

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – April 20, 2015**

Mayor Fort *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 B. Fort, Deputy Mayor T. Auriemma, Mr. J. Broten, Mrs. M. Duffy
Mr. S. Tropello

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

<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		
PBA	Contract Negotiations.....	“	“	“
Lease Agreement / Friends of Dog Park	Contract Negotiations.....	“	“	“
Renewal of Franchise / Comcast.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“	“	“
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“	“	“
• February 23, 2015				
• April 6, 2015				
Council on Affordable Housing.....	Potential Litigation.....	“	“	“
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; 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 Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Construction Code

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to appoint Benjamin Farneski as Plumbing Sub-Code Official at a rate of \$35 per hour for twenty-five (25) hours per week, seconded by Mr. Broten and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Auriemma	- Aye
Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	- Aye
Mayor Fort	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / PBA / Local No. 317

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Lease Agreement / Friends of Dog Park

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Renewal of Franchise / Comcast

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to appoint a sub-committee to begin negotiations with Comcast, seconded by Mr. Tropello with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / February 23, 2015

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Broten to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 23, 2015 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / April 6, 2015

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 6, 2015 for content only, seconded by Mr. Tropello with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Potential Litigation / Council of Affordable Housing

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to ratify a sub-committee consisting of Elizabeth Duffy and John Broten from the Township Committee and Mary Grace Flynn, Ron Monaco and Julia Allen from the Planning Board and Sewer Advisory Committee, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Boten to authorize Administrator Mekovetz to solicit proposals for legal counsel to develop the approach for a Declaratory Judgement Action, seconded by Mrs. Duffy 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 67, Lot 2

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Fort 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.

Mr. Tropello requested to remove Item #17 under New Business from the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. **Approval of Minutes** of meeting of February 23, 2015 and April 6, 2015
- * 2. **Tax Lien Redemptions**

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 68, Lot 10.15 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 \$47,286.42, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$21,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2012-012, to the lienholder, Ridgeback Ventures, LLC.

- * 3. **Tax Lien Redemptions**

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 72, Lot 34.10 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 \$60,441.23, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$108,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2013-019, to the lienholder, US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III, LLC.

* 4. ***Tax Lien Redemptions***

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 83, Lot 11 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 \$1,004.93, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$1,300.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2014-018, to the lienholder, FWDSL & Associates, LP.

* 5. ***Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase*** (Drainage Pipe)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-41

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase drainage pipe from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Chemung Supply Corporation, P.O. Box 527, Elmira, New York 14902 has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No. #7 for drainage pipe for the period one (1) year, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available, not to exceed \$65,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Chemung Supply Corporation be awarded a contract for drainage pipe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

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

- * 6. **Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase** (Catch Basins and Manhole castings)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-42

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase catch basins and manhole castings from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12*; and

WHEREAS, General Foundries, Inc., 1 Progress Road, North Brunswick, NJ, 08902, has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No. #14 for catch basins and manhole casting, for the period one (1) year, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available, not to exceed \$65,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that General Foundries, Inc. be awarded a contract for catch basins and manhole castings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

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

- * 7. **Resolution Authorizing State Contract Purchase** (Single Axle Dump Truck)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-43

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase a single axle municipal dump truck, 2015 model year or newer, from an authorized vendor through a Hunterdon County Cooperative Bid; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12*; and

WHEREAS, Brown Truck Group, 963 Route 173, PO Box 98, Bloomsbury, NJ, 08804 has been awarded a County Cooperative Contract to furnish and deliver a 2015 or newer, Mack Granite MHD GU432 with Municipal Dump and associated equipment for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the purchase of a single axle dump truck, 2015 model, is expected not to exceed \$172,000.; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

Resolution #R-2015-43 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Brown Truck Group be awarded a contract for a Mack Granite MHD GU432 truck, 2015 model year or newer, with municipal dump and associated equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

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

- * 8. **Resolution to Establish Change Funds for Department of Public Works and Township Clerk/Animal Control**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-44

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CHANGE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Department of Public Works and Township Clerk/Animal Control License Official are in need of change funds in the amount of \$100.00 each; and

WHEREAS, said change funds would be sufficient to allow for change to be given when Public Works fees and Clerk/Animal control fees and licenses are being paid with cash, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to establish two change funds in the amount of \$100.00 each for the purpose of making change for the above listed departments.

- * 9. **Blue Light Permits**
 - ◆ Tyler Young
 - ◆ Matthew O'Neill
 - ◆ Henry Lee

- * 10. **Release of Board of Health Escrow** (Block 64, Lot 24.10 / 3 Harvest Row)

- * 11. **2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application Resolution**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-45

2014 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

Resolution #R-2015-45 cont'd:

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 2014 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.

* 12. **Tax Identification Statement Resolution**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-46

**RESOLUTION
TAX IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT**

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.

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 2014 in the amount of \$14,614.71. 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.

Resolution #R-2015-46 cont'd:

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

Name of Official: Thomas J. Carro
 Title of Official: Chief Financial Officer
 Date: April 16, 2015

- * 13. **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	\$ 3,643.01
CURRENT FUND	5-01	\$ 390,112.79
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	5-02	\$ 1,252.59
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 15,498.63
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 271,258.13
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 138,141.83
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 150.00
CAPITAL	X-10	\$ 5,070.00
CAPITAL	X-14	<u>\$ 67.50</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 825,194.48

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Broten to approve the Consent Agenda with Item #17 removed under New Business, seconded by Mr. Tropello and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Auriemma - Aye
 Mr. Broten - Aye
 Mrs. Duffy -Aye
 Mr. Tropello - Aye
 Mayor Fort - Aye

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

Donald Baldwin, Morning Star Road, commented on the long term indebtedness of the bond ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Letter dated March 2015 from Robert Auth, Assemblyman, NJ General Assembly regarding **Resolution in Support of Bill A4235, the “Transparent Tax Act of 2015.”**

Mr. Broten requested clarification of the impact of this to the Township Tax Collector and further consideration of adopting a resolution in support of this act.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-47

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSPARENT TAX ACT OF 2015**

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. A-4325 supplementing chapter 4 of Title 54, R.S.54:4-65 and designated the "Transparent Tax Act of 2015" is being considered for adoption by the New Jersey State Assembly; and,

Resolution #R-2015-47 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the amendment would permit the local jurisdiction to print separate tax bills to each taxpayer, one showing the amount of property taxes due and payable for municipal tax purposes, the other shall state the amount of property taxes due and payable for county purposes, school purposes, fire district purposes, and for the purposes of any other special district on behalf of which the municipality collects property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, both bills shall include a brief tabulation showing the distribution of the total amount to be raised by taxes; and,

WHEREAS, A-4325 would require the municipal tax collector to send notice of the pro rata share, if any, of the property tax appeal refunds paid by the municipality during the tax year to the county, school districts, and fire districts for inclusion in their annual budgets;

WHEREAS, in the following tax year in which the refunds were paid, the municipal tax collector is then required to deduct the applicable pro rata share of the property tax refund from the amounts to be paid to the county, and each school and fire district; and,

WHEREAS, these amendments, if adopted, will assist the general public to understand the tax bill, the structure of the taxes, and the level of support for each agency, and will further provide a more equitable structure to share the obligation of paying approved tax appeals as the title states, creates transparency in the tax supporting local assessments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, hereby supports Assembly Bill A-4235 amending Title 54:4-65 and urges the Legislature to approve and pass the bill for the reasons expressed herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the NJ State Assembly, the members of the NJ Senate, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, and all Hunterdon County municipalities.

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

2. Public Notice from Ernest Renda, Esq. regarding ***Applicant, Plaza 22 Corporation applying to the Readington Township Board of Adjustment for relief regarding Block 36, Lot 65.*** No action taken.
3. Letter dated March 31, 2015 from Frank Simpson, Director of Rates and Regulations, NJ American Water Company regarding ***The Matter of the Petition of NJ-American Water Company, Inc. for Approval of Increased Tariff Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Service; Change in Depreciation Rates and Other Tariff Modifications.*** No action taken.
4. Memorandum dated April 14, 2015 from Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg regarding ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Adding an "LD/C2" Zone and Providing for Regulations in that Zone.*** No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$2,400,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,280,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost thereof***

Mr. Broten stated that although he is in support to this ordinance he is also cognizant of the additional debt to the Township. Mayor Fort stated that the debt has been decreasing but at the same time the Township’s infrastructure must be maintained.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,400,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,280,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE #04-2015

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$2,400,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$120,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,280,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Improvements to various roads, all as set forth on a list on file in the Office of the Clerk, and guide rail replacement, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$1,386,474	\$1,317,150	10 years
b) The acquisition of a dump truck with plow and spreader and a skid steer, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$269,906	\$256,411	5 years

c) The replacement of the roof at the Police Station, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto and further including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$44,066	\$41,863	20 years	
d) The replacement of the controller of the HVAC Building Management System, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$11,017	\$10,466	5 years	
e) The acquisition of a rescue unit for the Whitehouse Rescue Squad, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	<u>\$688,537</u>	<u>\$654,110</u>	5 years	
TOTAL:	<u>\$2,400,000</u>	<u>\$2,280,000</u>		

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 8.16 years.

Ordinance #04-2015 cont'd:

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,280,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$221,467 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Duffy to adopt this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Tropello and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Auriemma	- Aye
Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	- Aye
Mayor Fort	- Aye

The Public Hearing was scheduled for May 4, 2015 at 7:45 p.m.

2. ***Request to Adopt an Ordinance to Modestly Enlarge the “B” Zone While Remaining Substantially Consistent with the Land Use Plan Element (Walmart Store, Block 14, Lot 49)*** – letter dated April 9, 2015 from J. David Ramsey, Becker & Poliakoff, LLP

Mayor Fort stated that the normal protocol is to send this matter to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation to the Township Committee. Attorney Dragan added that a decision would also need to be made whether or not this would be done through a re-examination of the master plan.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Broten to refer this matter to the Planning Board for review and recommendation at the next Planning Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Tropello with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

3. ***Request to Obtain a Rezoning for Block 36, Lots 5, 5.02 and 5.04 (Interstate Ironworks Site) for an Inclusionary Development*** – letter dated April 13, 2015 from Robert A. Kasuba, Bisgaier Hoff

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to refer this matter to the Planning Board for review and recommendation, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. ***Request to Hold Coin Toss Fundraiser*** – letter dated March 16, 2015 from Laurene Fleming, Whitehouse Rescue Squad

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Tropello to approve the Coin Toss Fundraiser, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

5. ***Request to Use Township Roads to Conduct Individual Time Trial Bicycling Event*** – letter dated February 5, 2015 from Brian Rosenblatt, Team Somerset Cycling Organizer

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the use of the Township roads to conduct the time trial cycling event, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

6. ***Request to Sponsor Three Bridges 5 Mile Run*** – letter dated March 5, 2015 from Dennis Concannon, Chief Three Bridges Fire Company

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Three Bridges 5 Mile Run, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

7. ***Request to Use Township Road for Annual NJ Tour de Cure Cycling Fundraiser*** – letter dated February 27, 2015 from Krista Fieselmann, Skylands de Cure

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Annual NJ Tour de Cure cycling fundraiser contingent upon recommendations from Detective Rindock, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

8. ***Zoning Permit Application / Annual Buffalo Watch*** (May 16, 2015)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the Zoning Permit Application for the Annual Buffalo Watch Open House and Antique Show, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- * 9. ***Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase*** (Drainage Pipe)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 10. **Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase** (Catch Basins and Manhole castings)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 11. **Resolution Authorizing State Contract Purchase** (Single Axle Dump Truck)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 12. **Resolution to Establish Change Funds for Department of Public Works and Township Clerk/Animal Control**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 13. **Blue Light Permits**
 - ◆ Tyler Young
 - ◆ Matthew O'Neill
 - ◆ Henry Lee

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 14. **Release of Board of Health Escrow** (Block 64, Lot 24.10 / 3 Harvest Row)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 15. **2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application Resolution**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 16. **Tax Identification Statement Resolution**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- 17. **Resolution to Amend the Farmland Land Preservation Plan**

Mr. Tropello requested clarification on whether this would be in the Township or County Farmland Preservation Program. Mrs. Duffy stated that this was addressed at a prior meeting since there was a portion of the Cole Farm that needed to be included in the Agricultural Development Area in order for it to be a part of Cole application; therefore the State has requested that it be included in an amended Farmland Preservation Plan.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2015-48

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Readington Township has amended its Farmland Preservation Plan to identify the 24 acre Cole Farm, known as Block 67 Lot 12, as a Targeted Farm, and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board has approved a request to expand Readington Township's Agricultural Development Area (ADA) to include Block 68 Lot 2 and Lot 14, and Block 67 Lot 12, and

Resolution #R-2015-48 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Agricultural Advisory Committee met on Monday April 13th and voted unanimously to recommend that Readington Township amend its Farmland Preservation Program Project Area to include the existing ADA shown in Block 55 and the new area being added to the ADA in Block 68 Lots 2 and 14, and the Cole farm, known as Block 67 Lot 12, all of which is shown on the attached maps, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Readington Farmland Preservation Program Project Area be amended as recommended by the Agricultural Advisory Committee, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution and attached maps be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Board, and the State Agricultural Development Committee, attention Stephen Bruder.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Duffy to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Auriemma	- Aye
Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	- Nay
Mayor Fort	- Aye

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz requested guidance from the Committee with regard to moving forward with soliciting proposals for a professional consultant for fire equipment.

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Township received state aid for the Potterstown Road in the amount of \$160,000.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thomas Auriemma

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

John Broten

Mr. Broten reported that Transco is beginning to clear the right -of -ways in the Neshanic area.

M. Elizabeth Duffy

Mrs. Duffy reported that the application for available state grants is due April 30th. Mrs. Duffy stated that the Open Space Advisory Board will apply to receive some of these funds for trail grant programs to improve trails and trail facilities.

Betty Ann Fort

Mayor Fort stated that she had nothing further to report.

Samuel Tropello

Mr. Tropello reported that he attended the fire chiefs meeting and they are discussing various ways to save money and increase their funding.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Klotz commented on behalf of the Open Space Advisory Board reminding everyone about the free seedling giveaway.

Bob Schoenfeld, Oldwick Road, commented that he was disappointed that the Committee moved forward with adopting the Farmland Preservation Program resolution.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Fort commented that she wanted to correct erroneous information that she put forward regarding Hunterdon Central Budget and the Readington taxpayers. Mayor Fort continued that Hunterdon Central corrected the numbers; however the Township's portion will not decrease 9¢ per \$100 as originally indicated, instead it will increase 1-2¢ per \$100.

Mayor Fort commented that the Merck property is under contract; however they are under a period of due diligence so the potential buyer will not be identified until the process is completed.

Mayor Fort commented that she wanted to express her surprise and disappointment on the vote of the Municipal Budget introduction at the last meeting.

Mr. Broten responded to Mayor Fort's comments and his reasoning for his vote.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma at 8:41 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Broten with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA
Municipal Clerk