

READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2013

Sharon A. Dragan, Esq., *called 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: Mrs. Julia Allen, Mr. Thomas Auriemma, Mrs. Betty Ann Fort,
Mr. Frank Gatti, Mrs. Beatrice Muir

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dragan, Administrator Mekovetz, Engineer R. O'Brien

Sharon A. Dragan, Esq. led those present in the *Salute to the Flag*.

Swearing in of Thomas Auriemma and Beatrice Muir as members of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term and *Betty Ann Fort* as a member of the Township Committee for a one (1) year term by Congressman Leonard Lance.

Congressman Leonard Lance swore in Thomas Auriemma as a member of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term.

Congressman Leonard Lance swore in Beatrice Muir as a member of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term.

Congressman Leonard Lance swore in Betty Ann Fort as a member of the Township Committee for a one (1) year term (filling vacancy created by Donna Simon's appointment to Assembly).

Attorney Dragan asked for nominations for Mayor for the year 2013.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to nominate Julia Allen for the position of Mayor for 2013. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Administrator Mekovetz administers Oath of Office to Mayor.

Administrator Mekovetz swore in Mrs. Allen as Mayor for the year 2013.

2013 MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Allen made the following comments:

At our first meeting of the New Year, we generally take a few minutes to look back at events and accomplishments of the year that has just passed.

Of course, when we look back at 2012, we immediately think of Super Storm Sandy. It was the worst storm our area, and the entire Northeast, has ever experienced. Our hearts go out to those here in New Jersey that still try to recover from this devastating storm. After two months of a massive cleanup effort, Readington is pretty much back to normal. I would like to thank Tom Auriemma for his hard work in leading the effort that made this possible. I would also like to thank him for publishing such a nice article in the January edition of the Readington News, appropriately thanking both the Readington Township employees and the many Township volunteers who worked round the clock to ensure our residents safety in the weeks following the storm. Readington was fortunate to have gotten help with debris cleanup from FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

We can look back on some good news in 2012, as well:

Readington Township welcomed a new Township Committee member, Betty Ann Fort. The Township was pleased to see Township resident and former Committee member Donna Simon sworn in as Assemblywoman from the 16th district.

Our new Recreation Director, Gabrielle Bolarakis, completed her first full year. She has expanded the offerings of the Recreation Department and continued our Township's many successful recreation programs.

Three of our police officers were commended for being first responders that saved the life of a Township resident who had suffered a heart attack, through their quick and effective action.

At Readington's annual volunteer dinner, the Township's CERT team received the honor of Volunteers of the Year. The Township's Board of Education members were deservedly commended as well as Volunteers of the Year.

Readington was cited by the State for its achievements in the Municipal Farmland Preservation PIG Program.

Our new recycling program, instituted in 2012, appears to be a program everyone is happy with! Raritan Valley Disposal supplied each residence with a big blue recycling bin, and then collects all the "single stream" recycling items every two weeks at no cost to residents. As a result, the volume of recyclables has gone way up and the amount of garbage headed for landfills has decreased considerably. It has been a win-win for residents, for the Township and for RVD.

The Ryland Inn, a historic Township landmark in the village of Whitehouse, reopened with a gala celebration this fall, after being closed for almost five years. Under the new ownership of Landmark Hospitality, the Ryland Inn's future looks bright. It has been renovated to serve as an upscale restaurant and new improvement plans will soon make it a popular wedding destination once again, as well.

Two new Senior Citizen Developments on Route 22 in Whitehouse were underway in Readington in 2012. Country Classics added a second apartment building with 26 units. Fallon Construction broke ground for the first phase of larger senior development featuring single family homes.

Also out on Route 22, Hunterdon Hills Animal Hospital is undergoing construction, enlarging and modernizing a long time business in Whitehouse Station.

One piece of news in 2012 shocked us all. This was the news that Merck Pharmaceutical Company had decided to move its world headquarters from Readington Township to Summit. Readington Township will be working with Merck and State representatives to help find a suitable buyer for the large office building that had served as the company's world headquarters for the last 20 years.

Another surprise for 2012 was that the overall tax rate for homeowners in our Township did not rise in 2012. This was the result of the combined efforts of the County, the Township and the two school districts to hold the line on taxes. It is anticipated that 2013 will be a challenging tax year for Readington Township, in part because of expenses incurred in the wake of Super Storm Sandy. Readington will, however, be looking to reduce duplication of services and debt in order to hold the line on local property taxes.

So, what will we be looking forward to in 2013? Simply put, we want to continue our past successes. We can attribute the Township's success to many important factors; We are lucky to enjoy a great quality of life as residents of Readington Township. We are lucky to have a staff of very professional and dedicated municipal employees in each and every one of the departments of our municipal government. Essential to the quality of life that we all

enjoy is the benefit of the dedication and hard work of a small army of municipal volunteers, working in so many different areas of municipal service. We are grateful to all those that agree to serve on the various Boards and Committees. We enjoy so many events and activities that volunteers make possible, for example, the Readington Museums Programs, the Readington Community Garden, the Readington Community Theater, the Memorial Day Parade, Community Day, the multitude of Township recreation activities, the Readington Dog Park, the monthly Open Space Walks, the annual Holiday Tree Lighting, and the Seventh Grade Walk in the Woods. Volunteer’s whose service is essential to our resident’s safety includes the CERT Team and the members of the fire and rescue companies.

REORGANIZATION:

1. **2013 Appointments**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-01

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appointments are made for the year 2013:

2013 APPOINTMENTS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM/YEARS</u>
DEPUTY MAYOR.....	BEATRICE MUIR.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR.....	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	FOUR YEARS
TAX COLLECTOR.....	MIKE BALOGH.....	FOUR YEARS
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY.....	SHARON A. DRAGAN	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.....	ROBERT O’BRIEN.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP AUDITOR.....	SUPPLEE, CLOONEY & CO.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR.....	ROBERT BALLARD.....	ONE YEAR
PUBLIC DEFENDER	SCOTT MITZNER.....	ONE YEAR
ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.....	ANTHONY ROTTUNO.....	ONE YEAR
ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.....	BRITT SIMON.....	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY TWP. CLERK.....	KARIN M. PARKER.....	ONE YEAR
ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER.....	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	ONE YEAR
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:.....	BRITT SIMON.....	FOUR YEARS
	RICHARD THOMPSON.....	FOUR YEARS
	JOANNE SEKELLA.....	FOUR YEARS
	KEITH HENDRICKSON (1 ST ALT).....	TWO YEARS
	CRAIG ROSSI (2 ND ALT).....	TWO YEARS
BOARD OF HEALTH:.....	JANE BUTULA.....	THREE YEARS
	BEATRICE MUIR.....	ONE YEAR
	CHRISTINA ALBRECHT.....	THREE YEARS
DOG LICENSING OFFICIAL.....	LORRAINE PETZINGER.....	ONE YEAR
DOG WARDEN	ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS.....	ONE YEAR

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION CHAIR	STEPHEN FOSTER.....	ONE YEAR
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	JASON GIROUD.....	THREE YEARS
	JERRY COOK (Planning Bd Liasion)	THREE YEARS
FIRE INSPECTOR.....	JOHN BARCZYK	ONE YEAR
FLOOD VERIFICATION OFFICIAL	MARY MASTRO.....	ONE YEAR
HUNT. CTY. AG. DEVEL. BOARD LIAISON.....	KEN JAGEL.....	ONE YEAR
	JULIA C. ALLEN.....	ONE YEAR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMM.	ROBERT CLAPP	FOUR YEARS
	ANNE HERCEK.....	FOUR YEARS
	HERB FISCHER.....	FOUR YEARS
	CLAY MASON (ALT).....	TWO YEARS
LIBRARY ADVISOR.....	RONALD P. MONACO.....	ONE YEAR
MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR (office on aging).....	LORRAINE KRIZENAWSKI.....	ONE YEAR
PAIC FUND COMMISSIONER.....	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	ONE YEAR
PERS/PFRS CERTIFYING OFFICER	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	ONE YEAR
PLANNING BOARD.....	JULIA ALLEN.....(CLASS I)	ONE YEAR
	RONALD P. MONACO.....(CLASS II).....	ONE YEAR
	BETTY ANN FORT.....(CLASS III).....	ONE YEAR
	ELIZABETH DUFFY.....(CLASS IV) ...	FOUR YEARS
	JERRY COOK.....(CLASS IV).....	FOUR YEARS
TOWNSHIP PHYSICIAN.....	CENTER FOR FAMILY HEALTH	ONE YEAR
ALTERNATE TWP. PHYSICIAN	THE DOCTOR IS IN	ONE YEAR
POLICE OFFICER (SPECIAL).....	ROBERT MA	
RELLI.... (CLASS II)	ONE YEAR	
	JAMES IZZO.....(CLASS II)	ONE YEAR
	JAMES PAGANESSI....(CLASS II).....	ONE YEAR
	ANDREW ADAMS.....(CLASS I).....	ONE YEAR
PROPERTY CERTIFICATION OFFICIAL.....	JOHN BARCZYK	ONE YEAR
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.....	DOLORES FISCHER.....	FOUR YEARS
SOCIAL SERVICE CASE WORKER	BONNIE LIDDANE.....	ONE YEAR
SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	DIANE CLAPP.....	ONE YEAR
RECREATION COMMITTEE:	SHARON BOBNAR-BECKER.....	ONE YEAR
	BILL QUINN.....	ONE YEAR
	KEN GROEL.....	ONE YEAR
	MARK TOMAN.....	ONE YEAR
	MELISSA ADAMS.....	ONE YEAR
	ROSE DIX.....	ONE YEAR
MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATOR.....	SCOTT JESSEMAN.....	ONE YEAR

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SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS.....	JILL KREIDER	ONE YEAR
	MARGARET FARRELL.....	ONE YEAR
	LORRAINE HERZOG	ONE YEAR
SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	JULIA C. ALLEN.....	ONE YEAR
	RONALD P. MONACO	ONE YEAR
	WILLIAM MEGLAUGHLIN.....	ONE YEAR
STREET NAMING COMMITTEE	STEPHANIE B. STEVENS.....	ONE YEAR
	CAROL MAGNATTA	ONE YEAR
TAX SEARCH OFFICER	MICHAEL BALOGH.....	ONE YEAR
AGRICULTURAL LAND ADVISORY COMM.	JULIA C. ALLEN.....	ONE YEAR
	MARCY ZWEERINK	ONE YEAR
	RONALD MONACO	ONE YEAR
MUSEUM COMMITTEE.....	JAMES HORVATH	THREE YEARS
	NANCY O'MALLEY.....	THREE YEARS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD.....	JULIA C. ALLEN.....	ONE YEAR
	KENNETH JAGEL	THREE YEARS
	JAY KELLEY.....	THREE YEARS
	SANDRA MAHON.....	THREE YEARS
	KIM YOUSEY.....	THREE YEARS
	LINDA CODY (2 ND ALT).....	ONE YEAR
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY CHAIR.....	JOHN KLOTZ.....	ONE YEAR
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY VICE-CHAIR.....	JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH.....	ONE YEAR
CHIEF OF CHIEFS.....	JOHN RATHBORNE.....	ONE YEAR

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

DEPUTY COORDINATOR.....	CHIEF SEBASTIAN DONARUMA.....	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY COORDINATOR.....	BJ APGAR.....	ONE YEAR
CERT COORDINATOR.....	KEVIN ANDERSON	ONE YEAR
MAYOR.....	JULIA ALLEN	ONE YEAR
TWP. ADMINISTRATOR	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	ONE YEAR
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL	MICHAEL KOVONUK	ONE YEAR
BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER.....	WILLIAM C. NUGENT.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP SOCIAL SERVICES	DIANE CLAPP.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD	BETTY ANN FORT.....	ONE YEAR
FIRE CHIEF.....	JOHN RATHBORNE.....	ONE YEAR
WHITEHOUSE STATION FIRST AID.....	WHITEHOUSE STATION FIRST AID	ONE YEAR
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	SCOTT JESSEMAN.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY.....	SHARON A. DRAGAN	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER... ..	ROBERT O'BRIEN.....	ONE YEAR
READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	DON THORTON.....	ONE YEAR
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	SCOTT JESSEMAN.....	ONE YEAR
PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE	DON GORDON.....	ONE YEAR

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

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

2. **2013 Committee Appointments Resolution by the Mayor**

The following resolution for consideration:

#R-2013-02

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor of Readington Township, that the following Committee assignments be made for the year 2013:

Julia Allen:

Planning Board
County Ag. Develop. Board Liaison
Farmland/Open Space Preservation/Land Projects Liaison
Sewer Advisory Committee

Beatrice Muir:

Board of Health
Code Enforcement Department/Construction Code Department
Senior Services
Animal Control

Thomas Auriemma:

Liaison to Fire Companies and Rescue Squad
Recreation Department
Zoning
Library Services

Frank Gatti:

Finance Department
Police Department
School Crossing Guards

Betty Ann Fort:

Planning Board
Engineering, Roads, Maintenance & Recycling
Historic Preservation/Museums
Municipal Court

Entire Township Committee

Township Clerk
Board of Adjustment
Non-Profit Housing

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Allen made 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. ***Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Cash Management Plan for the Year 2013***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-03

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEAR 2013***

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5, et seq. requires that municipalities adopt a Cash Management Plan which is designed to assure, to the extent practical, investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and other permitted investments; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan must include:

1. The designation of a public depository or depositories
2. The authorization for investments as permitted by various applicable laws
3. The annual submission of the Cash Management Plan to the governing body, which must be approved by a majority vote
4. An annual audit of the Cash Management Plan.
5. That when an investment is in bonds which mature in more than one year, a determination that the maturity approximates the prospective time when such funds are needed

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the attached Cash Management Plan is hereby adopted for the year 2013.

Resolution #R-2013-03 cont'd:

**Cash Management Plan
2013**

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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Cash Management Plan (the “Plan”) is prepared pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. A.40A: 5-14 in order to set forth the basis for the deposits and investment of certain public funds of the Township of Readington, pending the use of such funds for the intended purposes. The plan is intended to assure that all public funds identified herein are deposited in interest bearing Deposits or otherwise invested in Permitted Investments hereinafter referred to. The intent of the Plan is to provide that the decisions made with regard to the Deposits and the Permitted Investments will be done to insure the safety, the liquidity (regarding its availability for the intended purposes), and the maximum investment return within such limits. The Plan is intended to insure that any Deposit or Permitted Investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds deposited or invested so that there is not a risk to the market value of such Deposits or Permitted Investments.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE COVERED BY THE PLAN.

- A. The Plan is intended to cover the deposit and/or investment of the following funds and accounts of the Township of Readington:
 - 1. Current Fund
 - a. Current
 - b. Claims
 - c. Payroll
 - 2. Treasurer’s Trust
 - a. Developers Escrow
 - b. Government Grant
 - c. Recreation
 - d. Driveway Apron
 - e. Public Library
 - f. Losap

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- g. Maintenance Guarantee
- h. Museum
- i. Rent Security
- j. Unemployment
- k. General Trust
- l. Payroll Agency
- m. Housing
- n. POAA
- o. Board of Health Escrow
- p. Open Space
- q. Forfeited Property
- 3. Dog License
- 4. General Capital
- 5. Public Assistance
- 6. Sewer Operating & Expansion

B. It is understood that this Plan is not intended to cover certain funds and accounts of the Township of Readington, Specifically:

- 1. Deferred Compensation
- 2. Municipal Court
 - a. Fines Account
 - b. Bail Accounts

III. DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS UNDER THE PLAN.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Readington and the Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to deposit and/or invest the funds referred to in the Plan. Prior to making any such Deposits or any Permitted Investments, such officials of the Township of Readington are directed to supply to all depositories or any other parties with whom the Deposits or Permitted Investments are made a written copy of this Plan which shall be acknowledged in writing by such parties and a copy of such acknowledgment kept on file with such officials.

IV. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES

The following banks and financial institutions are hereby designated as official depositories for the Deposit of all public funds referred to in the Plan, including any certificates of Deposit which are not otherwise invested in Permitted Investments as provided for in this Plan:

TD BANK
NJ CASH MANAGEMENT FUND
WELLS FARGO BANK
PNC BANK
INVESTORS SAVINGS
PEAPACK GLADSTONE BANK

All depositories must conform to the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA), and shall provide a Notification of Eligibility from the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, on a semi-annual basis. In addition, designated depositories shall maintain maximum FDIC or FSLIC coverage of all Township funds on deposit.

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V. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15, into appropriate fund operating accounts. Non-interest bearing operating and capital accounts shall be regularly monitored for the availability of funds for investment. Debt Service

and Trust accounts shall be maintained in accordance with Federal and State statutes, regulating such funds. Payroll, Developers' Escrow, Professional Fees Escrow, Performance Bond deposits and other agency funds, which represent funds of individuals and other organizations held by the Township shall be deposited in regular interest bearing checking accounts, unless applicable State statutes direct otherwise. Grant funds shall be deposited in accordance with the regulations of the granting government or agency.

Where compensating balances are required by any designated depository to offset the cost of services provided an agreement between the Township and the depository shall be executed, specifying the charge for each service and the balance required to offset each charge. Said agreement shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

VI. DESIGNATION OF BROKERAGE FIRMS AND DEALERS WITH WHOM THE DESIGNATED OFFICIALS MAY DEAL.

The following brokerage firms and/or dealers and other institutions are hereby designated as firms with whom the Designated Officials of the Township, referred to in this Plan may deal for purposes of buying and selling securities identified in this Plan as Permitted Investments or otherwise providing for Deposits. All such brokerage firms and/or dealers shall acknowledge in writing receipt of this Plan by sending a copy of such acknowledgment to the Designated Officials referred to in Section III above.

FNC - FINANCIAL NORTHEASTERN COMPANIES
GIBRALTAR SECURITIES CO.

VII. INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURE

A. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Designated Official is hereby authorized to invest the public funds covered by this Plan, to the extent not otherwise held in Deposits, in the following Permitted Investments:

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
2. Government money market mutual funds;
3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
4. Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the School district is located;
5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by Local Units;
6. Local government investment pools;
7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977,c.281 (C.52: 18A-90.4); or
8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:

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- a. The underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
- b. The custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
- c. The maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
- d. The underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); ND
- e. A master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

For purposes of the above language, the terms “government money market mutual fund” and Local government investment pool” shall have the following definitions:

Government Money Market Mutual Fund. An Investment Company or investment trusts:

- a. Which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the “Investment Company Act of 1940,” 15 U.S.C. sec. 80a-1, et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a-7.
- b. The portfolio of which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of any eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. sec 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities: and
- c. Which has:
- d. Attained the highest ranking or the highest letter and numerical rating of a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; or
- e. Retained an investment advisor registered or exempt from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the “Investment Advisors Act of 1940,” 15 U.S.C. sec.80 b-1 et seq., with experience investing in U.S. Government securities for at least the most recent past 60 Months and with assets under management in excess of \$500 million.

Local Government Investment Pool. An investment pool:

- a. Which is managed in accordance with 17 C.F.R. sec. 270.2a.7;
- b. Which is rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization; which is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C. F.R. sec. 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by U.S. Government securities;
- c. Which is in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L. 1968, c.410 (c.52: 14B-1 et seq.) by the Local Finance Board of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, which rules shall provide for disclosure and reporting requirements, and other provisions deemed necessary by the board to provide for the safety, liquidity and yield of the investments;
- d. Which does not permit investments in instruments that: are subject to high price volatility with changing market conditions; cannot reasonable be expected, at the time of interest rate adjustment, to have a market value that approximates their par value; or utilize an index that does not support a stable net asset value; and

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- e. which purchases and redeems investments directly from the issuer, government money market mutual fund, or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, or through the use of a national or State bank, located within this State, or through a broker-dealer which, at the time of purchase or redemption, has been registered continuously for a period of at least two years pursuant to section 9 of P.L. 1967 c.9 (C.49:3-56) and has at least \$25 million in capital stock (or equivalent capitalization if not a corporation), surplus reserves for contingencies and undivided profits, or through a securities dealer who makes primary markets in U.S. Government securities and reports daily to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York its position in and borrowing on such U.S. Government securities.

B: Notwithstanding the above authorization, the monies on hand in the following funds and accounts shall be further limited as to maturities, specific investments or otherwise as follows:

VIII. SAFEKEEPING CUSTODY PAYMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF PLAN.

To the extent that any Deposit or Permitted Investment involves a document or security which is not physically held by the Township, then such instrument or security shall be covered by a custodial agreement with an independent third party, which shall be a bank or financial institution in the State of New Jersey. Such institution shall provide for the designation of such investments in the name of the Township to assure that there is no unauthorized use of the funds or the Permitted Investments that involve securities shall be executed by a “delivery versus payment” method to insure that such Permitted Investments are either received by the Township or by a third party custodian prior to or upon the release of the Township’s funds.

To assure that all parties with whom the Township deals either by way of Deposits or Permitted Investments are aware of the authority and the limits set forth in this Plan, all such parties shall be supplied with a copy of this Plan in writing and all such parties shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall acknowledge the receipt of that Plan in writing, a copy of which shall be on file with the Designated Official(s).

IX. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

All funds shall be disbursed as authorized and directed by the Township Committee. The Chief Financial Officer shall, at the beginning of the year, present to the Township Committee a schedule of debt service principal and interest payments and when available, a schedule of School Tax payments for the upcoming year. Upon approval of the schedules of payments by the Township Committee, the Chief Financial Officer shall then have the authority to make the following disbursements:

- School Taxes
- County Taxes
- Open Space Taxes
- Interfunds
- Purchase of Investments
- Debt Service
- Payroll - Salaries and Wages
- Health Benefits for Employees & Retirees
- Pension payments
- Postage

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Petty Cash Reimbursements
Utility bills

X. PETTY CASH FUND

Reimbursements for expenditures through the Petty Cash Fund shall be made within the limits approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Petty Cash Fund shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-21. Petty Cash Funds shall be maintained in the following amounts:

Finance Dept	\$ 200
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XI. CHANGE FUNDS

Change funds have been established by past resolutions of the governing body to provide change to taxpayers making payments to the following departments:

Tax Office	\$ 150.00
Municipal Court	\$ 200.00
Police Department	\$ 100.00

XII. BONDING

The following officials shall be covered by individual or blanket surety bonds; said surety bonds to be examined by the independent auditor to insure their proper execution:

Chief Financial Officer
Treasurer
Tax Collector
Assistant Tax Collector
Municipal Magistrate
Court Administrator
Deputy Court Administrator

Staff members of the Department of Finance and Tax Collection not covered by separate surety bonds shall be covered by a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Bond.

XIII. COMPLIANCE

The Cash Management Plan of the Township of Readington shall be subject to the approval of the Township Attorney, and shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4.

As stated in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14, the official(s) charged with the custody of Township funds shall deposit them as instructed by this Cash Management Plan, and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability or loss due to the insolvency or closing of any designated depository.

If at any time, this Cash Management Plan conflicts with any regulation of the State of New Jersey, or and department thereof, the applicable State regulations shall apply.

Resolution #R-2013-03 cont'd:

XIV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

By the tenth day of each month during which this Plan is in effect, the Designated Official(s) referred to in Section III hereof shall supply to the governing body of the Township a written report of any permitted investments made pursuant to this Plan, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A. The Name of any institution holding funds of the Township as a permitted investment.
- B. The amount of investments purchased or sold during the immediately preceding month.
- C. The class or type of investment purchased.
- D. The book value of such investments
- E. The earned income on such permitted investment. To the extent that such amounts are actually earned at maturity, this report shall provide an accrual of such earnings during the immediately preceding month.
- F. The fees incurred to undertake such permitted investments.
- G. The market value of all permitted investments as of the end of the immediately preceding month.
- H. All other information which may be deemed reasonable from time to time by the governing body of the Township.

XV. TERM OF PLAN.

This Plan shall be in effect from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Attached to this Plan is a resolution of the governing body of the Township of Readington approving this Plan for such a time period. The Plan may be amended from time to time. To the extent that any amendment is adopted by the Committee, the Designated Official (s) is directed to supply copies of the amendments to all of the parties who otherwise have received the copy of the originally approved Plan. The amendment shall be acknowledged in writing in the same manner as the original Plan was so acknowledged.

- * 2. ***Resolution authorizing check signing of Current/Municipal account checks for Readington Township for 2013***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-04

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
CHECK SIGNATURE RESOLUTION***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following officials be authorized to sign our Current/Municipal Account checks for the Township of Readington for the year 2013:

- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Mayor
- ◆ Municipal Clerk
- ◆ Deputy Mayor
- ◆ Chief Financial Officer
- ◆ Administrator
- ◆ Deputy Clerk

* 3. **Temporary Budget & Sewer Utility Temporary Budget Resolution**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-05

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 TEMPORARY BUDGET & SEWER UTILITY TEMPORARY BUDGET RESOLUTION**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>SALARIES& WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
CURRENT FUND:		
Administrative & Executive	\$78,300.00	\$ 27,050.00
Mayor & Committee	10,332.00	
Elections		4,875.00
Financial Administration	50,925.00	3,750.00
Audit Services		9,125.00
Assessment of Taxes	16,825.00	2,525.00
Revision of Tax Map		3,125.00
Collection of Taxes	18,275.00	6,175.00
Legal Services		68,750.00
Prosecutor		8,750.00
Engineering		38,750.00
Buildings and Grounds	46,300.00	26,675.00
Planning Board	8,800.00	875.00
Board of Adjustment	19,550.00	1,050.00
Environmental Commission	1,071.00	1,250.00
Consultants		12,500.00
General Liability Insurance		90,606.00
Employee Group Health		481,825.00
Workers Compensation		49,083.00
Waste Collection/Recycling	6,000.00	167,600.00
Fire Companies/Rescue Squad		74,700.00
Supplemental Fire Service		2,500.00
Police	633,725.00	52,800.00
School Crossing Guards	10,375.00	
Streets and Roads	358,125.00	84,325.00
Snow Removal		25,750.00
Street Lighting		12,500.00
Board of Health	9,975.00	6,035.00
Emergency Management	3,275.00	875.00
Animal Control		2,500.00
Public Assistance	25,925.00	875.00
Recreation	31,350.00	7,725.00
Free County Library	34,125.00	3,125.00
Senior Transportation		2,125.00
Museum Committee		4,500.00

	7,700.00	
Historic Preservation Commission		750.00
Construction Code Official	65,525.00	10,375.00
Celebration of Public Events		1,750.00
Fire Hydrant Service		20,200.00
Electricity		39,000.00
Telephone		19,475.00
Fuel Oil		2,125.00
Gasoline		46,000.00
Contingent		750.00
Social Security		115,000.00
Pension Plans		198,528.00
SUI		3,750.00
LOSAP		17,500.00
Municipal Court	30,700.00	4,500.00
Uniform Fire Safety	10,750.00	1,000.00
Public Defender		<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$1,477,928.00</u>	<u>\$1,767,877.00</u>

SEWER UTILITY

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 11,250.00	
Other Expenses		\$ 11,250.00
Service Fees		356,325.00
Statutory Expenditures		<u>1,592.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>11,250.00</u>	<u>369,167.00</u>

* 4. *Resolution to set delinquent tax interest rate for 2013*

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-06

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION FIXING INTEREST RATES ON DELINQUENT TAXES
 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to R.S. 54:4-67, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey hereby fixes the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes for calendar year 2011 at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 of delinquency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the above provision, no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same became payable according to the laws in such cases made and provided. If such payment is not made within the ten (10) day grace period, the above rate of interest shall run and accrue from the original due date of such taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the same interest calculations for delinquent tax collections be applied to sewer utility accounts with the exception that the grace period be thirty (30) days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year shall be so charged an additional rate of interest of six percent (6%) against the delinquency.

* 5. **Resolution designating official newspapers for 2013**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-07

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Committee does hereby designate the following newspapers as its official newspapers for the year 2013:

- ◆ **Hunterdon County Democrat**
- ◆ **Hunterdon Review**
- ◆ **Courier News**
- ◆ **Star Ledger**
- ◆ **Express Times**

* 6. **Professional Services Resolution**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-08

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services;
and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington as follows:

Resolution #R-2013-08 cont'd:

1. That the following contracts have been awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6(1) (a)* of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:
 - ◆ Sharon A. Dragan as Township Attorney
 - ◆ Martin Allen, Esq. of Bivona, Cohen, Kunzman, Coley, Yospin, Bernstein & DiFrancesco as Tax Attorney
 - ◆ Suplee, Clooney & Company for Municipal Auditor Services
2. Said contracts shall expire on December 31, 2013.
3. Copies of these Professional Service Contracts are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

* 7. ***Resolution setting 2013 meeting dates for Township Committee***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-09

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Committee hold its regular meetings on the First and Third Monday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m., (except where the date falls on a Holiday upon which the meeting will take place on the Tuesday) after at which time an Executive Session will be held, at the Municipal Building in the Court Room.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following meeting dates be confirmed for publication:

January 22, 2013
February 4, 2013
February 19, 2013
March 4, 2013
March 18, 2013
April 1, 2013
April 15, 2013
May 6, 2013
May 20, 2013
June 3, 2013
June 17, 2013
July 1, 2013
July 15, 2013
August 5, 2013
September 3, 2013
September 16, 2013
October 7, 2013
October 21, 2013
November 4, 2013

November 18, 2013
December 2, 2013
December 16, 2013
December 30, 2013

* 8. ***Resolution - Added and Omitted Assessments***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-10

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
ADDED AND OMITTED ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, recognizes that *N.J.S.A. 54-5-63.12 et seq*, popularly known as the "Originally Method", allows the Collector of Taxes upon written complaint to the County Tax Board to notify such Board of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, has requested the Township Committee to authorize her to notify the County Tax Board upon written complaint of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed pursuant to and in compliance with *N.J.S.A. 54:5-63.12*; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, is called upon with the knowledge of omitted and rollback taxes prior to the Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington be and is hereby authorized to notify upon written complaint to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed.

* 9. ***Resolution - Authorization for Assessor to File Correction of Tax Assessment for 2013***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-11

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSESSOR TO FILE CORRECTION OF
TAX ASSESSMENT FOR 2013**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, has been informed by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessments covering certain property locations within the Township of Readington; and

Resolution #R-2013-11 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington has requested the Township Committee to authorize her to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington will relieve the Taxpayer for said property from filing an appeal with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington is hereby authorized after having previously notified the governing body by an appropriate list of properties setting forth the manner and mode of adjustment to file corrective appeals for 2011 with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors were made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any negotiations to be done on behalf of the Municipality will be handled by the Tax Assessor, including Resolution of Appeals filed directly by property owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor send copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

- * 10. **Resolution – Authorization for Martin Allen, Esq., Readington Township Tax Attorney to File Correction of Tax Assessment for 2013**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2013-12

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MARTIN ALLEN, ESQ.,
READINGTON TOWNSHIP TAX ATTORNEY,
TO FILE CORRECTION OF TAX ASSESSMENT FOR 2013**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, has been informed by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessments covering certain property locations within the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, Martin Allen, Esq., Readington Township Tax Attorney (hereinafter ATax Attorney@) has requested the Township Committee to authorize him to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections by the Tax Attorney of the Township of Readington will relieve the Taxpayer for said property from filing an appeal with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Tax Attorney of the Township of Readington is hereby authorized after having previously notified the governing body by an appropriate list of properties setting forth the manner and mode of adjustment to file corrective appeals for 2012 with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors were made; and

Resolution #R-2013-12 cont'd:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any negotiations to be done on behalf of the Municipality will be handled by the Tax Attorney, including Resolution of Appeals filed directly by property owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor send copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mr. Gatti wished Mayor Allen the best of luck in her coming year as Mayor.

Mayor Allen commented that she was pleased to serve the residents of Readington Township.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\MMC\QPA
Municipal Clerk