

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – April 1, 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:** Deputy Township Clerk K. Parker, Attorney S. Dragan, Engineer R. O’Brien

**ABSENT:** Administrator V. Mekovetz

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Historic Preservation.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Police.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Developers Agreement..... Toll Bros. / Fallone (Block 36, Lot 49)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Little Hills Farm..... Block 94, Lot 19	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... • March 18, 2013 • March 20, 2013	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. Fort to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Allen made the following statement:

*Let us observe a moment of silence in memory of Readington Volunteer Fireman, Jeffrey Scheuerer.*

**Executive Session:**

**Personnel / Historic Preservation Commission**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to accept the resignation of Terri Illes from the Historic Preservation Commission and send her a letter of thanks for her service, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Personnel / Police**

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Contract Negotiations / Developers Agreement / Toll Bros. / Fallone (Block 36, Lot 49)**

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Contract Negotiations / Little Hills Farm / Block 94, Lot 19**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2013-47**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) certified the Fair Market Value (FMV) of \$12,000 per acre for the development easement on the Toll Little Hills Farm (Block 94, Lot 19 - 82 acres) farm, which is contained in Readington Township’s 2010 Round Planning Incentive Grant list of farms; and

**WHEREAS**, the SADC approved the allocation of \$984,000 to be appropriated from the Garden State Preservation Trust, Farmland Preservation Fund, for Readington Township’s Planning Incentive Grant application, conditioned upon Garden State Preservation Trust, legislative and gubernatorial appropriation; and

**WHEREAS**, based on Readington Township’s application, the County of Hunterdon will provide a cost share for the purchase of the development easements, holding title to the development easements.

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

1. Accepts the SADC’s certified market value of \$12,000 per acre that will be used to calculate the cost share for the State, the County and the Municipality for the purchase of the development easement on Block 94, Lot 19 (Toll Little Hills Farm).

**Resolution #R-2013-47 cont'd:**

2. Commits to funding of the purchase of the development easement on Block 94, Lot 19 (Toll Little Hills Farm) based on this cost share.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Agricultural Development Board and the State Agricultural Development Committee as requested and required.

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

**Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / March 18, 2013**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 18, 2013 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / March 20, 2013**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 20, 2013 for content only, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Litigation / Solberg Aviation / Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lot 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2**

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**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 March 18, and March 20, 2013
- \* 2. **Tax Overpayments**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP**

**HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, there exist several tax overpayments from 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector desires to apply the following 2012 overpayments to the amounts due for 2013 taxes prior to the printing and mailing of the property tax bills:

***Tax Overpayment Resolution cont'd:***

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4	18		\$ 583.92
9	11		76.79
10	19.01	Q0033	20.43
17	9	T01	33.74
19.01	6		65.79
20	6	T03	33.74
21.07	10		268.07
25	20.03	Q0124	8.57
34	36.269		3,283.66
42	5.01		20.00
42	23.01	Q0193	5.89
42	24.02	Q0186	83.20
43	11		250.00
43	15	Q0202	59.70
46	14.03	T03	33.74
51.03	5.01	Q0283	43.43
51.03	21		13,021.22
53	5.02	Q0302	227.37
55	13.05		1,644.95
64	44.01	Q0424	357.96
64	44.02	Q0424	589.71
65	12.01	Q0427	16.80
65	18.02	Q0428	14.22
72	36.06		19.05
73	40		15.57
76	2.03	Q0562	34.88
93	3	Q0571	80.63
95	12.193		1,297.90
95	12.332		809.56
96	2		33.74
96	18	Q0593	318.90

***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 2012 property tax overpayments to 2013 property taxes receivable.

\* 3. ***Tax Refunds***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***READINGTON TOWNSHIP***

***HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY***

***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, the Readington Township Tax Collector has recommended the following refund for property taxes:

***Tax Refund Resolution Cont'd:***

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
21.12/46.07	Michael & Gladys Rivezzi	Duplicate Payment	\$ 277.92
38/54.11 Q0168	Michael & Maria Renda	Reduced Assessment	37.83
38/54.12 Q0168	Michael & Maria Renda	Reduced Assessment	2,571.54
75/17.09	Diane & Robert Bartynski	Duplicate Payment	3,409.17

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the amount recommended.

- \* 4. ***Social Affairs Permit*** (Mane Stream / June 1, 2013)
- \* 5. ***Social Affairs Permit*** (Kiwanis Club of North Hunterdon-Clinton / July 26 through July 28, 2013 / Solberg Airport Balloon Fest)
- \* 6. ***Postponement of Mortgage*** (Michael and Melissa Flannery / 402 South Branch Drive)
- \* 7. ***Release of Security Deposit for Hunting Properties*** (Kodiak Rod and Gun Club)
  - Cole Road (Block 52.01, Lot 14.06) \$351
  - Pine Bank Road (Block 55, Lot 13.51) \$520
- \* 8. ***Release of Security Deposit for Hunting Properties*** (Woods & Water Sportsman Club)
  - Cole Road (Block 66, Lots 2 & 3)
  - Pleasant Run Road (Block 66, Lot 13)
- \* 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	\$ 2,435.20
CURRENT FUND	3-01	\$ 456,929.72
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	3-02	\$ 102,915.64
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 94,388.82
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 24,026.61
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 162,786.00
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$ <u>2,366,093.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 3,209,574.99</b>

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the Consent Agenda, 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

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

There were none.

**CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Letter from Brian MacLean, VP of Operations, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ Elizabethtown Gas regarding ***Three separate Petitions filed by Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.*** No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated March 13, 2013 from Roberta Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Township of Tewksbury regarding ***An Ordinance to Amend Article VII, Section 715 of the Township of Tewksbury Development Regulations Ordinance to Revise the Bulk Requirements for Front, Side and Rear Yard Setbacks in the VR Village Residential District and to Establish a New Zone District to be known as the VR-1 Village Residential-1 District and to Amend Article IX, Section 900 to Modify the Application and Escrow Fee Schedule to Reflect Specific Charges for Variances Required for Residential Emergency Power Generators and Air Conditioning Units.*** No action taken.
3. Notice of Hearing from Day Pitney, LLP, Attorney for the Applicant regarding ***its application for FAR Variance, Bulk Variances and Amended Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan Approval Relating to Property Designate as Block 37.01, Lots 1, 1.01 & 2 on the Tax Maps of the Township of Bedminster.*** No action taken.
4. Memorandum dated March 21, 2013 from Denise Doolan, Clerk of the Board, Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding ***Urging NJ TRANSIT to Undertake Support for One Seat Service for All Raritan Valley Trains.*** No action taken.
5. Letter dated March 20, 2013 from Michele Bobrowski, Municipal Clerk, Alexandria Township regarding ***Resolution Seeking Legislative Support on Abandoned Property Enforcement.***

Mr. Auriemma requested that the Committee consider adopting a similar resolution.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2013-48***

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
SEEKING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT ON ABANDONED PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington recognize that certain properties within Readington Township have degraded to such an extent that they are not aesthetically pleasing and are a blight to both neighboring residents and businesses. Most critically, these properties are potentially dangerous to the health, safety and well-being of those living, working and traveling next to them; and

**WHEREAS**, the condition of these subject properties, if left unabated, may detrimentally impact the Township by lowering, not only the taxable value of these particular properties, but the values of those surrounding properties upon which the Township's tax revenue depends; and

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee recognizes that the problems attendant to these properties is symptomatic of the current economic environment; specifically, the high rate of unemployment which, in turn, has led to an abundance of foreclosures both within the State of New Jersey and nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these subject properties have title owners with neither the financial incentive nor the financial ability to either maintain their properties or to rectify local and State code violations existing on them; and

**Resolution #R-2013-48 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington is aware that similar conditions associated with these properties within the Township also exist and plague many other municipalities within Hunterdon County and throughout the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee believes that many local municipalities, including the Township of Readington, lack both the requisite financial resources and the personnel to properly investigate such properties, to notify the properties' title owners and/or mortgage holders of any code violations, and to properly prosecute and enforce those properties with continuing and unabated code violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee, in light of the absentee and unresponsive owners of these properties, deems it imperative that legislation be promptly adopted, including provisions whereby:

- mortgagees of such properties assume responsibility for maintaining all such property to ensure the safety, health and well-being of those living, working and traveling adjacent to such properties; and

- mortgagees, during the pendency of any foreclosure action, be required to conduct periodic inspections of each such property and to timely remediate any and all continuing violations of the New Jersey Building Code and local ordinances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that

1. The Township of Readington seeks the creation, adoption and implementation of legislation ensuring that the mortgagee of any property found to be in disrepair or in contravention of both local ordinances and the New Jersey Building Code is to be declared the party responsible for the repair and/or remediation of any condition violating either the New Jersey Building Code or local ordinances;
2. The Township of Readington further seeks the creation, adoption and implementation of appropriate legislation mandating the mortgagee of any property which is subject to foreclosure proceedings, to conduct periodic inspections of each such property and to timely remediate any and all continuing violations of the New Jersey Building Code and/or local ordinances; and
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, Senator Chris Bateman, Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli, Assemblywoman Donna Simon, the Clerks and Mayors of all municipalities within Hunterdon County, the Hunterdon County Freeholders and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**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

6. Resolution from Karen Romano, Borough Clerk, Borough of Lebanon, regarding **Opposing S2364/A3553 Early Voting**. No action taken.

7. Resolution from Karen Dysart, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Milford, regarding ***Opposing S2364/A3553 Early Voting***. No action taken.
8. Resolution from Rose Sollena, Municipal Clerk, Township of Raritan, regarding ***Opposing S2364/A3553 Early Voting***. No action taken.
9. Resolution from Laura Eidsvaag, Borough Clerk/Administrator, Borough of Califon, regarding ***Opposing S2364/A3553 Early Voting***. No action taken.
10. Resolution from Ella Ruta, Municipal Clerk, Township of Union, regarding ***Opposing S2364/A3553 Early Voting***. No action taken.

***PRESENTATION TO EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS***

Mayor Allen presented the following resolution to Katie Powell, Dan Campbell, Shanon Bingert and Pat Paul for their expertise and professionalism in a recent emergency.

***#R-2013-49***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON***

***RESOLUTION TO GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORKS OF KATIE POWELL, DAN CAMPBELL, SHANON BINGERT AND PAT PAUL***

***WHEREAS***, a Tewksbury Township resident recently experienced what could have been a fatal heart attack; and

***WHEREAS***, the wife of the resident called 911 at 4:30 a.m. and was instructed by the 911 operator Katie Powell how to commence CPR; and

***WHEREAS***, Whitehouse Rescue Squad Technician Dan Campbell arrived at the residence and took over administering the CPR to the resident; and

***WHEREAS***, along with the arrival of a Tewksbury Patrolman who utilized the defibrillator in an attempt to resuscitate the resident, Whitehouse Rescue Squad members Shanon Bingert and Pat Paul arrived on site shortly thereafter and continued the work on resuscitating the resident; and

***WHEREAS***, the resident was transported to the Hunterdon Medical Center and arrived on site at 5:00 a.m. with a normal heart rhythm and unassisted breathing.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby thanks Katie Powell, Dan Campbell, Shanon Bingert and Pat Paul for their expertise and professionalism in the time of emergency.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***NEW BUSINESS***

1. ***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of the Street Known as Freeman Lane in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from Carmine and Carmela Antonuccio***

Engineer O'Brien stated that everything is in order to proceed with the introduction of this ordinance.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STREET KNOWN AS FREEMAN LANE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM CARMINE AND CARMELA ANTONUCCIO***

**ORDINANCE # 07-2013**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township of Readington shall accept as public, the road known as Freeman Lane, which has been dedicated to the Township by Carmine and Carmela Antonuccio, husband and wife, as a condition of final subdivision approval, as shown on the subdivision plat entitled “Final Plat for Block 42, Lot 12 Located in Readington Township” filed in the Hunterdon County Clerk’s Office on February 28, 2003, as Map No. 8414440, and as more particularly set forth in the metes and bounds description of said streets prepared by Carl M. Herrman, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, dated October 17, 2001 and revised on July 3, 2002, as contained in the Deed of Dedication on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J. The Township accepts this dedication in fee simple.

**SECTION 2.** The Township acknowledges receipt of the aforementioned Deed of Dedication conveying Freeman Lane to the Township in fee simple, together with an executed Affidavit of Title and documents evidencing that title is marketable and free and clear of liens.

**SECTION 3.** If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, and upon the recording of the Deed; a copy of this Ordinance shall also be recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk’s office.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to introduce this ordinance, 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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for April 15, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Allen reported that she had met with the Chiefs of Emergency Services, Chief Donaruma, Mr. Auriemma and Detective Federico regarding this ordinance and one of the suggestions was to amend the ordinance to incorporate an Appeals Board in the event there was a desire to appeal the Chief of Police’s decision on an arrest. Mr. Auriemma stated that it was agreed upon that there should be three (3) impartial members on the Appeals Board consisting of the Chief of member’s agency, Township Administrator Mekovetz and the Township Mayor. Mrs. Muir expressed concern with regard to the Township Mayor being on the Appeals Board since this could potentially pose a conflict of interest; therefore Mayor Allen suggested adding *or appointed designee from the Governing Body*. Mrs. Muir also added that since there are various levels of membership, the definition of a member should be clearly defined. The Committee discussed the intention of the ordinance and which members should be included to protect the public.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to introduce ordinance with the changes to remove the wording *Township Business Administrator* and replace it with *Township Administrator* and add the language *or appointed designee from the Governing Body*, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Mrs. Fort requested to hold off introducing the ordinance until the integrated language has been written into the final form and give the Chiefs the opportunity to review the amended ordinance.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft this ordinance in final form for the next meeting for introduction, 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

3. ***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of a Stream Corridor Protection Easement on a Portion of Block 38, Lots 54.11, 54.12 and 54.02 (to become Lots 54.01 through 54.14) in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from Renda and Ridge Road Realty, LLC***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STREAM CORRIDOR PROTECTION EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 38, LOTS 54.11, 54.12 AND 54.02 (TO BECOME LOTS 54.01 THROUGH 54.14) IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM RENDA AND RIDGE ROAD REALTY, LLC***

***ORDINANCE #08-2013***

***BE IT ORDAINED*** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Township of Readington shall accept a stream corridor protection easement ("Easement") on portions of property known as Block 38, Lots 54.11, 54.12 and 54.02, to become known as 54.01 through 54.14 (upon the filing of subdivision deeds and/or subdivision plat, as applicable), in the Township of Readington, which has been dedicated on the aforesaid property by Michael A. Renda and Maria Renda and Ridge Road Realty, L.L.C. (hereinafter "Grantor"), pursuant to Grantor's receipt of final major subdivision approval granted by the Readington Township Planning Board in Resolution #2012-301 memorialized on May 14, 2012. The purpose of the Easement is to ensure that the area covered by it will remain in its natural and existing state in perpetuity, except as stated in the Easement document. There is no public right of use to Readington Township created by this Easement; it is subject to limited access by the township only for the purposes of inspection and enforcement. The aforesaid Easement shall run with the land and be binding on the Grantor and the Grantor's heirs and assigns. The aforesaid Easement is on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J.

**SECTION 2.** If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**Ordinance #08-2013 cont'd:**

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, upon the recording of the Easement in the Hunterdon County Clerk's office and upon recording of the ordinance and easement in the aforesaid Clerk's Office.

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 April 15, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

4. **Acceptance of Performance Bond for Renaissance at Readington, Phase I / Block 36, Lot 49 (Toll NJ I, LLC)**

Engineer O'Brien stated that Toll Brothers will be taking over the development from Fallone and as part of the acquisition the bond has been reduced; therefore this submission of the performance bond will cover the work on the subdivision.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to accept the Performance Bond, 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

5. **Acceptance of Letter of Credit for Ridge Road Realty, LLC / Block 38, Lots 54.11, 54.12 & 54.02**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to accept the Letter of Credit, 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

6. **Eastern Tandem Rally (August 4, 2013) – permission to use Township Roads**

Mayor Allen stated that a letter from Detective Gooley has recommended approving this request.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

7. **Special Events Permit Application (Mane Stream , Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center) Horse Tack Sale Fundraiser at Holland Brook School / April 6-7<sup>th</sup>**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Special Events Permit Application for Mane Stream, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- \* 8. ***Social Affairs Permit*** (Mane Stream / June 1, 2013)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 9. ***Social Affairs Permit*** (Kiwanis Club of North Hunterdon-Canton / July 26 through July 28, 2013 / Solberg Airport Balloon Fest)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 10. ***Postponement of Mortgage*** (Michael and Melissa Flannery / 402 South Branch Drive)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 11. ***Release of Security Deposit for Hunting Properties*** (Kodiak Rod and Gun Club)
  - Cole Road (Block 52.01, Lot 14.06) \$351
  - Pine Bank Road (Block 55, Lot 13.51) \$520

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 12. ***Release of Security Deposit for Hunting Properties*** (Woods & Water Sportsman Club)
  - Cole Road (Block 66, Lots 2 & 3)
  - Pleasant Run Road (Block 66, Lot 13)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Allen requested to add an item to New Business.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to amend the agenda to add Item #13 to New Business, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

13. ***Policemen's Benevolent Association of NJ 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 3D Archery Shoot*** (August 18 and 18, 2013) – Request from PBA President Chris Heycock to hold fundraiser

Mr. Gatti stated that the PBA is requesting to hold a 3D Archery Shoot as a fundraiser on the Vislockey Property. Mrs. Fort questioned whether there would be a need to close the property for the event for safety reasons. Mayor Allen suggested posting signs off the two entrance points on the property.

***A MOTION*** was by Mr. Gatti to approve the fundraiser event with the stipulation that the entry ways to the marked trails are posted notifying hikers that the 3D Archery Shoot is taking place and hikers should remain on the trail , 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

#### ***ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT***

Deputy Township Clerk Karin Parker stated that she had nothing further to report.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dragan reported that she had sent a letter back in February to the Committee in response to the letter from Mr. Sikoryak to address the Township's policy on leased hunting properties and discounts to local hunting groups. Attorney Dragan requested direction from the Committee as to whether she should also communicate the same to Mr. Sikoryak.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer O'Brien stated that a request was received from Carmine Antonuccio to release a Maintenance Bond that has been in place since 2010. Engineer O'Brien continued that it has been inspected and everything is in order, therefore recommends release of the bond.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Julia Allen**

Mayor Allen stated that she has nothing further to report.

**Tom Auriemma**

Mr. Auriemma stated that he has nothing further to report.

**Betty Ann Fort**

Mrs. Fort reported that she and Mayor Allen met with five of the residents of the Foothill Road to discuss their desire to pave Foothill Road. Mrs. Fort further reported that Administrator Mekovetz presented to them the process of a local improvement ordinance and requested that the Committee consider authorizing Engineer O'Brien to work up a general estimate for Foothill Road in order to be able to assess the property owner's cost.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize Engineer O'Brien, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500, to work up an estimate of what it would entail in paving Foothill Road, 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

Mrs. Fort reported that the Museums are hosting a *Jane Austen Style Dance* on Saturday evening and *A Day in the Life of Mrs. Bouman* on Sunday.

**Frank Gatti**

Mr. Gatti reported on the Annual Equalized Value of the High School.

Mr. Gatti also reported that there will be two public meetings on the Williams Transco Pipeline on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt House in Branchburg and on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Otto Kaufman Community in Skillman.

**Beatrice Muir**

Mrs. Muir reported that most of the approvals from the Board of Health are coming from septic repairs rather than new buildings.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

There were none.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

As there was no further business, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma at 8:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gatti with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karin M. Parker, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk