

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

Mayor Auriemma *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 T. Auriemma, Deputy Mayor J. Allen, Mrs. B. Fort, Mr. F. Gatti, Mrs. B. Muir

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Township Clerk Karin Parker, Attorney S. Dragan, Engineer O'Brien

ABSENT: Administrator Mekovetz

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>
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will be confidential
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Cunningham / Block 6, Lot 34.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Proposed Right-of-Way..... Agreement / Sunesys, Inc.	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Ridge Road Realty / Renda..... Block 38, Lots 54.11, 54.12 & 54.02)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... • October 15, 2012	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. Muir to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Police Department

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to accept the resignation of Robert Riva from the Police Department, effective November 1, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Personnel / Department of Public Works

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the promotion of Wade Warner from driver/laborer to senior driver laborer, effective November 12, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to hire Seth Duryea for the position of laborer at the rate of \$19.38 per hour, effective December 3, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations / Cunningham / Block 6, Lot 34

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to send a letter to Donald Cunningham to decline his offer and thank him for his inquiry, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations / Proposed Right-of-Way Agreement / Sunesys, Inc.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft an agreement, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations / Ridge Road Realty / Renda (Block 38, Lots 54.11, 54.12 & 54.02)

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

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

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / October 15, 2012

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 15, 2012 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 Auriemma stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

- * 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of October 1, 2012

- * 2. **Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Rock Salt (International Salt) from Hunterdon County Cooperative**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2012-112

**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 on August 3, 2012; 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 \$51.87 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 2012/2013 season (October 16, 2012 to October 15, 2013) to International Salt at a price of \$ 51.87 per ton.

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

- * 3. **Application for Operation of Limousine Business** (Brian Bardi)

- * 4. **Request for Refund of Duplicate Payment** (Richard Gibson - \$35)
- * 5. **Tax Lien Redemption**

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 66, Lot 25.15 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 \$58,715.81, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$7,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #618, to the lienholder, Tad J. Dabrowski.

- * 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	2-01	\$ 586,945.99
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	2-02	\$ 140,160.53
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 115,564.43
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$2,765,295.44
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 181,252.39
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$5,411,841.94
	X-12	<u>\$ 272.00</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$9,201,332.72

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

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

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

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

- 1. Resolution from Cecilia Covino, Town Clerk, Town of Clinton, regarding **Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey.**

Mrs. Allen requested to adopt a similar ordinance.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2012-113

Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long and successful history of preserving open space, parks, farmland, and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Green Acres Program has helped to preserve over 650,000 acres of land and supported more than 1,100 park development projects over the past 50 years; the State Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000 acres of farmland over the past 30 years; and the Historic Trust has preserved 477 historic sites over the past 45 years; and

WHEREAS, all remaining funds for these programs under the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 will be fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington has been a direct beneficiary of, and partner to, these critical state preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, substantial unmet needs remain for additional land and water protection, park development, and farmland and historic preservation, for the health and welfare of our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a long-term, dedicated source of funding be established in order to:

- sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act
- improve and ensure proper stewardship of parks, preserved lands, and historic sites
- provide equitable access to quality parks and recreation in urban, suburban, and rural areas
- match and leverage local, county, and private funds for these purposes
- protect drinking water supplies, water quality, and alleviate costly flood damages
- preserve fish and wildlife habitat and provide public access for hunting and fishing
- revitalize cities and towns
- protect our quality of life and economic prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 5th day of November, 2012, by the Township of Readington in Hunterdon County, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Readington Township supports establishment of a long-term, dedicated source of state funding for these purposes.
2. A certified copy of this resolution be served upon Governor Chris Christie, Senator Christopher Bateman, Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli and Assemblywoman Donna Simon, all Hunterdon County Municipalities, Hunterdon County Freeholders, NJ Keep It Green and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

2. Notice of Hearing from Attorneys, Day Pitney, LLP regarding ***Public Hearing Concerning its Application for Variance Approval, Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan Approval and Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision Approval Related to Proposed Modifications to the Existing Golf Course and Country Club Property.*** No action taken.
3. Notice of Public Hearing from Brian MacLean, Vice President of Operations, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ Elizabethtown Gas regarding ***In the Matter of the Petition of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas for Approval of an Accelerated Infrastructure Replacement Program and an Associated Cost Recovery Mechanism.*** No action taken.
4. Notice of Public Hearing from Brian MacLean, Vice President of Operations, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ Elizabethtown Gas regarding ***In the Matter of the Petition of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas to (1) Revise its Weather Normalization Clause Rate; (2) Revise the Clean Energy Program Component of its Societal Benefits Charge Rate; and (3) Revise its On-System Margin Sharing Credit.*** No action taken.
5. Notice of Public Hearing from Brian MacLean, Vice President of Operations, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ Elizabethtown Gas regarding ***In the Matter of the Petition of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas to Revise its Energy Efficiency Program Rider Rate.*** No action taken.
6. Notice of Public Hearing regarding ***Greening New Jersey's Water Infrastructure.*** No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of Block 55, Portions of Lot 7.01 For Public Roadway Purposes in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from Rolling Meadows of Readington, L.L.C***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF BLOCK 55, PORTIONS OF LOT 7.01 FOR PUBLIC ROADWAY PURPOSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM ROLLING MEADOWS OF READINGTON, L.L.C.

ORDINANCE #25-2012

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. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-4 and 5, et seq., the Township of Readington hereby accepts for public right of way purposes, property known as Block 55, Portions of Lot 7.01, commonly known as Groendyke Road which has been dedicated to the Township by Rolling Meadows of Readington, L.L.C., as more particularly set forth in the Deed 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. The Township acknowledges receipt of the aforementioned Deed conveying the property, together with executed title affidavits.

SECTION 3. 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

Ordinance #25-2012 cont'd:

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law. This Ordinance shall be recorded with the Hunterdon County Clerk, as well as the Deed.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

2. ***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of Block 55, Portions of Lots 7.04 and 7.05 (both Formerly Lot 7.01) for Public Roadway Purposes, Together with Certain Sight Easements thereon, in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from Rolling Meadows of Readington, L.L.C.***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF BLOCK 55, PORTIONS OF LOT LOTS 7.04 AND 7.05, (BOTH FORMERLY PART OF LOT 7.01) FOR PUBLIC ROADWAY PURPOSES, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN SIGHT EASEMENTS THEREON, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM ROLLING MEADOWS OF READINGTON, L.L.C

ORDINANCE #26-2012

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. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-4 and 5, et seq., the Township of Readington hereby accepts the following:

- 1) a Deed of Easement for public right of way purposes on property known as Block 55, Portions of Lots 7.04 and 7.05 (both formerly part of Lot 7.01), along Roosevelt Road; and
- 2) a Deed of Easement establishing two sight triangle easements on property known as Block 55, Portions of Lots 7.04 and 7.05 (both formerly part of Lot 7.01), along Roosevelt Road;

The aforesaid easements have been dedicated to the Township by Rolling Meadows of Readington, L.L.C. Legal descriptions of the easements to be accepted are more particularly set forth in the Deeds 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. The Township acknowledges receipt of the aforementioned Deed conveying the public right of way easement on the property, as well as the Deed conveying the aforementioned two sight triangle easements, together with executed title affidavits.

SECTION 3. 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.

Ordinance #26-2012 cont'd:

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law. This Ordinance shall be recorded with the Hunterdon County Clerk, as well as the Deeds.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

3. **Request for Release of Maintenance Bond** (Rolling Meadows of Readington, LLC / Block 55, Lot 7.01)

Engineer O'Brien stated that there are still some trees that need to be replaced; however, due to the hurricane it has now been re-scheduled for Friday and the maintenance bond may be considered for release after the final installation of the trees.

4. **An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property Known as Block 63, Lot 68 in the Township of Readington**

Mrs. Allen stated that this is an eight acre piece of land on Round Mountain that is contiguous to the County and Township lands surrounded by open space and the objective is to work with the County and Green Acres to cover 100% of the costs.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 63, LOT 68 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

ORDINANCE # 27-2012

WHEREAS, there exists certain real property known as Block 63, Lot 68 on the official tax map of the Township of Readington (hereinafter the "Property") which consists of approximately 8.23+/- acres of mature and vacant woodlands adjacent to the "Round Mountain Preserve" and other publically preserved lands in the Township, which Property is owned by Justin Yard and by Catherine A. Yard and Dorothy Yard, Trustees for Robert Smith; and.

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington (hereinafter "Township") has determined that there is a beneficial public interest in acquiring the Property for open space, conservation, passive recreation and/or other public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. to acquire the Property for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated there are outside governmental funding sources available to assist the Township in purchasing the Property;

WHEREAS, in the interest of negotiating a timely and mutually acceptable voluntary transaction between the Township and the owner of the Property, it is and has

been the policy of the Township to negotiate with the owner of the Property on the basis of fair market value; and

Ordinance #27-2012 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the purchase shall be made subject to and in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Contract of Sale on file with the Township Clerk's Office, and any agreed-upon amendments thereto, for a negotiated price of \$13,000 per acre for an estimated total of \$106,990.00 for the lot, subject to any adjustments as a result of an accurate survey.

WHEREAS, the transaction is subject to satisfactory deeds for the Property being submitted to the Township upon closing of title on the Property.

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

SECTION ONE. For the reasons set forth above, Township Committee hereby authorizes the purchase of Block 63, Lot 68 on the official tax map of the Township of Readington owned by Justin Yard and by Dorothy Yard Saling and Catherine A. Yard, Trustees for Robert Smith, for a purchase price of \$13,000.00 per acre, conditioned on adoption of the necessary funding ordinance(s) and fulfilment of the terms of the Contract and any amendments thereto. The Township is authorized to accept and record the Sellers' deed with the Office of the Hunterdon County Clerk following the closing of title on the Property.

SECTION TWO. The Mayor and Administrator and Clerk of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take all reasonable, necessary and lawful steps including execution of any and all necessary documents, toward the negotiated acquisition of said Property, in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions specified above, and are further authorized and directed to make the aforesaid payment to the owners of the Property.

SECTION THREE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances deemed to be inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

5. ***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of a Stream Corridor Protection Easement of Portions of Block 21.13, Lot 7 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from West Hen Vet, LLC.***

Attorney Dragan stated that a condition of the approval of the site plan on this property was the requirement to dedicate a stream corridor protection easement which this ordinance provides.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STREAM CORRIDOR PROTECTION EASEMENT ON PORTIONS OF BLOCK 21.13, LOT 7 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM WEST HEN VET, LLC

ORDINANCE #28-2012

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 stream corridor protection easement ("Easement") on portions of property known as Block 21.13, Lot 7 in the Township of Readington, which was dedicated on the aforesaid property by West Hen Vet, LLC (hereinafter " Grantor"), pursuant to a major site plan approval, with variances, granted by the Readington Township Board of Adjustment in Resolution# BOA 2011-239, memorialized on February 17, 2011 and as set forth on a set of plans entitled "Preliminary Major Site Plan for Hunterdon Hills Animal Hospital, Block 2J.13, Lot 7, Readington Township, Hunterdon, New Jersey", prepared by Bayer-Risse Engineering, Inc., and last revised January 26, 2012. The purpose of the Easement is to ensure that the area covered by it will remain in its natural and existing state in perpetuity, except as stated in the Easement document. There is no public right of use to Readington Township created by this Easement; it is subject to access by the Township only for the purposes of inspection and enforcement. The aforesaid Easement shall run with the land and be binding on the Grantor and the Grantor's heirs and assigns. It is further described in accordance with a metes and bounds description dated July 26, 2012, prepared by Kenny L. Kennon, P.L.S., N.J. License No. 37195, as set forth in the Easement document 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. A copy of the ordinance shall be recorded with the Easement document in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

6. ***Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Property (Block 63, Lots 66 and 68) in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey; Appropriating \$200,000 therefore and Authorizing the Issuance of \$190,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost thereof***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY (BLOCK 63, LOTS 66 AND 68) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE #29-2012

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$200,000, including the sum of \$10,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$190,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of property, known as Block 63, Lots 66 and 68 on the tax maps of the Township, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Ordinance #29-2012 cont'd:

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$190,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$10,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as the case may be, are authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 *et seq.*, and any other applicable law, to prepare and sign any and all necessary documentation to effectuate the acquisition as described herein, concerning the property known as Block 63, Lots 66 and 68, including, but not limited to, any contracts and amendments thereto and all closing documents needed to complete the purchase.

Section 11. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Ordinance #29-2012 cont'd:

Section 12. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

7. ***An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Readington Township 2012 Salary Ordinance for Officers and Employees of the Township of Readington***

The following ordinance was offered for consideration:

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Readington Township 2011 Salary Ordinance for Officers and Employees of the Township of Readington

ORDINANCE #30-2012

SECTION 1

GOVERNING BODY AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

MAYOR	per annum		\$9,024
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER	per annum		\$8,030
ADMINISTRATOR/MUNICIPAL CLERK/ DEPUTY REG. OF VITAL STATISTICS/TREASURER/QPA	per annum		\$149,786
ADMINISTRATOR	per annum	\$16,648	
Clerk/Deputy Reg. of Vital Stat/Treasurer...	per annum	\$133,138	
TAX COLLECTOR/TAX SEARCH OFFICER	per annum.		\$71,748
TAX ASSESSOR..(P/T /25/ hrs per wk)	per annum.		\$67,624
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL	per annum.		\$87,976
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	per annum		\$46,643
LIBRARIAN	per annum	\$1,984	\$48,516
HOUSING LIAISON AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT	per annum		\$64,209
CHIEF OF POLICE	per annum		\$117,778
RECREATION DIRECTOR	per annum	\$48,000	\$70,845
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	per annum		\$101,470
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & PARKS	per annum		\$102,514
ROAD SUPERINTENDENT, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & PARKS	per annum		\$93,874
PLANNING & ZONING COORDINATOR/ SECRETARY TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	per annum		\$70,437
Planning & Zoning Coordinator	per annum	\$66,152	
Secretary to Environmental Commission	per annum	\$4,285	
FIRE OFFICIAL/ LAND USE ADMIN.	per annum		\$82,828
SUPERVISOR OF ADMIN. SERVICES/	per annum	\$55,603	\$56,803
REGISTRAR	per annum	\$1,200	

Ordinance #30-2012 cont'd:

SECTION 2
CLERICAL (CONFIDENTIAL) PERSONNEL

RECEPTIONIST	per annum..	\$31,371	\$33,364
SECRETARY TO TWP ADMINISTRATOR\DEPUTY REGISTRAR	per annum	\$34,727	\$38,304
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK/SEWER			
ADVISORY COMMITTEE SECRETARY	per annum	\$49,678	\$52,926
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RANK VI	per annum	\$41,178	\$60,146

SECTION 3
CLERICAL PERSONNEL

CLERK/TRANSCRIBER	per annum	\$33,159	\$41,564
OFFICE ASSISTANT	per annum	\$25,894	\$37,172
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR (40 HRS/WK)	per annum	\$43,784	\$63,526
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK	per annum	\$37,528	\$50,203
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, TAX ASSESSOR	per annum	\$39,478	\$49,390
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	per annum	\$43,784	\$54,211
DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR	per annum	\$39,281	\$49,904
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	per annum	\$42,927	\$50,525
FLOATER	per annum	\$36,793	\$44,208

SECTION 4
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

SUB-CODE OFFICIAL PLUMBING & MECH (PART TIME)	per hour		\$43.69
ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL (PART TIME)	per hour		\$36.19
BUILDING INSPECTOR (PART TIME)	per hour		\$30.00
FIRE SUB-CODE OFFICIAL (PART TIME)	per hour		\$35.31

SECTION 5
ROAD, UTILITY AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL
RATES FOR TITLES HELD LONGER THAN ONE YEAR:

DRIVER – LABORER 6	per hour		\$27.86
SR. DRIVER – LABORER 3	per hour		\$30.53
JR. MECHANIC	per hour		\$25.64
MECHANIC	per hour		\$32.70
SR. MECHANIC	per hour		\$35.89
CREW LEADER	per hour		\$34.70
OPERATOR	per hour		\$32.70
WORKING FOREMAN	per hour		\$37.85
SEWER OPERATORS:			
C-1 LICENSE (HOURLY ADDITIONS)	per hour		\$1.00
C-2 LICENSE (HOURLY ADDITIONS)	per hour		\$1.25

RATES FOR GRADES WITHIN TITLES:

LABORER – 1	per hour		\$19.38
LABORER – 2	per hour		\$20.19
DRIVER-LABORER – 1	per hour		\$21.00
DRIVER – LABORER – 2	per hour		\$21.80
DRIVER – LABORER – 3	per hour		\$22.61
DRIVER – LABORER – 4	per hour		\$23.42
DRIVER – LABORER – 5	per hour		\$24.21
DRIVER – LABORER – 6	per hour		\$25.03

SECTION 6
POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

POLICE MATRON	per hour	\$7.25	\$31.00
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER	per hour	\$13.08	\$25.30

Ordinance #30-2012 cont'd:

PATROLMAN (FIRST YEAR) Certified/Probationary.	per annum		\$55,223
PATROLMAN (SECOND YEAR)	per annum		\$59,655
PATROLMAN (THIRD YEAR)	per annum		\$64,087
PATROLMAN (FOURTH YEAR)	per annum		\$68,521
PATROLMAN (FIFTH YEAR)	per annum		\$72,951
PATROLMAN (SIXTH YEAR)	per annum		\$76,339
PATROLMAN (SEVENTH YEAR)	per annum		\$81,113
PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS	per annum		\$85,882
CORPORAL	per annum		\$87,603
INVESTIGATOR - OVER GRADE	per annum		\$600
PROBATIONARY SERGEANT	per annum		\$89,933
SERGEANT'S BASE SALARY	per annum		\$94,823
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	per annum		\$97,718
PROBATIONARY LIEUTENANT	per annum		\$98,218
LIEUTENANT	per annum		\$117,848

SECTION 7
PART-TIME PERSONNEL

MUNICIPAL JUDGE	per annum		\$28,700
SUBSTITUTE MUNICIPAL JUDGE	per hour		\$149.12
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASE WORKER/ FILING CLERK (33 hrs)	per annum		\$34,514
BOOKKEEPER/PAYROLL CLERK	per annum		\$49,361
MUSEUM ADMINISTRATOR	per hour		\$20.91
ASSISTANT TO THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR	per hour		\$15.38
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS	per annum	\$3,778	\$16,668
LIBRARY ASSISTANT	per hour	\$8.27	\$17.45
COURT CLERK	per hour	\$18.00	\$21.95
EXERCISE PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR	per hour	\$12.74	\$30.00
ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF RECREATION (25 hrs-wk)/ DIRECTOR OF SUMMER RECREATION	per annum		\$41,690
SPORTS & TOURNAMENT ASSISTANT	per hour		\$15.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	per annum		\$12,125
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORD.	per annum		\$1,000

SECTION 8
SUMMER RECREATION PERSONNEL

SUPERVISOR & ASS'T SUP'V SUMMER PROG	per hour	\$8.25	\$17.73
SUMMER PROG. & SPECIAL PROG. COUNSELOR	per hour	\$8.00	\$12.67
BUS DRIVERS	per hour	\$8.63	\$17.87
CONCESSION STAND ATTENDANT	per hour	\$7.25	\$10.36
SUMMER PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINT. LABORER	per hour	\$7.25	\$14.39

SECTION 9
BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND RECYCLING

PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LABORER	per hour	\$16.09	\$27.56
RECYCLING WORKER	per hour		\$21.75

SECTION 10

Rates of compensation provided herein are retroactive to January 1, 2012.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for November 19, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

8. ***Request to Hang Banner for the Rockaway Reformed Church Annual Holiday Market Fundraiser*** – letter dated October 19, 2012 from Reverend ***David Ruisard***

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the request to hang the banner, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

- * 9. ***Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Rock Salt (International Salt) from Hunterdon County Cooperative***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 10. ***Application for Operation of Limousine Business*** (Brian Bardi)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 11. ***Request for Refund of Duplicate Payment*** (Richard Gibson - \$35)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Deputy Township Clerk Karin Parker stated that a memo from the Tax Collector was written to Administrator Mekovetz requesting that the Township Committee consider extending the grace period for the payment of the 4th quarter taxes to November 26th due to the extenuating circumstances from Hurricane Sandy,

A MOTION was made Mrs. Muir to extend the grace period from November 13th to November 26th, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported that the League of Municipalities Convention has been cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Engineer reported that he is trying to set up a meeting with DOT and DEP to address the Route 22 flooding at the Merck entrance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thomas Auriemma

Mayor Auriemma expressed a huge gratitude of thanks to the Office of Emergency Management, the CERT Team, the Police Department and also the Department of Public Works. Mayor Auriemma stated that as of last Sunday the municipal courtroom was transformed into an Emergency Operations Center fielding calls and assisting residents, including setting up a warming center at the Whitehouse Firehouse Station, arranging for water and ice to be made available for those in need and setting up charging and internet usage stations. Mayor Auriemma also stated that the fire department is providing water for livestock for those farms without power. Mayor Auriemma reminded residents that Department of Public Works can only cut and remove fallen trees as long as there are no associated live wires with the trees; reiterating the fact that the responsibility of the downed wires falls to JCP&L. Mayor Auriemma continued that he, along with the Office of Emergency Management, has been in constant contact with JC&L through conference calls every evening at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Auriemma gave an explanation on JCP&L's approach to evaluating and repairing the damage and an update on the restoration of power to the township. Mayor Auriemma stated that he did make a request to prioritize getting power back to the schools as soon as possible. Mayor Auriemma reported that Readington Township was declared a public disaster. Mayor Auriemma asked Joel Kerwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, to provide an update from the Office of Emergency Management.

Joel Kerwin announced that he was just advised from the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management that Readington Township has been declared for both public and private disaster. Mr. Kerwin stated that they have been advising residents affected to register with FEMA so that if they do qualify, they will already be registered.

Mayor Auriemma thanked OEM and CERT for all their hard work and continued dedication.

Mayor Auriemma announced changes to two polling locations, Three Bridges and Stanton Reformed Church, due to the power outages.

Julia Allen

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

Betty Ann Fort

Mrs. Fort reported that the due to Hurricane Sandy the 4th Grade Cold Brook School Program and the program at Bouman Stickney was cancelled.

Mrs. Fort expressed concern regarding the housing and wellbeing of senior citizens during storm related incidents as we had just experienced. Mr. Kerwin responded that designated Red Cross county shelters are set up, including necessary transportation, for those in need.

Frank Gatti

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

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir stated that Social Services has been busy with inquiries related to Hurricane Sandy.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

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Mrs. Fort praised Mayor Auriemma on his tremendous efforts during Hurricane Sandy.

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort at 8:38 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Allen with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karin M. Parker
Deputy Township Clerk