

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – DECEMBER 17, 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: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan

ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 *et seq.*, the Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist and desires to authorize the exclusion of the public from the portion of the meeting in accordance with the act;

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter as set forth in the following Exhibit "A."

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
Ashbritt Inc./ Debris Management and Removal Services	Contract Negotiations.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will be confidential
Arcadis / Disaster Debris Management Monitoring Operations	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... • December 03, 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*.

Mayor Auriemma requested a *Moment of Silence* for the victims and families of the Newton Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy.

Executive Session:

Contract Negotiations / AshBritt Inc. / Debris Management and Removal Services

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2012-124

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,200,000 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:

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2012, the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") adopted Resolution #2012-114 entitled, "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" (the "Resolution"), authorizing a special emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-54 to provide for extraordinary expenses incurred in connection with Hurricane Sandy, including but not limited to, curbside debris pick up, disposal and monitoring (the "Hurricane Recovery Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the aggregate cost to complete the Hurricane Recovery Project will exceed the \$800,000 originally appropriated by the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to authorize a special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$2,200,000, which, together with the \$800,000 originally appropriated by the Resolution, will be sufficient to fund the completion of the Hurricane Recovery Project;

Section 1. A special emergency appropriation is hereby authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-54, in the amount of \$2,200,000, to provide for the Hurricane Recovery Project. The aggregate amount of special emergency appropriations to provide for the Hurricane Recovery Project is \$3,000,000, including the \$800,000 authorized by the Resolution #2012-114 and the \$2,200,000 authorized herein. 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.

1. That the total emergency appropriation shall be provided for in the budgets of the next succeeding years by the inclusion of not less than \$600,000. (must be at least one fifth of the total amount)
2. That an "emergency note", not in excess of the amount authorized pursuant to law, be provided.
3. That such note shall be executed by New Jersey and Chief Financial Officer and Township Municipal Clerk.

Resolution #R-2012-124 cont'd:

4. That such note shall be dated December 24, 2012, may be renewed from time to time provided that such note and any renewals shall mature and be paid in the amount of not less than one-fifth of the total amount appropriated by this resolution in each year after the authorization.

Section 2. 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 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to adopt this resolution, 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 / Arcadis / Disaster Debris Management Monitoring Operations

Mayor Auriemma stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / December 03, 2012

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 03, 2012 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	- Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Gatti	- Aye (for the portion of the Executive Session that he was in attendance)
Mrs. Muir	- 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 December 3, 2012
- * 2. **Resolution to Cancel General Capital Ordinances**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2012-120

RESOLUTION TO CANCEL GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, there are ordinance balances in the General Capital Fund which are no longer required and should be canceled,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the following balances and return them to the appropriate account:

<u>Ord #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Deferred Charges- Unfunded</u>
01-09/02-16	Various Improvements	\$ 43,511.55	\$ 43,511.55	
04-32	Various Improvements	25,309.91	25,309.91	
08-05	Various Improvements	300,755.08		\$ 300,755.08
10-09	Sewer Improvements	6,048.93		6,048.93

* 3. **Chapter 159's (2012 Budget) Federal and State Grants**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2012-121

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
 IN THE 2012 BUDGET
 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Readington hereby requests The Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2012 in the sum of **\$ 92,875.18** which items are now available as a revenue from the following sources pursuant to the provision of statute:

NJDEP Clean Communities	\$ 41,246.70
Municipal Court Alcohol Education/ Rehabilitation Fund	3,075.89
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	8,138.58
NJ Body Armor Replacement Fund	2,514.01
Merck Corporation – Police Security	24,500.00
2012 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	4,400.00
NJ State Police – OEM – CERT Trailer	1,000.00
Police Donation – Della Pello Paving Inc	8,000.00

Resolution #R-2012-121 cont'd:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ **92,875.18** be and the same is hereby Appropriated under the caption of the following:

NJDEP Clean Communities	\$ 41,246.70
Municipal Court Alcohol Education/ Rehabilitation Fund	3,075.89
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	8,138.58
NJ Body Armor Replacement Fund	2,514.01
Merck Corporation – Police Security	24,500.00
2012 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	4,400.00
NJ State Police – OEM – CERT Trailer	1,000.00
Police Donation – Della Pello Paving Inc	8,000.00

* 4. **Resolution to Cancel Old Outstanding Checks**

#R-2012-122

OUTSTANDNG CHECKS TO BE VOIDED

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Current Account			
	07/18/2011	6588	160.00
	10/17/2011	7198	225.00
	01/16/2012	7691	200.00
	01/16/2012	7765	100.00
	01/30/2012	7828	80.00
	02/21/2012	8004	68.00
	02/28/2012	8072	80.00
	TOTAL FOR CURRENT ACCOUNT		913.00
Payroll			
	07/22/2011	66037	505.42
	07/22/2011	66054	408.92
	TOTAL PAYROLL		914.32
	<u>TOTAL AMT. OF CHECKS VOIDED</u>		<u>1,827.34</u>

* 5. **Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchases** (Ford Escape / Construction Code)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2012-123

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase a Ford Escape SE, 2013 Model from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative 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, Route 23 Automall, 1301 Route 23, Butler, NJ, has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No. 15-C for Utility Vehicles for the period one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the purchase of Ford Escape SE, 2013 Model is expected not to exceed \$22,315.; and

Resolution #R-2012-123 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; 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 Route 23 Automall be awarded a contract for a Ford Escape SE, 2013 Model; 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.

* 6. **Tax Cancellation**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP

HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Tax Collector recommends that property taxes owed for the following properties be cancelled for the reasons stated:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
25/50 Q0121	Readington Township	Exempt Property	\$ 281.96
31/37.01	Unknown	Unknown Owner	40.02
61/4.01	Unknown	Unknown Owner	181.42

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel \$503.40 from the tax records for the year 2012.

* 7. **Tax Cancellation**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP

HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exist several property tax overpayments where the property owners who made the overpayments no longer own the property, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is unable to locate those prior owners.

Resolution cont'd:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the following tax overpayments:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1999	76	2		\$1,534.41
1999	50	27.03	Q0267	100.53
2000	22	40		43.28
2000	34	36.048		1,078.39
2000	70	41.25		2,248.91
2000	73	349		1,385.97
2001	98	5	Q0577	39.73
2010	21.04	704.04		2,071.48

* 8. **Overpayment of Taxes**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP
HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there exist several tax overpayments from prior tax years, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector desires to apply the following prior year tax overpayments to the amounts due for 2012 taxes:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
72	36.06		\$ 19.05
55	13.05		1,644.95
74	26.01	Q0527	518.10

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to apply the above-referenced property tax overpayments to 2012 property taxes receivable.

* 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	2-01	\$1,065,023.63
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	2-02	\$ 100,000.00
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 502,230.30
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 11,600.10
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 235,066.59
	X-12	<u>\$ 125,338.82</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$2,039,259.44

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Fort 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 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

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 Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

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

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

Mrs. Allen	- Recused
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Gatti	- Aye
Mrs. Muir	- 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
2010 Salary Ordinance for Building and Grounds***

ORDINANCE #32-2012

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. Muir 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
2010 Salary Ordinance for Building and Grounds***

ORDINANCE #32-2012

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to adopt 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

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 AMENDING CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW
JERSEY PERTAINING TO THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE***

ORDINANCE #33-2012

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 Mr. Gatti 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURE

ORDINANCE #33-2012

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

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 CERTAIN EASEMENTS ON PORTIONS OF BLOCK 31, LOT 37 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM FALLONE PROPERTIES, LLC

ORDINANCE #34-2012

Administrator Mekovetz stated that this ordinance must be deferred to next year due to an error in advertising.

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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to withdraw Ordinance #34-2012, 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

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Resolution from the Borough of Glen Gardner regarding ***Opposing A286 Exempting Private Universities & Colleges from Land Use Law***. No action taken.
2. Resolution from the Township of Tewksbury regarding ***Requesting the NJ Board of Public Utilities Hold Hearings on JCP&L's Response to Hurricane Sandy and Take the Appropriate Action as May be Authorized***. No action taken.
3. Mayor's Advisory from William G. Dressel, Jr., NJLOM, regarding ***A-2573 – Would Direct Payment of Energy Taxes Directly to Municipal Government Assembly Committee Releases Bill to End State Diversion of Energy Tax Receipts***. No action taken.

4. Notice of Public Hearing from Brian MacLean, VP Of Operations, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabeth Gas regarding ***Proposed Gas Base Rate Increases and Other Rate and Tariff Changes***. No action taken.
5. Memorandum dated December 11, 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”***
 - ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg Amending Paragraph 7-2.1A Entitled “Application Fees and Escrow Deposits”***

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Request for Consideration to Re-Zone Properties Presently in the Research Zone to the Professional Zone*** – letter dated November 30, 2012 from Ernest A. Renda, Esq.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to refer this matter to the Planning Board, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

2. ***Recommendation from the Sewer Advisory Committee*** – memo dated December 8, 2012 from Karin M. Parker, Sewer Advisory Secretary

Mrs. Allen stated that the first request is for a new home being built in an area that is currently served by the sewer service area and the second request was previously approved by the Township Committee for two affordable housing units and now the owner is requesting to amend his request to a single family residence.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve one unit of sewer capacity for Block 88, Lot 7 from Raritan Township Municipal Utilities for the construction of a single family dwelling contingent upon approval from the Board of Adjustment, 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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen authorize Attorney Dragan to amend the sewer agreement to approve one unit of sewer capacity for Block 4, Lot 94 for the construction of a single family residence and return the remaining unit to COAH allocation, 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

3. ***Resolution to Amend Authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation***

This matter was addressed under Executive Session.

* 4. ***Resolution to Cancel General Capital Ordinances***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 5. ***Chapter 159's (2012 Budget) Federal and State Grants***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 6. ***Resolution to Cancel Old Outstanding Checks***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 7. ***Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchases*** (Ford Escape / Construction Code)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz updated the Committee on the Hurricane Sandy cleanup and reported that as of yesterday, 79,000 cubic yards of tree debris have been collected. Administrator Mekovetz stated that Township will be reimbursed 75% of the cost; however the Township is still waiting to see if the reimbursement percentage may potentially be increased.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported that Bergold closing took place on December 7th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thomas Auriemma

Mayor Auriemma reported that the Readington School Board had voted to move the school elections to the November General Election.

Julia Allen

Mrs. Allen reported that with the help of Administrator Mekovetz, the Township has applied for next year's funding for the Farmland Preservation PIG Grant.

Betty Ann Fort

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

Frank Gatti

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

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir reported that it came to the attention of the Board of Health that residents in East Whitehouse were experiencing overwhelming sewage odors, which after investigation from the County and DEP, appeared to be coming from the pre-treatment plant at Readington Farms. Mrs. Muir continued that they are working on corrective measures to remedy the problem although they are unsure how long this may take.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Terry Biondo, 165 Rockafellows Mill Road, expressed concern that Raritan Township is proposing a Greenway, turning River Road into a one way road, therefore cutting access to the main thoroughfare in and out of her road.

Mrs. Biondo also questioned whether the litter ordinance is enforceable since she is having a problem at her end of the road with someone dumping trash. Mrs. Muir suggested putting up a *No Littering* sign on Rockafellows Mill Road, one coming and one going. Mrs. Muir further recommended sending a letter to the DEP, Division of Fish Game and Wildlife, owner of the former Zajac Farm property, requesting them to place a telephone pole across the entrance to prevent public dumping.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to put a *No Littering* sign with the violation offenses listed, on Rockafellow Mill Road in both directions, seconded Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to send a letter to the DEP Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife requesting them to consider placing a telephone pole across the entrance of the former Zajac Farm property to prevent public dumping, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Auriemma commented that it has been an interesting year for him as Mayor, including the addition of a new member on the Township Committee in 2012, the announcement of Merck leaving Readington Township in 2015 and dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Mayor Auriemma continued that it was an honor to serve the residents of Readington this year and appreciated the support of his fellow Committee members. Mrs. Fort praised the efforts of Mayor Auriemma on his work throughout the storm.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 8:10 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