

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – February 4, 2013**

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

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

**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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Building and Grounds.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other
Building and Grounds.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Local No. 317..... Lieutenants	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Whitehouse Rescue Ambulance....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Maintenance Agreement..... Quick (Block 94, p/o Lot 8)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Renaissance at Readington..... Block 36, Lot 49)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... • January 22, 2013	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
Readington Township versus..... Ryland Developers	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. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

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

**Executive Session:**

**Personnel / Building and Grounds**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Environmental Commission recommendation to use the budget funds to send two members from the Department of Public Works for tree trimming instruction, 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

**Personnel / Building and Grounds**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to hire Chris Beam at a rate of \$11/per hour and Thomas Sekella at a rate of \$10/per hour as summer help, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

**Contract Negotiations / Local No. 317 / Lieutenants**

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Contract Negotiations / Whitehouse Rescue Ambulance Repair**

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

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

***Contract Negotiations / Maintenance Agreement / Quick (Block 94, p/o Lot 8)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Maintenance Agreement for 2013, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations / Renaissance at Readington / Block 36, Lot 49***

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / January 22, 2013***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 22, 2013 for content only, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Litigation / Readington Township v. Ryland Developers***

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***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 Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS TO SFC. WILLIAM DUFOSSE, PTL. ROBERT QUINLAN AND PTL. GREGORY WESTER**

Mayor Allen and Mr. Gatti presented lifesaving pins to SFC. William DuFosse, Ptl. Robert Quinlan and Ptl. Gregory Wester for the saving the life of a resident, Doug Hall, on November 25, 2012.

Mr. Hall thanked the officers for their heroic efforts on saving his life.

**PRESENTATION OF READINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT CHALLENGE COIN TO TIM SANDERSON**

Chief Donaruma presented the *Readington Township Police Department Challenge Coin* to citizen Tim Sanderson for his acts of bravery and compassion while responding to an accident and rescuing the occupants from a rolled over vehicle on November 27, 2012.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Allen 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 January 22, 2013

\* 2. ***Tax Lien Redemption***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***READINGTON TOWNSHIP***  
***HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY***  
***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 4, Lot 40 and,

***WHEREAS***, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lienholder the redemption amount.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$14,616.22, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$4,600.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2012-001, to the lienholder, US Bank – Custodian for Empire Tax Fund V, LLC.

\* 3. ***Tax Lien Redemption***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***READINGTON TOWNSHIP***  
***HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY***  
***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 95, Lot 12.393 and,

***WHEREAS***, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lienholder the redemption amount.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$630.24, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$200.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2012-019, to the lienholder, John LaFlamme.

\* 4. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into Stipulations of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeals Captioned: Randazzo Estate vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 002306-2010 abd 001795-2011; and Station Center Investors, LLC vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 002134-2012***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2013-34**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO ENTER INTO STIPULATIONS OF SETTLEMENT RELATIVE TO THE TAX APPEALS CAPTIONED: RANDAZZO ESTATE vs. READINGTON TOWNSHIP, TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY, DOCKET NOS. 002306-2010 AND 001795-2011; AND STATION CENTER INVESTORS, LLC vs. READINGTON TOWNSHIP, TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY, DOCKET NO. 002134-2012**

**WHEREAS**, STATION CENTER INVESTORS, LLC ("STATION CENTER") is the present owner of property previously owned by RANDAZZO ESTATE ("RANDAZZO") shown as Block 35, Lots 1 and Lot 25 on the Township of Readington's Tax Assessment Maps, commonly known as 545- 547 Route 22 ("Property"); and

**WHEREAS**, STATION CENTER filed an appeal of their 2010 and 2011 tax year assessments, and RANDAZZO filed an appeal of its 2012 tax year assessments in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 002306-2010, 001795-2011, and 002134-2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington met and discussed the aforesaid tax appeals and the recommendations of its Township Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed to an acceptable settlement of all of the aforesaid tax appeals which affirms the tax assessments for the 2010 and 2011 tax years, reduces the tax assessment levied upon Block 35, Lot 25 only for the 2012 tax year, and adjusts "on the books" the 2013 tax assessment for Block 35, Lot 25 only; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed the proposed Stipulation of Settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 total tax assessment, based upon said reduction for Block 35, Lot 25 will be \$2,440,200 instead of \$2,570,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 total tax assessment for Block 35, Lot 1 will remain unchanged and affirmed at \$159,800; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2013 total cumulative tax assessments on Block 35, Lots 25 and Lot 1 shall be set on the assessment books at \$2,500,000 and that either party shall have the right to file a tax appeal to implement, enforce and/or confirm this agreement, which shall be binding upon the taxpayer, its successors, tenants and assigns; and

**WHEREAS**, the taxpayer agrees to waive pre-Judgment interest on any refunds on the condition that the refund is paid within sixty (60) days of the receipt by the Township Tax Collector of the Judgment and that all tax overpayments shall be paid by refund check made jointly payable to "Zipp & Tannenbaum, L.L.C., Attorney Trust Fund" and the taxpayer, and forwarded to Zipp & Tannenbaum, L.L.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee makes this settlement with RANDAZZO and STATION CENTER, without prejudice to its dealing with any other Readington Township's taxpayers' request for tax assessment reduction.

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

**Resolution #R-2013-34 cont'd:**

1. The Township of Readington's Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between land and improvements of a \$129,800.00 total tax assessment reduction for the 2012 tax year for Block 35, Lot 25, and which sets the 2013 total cumulative tax assessment at \$2,500,000 and allocates that total tax assessment between Block 35, Lots 1 and 25, and between land and improvements, all of which are most beneficial to the Township of Readington and advise the Special Tax Counsel of those allocation.
2. The Special Tax Counsel is hereby authorized to execute a Stipulation of Settlement relative to the tax appeals of RANDAZZO and STATION CENTER, Docket Nos. 002306-2010, 001795-2011 and 002134-2012, which affirms the 2010 and 2011 assessments; which reduces the 2012 total tax assessment on Block 35, Lot 25 from \$2,570,000.00 to a reduced total tax assessment of \$2,440,200.00 and which affirms the \$159,800 assessment on Block 35, Lot 1; which further provides that the total cumulative assessment on Block 35, Lots 1 and 25 shall be set by the Township Tax Assessor at \$2,500,000; and which further provides that pre-Judgment interest is waived on any refunds on the condition that the refund is paid within sixty (60) days of the receipt by the Tax Collector of the Township of Readington of the relevant Judgment; and that all tax overpayments shall be paid by refund check made jointly payable to "Zipp & Tannenbaum, L.L.C., Attorney Trust Fund" and the taxpayer, and forwarded to Zipp & Tannenbaum, L.L.C., 166 Gatzmer Avenue, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831; and that the allocations between land and improvements as established by the Township Tax Assessor shall be set forth in said Stipulation of Settlement.
3. The settlement outlined above shall be without prejudice to the Township of Readington's dealings with any other Township taxpayers' request for tax assessment reductions.
- \* 5. ***Award of Bond Anticipation Notes - \$33,300,000***  
  
\$ 33,300.000 DATED 1/24/13 AT 1.00% - MATURITY 1/31/14  
PREMIUM AT SALE \$ 197,469.00  
NET INTEREST RATE = .4070%  
  
NOTES AWARDED TO TD SECURITIES  
  
PURPOSE OF SALE: ROLLOVER A PORTION OF  
EXISTING NOTES AND FUND A NEW ORDINANCE
- \* 6. ***Social Affair Permit*** – Whitehouse American Legion (March 16, 2013)
- \* 7. ***NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application***
  - Andrew P. Chusiano
  - Christopher J. Reed
  - James J. Reed
- \* 8. ***Release of Developer Escrow*** – Fallone / Whitehouse Subdivision (Block 31, Lot 37)

\* 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	\$ 33,586.71
CURRENT FUND	3-01	\$ 417,429.68
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	3-02	\$ 100,405.02
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 97,078.28
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$2,870,966.10
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 142,543.27
REG. & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$2,366,093.00
	X-10	\$ 580.80
	X-12	<u>\$ 32,210.72</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$6,060,893.58</b>

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Consent Agenda, 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

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

There were none.

**CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Letter dated January 22, 2013 from Frank X. Simpson, Director of Rates and Regulation, NJ American Water Company regarding **Matter of Petition of New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. to Change the Levels of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and Purchased Wastewater (Sewerage) Treatment Adjustment Clause**. No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resident Request to Pave Foothill Road**

Wayne Borella, 110 Foothill Road, thanked the Committee for installing drainage along Foothill Road; however stated that the residents on Foothill Road would like to move forward with getting the road paved. Mr. Borella submitted current pictures of the road conditions to the Committee.

Greg Raimann, 119 Foothill Road, stated that the drainage has been helpful for moderate and light rain; however the gullies which feed the water, are freezing over in these frigid conditions.

A discussion took place on increased speeding if the road were to be paved and also turning the road into a one way street to reduce the traffic. A resident on 114 Foothill Road suggested speed humps or other creative solutions to reduce the speeding.

Steven Spilatro, 118 Foothill Road, commented that he has lived on road with the last 25-30 years and seen the traffic increase dramatically, suggesting the possibility of erecting a sign *For Local Traffic Only*.

Leighann Borella, 110 Foothill Road, expressed health concerns regarding the calcium sprayed on the roads to treat the dust.

Brendan Raimann, 119 Foothill Road, reported that through a google search that he had done, the health hazards of inhaling calcium chloride.

Tim Zakresky 126 Foothill Road, stated that the dust from the roadway creates a problem with the quality of life for those residents residing along the road.

Mike Denning, 17 Casper Berger Road, commented that the road would be safer if it was paved and paving the road would be the correct thing to do.

Engineer O'Brien explained that in the areas where the road was widened to install the drainage pipes, the inlets where the water is coming off the road at various points, will continue to collect and run until the soil stabilizes, compared to the existing road which has been compacted. Engineer O'Brien continued that the road has been re-graded three times this year and the Department of Public Works cleans the inlets to allow the drainage to work properly. Engineer O'Brien further stated that the project to pave the road would be quite an undertaking since the road would have to be widened to the recommended 20', trees removed along the embankments and also involve the County since the bridge would also have to be widened to accommodate the wider roadway.

Mrs. Muir requested Engineer O'Brien to look into the ingredients of calcium chloride.

Frank Stanziola, 122 Foothill Road, stated that over the years the road has worsened and asked about the possibility of widening to road to only 17'. Mr. Auriemma asked Mr. Stanziola for his opinion on why the road has worsened. Mr. Stanziola opined that the paved driveways which in many cases run 100-200 yards downhill create streams of water running down the road. Engineer O'Brien reiterated that he would not recommend widening the road to anything less than 20'.

Mr. Gatti questioned whether any interim steps could be taken because this would be a very expensive proposition to pave this road and the Township has a schedule for prioritizing roads for paving.

2. ***An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Township, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey to Include Provisions on Disorderly Conduct***

Mayor Allen stated that there currently is an ordinance in place on disorderly conduct; however the wording is antiquated, therefor this updates the ordinance to today's language.

Mrs. Muir commented that many of these items fall under disturbance of the peace and questioned if that was still in place. Attorney Dragan stated that this ordinance would replace that.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON,  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS ON  
DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

***ORDINANCE #05-2013***

***BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED*** by the Township of Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following amendments shall be made to the Code of the Township of Readington, to include a new Chapter entitled "Prevention of Disorderly Conduct"

***Ordinance #05-2013 cont'd:***

**SECTION 1.** This chapter shall be known as “Prevention of Disorderly Conduct” and its purpose is to amend and codify an ordinance previously enacted by the Township of Readington entitled “An Ordinance to Prevent Disorderly Conduct, to Preserve Public Peace and Good Order, and to Prevent, Disperse and Quell Crowds, Riots and Disorderly Assemblages and to Establish Curfew in the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon and Providing Penalties for Violations Therefore”, also known as “G-91”.

**SECTION 2.** The following regulations for the prevention of disorderly conduct are hereby enacted:

- a. False Fire Alarms. No person shall give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire.
- b. Unnecessary Use of Horns. No person shall sound his or her automobile horn other than as a warning signal necessary and essential in driving said vehicle, nor sound the horn repeatedly or for long periods of time, except at weddings or other public celebrations.
- c. Interfere with Religious Worship or Assembly. No person shall disquiet or interrupt any congregation or assembly meeting for religious worship or disquiet or interrupt any other meeting within the Township, by making a noise or by rude or indecent behavior, or profane discourse within the place of worship or other meeting place.
- d. Noise. No person shall permit, make or continue or cause to be permitted, made or continued any unnecessary noise at any unreasonable hour which shall disturb the comfort, rest and repose of any person or persons being in his or her place of abode.
- e. Profanity; Interference with Person. No person shall:
  1. Address or make audible any offensive remarks to or concerning any person in any place, public or private.
  2. Obstruct, molest or interfere with any person lawfully in or upon any place, public or private.
  3. Repeatedly telephone another for the purpose of annoying or molesting such person, or telephone another and address any lewd, lascivious, indecent or disgusting remarks to such person.

Any offense committed under paragraph e.3 may be deemed to have taken place at either the place at which the telephone call was made or at the place at which the telephone call was received.

- f. Throwing Objects. No person shall throw, discard, deposit or sweep any papers or posters, stones, sticks, glass, metal or any hard, dangerous or offensive substance upon a sidewalk, street, highway or public place or at any car, vehicle, house, building, fence or person; or dump any trash or garbage upon private property not his own.
- g. Malicious Destruction of Property. No person shall maliciously destroy, damage or injure any property, public or private.
- h. Annoying Persons in Public Places. No person shall participate in any practice, sport or exercise having a tendency to annoy, disturb or frighten any person or persons or animal on the sidewalk, street, road, park or other public place.
- i. Obstructions on Streets or Sidewalks. No person shall unnecessarily obstruct any sidewalk, street or public place within any kind of vehicle or vehicles or with any kind of box or boxes, lumber, wood or other thing; but the provisions of this section shall not prevent persons who are building or repairing from occupying such portion of the sidewalk, street or public place designated with a permit or other municipal approval therefor.

**Ordinance #05-2013 cont'd:**

**SECTION 3. 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 term not exceeding 90 days and/or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of Ch. 112 of the Readington Township Code or any other Township ordinance or portion of the Code inconsistent herewith, and in particular, all inconsistent portions of the Ordinance known as “G-91”.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** Of 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 severable.

**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and final publication according to law.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to introduce this ordinance, 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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for February 19, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

3. ***Acceptance of Performance Bond (Stanton Place – Phase IV) / Block 25, Lot 38.01 (Wilmark Building Contractors)***

Engineer O’Brien stated that Wilmark Building Contractors requested to replace a letter of credit with a performance bond and a rider to a bond was required to increase the amount to 120% for a performance bond versus 110% for a letter of credit. Engineer O’Brien continued that Attorney Dragan approved accepted the rider to the increased amount.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to accept the performance bond for Stanton Place, Phase IV, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

4. ***Request to Release Maintenance Bond / Balance of Escrow (Investors Savings Bank) / Block 89, Lot 1***

Engineer O’Brien stated that a tree had been replaced and the rest of the landscaping has been done in accordance with the plans therefore he recommended the release of the two year maintenance bond.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to release the Maintenance Bond, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

- \* 5. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into Stipulations of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeals Captioned: Randazzo Estate vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 002306-2010 abd 001795-2011; and Station Center Investors, LLC vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 002134-2012***

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#### ***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.

#### ***ENGINEER’S REPORT***

Engineer O’Brien stated that there are some trees down in the stream on Roosevelt Road which is diverting the water and causing erosion along the bank and requested direction from the Committee on how to move forward with getting those trees out of the stream. Mrs. Fort advised that the Township notify the property owners that Public Works will be removing the trees.

#### ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**Julia Allen**

Mayor Allen reported that she attended a meeting with Williams Transco Pipeline regarding the installation of a 42” gas pipeline throughout approximately 6-1/2 miles of Readington Township. Mrs. Allen continued that although the installation of the pipe is not proposed until 2015, the required permitting will begin in 2013. Mrs. Allen further stated that there will be no disturbances to houses or structures and public information meetings will be scheduled.

**Tom Auriemma**

Mayor Auriemma reported that due to the public recognition of CERT during the storm, 30 people have signed up for CERT.

**Betty Ann Fort**

Mrs. Fort reported that she and Mayor Allen attended a meeting at the County Complex to discuss ways to develop Route 202. Mrs. Fort stated that what had evolved from the discussion was a need for transportation and revitalizing rail transport rather than more development.

Mrs. Fort reported that over 150 people attended the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Chocolate Making program at the Bouman Stickney.

**Frank Gatti**

Mr. Gatti announced that the Bond Anticipation Notes were renewed at the same rate as last year.

Mr. Gatti reported that the Police Department will be making their web page more informational; posting press releases, community information and safety tips. Mr. Gatti also announced on February 13<sup>th</sup> will be holding a Town Hall meeting to discuss safety and issues that are happening around town.

**Beatrice Muir**

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

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

There were none.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

Mrs. Fort commented the Road Department received a thank you note from Herb and Delores Fisher, Clark Lane, for keeping Clark Lane, a dirt road, in such good shape.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 9:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gatti with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA  
Municipal Clerk