

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – February 18, 2014**

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 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:

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

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
Personnel	Building and Grounds.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Personnel.....	Department of Public Works.....	“ “ “
Developers Agreement Nagle (Block 40, Lot 1)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
NJ Conservation Foundation / Cole Farm	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... • January 23, 2014 • January 29, 2014	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 8:00 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Building and Grounds

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the hiring of Chris Beam, at a rate of \$11 per hour and Thomas Sekella, at a rate of \$10 per hour, as summer help for the building and grounds, 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

Personnel / Department of Public Works

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Developers Agreement / Nagle (Block 40, Lot 1)

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / NJ Conservation Foundation / Cole Farm

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / January 23, 2014

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 23, 2014 for content only, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / January 29, 2014

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 29, 2014 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 January 23, 2014 and January 29, 2014

* 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 34, Lot 36.063 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 \$3,448.98, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$1,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2013-011, to the lienholder, BV001 Trust.

* 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 35, Lot 7 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 \$ 862.67, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$1,100.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2013-012, to the lienholder, US Bank, Custodian for BV001 Trust.

* 4. ***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 35, Lot 20 and,

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

Tax Lien Redemption Resolution cont'd:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$ 871.43, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$1,100.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2013-013, to the lienholder, FWDSL & Associates, LP.

- * 5. ***Resolution in Recognition of Charlie Wilson Marking his 50th Anniversary of Active Service as a Volunteer Firefighter***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-31

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington, as do most New Jersey municipalities, relies on the commitment and generosity of volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the unusual hours and demanding duties that are fundamental to volunteer firefighting can deter individuals from remaining in this position for an extended duration; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Wilson started with the Whitehouse Fire Company as a probationary fireman in 1963; and

WHEREAS, over his fifty years of service to the Whitehouse Fire Company Charlie has held all the executive and line officer positions within the department; and

WHEREAS, he has been a key player in many projects, such as the building expansion, fund raising and purchasing new apparatus and the most recent renovation of the firehouse; and

WHEREAS, Charlie was instrumental in setting up the 911 system for Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, Charlie has volunteered with a number of other organizations, such as Whitehouse American Legion Post 284, Mahogany Ridge Sportsmen Club and Masonic Host Lodge # 6; and

WHEREAS, Charlie continues to teach and guide other members of the fire company; and

WHEREAS, this year Charlie Wilson will be marking his 50th year of active service as a Volunteer Firefighter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends and congratulates Charlie Wilson on the 50th anniversary of his dedicated services as a Whitehouse Fire Company volunteer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on behalf of all the residents of Readington Township, the Township Committee thanks Charlie Wilson for his volunteer service to our Community.

- * 6. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into Stipulations of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeals Captioned: LR Farms vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 009058-2011 and Lamington River Farms vs. Readington Township, Docket Nos. 003370-2012 and 2309-2013***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-32

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO ENTER INTO STIPULATIONS OF SETTLEMENT RELATIVE TO THE TAX APPEALS CAPTIONED: LR FARMS vs. READINGTON TOWNSHIP, TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY, DOCKET NO. 009058-2011 AND LAMINGTON RIVER FARMS vs. READINGTON TOWNSHIP, DOCKET NOS. 003370-2012 AND 02309-2013.

WHEREAS, LR FARMS a/k/a LAMINGTON RIVER FARMS (“LR”) is the owner of the golf club property shown as Block 12, Lots 15, 12.01, 13, 15.01 and 15.02, and Block 11, Lots 8, 9.02, 12, 13, 14 and 15 on the Township of Readington’s Tax Assessment Maps (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, LR filed an appeal of their 2011, 2012 and 2013 tax year assessments in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 009058-2011, 003370-2012 AND 002309-2013; and

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

WHEREAS, LR provided to the Township Special Tax Counsel and Tax Assessor an appraisal report opining that the market value as of October 1, 2010 and 2011 of the entire golf club property is \$15,000,000, which includes the club house and other amenities that are located in Bedminster Township, Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced appraisal report also provides a cost approach valuation of the portion of the property located within Readington which opines that the market value as of October 1, 2010 is \$12,030,000 and as of October 1, 2011 is \$12,180,000; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to an acceptable settlement of all of the aforesaid tax appeals which affirms the 2012 and 2013 assessments, and which reduces the tax assessments levied upon the Property only for the 2011 tax year, and adjusts “on the books” the 2014 tax assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the proposed Stipulation of Settlement which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if more fully set forth at length in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 ratio of assessed to true value set by the New Jersey State Division of Taxation (“Ratio”) was 83.71%; and

WHEREAS, the 2011 total tax assessment, based upon said reduction for the Property will be \$12,206,100 instead of \$14,439,400, as allocated between the lots in the Property as more fully set forth on the Stipulation of Settlement; and

WHEREAS, the equalized value of the proposed 2011 settlement reflects a market value for the property of \$14,581,400 ($\$12,206,100 \div 0.8371 = \$14,581,400$), which amount exceeds LR’s appraiser’s opinion of \$12,030,000, the cost approach appraised value of the Readington Township portion of the property; and

WHEREAS, the total tax assessments in 2014 has been set by the Township Tax Assessor on the assessment books at \$13,500,100, which reflects (based upon a 2014 Ratio of 85.77%) an equalized value for 2014 of \$15,739,900 ($\$13,500,100 \div 0.8577 = \$15,739,900$), which amount exceeds LR’s appraiser’s opinion of the appraised values not only of the Readington Township portion of the property, but, for the entire property located in both Readington and Bedminster Townships for the years the LR appraised opined; and

WHEREAS, the settlement further provides that the parties agree that either shall have the right to file a tax appeal of the 2014 tax year for the sole purpose to obtain a judgment to implement, enforce and/or confirm the 2014 assessments agreed to in the settlement and that the agreement will be binding upon any assignees, tenants and successors in interest with regard to the subject properties; and

Resolution #R-2014-32 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the taxpayer agrees to waive interest on any refunds, provided the refunds is paid within sixty (60) days of the date of entry of the Tax Court judgment to LR's attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee makes this settlement with LR 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:

1. The Township of Readington's Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish the allocation between the lots of the aforesaid Property and between land and improvements, all as more fully set forth in the attached Stipulation of Settlement, and all of which shall be in her opinion 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 the attached Stipulation of Settlement relative to the tax appeals of LR Farms, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 009058-2011 and Lamington River Farms, Docket Nos. 003370-2012 and 02309-2013, which affirms the assessments on the 2012 and 2013 appeals; which reduces the 2011 total tax assessments, as more fully set forth on the attached Stipulation on Block 12, Lots 15, 12.01, 13, 15.01 and 15.02, and Block 11, Lots 8, 9.02, 12, 13, 14 and 15; and which further provides that pre-Judgment interest is waived provided any tax refunds are paid within 60 days of judgment; and that the allocations between lots, land and improvements shall be as established by the Township Tax Assessor and are set forth in said Stipulation of Settlement; and that the taxpayer, its successors, assigns and/or any other parties in interest limit their rights to appeal in 2014 to enforcement, implementation and/or confirmation of the 2014 assessments as set forth in the 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.
- *7. **Resolution Commending the Hunterdon County Land Trust in their Efforts to Preserve Two Wooded Parcels on Round Mountain**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-33

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance has recently preserved two wooded parcels on Round Mountain in the Township of Readington, and

WHEREAS, these wood lots have helped to protect one of the largest contiguous mature forests in the Township of Readington and Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, this preservation project furthers the goals of Readington Township to protect and improve woodland habitat; and

WHEREAS, this project also contributes to the improved passive recreational opportunities on Round Mountain, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Readington hereby thanks the Hunterdon County Land Trust Alliance for all its successful efforts to preserve these two wooded parcels on Round Mountain.

- * 8. *Release of Soil Witness Fees / Block 43, Lot 19 (Soucy)*
- * 9. *Release of Soil Witness Fees / Block 67, Lot 29 (Drazinakis)*
- * 10. *Release of Escrow / Block 88, Lot 7 & 7.01 (Broad Street Properties)*
- * 11. *Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 70, Lot 22.01 (Connor)*
- * 12. *Blue Light Permit / Andrew Pottorf*
- * 13. *Report on Variance Applications (2013)*

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

REPORT ON VARIANCE APPLICATIONS (2013)

WHEREAS, the Board of Adjustment of Readington Township, pursuant to 40:55D-70.1, has undertaken annual review of its decisions on applications and appeals for variances; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to set forth by Resolution its findings on zoning ordinance provisions which were the subject of variance requests and its recommendations for zoning ordinance amendments or revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board directs its staff to forward copies of the report and Resolution to the Governing Body and Planning Board;

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

The following is a list of variances granted:

Applicant	Description
Broad Street, Block 88, Lot 7 – 71 Dreahook, WHS APPROVED March 21, 2013- located in the VR Zone	Approved a minor subdivision dividing the current 9.75 acre lot, upon which there was already located a single family residence and an accessory garage, into two lots ranging in size from 0.307 acres and .443 acres, located in the VR Village Residential Zone necessitating a D4 Floor area ratio variance.
Red 7 Enterprises, Block 35, Lots 1 and 25 Route 22 Eastbound – APPROVED March 21, 2013 - located in the B zoning district	Approved three (3) use variances to allow a fast food restaurant, commonly known as Rita’s Water Ice, to establish a walk-up window, outdoor seating and the installation of an awning, in addition a bulk variance for an increase of the permitted signage, and site plan approval for the re-stripping of new parking spaces.
Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp., Block 4, Lot 99 – APPROVED April 19, 2013 - located in the RO zone	Approved a use variance to allow the present day 25,204 s.f. daycare facility, for its use to service both Merck and non-Merck (general public) employees.
Gary Durga Block 34, Lot 30 – located Route 22 eastbound - DENIED July 18, 2013	Applicant sought a certification that a proposed use on the property be classified as a continuation of a pre-existing non-conforming use resulting in 3 uses in one building,

	including a new retail use (discount party/general merchandise/dollar store use, a professional office use, and a residential use)
John and Jacqueline Cunha Block 36, Lot 9 VR and VC split zone located in Whitehouse DENIED May 20, 2013	Applicant sought numerous bulk variances in order to construct a two-family residence.
Ryland Office Park, LLC, Block 8, lots 4, 5, 6 and 7 located on Route 22 westbound –B zone - APPROVED December 10, 2013	Approval for a minor subdivision to create two new lots from the current four lots; reconfiguring lot 13 to consist of 3.233 acres upon which the Walgreens retail pharmacy building will be located and lot 14 will contain the existing Wells Fargo Bank consisting of 2.094 acres. Approval for D1 use variance for the drive-through facility for the pharmacy; additional use variances were sought due to the multiple uses proposed on lots 13 and 14 due to a combination of the biodention basin which will be used by two principal uses. Another use variance was approved for the connector drive which will be used by the 3 principal uses. Another use variance was granted for the “billboard” sign to be located on Lot 13. The applicant also received multiple C variances identified as follows: related to the minimum front yard setback; and relative to buffer to the county road. The applicant received a third C variance for the topographical slopes, the fourth C variance was for the number of free standing signs; the fifth C variance was for the number of building signs; the 6 th C variance was for the number of parking stalls; the 7 th C variances was for the height of the retaining wall; the 8 th C variances was for the required plantings within the buffer; the 9 th C variance was for the impervious coverage.

* 14. ***Resolution for Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019)***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-34

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parent, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

Resolution #R-2014-34 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Hunterdon;

NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Central Hunterdon Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of:

<i>DEDR</i>	<i>31,844</i>
<i>Cash Match</i>	<i>7,961</i>
<i>In-Kind</i>	<i>23,886</i>

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

* 15. **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	3-01	\$ 52,282.90
CURRENT FUND	4-01	\$1,162,258.92
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	4-02	\$ 102,634.18
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 20,299.28
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$2,966,578.42
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 362,314.15
REG. & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$2,364,331.00
2011 CAPITAL	X-11	\$ 2,500.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$7,033,198.85

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

SWEARING IN OF NEW PATROLMEN

Administrator Mekovetz swore in Probationary Patrolman Terry Woolverton.

Administrator Mekovetz swore in Probationary Patrolman Jack Mazellan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

As it was after 7:45 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 94, LOT 19 TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION

ORDINANCE #01-2014

Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the Committee.

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 94, LOT 19 TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION

ORDINANCE #01-2014

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt 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

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON ON DECEMBER 6, 1982 GOVERNING SEWER CHARGES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

Ordinance # 02 -2014

Mayor Allen stated that this ordinance proposes an increase in the sewer rate fee from \$420 to \$440 per year.

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

Mr. Gatti stated that the sewer rate has remained flat over the last five years and as anything, costs go up so in order to make sure that the sewer authority is revenue neutral, not costing the other taxpayers any money, there is a need to raise that rate.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON ON DECEMBER 6, 1982 GOVERNING SEWER CHARGES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

Ordinance # 02 -2014

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this ordinance, 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

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Letter dated January 21, 2014 from Frank X. Simpson, Manager, Rates and Regulation, NJ American Water, regarding ***Public Notice of the filing of a Petition to change the level of purchased water and purchased wastewater (sewerage) treatment adjustment clauses, which could result in an increase or decrease to existing water and sewer rates.*** No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated January 14, 2014 from Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg regarding ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Amending Subsection 6-5.9 Entitled “Improvement Guarantees Required; Surety; Release” to Require that Maintenance and Performance Guarantees be from Banks with in New Jersey and the Borough Manhattan, New York City.*** No action taken.
3. Memorandum dated January 28, 2014 from Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg regarding ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Amending Subsection 6-5.9 Entitled “Improvement Guarantees Required; Surety; Release” to Require that Maintenance and Performance Guarantees be from Banks with in New Jersey and the Borough Manhattan, New York City.*** No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ***Foothill Road Reconstruction***

Mayor Allen stated that a petition letter was received from the residents of Foothill Road indicating that the majority of residents are in favor of the tar and chip proposal. Wayne Borella, 110 Foothill Road, was present to speak on behalf of the residents and requested an update from the Committee on a solution for Foothill Road. Mr. Borella reiterated the hazardous conditions of the road especially in light of the inclement weather this winter. Mrs. Fort pointed out that this road, along with other roads throughout the township, and items on the budget list need to be prioritized. Mrs. Allen briefly explained the process of budgeting with regard to bonding versus paying for chip and seal out of the capital budget. Mr. Borella added that the first 100 feet of the road is dangerous from the initial part of Y-intersection up to Deerpath Park and requested that at least that part of the road be considered for paving. Mrs. Muir offered that the Committee will try to do something with the road although they are still determining what needs to be done. Mr. Gatti advised that the drainage issue at the beginning of road should be addressed first. Mr. Auriemma recommended getting an estimate for the drainage from Scott Jesseman.

Ken Peare, 141 Foothill Road, reiterated the concerns hazardous road conditions on Foothill Road and asked that the Committee keep the road on the top of the priority list.

Tom Bridegum, 111 Foothill Road, stated that although he initially was against the reconstruction of the road, he has concluded that at minimum, the drainage issue should be resolved this year.

China Ogle, 150 Foothill Road, stated that last year she received a call from school transportation that she needed to drive her children to Route 31 because the buses would not travel down the road due to snow and icing. In addition, Mrs. Ogle stated that in the last 2-1/2 years she has gotten 14 flat tires. Mrs. Ogle requested that the Committee prioritize Foothill Road since the condition of the road is worsening.

Bill Ogle, 150 Foothill Road, opined that since many of the residents on the mountainside have paved their driveways the flooding problem has been exacerbated.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Release of Performance Bond / Country Classics Legacy at Readington (Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95)** letter dated January 29, 2014 from Rob O’Brien, Township Engineer

Engineer O’Brien reported that Country Classics has completed all the work on the site and recommends release of the performance bond contingent upon receipt of the maintenance bond.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-35

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Country Classics Legacy of Readington, LLC. did on November 12, 2013 file a written request with the Township of Readington for a release of a Cash Performance Guarantee Check #1250 in the amount of \$34,451.00 and Performance Bond #PAIFSU0448745 in the amount of \$310,055.00 for work completed on Block 36, Lots 93, 94 and 95; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has confirmed that a certain amount of work has been done by Country Classics Legacy of Readington, LLC. on said property; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law the Township may retain up to 30% of a Performance Bond to assure the completion of site work; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has supplied a reduced bond amount for Cash Performance Guarantee Check #1250 and Performance Bond #PAIFSU0448745, as indicated in his letter of April 17, 2008, October 13, 2008 and January 29, 2014, based upon the Municipal Land Use Law requirement:

BOND OR CHECK	REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTY AMOUNT @ 120%	RECOMMENDED REDUCTION FOR WORK COMPLETED	REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE
Int’l Fidelity Ins. Co. # Bond PAIFSU0448745	\$310,055.00	\$310,055.00	\$0.00
Check #1250	\$34,451.00	\$34,451.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$344,506.00	\$344,506.00	\$0.00

Resolution #R-2014-35 cont'd:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release Cash Performance Guarantee Check #1250 and Performance Bond #PAIFSU0448745, as recommended by the Township Engineer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution approving these reduced amounts to the applicant.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt this resolution, 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

2. **Emergency Services**

- ◆ Equipment Replacement / Whitehouse Fire Company # 1
- ◆ Presentation of Vehicle Rotation Recommendation
- ◆ 2014 Budget Request

Tim Apgar, Chief of Whitehouse Fire Company #1, presented the Committee with their year-end report along with a letter requesting that the Committee restore the annual contributions to the emergency services association to where they were previously. Mr. Auriemma clarified that amount which had been reduced over the last several years was 10%. Mr. Apgar continued that the emergency services vehicle rotation was suspended in 2008 and provided a list of vehicles that are in need of immediate replacement. Mr. Apgar reviewed the lists of vehicles in need of replacement for the various fire companies.

Jeff Herzog, Chief of Whitehouse Rescue Squad, was present to update the Committee on their yearly report and their need for replacement/refurbishment of vehicles and apparatus. Mr. Herzog summarized that the squad is proposing that the Township 1) assist in the refurbishment of the 2004 ambulance in the amount of \$90,000, 2) restore the annual contribution to the organizations and 3) restore the vehicle rotation. Mrs. Fort questioned what the advantage of having township owned versus emergency services owned vehicles. Mr. Herzog responded that it is more advantageous for the squad to have township own the vehicles since the insurance is covered through the township nor could the squad afford to replace their own vehicles.

Jerry Neuman, Chief of Three Bridges Fire Company, stated that he had appeared before the Committee in December to discuss the serious situation of the Three Bridges Volunteer Company command vehicle and was appreciative of the offer of funding that was put forth by the Committee; however, in hindsight realized that it was point solution, not addressing the much broader issues already addressed this evening with respect to the entire Readington Township Emergency Services Association. Mr. Neuman continued that in retrospect appearing before the Committee solely for Three Bridges Fire Company was not an appropriate course of action, and therefore as per the letter written to Mr. Auriemma, requested the decision made by the Committee that evening be rescinded with the provision that the Three Bridges Fire Company be allowed to return to request consideration for funding assistance for the command vehicle as part of the entire request of the Readington Emergency Services Association. Mr. Gatti questioned whether it is necessary for the Township to have four (4) command vehicles throughout the town or if one would suffice in catering to all the companies.

Henry Lee, Chief of East Whitehouse Fire Company, provided the Committee with year-end report. Mr. Lee further stated that although his company is not in immediate need of vehicle replacement, he urged reinstating the vehicle rotation for the future and added that his company is in need to apparatus replacement.

3. ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 148 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Revising Definition of “Application for Development”***

Attorney Dragan stated that this ordinance is to clarify the definition of *application for development*.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVISING DEFINITION OF "APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT"

Ordinance #03-2014

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 148 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington. Additions are indicated **thus** and deletions are indicated **[thus]**.

SECTION 1. Article II Definition of Terms, Sec. 148-9 Definitions shall be amended as follows:

"APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT" shall be revised to state:

The application or appeal forms, together with the required fees and all accompanying documents required by this chapter for approval of a subdivision plat, site plan, planned development, conditional use, zoning variance or direction for issuance of a permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-34 or N.J.S.A. 40:55D-36. For the purposes of this chapter "accompanying documents required for approval" means those documents, including all details and information for a particular application type, which are set forth in the development checklists contained within this chapter, excluding any documents, details or information that is waived for submission by the Approving Authority. These checklists are:

Minor Subdivision Plats and Minor Site Plans
Preliminary Major Subdivision Plats and Preliminary Major Site Plans
Final and Amended Major Subdivision Plats and Final and Amended Major Site Plans
Variance or Conditional Use Applications Related to Single-Family Homes
Variance or Conditional Use Applications That are Not Related to Single-Family Homes

If an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required by this chapter, then the documents, details and information contained in the EIS checklist shall also constitute documents required for approval;

Checklist for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

A submission for pre-development review or conceptual plan review shall not constitute an application for development, regardless of the extent of documentation submitted.

For the purposes of determining the date which an application for development has been submitted, the date of application shall be the date upon which the last document required for approval is submitted to the Approving Authority.

SECTION 2. All other language not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of the Land Use or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith.

Ordinance #03-2014 cont'd:

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

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for March 17, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

4. ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 148 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Renewable Energy Facilities***

Mayor Allen stated that this ordinance corrects a situation identified to the Township Planner to bring it into compliance.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES

Ordinance# 04-2014

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 148 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington, pertaining to Renewable Energy Facilities. Additions are indicated **thus** and deletions are indicated **[thus]**.

SECTION 1. Sec. 148-60.2. Renewable Energy Facilities

B. Building-mounted integrated solar energy facilities and structure-mounted accessory solar facilities shall meet the following requirements.

(1) The facility shall provide net metering for a principal use located on the tract.

(2) The facility's maximum offset/height above a roof plane upon which it is mounted shall be 12 inches.

(3) The solar panels shall be mounted parallel to the roof plane upon which they are mounted on a pitched roof.

[(4) No portion of the solar panels shall be located within four (4) feet of the edges of the roof plane, and in the case of gabled roof, the ridge of the roof of the building upon which it is mounted.]

Resolution #04-2014 cont'd:

- (4) The portion of the roof plane covered by solar panels shall be regulated by the most current applicable State Uniform Construction Code.
- (5) The facility shall not exceed the applicable (principal or accessory) maximum permitted building height.
- (6) Removal of trees larger than six inches' dbh for the purpose of installation or solar access is prohibited.
- (7) Additional lighting is prohibited.
- (8) They shall not be mounted on fences.

SECTION 2. All other language not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of the Land Use or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith.

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

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for March 17, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

- 5. ***An Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Village Commercial (VC) and Village Residential (VR) Zones as Depicted on the Zoning Map of Chapter 148 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey to Incorporate the Entirety of Block 32, Lot 9 and Block 31, Lot 46 within the Village Residential (VR) Zone***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE COMMERCIAL (VC) AND VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL (VR) ZONES AS DEPICTED ON THE ZONING MAP OF CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO INCORPORATE THE ENTIRETY OF BLOCK 32, LOT 9 AND BLOCK 31, LOT 46 WITHIN THE VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL (VR ZONE)

Ordinance# 05-2014

WHEREAS, Block 32, Lot 9 located on Whitehouse Avenue within the Township of Readington, currently lies within two zoning districts, the Village Residential (VR) District, which contains 75% of the property and the Village Commercial (VC) District, which contains 25% of the property; and

WHEREAS, Block 32, Lot 9 is a vacant, irregularly-shaped, undersized parcel of approximately .697 acres+/- of which .19+/- acres is wetlands and is not capable of being developed in accordance with the standards of either the VC or VR zones in its current state. Accordingly the owner of the property requested the Township Committee to re-zone the property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee referred review of the property to the Readington Township Planning Board and its Planner for a recommendation as to the appropriate zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planner, after analysis set forth in a report dated July 30, 2013, which is on file with the Township Clerk, opined that the entirety of Block 32, Lot 9 ought to be incorporated within the Village Residential (VR) District because the uses allowable thereunder would be most compatible with the predominant uses of the surrounding neighborhood, among other planning reasons set forth in the report; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, he reviewed Block 32, Lot 9, the Township Planner also analyzed Block 31, Lot 46, which is located across the street from Block 32, Lot 9 because it is an entirely residential property currently zoned Village Commercial (VC) which does not allow residential-only uses as a permitted use; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the surrounding uses, the Township Planner recommended that the future development of Block 31, Lot 46 according to the Village Commercial standards could have a detrimental impact on the adjacent residential neighborhood and, accordingly recommended that Block 31, Lot 46 also be incorporated into the Village Residential (VR) Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has recommended the boundary lines of the VC and VR zones as contained on the Readington Township Zoning Map be changed as suggested by the Township Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee agrees with the changes as recommended by the Planning Board and the Township Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is aware that this ordinance is not the result of a periodic re-examination of the Master Plan by the Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The boundaries of the Village Commercial (VC) and Village Residential (VR) districts depicted on the Zoning Map of the Readington Township Land Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

- (1) The portion of Block 32, Lot 9 currently located within the Village Commercial (VC) shall be removed and re-designated so that the entirety of Block 32, Lot 9 is incorporated within the Village Residential (VR) Zone.

Ordinance #05-2014 cont'd:

(2) The entirety of Block 31, Lot 46 shall be changed from its current designation of Village Commercial (VC) to Village Residential (VR).

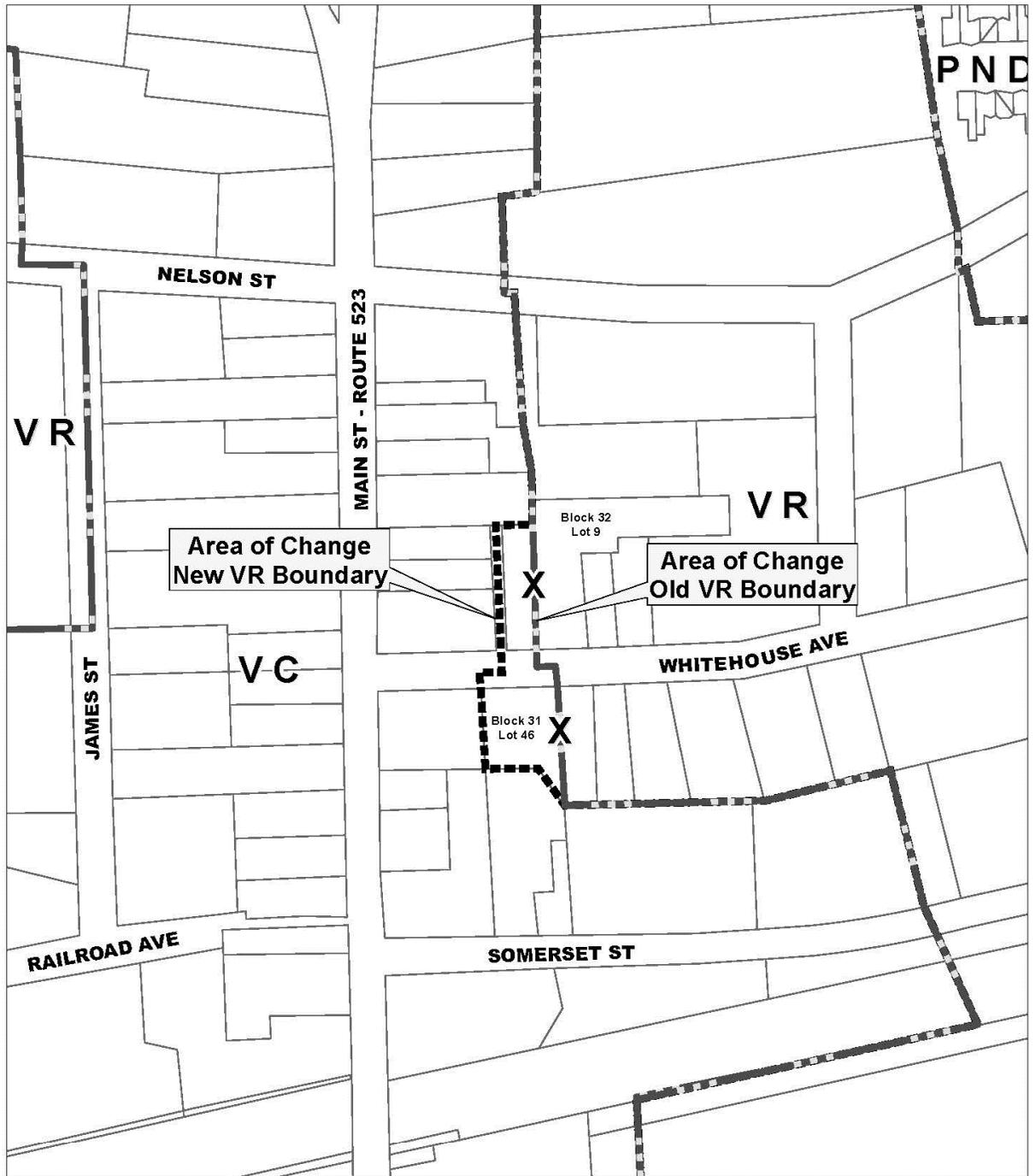
SECTION 2. All other language not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of the Land Use or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith.

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

SECTION 5. As this ordinance amendment is not the result of a periodic re-examination of the Master Plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89 of the Municipal Land Use Law, the Township Clerk is directed to provide Notice to all affected property owners in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40: 55D-62.1 prior to the public hearing.

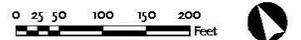
SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.



Legend

-  Existing Zone Boundaries
-  New Zone Boundary

Tax Data Source: New Jersey Association of County Tax Boards 2013
 Parcel Source: NJGIN Tax Parcels for Hunterdon County 2013
 Zoning Source: Zoning Map for Readington Township / Clarke Caton Hintz / July 6, 2009



**Zoning Map Revision
 VR/VC Zone Boundary**

Readington Township, Hunterdon County, NJ February 12, 2014

Clarke Caton Hintz 
 Architecture
 Planning
 Landscape Architecture

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for March 17, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

6. ***Abandoned Diner on Route 22*** – memo dated January 23, 2014 from Planning Board

Mayor Allen stated that the Planning Board had sent a letter asking if it was within the Township’s ordinances to correct the situation of the abandoned diner on Route 22. Mayor Allen recommended deferring this matter since more information is needed.

7. ***Amendment to Deer Fencing Ordinance*** – memo dated January 30, 2014 from Planning Board

Mayor Allen stated that there is a memo from the Planning Board to amend the deer fencing ordinance; however, since the proposed amendment from the Township Planner was not before the Committee for their review, suggested deferring this matter until the next meeting.

8. ***Black River & Western Railroad*** – letter dated January 24, 2014 from Ken Burenga, President & General Manager, Black River & Western Railroad requesting a resolution endorsing track improvement project

Mayor Allen stated that a letter was sent from Ken Burenga requesting consideration from the Committee to adopt a resolution to endorse a track improvement project.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-36

***SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING OF THE
BLACK RIVER & WESTERN RAILROAD***

WHEREAS the ***BELVIDERE & DELAWARE RIVER RAILWAY COMPANY INC.***, operating on the line of the ***BLACK RIVER & WESTERN RAILROAD*** has applied for, and been awarded grant monies under the State of New Jersey Rail Freight Assistance Program (NJAC 16:53C, 1.1) to rebuild approximately 2,500 feet of its main track at “Goat Curve East” to Rockafellows Mill Road and River Avenue East to Main Street in Three Bridges and

WHEREAS freight railroads reduce truck congestion and wear on roadways, and

WHEREAS freight railroads make the most efficient use of limited natural resources, with the least impact on the environment, per ton mile of transportation provided, and

WHEREAS this project will have no adverse effect on the local environment or the human condition, and

WHEREAS this project will improve the safety and efficiency of the Railroad's operations, and

WHEREAS this section of the Railroad's line is located in Readington Township, and

WHEREAS there is no cost or obligation to, or on the part of Readington Township,

NOW THEREFORE let it be resolved that Readington Township shall support this track improvement project.

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

9. ***Application for Special Events Permit / Mane Street Inc*** – April 4 to April 6, 2014, 14 Holland Brook Road (Block 53, Lot 5)

Mayor Allen stated this is a request to hold a fundraiser tack sale.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve this special event, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

10. ***Request Permission to Hold 2014 Annual Coin Toss Event Fundraisers –***
Letter dated February 3, 2014 from Bob Spielberger, Whitehouse Rescue Squad
(April 4th and 5th with alternate rain dates April 11th and 12th and September 5th and
6th with alternate rain dates September 12th and 13th)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the request to hold the 2014 Annual Coin Toss, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- * 11. ***Resolution in Recognition of Charlie Wilson Marking his 50th Anniversary of Active Service as a Volunteer Firefighter***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 12. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into Stipulations of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeals Captioned: LR Farms vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 009058-2011 and Lamington River Farms vs. Readington Township, Docket Nos. 003370-2012 and 2309-2013.***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 13. ***Resolution Commending the Hunterdon County Land Trust in their Efforts to Preserve Two Wooded Parcels on Round Mountain***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 14. ***Release of Soil Witness Fees / Block 43, Lot 19 (Soucy)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 15. ***Release of Soil Witness Fees / Block 67, Lot 29 (Drazinakis)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 16. ***Release of Escrow / Block 88, Lot 7 & 7.01 (Broad Street Properties)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 17. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 70, Lot 22.01 (Connor)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 18. ***Blue Light Permit / Andrew Pottorf***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 19. ***Report on Variance Applications (2013)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 20. ***Resolution for Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz stated that she had nothing further to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported that she had drafted a bid package for farm leasing for Mayor Allen to review before providing copies to all the Committee members.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer O'Brien reported Summer Road Section II is a DOT funded project which will be advertised in March and bids would be accepted in April with a proposed start date of June or July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Julia Allen

Mayor Allen stated that she had nothing further to report.

Thomas Auriemma

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

Betty Ann Fort

Mrs. Fort reported that the Whitehouse Mechanicsville application will return before the State for re-consideration on March 13th at 10:00 in Trenton. Mrs. Fort stated that there will be meetings, Thursday, February 20th in the East Whitehouse Fire Department and Wednesday, February 26th in the Municipal Building, for neighbors or residents to address any concerns.

Frank Gatti

Mr. Gatti requested that budget meetings be setup for March.

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir reviewed the monthly construction code report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mrs. Fort commended the Department of Public Works and Police Department on the spectacular job of keeping the roads clean.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 9:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Muir with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA
Municipal Clerk