

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – April 21, 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

**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>
Award of Agricultural & Maintenance Lease Bids	Contract Negotiations	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Block 94, Lot 8 &amp; Portion of Block 75, Lot 16.02</li> <li>• Block 94, Lot 8</li> <li>• Block 66, Lots 2 &amp; 3</li> <li>• Block 75, Lot 19.01</li> </ul>		
Transco Pipeline Green Acres Diversion Process	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Fallone Block 32, Lot 12 & Block 34, Lots 10 & 11	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
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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 7:48 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

***Contract Negotiations / Award of Agricultural & Maintenance Lease Bids***

- ***(Block 94, Lot 8 and Portion of Block 75, Lot 16.02)***
- ***(Block 94, Lot 8)***
- ***(Block 66, Lots 2 & 3)***
- ***(Block 75, Lot 19.01)***

Mayor Allen recused herself from this matter.

Mr. Gatti stated that these are agricultural leases for four (4) properties throughout the Township that recently went out to bid. Mr. Gatti continued that as part of the bidding process there is a required 5% bid bond; and although the only bidder failed to submit the bond at the time of the bid, the contract could be awarded contingent upon receiving the bid bond, allowing the bidder sufficient time to move forward with the planting season.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2014-44***

***READINGTON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, the Township of Readington ("Township") adopted Resolution #2014-41 on March 17, 2014 authorizing the solicitation of sealed bids for agricultural leases for a term of three (3) years, with an option to extend for one two (2) year term, on the following portions of properties (hereinafter "Properties") which were recommended by the Township's Open Space Committee as suitable for leasing as they are not otherwise needed for public use, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-14;

***Lease #1:*** (35+/- acres)

- A. 25+/- ac. portion of Block 94, Lot 8, north of the unnamed stream and wooded area, south of Summer Road (formerly Toll)
- B. 10+/- ac. portion of Block 75, Lot 16.02 (western half, adjacent to Lot 15 to the west)

***Lease #2:*** (80+/- acres- corrected)

Portion of Block 94, Lot 8 south of the unnamed stream and wooded areas, north of Block 94, Lot 11 and U.S. Hwy 202

***Lease #3:*** (40+/- acres)

- a. 30+/- ac. non-wooded portion of Block 66, Lot 2
- b. Block 66, Lot 3 (10+/- ac.)

***Lease #4:*** (13+/- acres)

Open Field portions of Block 75, Lot 19.01; and

**Resolution #R-2014-44 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, the bids were duly advertised and on April 16, 2014, the date set for bid opening, the Township Clerk received one (1) bid on each on the above farms, all of which were submitted by Profeta Farms, LLC and each of which exceeded the Township's minimum price per acre of \$40.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the bidder met all the conditions required by the bid instructions, except that it failed to provide the required 5% bond check for each farm at the time of the bidding opening, but advised the Township Administrator/Clerk that it was and is ready, willing and able to provide the bond checks and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is willing to waive the due date for payment of the bonds and allow them to be submitted upon award for the following reasons:

- a. the bidder is the only one who submitted bids;
- b. the bidder's bids were higher than the Township's required minimum;
- c. the Township's bid instructions permit the Township Committee to waive informalities and award the bid in the best interests of the Township;
- d. postponing the bids and re-advertising at this point may cause a delay in the planting season, which will be detrimental to the best interests of the Township as the properties may not be farmed and the Township will miss an economic opportunity; and
- e. the bidder is ready, willing and able to submit the bond checks and but for the check submission, meets all the bid requirements and conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Township Committee hereby awards farm leases to Profeta Farms, LLC for a three (3) year term, with an option to extend for one two (2) year term, on each of the following properties, in the amounts set forth below:

(I) Lease #1: (35+/- acres)

- a. 25+/- ac. portion of Block 94, Lot 8, north of the unnamed stream and wooded area, south of Summer Road (formerly Toll)
- b. 10+/- ac. portion of Block 75, Lot 16.02 (western half, adjacent to Lot 15 to the west)

Amount bid for three year lease: \$4,305.00 (\$41.00 p/acre)

(II) Lease #2: (80+/- acres)

Portion of Block 94, Lot 8 south of the unnamed stream and wooded areas, north of Block 94, Lot 11 and U.S. Hwy 202

Amount bid for three year lease: \$9,840.00 (\$41.00 p/acre)

(III) Lease #3: (40+/- acres)

- a. 30+/- ac. non-wooded portion of Block 66, Lot 2
- b. Block 66, Lot 3 (10+/- ac.)

Amount bid for three year lease: \$4,920.00(\$41.00 p/acre)

(IV) Lease #4(13+/- acres)

Open Field portions of Block 75, Lot 19.01

Amount bid for three year lease: \$1,599.00 (\$41.00 p/acre)

**Resolution #R-2014-44 cont'd:**

2. The Township Committee's award of the above leases is conditioned on the Bidder submitting a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the three year bid amount for each of the above farm properties immediately upon receipt of notification conditions set forth and in accordance with the bid package.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, 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	- Abstain

**Contract Negotiations / Transco Pipeline / Green Acres Diversion Process**

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Contract Negotiations / Fallone / Block 32, Lot 12 & Block 34, Lots 10 & 11**

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize an appraisal to be done on the properties, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call 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 / April 7, 2014**

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 7, 2014 for content only, seconded by Mr. Gatti 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 April 7, 2014
  
- \* 2. **2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application Resolution**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-45**

**2013 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs, and to continue and expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Director of Public Works/Municipal Recycling Coordinator Scott Jesseman to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

\* 3. **Tax Identification Statement Resolution**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-46**

**TAX IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L. 2007, chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage a local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility.

**WHEREAS**, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant monies received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program.

**Resolution #R-2014-46 cont'd:**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township of Readington that the Township of Readington hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, chapter 311, in 2013 in the amount of \$14,924.79. Documentation supporting this submission is available at Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, 08889 and shall be maintained for no less than five years from the date.

Tax Identification Statement certified by : *Thomas J. Carro*

Name of Official: Thomas J. Carro  
 Title of Official: Chief Financial Officer  
 Date: April 21, 2014

- \* 4. **Release of Developer Escrow Account / Block 66, Lot 51** (Albrecht, Christina)
- \* 5. **Release of Security Deposits for Leased Hunting Properties**
  - ◆ **Woods and Water Sportsman Club (Block 63, Lot 19 & 64)**
  - ◆ **Pines Rod and Gun Club (Block 94, Lot 8)**
- \* 6. **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	\$ 10,534.25
CURRENT FUND	4-01	\$ 425,337.54
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	4-02	\$ 5,874.71
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 28,149.85
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 46,067.24
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 142,810.98
2012 CAPITAL ORDINANCE	X-12	<u>\$ 2,750.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 661,524.57</b>

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

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

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

There were none.

**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 AMENDING THE CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AND UNDERSIZED LOT SETBACK STANDARDS***

***Ordinance #08-2014***

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

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 Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AND UNDERSIZED LOT SETBACK STANDARDS***

***Ordinance #08-2014***

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PERMIT DEER FENCING***

***ORDINANCE # 09-2014***

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

Mrs. Muir commented on “permanent” fences.

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PERMIT DEER FENCING***

***ORDINANCE # 09-2014***

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO PERMIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING***

***ORDINANCE # 10-2014***

Mayor Allen stated that this ordinance will be adjusting the administrative fees for Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) services provided by the Township.

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

Mr. Gatti commented that these recommended fees came as a direct result of a discussion with the Social Services Director to offset the costs incurred by the Township for COAH requirements.

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

John Broten, 22 Dogwood Drive, inquired about the history of the COAH fees.

***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 CHAPTER 137 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO PERMIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING***

***ORDINANCE # 10-2014***

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

Clerk read by Title:

***BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, APPROPRIATING \$2,532,300 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,405,685 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

***ORDINANCE # 11-2014***

Mayor Allen stated that last year the Township of Readington did not adopt a capital improvement ordinance and this ordinance for 2014 will cover the necessary projects listed in the ordinance. Mayor Allen briefly summarized the proposed projects.

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

There were none.

Wayne Borella, 110 Foothill Road, asked for an update on the paving of Foothill Road.

Tim Apgar, Chief of Chiefs, thanked Administrator Mekovetz and the Committee for their support.

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

***BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, APPROPRIATING \$2,532,300 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,405,685 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

***ORDINANCE # 11-2014***

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

***CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION***

1. Notice of Public Hearing dated April 3, 2014 from Steven P. Gouin, Esq., Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, PC regarding the ***Application for "Use" and other variance relief submitted to the Board by 110-112 Mains Street, LLC (Block 34, Lot 5)***. No action taken. No action taken.
2. Notice to Public Service Electric and Gas Customers from Malley Becker, Esq. Assistant General Regulatory Counsel regarding the ***Matter of the petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for approval of electric and gas base rate adjustments pursuant to capital infrastructure investment program extension***. No action taken. No action taken.

3. Letter dated March 31, 2014 from Judith Tutela regarding ***Request for proclamation for “Relay for Life Days of Hunterdon County.”***

Mayor Allen requested that the Committee consider adopting this resolution.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2014-47**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Relay for Life is the signature activity of the American Cancer Society and celebrates cancer survivors and caregivers, remembers loved ones lost to the disease, and empowers individuals and communities to come together to recognize and fight back against cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds raised during Relay for Life of Hunterdon supports the American Cancer Society’s mission of saving lives and creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays – by helping our citizens stay well, by helping our citizens receive the best treatment for cancer, by supporting the search for cures for cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Relay for Life helped fund more than \$150 million in cancer research last year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, do hereby proclaim June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of 2014 as,

**“RELAY FOR LIFE OF HUNTERDON COUNTY DAYS”**

in our community and hereby encourage our citizens to participate in the Relay for Life event at Hunterdon Central High School on June 14<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. Notice to Adjoining Property Owners from Thomas J. Welchman, Esq. Attorney for Applicant regarding ***Preliminary and final site plan approval for the construction of a third building of approximately 14,000 sq. ft. together with associated accessories and any variances that the Planning Board may require.*** No action taken.
5. Memorandum dated April 14, 2014 from Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg regarding ***An ordinance amending the Land Development ordinance of the Township of Branchburg to Permit “Community Residences”, as defined, in all residential zones.*** No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2014 Municipal Budget** – introduction

Mr. Gatti stated that there is a proposed 1¢ rate increase in the 2014 budget; explaining that the major contributors to the increase were 1) the hazardous winter resulting in an increase for snow removal and salt 2) the replacement of police vehicles 3) reinstating operating funds for emergency services and 4) increased capital improvement budget for purposes of road improvements and emergency services equipment.

Mr. Gatti further stated that the result of FEMA monies passing through, both in and out, inflates the numbers on each side of the budget; however, due to FEMA reimbursement that should return to normal in 2015. Mayor Allen added that last year \$600,000 went into the budget as a grant and came out of the budget as an expense and this year \$2,244,603 went in and out of the budget, emphasizing that the budget amount was inflated by that amount although this is not an expenditure. Administrator Mekovetz

pointed out that 90% of the \$3 million appropriated on the clean up during Hurricane Sandy has been reimbursed through FEMA. Mayor Allen reiterated that in 2013 and 2014 the expense of FEMA and the money that flowed through the budget skewed the amount of the budget both years. Mrs. Fort commended all those involved in securing the reimbursement of FEMA funds for the Township.

Mayor Allen summarized that in looking at the budget amounts without the FEMA over the last four years, the increase per year has averaged 1.68% and in most cases, the actual property taxes paid were less in 2013 than in 2009 as a result of all around tight budget from the four taxing entities, in addition to all the homes in Readington Township being reassessed over the past several years.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to introduce the 2014 Municipal Budget, 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 May 19, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

2. ***Request for permission to use Township roads for the NJ Annual Skylands Tour de Cure Cycling Event / June 1<sup>st</sup>*** – letter dated March 27, 2014 from Katy Lids, Manager

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

- \* 3. ***2013 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application Resolution***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 4. ***Tax Identification Statement Resolution***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 5. ***Release of Developer Escrow Account / Block 66, Lot 51*** (Albrecht, Christina)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 6. ***Release of Security Deposits for Leased Hunting Properties***

- ◆ ***Woods and Water Sportsman Club (Block 63, Lot 19 & 64)***
- ◆ ***Pines Rod and Gun Club (Block 94, Lot 8)***

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 stated that she had nothing further to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Julia Allen**

Mayor Allen reported that the Open Space Walk took place April 12<sup>th</sup> on the Cole Road Greenway. Mayor Allen also that added recommendations were made for the diversion process for the Transco pipeline.

**Thomas Auriemma**

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

**Betty Ann Fort**

Mrs. Fort reported that road department is in transition from winter to summer, working on the fields and concession stands.

Mrs. Fort reported that the Museums will begin the 5<sup>th</sup> grade program on Wednesday. Mrs. Fort also announced that there will be a barn dance on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Frank Gatti**

Mr. Gatti stated there is an opportunity to call the 2005 bond by not extending the term and reducing the rate, resulting in \$400,00-500,000 savings for taxpayers. Mr. Gatti stated that a refunding resolution and bond ordinance would be necessary to move forward and has requested the bond counsel to prepare a proposal for review at the next meeting.

**Beatrice Muir**

Mrs. Muir updated the Committee on Animal Control.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jay Gallagher, Boy Scout from Troop 186, commented that he was attending a meeting to fill a requirement for a Communications and Citizenship of the Community Badge.

**COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY**

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort at 8:47 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA  
Municipal Clerk