

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 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

**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>
Award of Bid / ..... Replacement of DPW Oil Interceptor	Contract Negotiations.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will be confidential
AshBritt, Inc. / Hurricane Sandy..... Debris Cleanup	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
ARCADIS-US, Inc. / Hurricane..... Sandy Monitoring Debris Cleanup	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... • November 5, 2012	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
25 Ridge Road Realty, LLC & ..... JED Trucking & Warehousing, Inc.	Litigation.....	“ “ “
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation).....	Litigation.....	“ “ “

It is anticipated at this time that the stated subject matter will be made public on or about the time set forth in Exhibit “A.”

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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 Auriemma led those present in the *Salute to the Flag*.

***Executive Session:***

***Contract Negotiations / Award of Bid / Replacement of DPW Oil Interceptor***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to award the bid to John Garcia Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$38,502.75, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Mayor Auriemma stated the Township will be entering into agreements with contractors for curbside debris removal from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2012-114***

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000 FOR EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH HURRICANE SANDY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY***

***BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL 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.** A special emergency appropriation is hereby authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-54, in the amount of \$800,000, to provide for extraordinary expenses incurred in connection with Hurricane Sandy, including but not limited to, curbside debris pick up, disposal and monitoring. The Mayor, Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are each hereby authorized to enter into one or more contracts necessary to accomplish such works. The Township expects to receive a reimbursement in an amount equal to 75 percent of the cost of such extraordinary expenses from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Section 2.** The Township will finance the special emergency appropriation from surplus funds available. Where an appropriation is financed from surplus funds available, at least one-fifth of the amount thereof shall be included in each annual budget until the appropriation has been fully provided for.

**Section 3.** A copy of this resolution as adopted shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

***Contract Negotiations / AshBritt, Inc. / Hurricane Sandy Debris Cleanup***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2012-115***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE CONTRACT PURCHASES***

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to enter to an agreement with AshBritt, Inc. to perform debris management and removal services from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; 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**, Ashbritt, Inc., 565 East Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 , has been awarded State of New Jersey Contract under Waiver # AG-063, for the term of October 30, 2012 to April 30, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for debris management and removal services are estimated not to exceed \$650,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Ashbritt, Inc. be awarded a contract for a debris management and removal services; 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. Fort to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations / Arcadis-US, Inc. / Hurricane Sandy Monitoring Debris Cleanup***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2012-116**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE CONTRACT PURCHASES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to enter to an agreement with ARCADIS-US, Inc. to perform debris management monitoring services from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy; 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**, ARCADIS-US, Inc., 14025 Riveredge Drive, Tampa, FL 33637 , has been awarded the State of New Jersey Contract Waiver #AG-065; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for the disaster debris management monitoring services are estimated not to exceed \$75,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that ARCADIS-US, Inc. be awarded a contract for disaster debris management monitoring services; 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. Fort to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / November 5, 2012***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 5, 2012 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Litigation / 25 Ridge Road Realty, LLC & JED Trucking & Warehousing, Inc.***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize Gebhardt & Kiefer to file a response to defend the Township, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***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.

Mayor Auriemma 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 5, 2012
- \* 2. **Release of Escrow** (Gander, Hilda / Block 14, Lot 45) \$750
- \* 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	2-01	\$ 343,688.42
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	2-02	\$ 1,040.00
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 695.60
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 19,612.73
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ <u>137,934.67</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 502,971.42</b>

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

- Mrs. Allen - Aye
- Mrs. Fort - Aye
- Mr. Gatti - Aye
- Mayor Auriemma - 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 Mrs. Fort 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 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 63, LOT 66 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

**ORDINANCE #24-2012**

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

Mrs. Allen stated that this is a wood lot on the top of Round Mountain, totally surrounded by public land which has been considered a key piece for open space acquisition.

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

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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 ACQUISITION OF A  
CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 63, LOT 66 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
READINGTON***

***ORDINANCE #24-2012***

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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 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***

Mayor Auriemma asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

There were none.

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

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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 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***

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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 BLOCK 55, PORTIONS OF 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***

Mayor Auriemma asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

Mrs. Allen stated that this resulted from a road built for the development, now known as Groendyke Road off of Roosevelt Road.

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

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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 BLOCK 55, PORTIONS OF 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***

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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 ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 63, LOT 68 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON***

***ORDINANCE #27-2012***

Mayor Auriemma asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

Mrs. Allen stated that this property is surrounded by open space and the funding plan is 50% Green Acres under our Planning Incentive Grant and the remaining 50% would be funded under the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust fund.

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

There were none.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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 ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL  
PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 63, LOT 68 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
READINGTON***

***ORDINANCE #27-2012***

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

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

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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  
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***

Mayor Auriemma asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

***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***

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***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***

Mayor Auriemma asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

Mr. Gatti asked for clarification on the funding of this property.

Mrs. Allen stated that the Township has applied in two ways for this property, 1) for the County Cooperative Program for 25% of the cost and 2) under the Municipal Grant Program for the remaining 25% of the cost; therefore the Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant would cover 50% and the County Open Space Trust would cover the balance of the 50%, with soft costs being covered 50% under the Green Acres Program.

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

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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:

***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***

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

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

***ORDINANCE #30-2012***

Mayor Auriemma asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

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

***ORDINANCE #30-2012***

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

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

***CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION***

1. Memorandum dated November 13, 2012 from Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg, regarding ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg Amending Subsection 4-8.10 Entitled, "Temporary Signs."*** No action taken.

***NEW BUSINESS***

1. ***An Ordinance Amending a Portion of Chapter 112 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Emergency Services Agency Members***

Mayor Auriemma stated that this ordinance requires that both new and existing members will have to complete an information statement; in addition to adding consequences for suspension of an arrest and removal for a conviction.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 112 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY MEMBERS**

**ORDINANCE # 31-2012**

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 112 of the Code of the Township of Readington, entitled “Emergency Services”. Additions are indicated **thus** and deletions are indicated [**thus**].

**SECTION 1.** Article I entitled “Disclosure of Information for Membership” shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 112-1 Definitions.**

As used in this Ordinance:

**“Agency” or “Agencies” for the purpose of this Ordinance, means any of the companies or squads comprising the “Readington Township Emergency Services Agency” as defined below.**

“Applicant” means an individual, of 18 years or older, desiring initial membership in an emergency services agency in Readington Township.

**“Member” means a current member of a Readington Township emergency services agency.**

“Readington Township Emergency Services Agency” means A. any of the fire companies which comprise the Readington Township Fire Department as set forth in Chapter 21 of the Readington Township Code; or B. the Whitehouse Volunteer Rescue Squad or any other rescue squad established in the Township of Readington.

“Township” means the Township of Readington.

**Sec. 112-2 [Application] Information Statement required.**

Any applicant desiring membership in a Readington Township Emergency Services Agency **as well as every current member of these Agencies,** must complete and file with the same Agency a Township-prescribed form containing, among other things, the following information about the applicant/**member**:

- A. Name
- B. Home address
- C. Birth date
- D. Social Security number
- E. Driver’s License number
- F. A signed statement certifying as to whether or not the applicant/**member** has been convicted of any of the following crimes or offenses:
  - (1) In New Jersey, any crime or disorderly persons offense:
    - a) Involving danger to the person, meaning those crimes and disorderly offenses set forth in N.J.S.A. 2C:11-1 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 2C:13-1 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 2C:14-1 et seq.; or N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1 et seq.;
    - b) Against the family, children, or incompetents, meaning those crimes and disorderly persons offenses set forth in N.J.S.A. 2C:24-1 et seq.;
    - c) Involving theft as set forth in Chapter 20 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes; or

**Ordinance #31-2012 cont'd:**

- d) Involving any controlled dangerous substance or controlled substance analog as set forth in Chapter 35 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes, except paragraph (4) of Subsection a of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10; or

- (2) In any other state or jurisdiction, conduct which, if committed in New Jersey, would constitute any of the crimes or disorderly persons offenses described above.

**Sec. 112-3 Transmission of [application] information statement to Chief of Police; investigation and report required.**

Following the filing of the [application] information statement referred to above, the Readington Township Emergency Service Agency shall transmit a copy of the [application] information statement to the Readington Township Chief of Police, or his/her designee, who shall conduct an investigation to ascertain the truth of statements made by the applicant/member's background as he/she may deem necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. If, as a result of such investigation, the applicant/member is found to have been convicted of any violation, crime or offense as set forth above in Section 112-2, or any other information is discovered that would indicate that the applicant/ member may be a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the community, the Chief of Police, or his/her designee, shall report such information to the head of the applicable [Readington Emergency Services] Agency, and the applicant/ member shall not be eligible for [the] membership in that or any other emergency services agencies included in this article.

**Sec. 112-4 Fingerprinting.**

In connection with said investigation, the applicant/ member shall submit to fingerprinting, and the Chief of Police, or his/her designee, is authorized to submit the applicant's/ member's fingerprint card and obtain history record information from the Division of State Police/State Bureau of Identification for use in determining the suitability of all applicants/ members governed by this Article.

**Sec. 112-5 Time Limit for Investigation.**

The above investigation by the Chief of Police, or his/her designee shall be completed within 60 days of receipt of the application and fingerprinting of the applicant/ member. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, temporary approval may be given to any applicant/ member while in the process of the background investigation. The Chief of Police may revoke the temporary approval of membership should the completed investigation disclose the applicant's/ member's membership is prohibited as provided in Sec. 112-3 above.

**Sec. 112-6 Notification of arrest.**

Any member of a Readington Township Emergency Services Agency who is arrested in any jurisdiction, is required to notify the head of their organization as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after the arrest occurs. Any arrest in any jurisdiction will result in immediate suspension for that member from any Readington Township Emergency Services Agency. Upon conviction of an offense listed in 112-2F(1) and (2), the member shall be immediately removed from that Agency.

**Sec. 112-7 Notification of loss of license.**

Any member of a Readington Township Emergency Service Agency who loses their N.J. driver's license, is required to notify the head of their organization, as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after the [arrest] revocation occurs.

**Ordinance #31-2012 cont'd:**

**Sec. 112-8 Driving Prohibition.**

Members shall not drink any kind of intoxicating beverage or consume any illegal narcotics, or narcotics contrary to the directions of their prescriptions, before or at any time during the operation of any Township vehicle or apparatus.

**Sec. 112-9 Violations.**

Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000, the imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days and/or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of Chapter 112 of the Readington Township Code or any other Township ordinance or portion of the Code inconsistent herewith.

**SECTION 3.** All other language contained in Chapter 112 of the Readington Township Code not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid 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 or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for December 3, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

- \* 2. **Release of Escrow** (Gander, Hilda / Block 14, Lot 45) \$750

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Mekovetz stated that she had nothing further to report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Thomas Auriemma**

Mayor Auriemma addressed the public with regard to Hurricane Sandy. Mayor Auriemma stated that as a community the Township pulled together well with the dedicated assistance of the volunteers and the Department of Public Works removing trees off the streets. Mayor Auriemma stated the Office of Emergency Management organized and set up the Emergency Operations Center in the court room. Mayor Auriemma continued that a warming center was provided by Whitehouse Rescue, bottled water and ice were available in the parking lot, internet, computer and charging stations were available in the lobby and firemen provided farmers without power necessary water for livestock. Mayor Auriemma stated that as a result of the storm Readington Township had 6,600 homes without power and it was the strategy of JCP&L to fix the circuits starting at the substations and then prioritize repairs that affected the largest amount of homes first. Mayor Auriemma further stated that every evening he conferred with JCP&L and was informed that power would be restored to hospitals and schools first and after that were the homes, with priority equitable to all towns. Mayor Auriemma stated that his power to get electricity restored was limited only to prioritizing power to the schools.

Mayor Auriemma informed the residents that the Township will be reimbursed 75% through FEMA and the remaining 25% will be picked up by the Township for curbside pickup for trees, trunks and branches. Mayor Auriemma explained that the information for pickup will be distributed through nixel, the Township website and the reverse 911 system.

Mayor Auriemma stated that there will be a meeting to discuss continued improvements that can be made and applauded and thanked all those volunteers, including those from the fire companies and rescue squad, that assisted throughout the storm and the aftermath. Mayor Auriemma also thanked Shady Farm for donating the truck for storing the ice.

Mrs. Fort announced that moving forward they will be putting together a subcommittee to address improved communications.

**Julia Allen**

Mrs. Allen reported the Christmas Tree Lighting has been scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Betty Ann Fort**

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

**Frank Gatti**

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

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Elizabeth Mado, Dreahook Road, thanked the Committee and volunteers for their service and expressed the need to improve communication to get information out to the public.

Deborah Sepe, Quaker Road, reiterated the need for better communication.

Tim Apgar, Chief of Whitehouse Fire Station Company, stated that during discussions with several of the linemen from the power company he was informed that the linemen had never seen so much timber down as in Hunterdon County. Mr. Apgar also advised that even if the schools did have power after the storm there were so many road closures.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 9:09 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Allen with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA  
Municipal Clerk