

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – November 21, 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. B. Muir
Mrs. D. Simon

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:

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>
Recreation.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will be confidential
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 7:40 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Recreation

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

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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 November 7, 2011
- * 2. **2011 Budget Appropriation Transfer**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2011-106

***2011
BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS***

PURSUANT TO NJS 40A:4-58, a municipality may make budget appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year,

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following 2011 appropriation account to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year, viz:

Current Fund:
Other Expenses:
Snow Removal

WHEREAS, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts, over and above the demand deemed to be necessary for the balance of the current year, viz:

Current Fund:
Other Expenses:
Consultants
General Administration
Utilities - Fuel Oil

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of NJS 40A:4-58 part of the surplus in the accounts heretofore mentioned be and same hereby transferred to the accounts mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following 2011 appropriation transfers:

Resolution #R-2011-106 cont'd:

<u>NO.</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND:</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	Inside Caps:		
	Other Expenses:		
101-200	General Administration	\$ 26,500.00	
114-200	Consultants	25,000.00	
702-003	Utilities - Fuel Oil	8,500.00	
302-200	Snow Removal		<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>
		<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>

* 3. **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	1-01	\$ 349,928.85
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 13,947.43
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 3,092.35
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	<u>\$ 146,417.61</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 513,386.24

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. 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 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 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 #21-2011

Mayor Gatti stated that the Township is amending an existing ordinance to include fees for inspection and plan review.

Administrator Mekovetz stated that the Public Hearing needs to be deferred due to a twenty (20) day requirement in the ordinance from the time of introduction.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to defer the Public Hearing for Ordinance #21-2011 to December 19th, seconded by Mrs. Simon and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled to December 19, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Resolution from Lora L. Olsen, Township Clerk, West Amwell Township regarding ***Opposing S-2887, Regarding Wind Energy Generation Projects on Farms.*** No action taken.
2. Resolution from Lora L. Olsen, Township Clerk, West Amwell Township regarding ***Requesting a Study of School District Consolidation in the County of Hunterdon.*** No action taken.
3. Memorandum dated November 8, 2011 from Roberta Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Township of Tewksbury regarding ***An Ordinance of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey to Amend, Revise and Supplement Article V of the Tewksbury Township Development Regulations Ordinance to Set Requirements for Application Submissions, Dismissal for Inactive Applications, and Requirements for New Applications After Substantial Change.*** No action taken.
4. Notice of Public Hearing regarding ***Amendment to the Hunterdon County District Solid Waste Management Plan.*** No action taken.
5. Memorandum dated November 17, 2011 from Cathy Drummond, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Hampton regarding ***A Resolution to Request Making Main Street Right Turn Only onto Route 31 Until More Extensive Route 31 Improvement Project Can Be Completed.*** No action taken.
6. Memorandum dated September 26, 2011 from Marilyn Hodgson, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Glen Gardner regarding ***Resolution on State Highway Route 31 Intersection.*** No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ***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.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the request to hang the banner from January 6th through January 23rd, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

2. ***Request from the Environmental Commission to Erect a Bulletin Board Sign for Informational Purposes regarding Recycling and Environmental Issues and Events at the Township Recycling Yard***

Administrator Mekovetz stated that the Committee's direction was to speak with the Director of Public Works for his recommendation on the sign and also the proposed placement and then bring the matter back to another meeting. Administrator Mekovetz stated that a member of the Environmental Commission had made a sign; however, Scott Jesseman reported back that the sign would be workable with some modifications to be made. Mrs. Muir stated that she would like to see a magnetic backing to the sign so that it could be adhered to a dumpster. The Committee agreed to erect a modified version of the sign. Mrs. Allen stated that the timing of the bulletin board would be another avenue to notice the residents on the recycle bank program which should be in place by February 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Hunterdon County Health Services Agreement*** – Freeholder Holt

Mayor Gatti stated that since Freeholder Holt was unable to attend this meeting this matter will be carried to the December 5th meeting when Freeholder Holt will be present to explain the potential changes in public health nursing.

- * 2. ***2011 Budget Appropriation Transfer*** – resolution

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported that she attended the League of Municipalities convention and obtained necessary CEU's.

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Solar Purchase RFP bid opening will take place at 10:00 tomorrow morning.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported that she also attended various seminars at the League of Municipalities.

Attorney Dragan stated that the Elbert closing took place last Tuesday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Gatti

Mayor Gatti reported that while in attendance at the League of Municipalities, through some panel discussions, he learned that statutorily if every municipality increased their taxes by what is currently allowed by law, versus the projection of municipal services and costs that exist today, by the year 2017 there will be a four (4) billion deficit.

Julia Allen

Mrs. Allen reported that the Open Space Walk took place yesterday on the Pleasant Run Greenway and the December 18th Walk will be climbing Cushetunk Mountain from Railroad Avenue Trailhead.

Tom Auriemma

Mr. Auriemma reported that he attended a firemen's meeting and there was a request to allow the firemen to obtain fuel from the DPW yard after hours. The Committee agreed that in emergency

situations, if the firemen needed to fuel their trucks after hours, the Exxon Station which is open 24 hours could be utilized.

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir stated that the Social Services office will be assisting with the food distribution through Our Lady of Lourdes Church and are always looking for volunteers.

Mrs. Muir reported that the Profeta application is not compliant with the regulations that local Board of Health uses for septic suitability approvals and therefore it will go forward to the State DEP.

Donna Simon

Mrs. Simon reported that she attended the Governor's Luncheon at the League of Municipalities where Governor Christie discussed the sick days reform.

Mrs. Simon stated the proposed date for the contract signing of the Solar Power Purchase is December 9th and thanked Administrator Mekovetz and Attorney Dragan for their hard work during the process. Mrs. Simon also thanked the Department of Public Works for all their hard work during the post October snowstorm.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jerry Cook, Environmental Commission, asked for clarification on the Environmental Sign.

Steven Grimes, of Troop 186, stated that he was attending a Township Committee meeting to attain a Citizenship Badge.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mrs. Muir stated that when she rode by Summer Road Park she noticed that some of the branches are hanging dangerously and requested the DPW to trim the trees.

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. Simon with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO
Municipal Clerk