

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – October 6, 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 R. O'Brien

ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
Construction Code	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Department of Public Works..... Teamsters Local Union No. 469	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Parks, Building & Grounds..... Teamsters Local Union No. 469	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Transcontinental Pipeline Co.	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
NJ Highlands Coalition Appeal.	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... • September 15, 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 / Construction Code

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to accept the notice of retirement from Basil Kulick, Plumbing Inspector, effective January 1, 2015 and send him a letter of thanks for his service and authorize Administrator Mekovetz to advertise for his replacement November 1st, 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

Personnel / Department of Public Works

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve for hire Jennifer Fisch for the position of Confidential Secretary at an annual salary of \$39,000 for a 40 hour week, starting in December on a part-time basis and full time effective January 1, 2015, 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

Contract Negotiations / Department of Public Works / Teamsters Local Union No. 469

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize Administrator Mekovetz to commence negotiations, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations / Parks, Building & Grounds / Teamsters Local Union No. 469

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize Administrator Mekovetz to commence negotiations, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations / Transcontinental Pipeline Co., LLC

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a letter accepting the \$522,000 offer for the land designated as Green Acres to cover the cost of replacement land and trees, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations / NJ Highlands Coalition Appeal

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-93

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has learned that litigation has been filed in the New Jersey Appellate Division by the Eastern Environmental Law Center ("EELC") on behalf of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition, appealing the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's July 1, NJPDES wastewater discharge permit NJ0102563 to Bellemead Development Corp. ("Appeal"); and

WHEREAS, EELC is willing to represent the Township of Readington as a co-appellant in the Appeal and has presented a professional services contract to the Township for such purpose for a legal fee of \$1,000.00, plus costs (which are proposed to be divided between/among the appellants); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to participate in the Appeal as an appellant as provided by the contract, which is on file with the Township Clerk;

WHEREAS, the funding for the Township's participation in the Appeal is proposed to come from the Township Environmental Commission's budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Committee as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby agrees to join in the aforementioned Appeal filed by the EELC on behalf of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition; and
2. Approves the agreement with EELC in the amount of \$1,000.00, plus costs as set forth in the contract on file with the Township Clerk and authorizes the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Township Administrator/Clerk to enter into same on behalf of the Township Committee and to sign any other necessary paperwork to accomplish same.
3. Funding for the legal services provided by EELC and costs per the agreement shall come from the budget of the Readington Township Environmental Commission.
4. 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

Contract Negotiations / Sewer Agreement / Block 32, Lot 9 (Cunha)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Sewer Agreement, 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

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / September 15, 2014

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 15, 2014 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Muir 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.

Mayor Allen stated the following matter was added to Executive Session:

Litigation / 388 Route 22 Readington Holdings LLC

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 September 15, 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 42, Lot 11.01 and,

Tax Lien Resolution cont'd:

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 \$15,687.77, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$28,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2013-015, to the lienholder, US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III, LLC.

* 3. **Tax Lien Redemption**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 17, Lot 3 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 \$17,571.16, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$17,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2013-002, to the lienholder, US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III, LLC.

* 4. **Tax Refund**

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:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
64/18.14	Gregory A. LaTorre	Duplicate Payment	\$3,860.60

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

* 5. **Tax Refund**

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:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>2013</u> 11/10 Q0042	Bellemead Dev. Corp.	Overpayment	\$4,635.87

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

* 6. **Tax Refund**

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:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>2014</u> 75/27	Heavenly Hollow, LLC	Overpayment	\$ 952.14

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

* 7. **Resolution Declaring November 2014 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month”**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-94

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER "PANCREATIC
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

WHEREAS, in 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020;

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

Resolution #R-2014-94 cont'd:

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS, approximately 1220 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2014;

WHEREAS, the *Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act* was signed into law in 2012, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Readington Township and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Readington Township support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Readington Township are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; therefore be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington designate the month of November 2014 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Readington Township.

* 8. **Resolution in Recognition of Dominic Lawrence Vastano Attaining Eagle Scout**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-95

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Dominic Lawrence Vastano a valued member of his Boy Scout Troop, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Candidate Dominic Lawrence Vastano's Eagle Project was to re-landscape the front of Readington Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Dominic planned and managed a crew of twenty six (26) volunteers, contributing 234 hours of service to remove overgrown plants and replace them with lower maintenance plants, providing new landscaping including an island with flowers and trees and bordering the sidewalk with flowering plants to create an inviting entrance; and

WHEREAS, Readington Township is thankful for the enhancement of the landscaping of Readington Middle School which will be enjoyed by residents, students and parents for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle Scout is the highest rank of recognition offered in Scouting; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2014 Dominic Lawrence Vastano will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

Resolution #R-2014-95 cont'd:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Dominic Lawrence Vastano for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

* 9. **Amended Resolution for Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-96

**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

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

NOW, THEREFORE 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 2015 in the amount of:

<i>DEDR</i>	<i>31,844</i>
<i>Cash Match</i>	<i>7,961</i>
<i>In-Kind</i>	<i>23,883</i>

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

* 10. **Release of Escrow Fees** (CVS Corporation)

* 11. **Release of Escrow Fees** (T-Mobile / Omnipoint)

* 12. **Release of Police Escrow Fees** (J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc)

* 11. **Release of Soil Witness Fees** (Patricia Marshall / Block 74, Lot 4.03)

* 13. **Release of Board of Health Fees** (Richard Allen / Block 55, Lot 12)

- * 14. **Permit Fee Refund** (Block 59, Lot 1 / 511 Stanton Station Road)
- * 15. **Blue Light Permit** (T. Craig Allen Jr.)
- * 16. **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	4-01	\$ 867,081.86
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	4-02	\$ 100,851.08
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 147,017.99
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 232,300.75
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 143,023.14
REG. & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$2,417,949.00
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 2,997.00
CAPITAL	X-14	<u>\$ 122,598.93</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$4,033,819.75

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 Section 148-54 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Nonconforming Lots, Structures and Uses

◆ **Ordinance #18-2014**

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 Mrs. Muir 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 Section 148-54 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Nonconforming Lots, Structures and Uses

◆ ***Ordinance #18-2014***

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gatti 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 Bond Ordinance #22-2005 and Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$400,00 for Various Sewer Improvements in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey and Authorizing the Issuance of \$400,300 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost thereof

◆ ***Ordinance #19-2014***

Administrator Mekovetz explained that in the 2005 bond ordinance there were six slated improvement projects, four of which were completed; however, the cost to complete those projects exceeded the estimate, depleting the funding in the ordinance. Administrator Mekovetz continued that this ordinance is an amendment to the #22-2005 bond ordinance in order to cover the additional cost to complete the remaining projects.

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. Gatti 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 Bond Ordinance #22-2005 and Providing a Supplemental Appropriation of \$400,00 for Various Sewer Improvements in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey and Authorizing the Issuance of \$400,300 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost thereof

◆ ***Ordinance #19-2014***

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

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Memorandum dated September 10, 2014 from Robert Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Township of Tewksbury regarding the following:
 - ***An Ordinance of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey to Amend and Supplement the Township of Tewksbury Development Regulations Ordinance, Specifically Article II, “Purposes” to Add New Subsection “U”; Article III, “Definitions” to Add New Definitions to Section 301, “Words and Terms Defined”; and Article VII, “Zoning Provisions” to Add “Solar or Photovoltaic Energy Facilities and Structures “as a New Category in the Permitted Accessory Uses for the Lamington District, Farmland Preservation District, Piedmont District, R-1.5 Residential District, South Oldwick Residential District, Village Resident District, Village Residential V-1 District, Village Business District, Village Office District, Research Office/Mixed Use District, and Mining District; and to Supplement § 725 “Prohibited Uses” with a New Category to Prohibit Solar or Photovoltaic Energy Systems Designed to Produce for Off-Site Energy Power Consumption; and to Modify Section 726, “Additional Accessory Use Provisions” with New Subsection ‘C’ to be Entitled “Solar or Photovoltaic Energy Systems” Setting Forth Specific Zoning and Regulatory Standards for Said Accessory Uses***
 - ***An Ordinance of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey to Amend and Supplement Article VII, Section 726 with New Subsection ‘B’ to be Entitled “Small Wind Energy Systems” of the Township of Tewksbury Development Regulations Ordinance Establishing Small Wind Energy Systems as a Permitted Accessory Use within Certain Districts of the Township.***
No action taken.
2. Notice of Public Meeting from Vita Mekovetz, Township Administrator / Municipal Clerk, Township of Readington regarding ***Green Acres Diversion Process***. No action taken.
3. Public Notice from Veronique Hakim, Executive Director, NJ Transit Corporation regarding ***Fiscal Year 2014 Request for Federal Assistance***. No action taken.
4. Public Hearing Notice from New Jersey Transit regarding ***Gathering Information and Receiving Comments from Interested Parties Concerning Programs Developed Pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act***. No action taken.
5. Letter from Lou Cattuna, Supervisor, Division of Land Use Regulation, NJDEP regarding ***Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation – Extension, Bellemead Development Corp (Block 2.01, Lot 11, Block 2.01, Lot 9.01)***. No action taken.
6. Resolution from Judith Allen, Municipal Clerk, Delaware Township regarding ***Objection to Design and Construction of a 30-inch pipeline passing through and under Delaware Township***. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ***Place to Place Transfer (Including Expansion of Premises) Club License / Whitehouse American Legion Post 284***

Mayor Allen stated that this matter was discussed at the previous meeting and the Committee had requested some additional information before taking any action.

Daniel Dorf, Commander of Whitehouse American Legion, appeared before the Committee explaining that the intention of the fenced in patio area is to offer members of the club a place to smoke, since smoking inside is prohibited. Mr. Dorf added that they had previously approached neighboring residents to let them know that the American Legion wanted to install the patio area and would not have moved forward without their approval. Mr. Dorf also addressed some of the concerns of the Committee by briefly outlining the nature of the use and the hours of operation of the American Legion.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-97

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

RESOLUTION FOR PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER- EXTENSION OF PREMISES

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a place-to-place transfer of Whitehouse American Legion Post #284 Club License (No. 1022-31-010-001), for the purpose of expanding the premises under license wherein the sale, service and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfers fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee does hereby approve, effective October 6, 2014, the expansion of the aforesaid Club Licensed premises located at 1 Ridge Road, 08889, Readington Township, New Jersey to place under license the area delineated in the application form and sketch of the licensed premises attached thereto.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma 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

2. ***Request to Install Storage Shed at 287 Mountain Road*** – letter dated August 24, 2014 from Mike Ferreby, Turnkey Enterprises

Administrator Mekovetz stated that after this matter was the agenda the last time it was brought to her attention that there was a donation that was being made to the Whitehouse Rescue Squad. Administrator Mekovetz further stated that the current vendor, AmVets had contacted her and therefore she asked the Committee to consider the following requests 1) should there still be clothing bins on the Department of Public Works property, 2) should Turnkey Enterprises replace the previous vendor Amvets and, 3) who should be receiving the revenue generated from clothing bins. Mrs. Fort suggested allowing AmVets to remain on the site until the end of the year in addition to continue the revenue stream to the Whitehouse Rescue Squad. Mrs. Fort then proposed that Turnkey could replace the bins at the beginning of the year and the revenue would go to the Township until it is decided how it will be dispersed.

Jeff Herzog, Whitehouse Rescue Squad, appeared before the Committee to provide a brief history of the clothing bins and the donation revenue generated from them. Mr. Herzog expressed a desire to continue receiving the revenue to offset the funding of the ambulance replacement for the Whitehouse Rescue Squad.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma to retain Turnkey Enterprises as the new clothing bin vendor effective January 1, 2015, 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

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Request to Hold 60 Years Supermarket / 25 Years Shopping Plaza Anniversary on October 18, 2014 - Bishop & Bishop Lands***

Mayor Allen stated that there was a request for a special events permit to include outdoor beer tasting, raising questions with Detective HooFatt who pointed that the tasting could only be granted for the inside of the licensed premises based on their “44” license.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Special Events Permit with the condition as per Detective HooFatt’s memo to grant the beer tasting *inside the licensed premises only*, 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

2. ***Request to Hold Antique Auction / RSL Auction on October 10th through October 13th (2014)***

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Application for Special Events Permit for the dates October 10th through the 13th, 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

3. ***Place to Place Transfer (Including Expansion of Premises) Plenary Retail Consumption License / Ryland Inn***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-98

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION FOR PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed by Ryland Manor, LLC for a place-to-place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1022-33-006-009, for the purpose of expanding the premises under license wherein the sale, service and storage of alcoholic beverages are authorized; and

Resolution #R-2014-98 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the area of the premises to be expanded is identified in Licensee's application as Building No. 6 and includes the addition of a catering hall and the outside area adjacent to Building No. 6, as delineated in the application form and on the sketch of the licensed premises attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, Building No. 8 was licensed in error by Resolution #R-2012-37 since it does not exist at this time; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Building No. 8 originally approved by Resolution #R-2012-37 is hereby de-licensed and will require a place-to-place transfer (expansion of premises) application if built at a later time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Township of Readington does hereby approve, effective October 6, 2014, Licensee's application for the expansion of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License premises located at 111 Old Highway 28, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889 which adds to the licensed premises, the catering hall that has been made part of Building No. 6 and the outside area adjacent to the building, as delineated in the application form and the sketch attached thereto and made a part thereof.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort 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

4. **Best Practices Checklist CY 2014/SFY2015**

Administrator Mekovetz explained that this is a requirement on the part of the Division of Local Government Services to determine how much of each municipality's final 5% allocation of CMPTRA and ETR will be, based on the results of the inventory. Administrator Mekovetz stated that the Township scored in the "no penalty percentage" therefore will receive the total amount of the 5% aid disbursement.

* 5. **Resolution Declaring November 2014 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 6. **Resolution in Recognition of Dominic Lawrence Vastano Attaining Eagle Scout**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 7. **Amended Resolution for Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 8. **Release of Escrow Fees (CVS Corporation)**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 9. **Release of Escrow Fees** (T-Mobile / Omnipoint)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 10. **Release of Police Escrow Fees** (J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 11. **Release of Soil Witness Fees** (Patricia Marshall / Block 74, Lot 4.03)

- * 12. **Release of Board of Health Fees** (Richard Allen / Block 55, Lot 12)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 13. **Permit Fee Refund** (Block 59, Lot 1 / 511 Stanton Station Road)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 14. **Blue Light Permit** (T. Craig Allen Jr.)

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 been requested to draft an ordinance to accept the 50% donation of the Bertrand property.

The following ordinance was offered for consideration:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A 50% FEE SIMPLE INTEREST IN PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 45, LOT 26.07 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON VIA DONATION BY DEAN M. BERTRAND, TRUSTEE

ORDINANCE #20-2014

WHEREAS, by deed dated July 13, 2001, the Township of Readington acquired a conservation easement on a 7+/- ac. property known as Block 45, Lot 26.07 in the Township of Readington (hereinafter the "Property"), from Trent J. Bertrand, Executor/Trustee et al, Dean M. Bertrand, Trustee and Beverly A.L. Bertrand, Trustee; and

WHEREAS, the Property is owned 50% by Trent J. Bertrand, 25% by the Dean M. Bertrand Revocable Trust dated December 5, 1994 and 25% by the Beverly A.L. Bertrand Family Trust (formerly the Beverly A.L. Bertrand Revocable Trust dated December 5, 1994); and

WHEREAS, Beverly A.L. Bertrand has since passed away and the Township has been notified by Dean M. Bertrand, her surviving spouse and Trustee of the above-referenced trusts, that she wished to donate her trust's 25% remaining interest in the Property to the Township and that he wishes to donate his trust's 25% remaining interest as well, so that the Township will have a 50% fee simple interest in the property.

WHEREAS, the Property is adjacent to Block 45, Lot 26.06 which the Township previously purchased for open space and conservation purposes; and

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WHEREAS, the Deed of Conservation Easement for Block 45, Lot 26.07 contained language permitting the Township a right of first refusal of the Property under certain circumstances in the future; and;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee is willing to accept the donation as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized to acquire interests in Property for public purposes, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq. and any other applicable law; and

NOW, THERE 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 agrees to acquire and accept the donation of a 50% fee simple interest in the lands known as Block 45, Lot 26.07 on the official tax map of the Township of Readington from Dean M. Bertrand Trustee of both the Beverly A.L. Bertrand Family Trust and the Dean M. Bertrand Revocable Trust dated December 5, 1994.

SECTION 2. On behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as appropriate, are authorized to prepare and execute any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the acceptance of the aforementioned 50% fee simple interest in the Property from the owners.

SECTION 3. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged 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 and upon recording the deed.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to introduce this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call role:

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for October 20, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

Attorney Dragan also reported that the Township closed on the affordable housing unit.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer O'Brien reported that he looked into the striping on Summer Road, Section II after a resident complaint and determined that it is not required based on the number of vehicles traveling on the road.

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 Department of Public Works will begin work on Foothill Road next week.

Mrs. Fort reported there was a break-in at the Cole Brook School Museum although no damage was done. Mrs. Fort announced that on October 18th there will be a barn dance at the Bouman Stickney barn.

Mrs. Fort also reported that the Department of Public Works completed the demolition on the sidewalk on Main Street by Dr. Suchow's office.

Frank Gatti

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

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir updated the Committee of the status of construction code.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort at 8:55 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