes in the switch in public health nursing and potentially interlocal agreement.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Gatti stated he would like to get together to do a follow up assessment on the recent storm to see where improvements could have been made.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Simon with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO
Municipal Clerk