

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – February 22, 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 Auriemma, Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. D. Simon

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

**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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will be confidential
Winfield Management / Developer's Agreement- .....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
TC & D Builder, Corp. / Developer's Agreement .....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Country Classics Legacy .....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... (February 7, 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 7:30 p.m.

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

***PRESENTATION – Three Bridges 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade***

The second grade class of Three Bridges School presented a slideshow depicting community life in Readington Township.

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

***Personnel / Police Department***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to promote Christopher Heycock to the rank of Corporal effective February 22, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations / Winfield Management / Developers Agreement***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve as amended the Developers Agreement and Deed Restriction, 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

***Contract Negotiations / TC&D Builders, Corp. / Developers Agreement***

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

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

***Contract Negotiations / Country Classics Legacy***

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

***Contract Negotiations / Fallone (Block 31, Lots 37 & 37.02, Block 32, Lot 12, Block 34, Lots 10 & 11, Block 36, Lot 2)***

Mayor Gatti stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Attorney –Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (February 7, 2011)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 7, 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 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 February 7, 2011
- \* 2. **Somerset Wheelman Annual Readington Time Trial Event** – permission to conduct time trial cycling event April 16, 2011
- \* 3. **Social Affairs Permit** – Whitehouse American Legion Post # 284 (March 19, 2011)
- \* 4. **Social Affairs Permit** – Polish American Citizens Club (March 26, 2011)
- \* 5. **Release of Escrow** – Sam Martz (Block 41, Lot 4) / Soil Witness Reimbursement
- \* 6. **Release of Driveway Bond** – Stephen Villani (Block 55, Lot 7.08) \$600
- \* 7. **Firemen’s Membership Application** – Walter J. Sliwa
- \* 8. **Firemen’s Membership Application** – David M. Kloss
- \* 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	\$ 16,701.00
CURRENT FUND	1-01	\$ 999,970.39
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	0-02	\$ 1,600.00
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$50,227,253.88
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 3,194,507.33
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 209,939.38
2010 CAP. ORDINANCE	X-10	\$ 9,324.40
2006 CAP. ORDINANCE	X-66	\$ 33,196.50
2008 CAP. ORDINANCE	X-88	<u>\$ 33,042.50</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$54,725,535.38</b>

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

***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

As it was after 8:00 p.m., ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 66-5 of the Code of the Township of Readington Pertaining to the Fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses***

***γ Ordinance # 01-2011***

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

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 66-5 of the Code of the Township of Readington Pertaining to the Fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses***

***γ Ordinance # 01-2011***

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Affordable Housing Property Known as 126 Buttercup Court in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey***

***γ Ordinance # 02-2011***

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

Mrs. Allen stated that this unit is being sold with a thirty year deed restriction as part of our COAH plan.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Affordable Housing Property Known as 126 Buttercup Court in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey***

**γ Ordinance # 02-2011**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt 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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of Certain Roadway Dedications Along Old York Road (Block 97, Lot 4 to Become Lots 4.04 and 4.05) in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from T. C. & D. Builders Corp.***

**γ Ordinance # 03-2011**

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 Mr. Auriemma 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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**γ Ordinance # 03-2011**

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adjourn the regular meeting to open the 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 Stream Corridor Conservation Easement on a Portion of Block 97, Lot 4 (to Become Lot 4.05) in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from T. C. & D. Builders Corp.***

***γ Ordinance # 04-2011***

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

Mrs. Allen stated that this is a result of a stream corridor easement that is being evoked at the time of subdivision.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

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***γ Ordinance # 04-2011***

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adjourn the regular meeting to open the 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 a Portion of Block 97, Lot 4 (to Become Lot 4.04) in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from T. C. & D. Builders Corp.***

***γ Ordinance # 05-2011***

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 Mr. Auriemma to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, 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 a Portion of Block 97, Lot 4 (to Become Lot 4.04) in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from T. C. & D. Builders Corp.***

***γ Ordinance # 05-2011***

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

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

***CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION***

1. Letter dated January 20, 2011 from Denise B. Doolan, Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Hunterdon regarding ***Resolution to Rescind Fixed Weight Limit on County Bridges R-123, Holland Brook Road.*** No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated February 3, 2011 from Tricia L. Houck, Deputy Clerk, Township of Clinton, regarding ***Opposing S-1 Legislation Relative to Affordable Housing.*** No action taken.
3. Notice of Public Hearing from Donald Carter, Vice President of Operations, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ Elizabethtown Gas regarding ***A Petition Filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in BPU Docket No. G010120969 to extend its Utility Infrastructure Enhancement Program and Revise its Utility Infrastructure Enhancement rate.*** No action taken.
4. Resolution from Ella Malecki Ruta, Municipal Clerk, Township of Union, regarding ***Opposing Reduced Allocation of Open Space Tax Levy Funds to Municipal Grant Programs.*** No action taken.

***NEW BUSINESS***

1. ***Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to appoint Robert Clapp from alternate to a full member of the Historic Preservation Commission with a term to expire 12/31/2011, seconded by Mrs. Simon with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

2. ***Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchases - Ford Expedition XLT Police Vehicle***

Mayor Gatti stated that this vehicle is being purchased out of the trust fund as a result of the K-9 unit.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2011-35**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE  
PURCHASES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase (1) Ford Expedition XLT from an authorized vendor under the Morris County CO-OP Purchasing Program and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12*; and

**WHEREAS**, Warnock Ford, 75 Route 10 East Hanover, NJ 07936 has been awarded Morris County CO-OP Purchasing Program Contract No. # 15-C for Ford Expedition XLT for the period one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual cost for the purchase of (1) Ford Expedition is expected not to exceed \$40,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract in the *Disposal of Forfeited Property Police Account*.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Warnock Ford be awarded a contract for a (1) Ford Expedition XLT; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to adopt this resolution, 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

- \* 3. **Somerset Wheelman Annual Readington Time Trial Event** – permission to conduct time trial cycling event April 16, 2011

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Mekovetz stated that they are still waiting for the final plans and drawings to create the plan sets for the bid documents on the County Line Road project from the Branchburg engineer in order to go out for bid.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dragan reported that the T. C. & D. Builders dropped off performance guarantees today and she reviewed the language which seems to be in order and requested that the Committee approve them, subject to review by Engineer O'Brien.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the performance guarantees for Block 97, Lot 4.04 subject to review by Engineer O'Brien, 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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Frank Gatti**

Mayor Gatti reported that he will be attending a Court of Honor on March 5<sup>th</sup> for four Eagle Scouts from Troop 1969.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2011-36**

### **TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, John A. Deseno, a valued member of Boy Scout Troop 1969, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Candidate John A. Deseno's Eagle Project included planting trees and shrubs around a Vernal Pond; and

***Resolution #R-2011-36 cont'd:***

***WHEREAS***, the site of the project was the Cushetunk Nature Center; and

***WHEREAS***, the area where trees and shrubs were to be planted had to be cleared of overgrown grass, poison ivy, milkweed and other invasive plants; and

***WHEREAS***, some of the surrounding trees were dug up, removed and transported from another location to the Vernal Pond where they were replanted around the pond according to the type of tree and how much water was required; and

***WHEREAS***, the fencing had to be cut and wrapped around the trees and shrubs to prevent damage from deer and name tags for each tree and shrub were placed on the fencing; and

***WHEREAS***, over 40 trees and shrubs were planted around the pond and surrounding areas for the township residents to enjoy; and

***WHEREAS***, the Eagle Scout is the highest rank of recognition offered in Scouting; and

***WHEREAS***, on March 5, 2011 John A. Deseno will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout John A. Deseno for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2011-37***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, Erik Hanson Schaub, a valued member of Boy Scout Troop 1969, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

***WHEREAS***, Eagle Scout Candidate Erik Hanson Schaub's Eagle Project included the building of four picnic benches on a bed of stone and gravel; and

***WHEREAS***, the site of the project was the Cushetunk Nature Center next to the historically restored 18<sup>th</sup> Century barn; and

***WHEREAS***, the project included clearing and marking a trail from the historical barn to the Rockaway Creek; making it easier to navigate the high grass and weeds that infest the area; and

***WHEREAS***, Erik made the picnic area attractive and convenient for hiking and for the school field trips to learn about the ecology, agricultural history and preservation of the area; and

***WHEREAS***, the Eagle Scout is the highest rank of recognition offered in Scouting; and

***WHEREAS***, on March 5, 2011 Erik Hanson Schaub will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

**Resolution #R-2011-37 cont'd:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Erik Hanson Schaub for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2011-38**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Shaun Patrick Spiller, a valued member of Boy Scout Troop 1969, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Candidate Shaun Patrick Spiller's Eagle Project included the renovation of part of the Lachenmayer Trail connecting to a Green Acres section of this farm; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun's goal was to create a "Green Eagle Project" using recyclable and natural materials found in the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the benches, kiosk and mulch were made from local cedar log; and

**WHEREAS**, his project entailed clearing non-native invasive brush, building a crossing over a small gully and constructing four benches; and

**WHEREAS**, Shaun outlined the trail using trail markers and woodchips in the swampy areas, made the entrance of the unknown path visible and attractive for hikers and nature lovers and constructed a sign and kiosk.

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle Scout is the highest rank of recognition offered in Scouting; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2011 Shaun Patrick Spiller will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Shaun Patrick Spiller for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2011-39**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Jeremy Timothy Wright, a valued member of Boy Scout Troop 1969, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

***Resolution #R-2011-39 cont'd:***

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Candidate Jeremy Timothy Wright's Eagle Project included restoring and improving a ridge trail in the Cushetunk Mountain Nature Preserve in Lebanon Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the steep trail had deteriorated and was overgrown with many plants, brush and numerous large rocks which forced hikers to go off the trail; and

**WHEREAS**, under Jeremy's supervision, volunteers spent over 170 hours clearing, pruning redirecting and creating new site markers to make the trail more distinct; and

**WHEREAS**, the improved and safer trail can be enjoyed by hikers.

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle Scout is the highest rank of recognition offered in Scouting; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2011 Jeremy Timothy Wright will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Jeremy Timothy Wright for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

Mayor Gatti reported that he attended a meeting in Trenton to hear Governor Christie speak about the new budget and stated that municipal aid would remain the same, in addition to the funding for education increasing by 200 million statewide.

Mayor Gatti reported that the Township budget meeting will take place February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Gatti reported that Readington Township PBA participated in its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Football Snow Bowl to benefit the Special Olympics.

**Julia Allen**

Mrs. Allen reported that the Public Hearing on the Readington Township portion of Wastewater Management Plan is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> between 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the County Complex.

Mrs. Allen reported that the Open Space walk took place on Sunday at the South Branch Wildlife area in Three Bridges and the next walk is scheduled for the third Sunday in March.

**Thomas Auriemma**

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

**Donna Simon**

Mrs. Simon reported that a meeting is being held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Freeholder's meeting room for the tax payers to discuss sharing regionalization and re-allocating services to make government more efficient and effective.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bonnie Kelly, a resident of Cedarbrook at Branchburg, commented on the condition of County Line Road and stressed the urgency of getting this project started.

David Pittenger, President of Cedarbrook Homeowner's Association, asked the Committee if the road would be fully paved rather than just boxed out.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

There were none.

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 all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO  
Municipal Clerk