

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – May 18, 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:** Deputy Township Clerk Karin Parker, Attorney S. Dragan

**ABSENT:** Administrator V. Mekovetz

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Recreation.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other Other information will remain confidential
Construction Code.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Professional Services / Tax Attorney..	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• May 4, 2015		
Ryland Developers, LLC.....	Litigation.....	“ “ “
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 7:55 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

***Personnel / Recreation***

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the unpaid summer internship for Jacqueline Villa beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> through September in the Recreation Department, 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

***Personnel / Construction***

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Personnel / Department of Public Works***

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to hire Joseph DeJesso for the position of Department of Public Works laborer at a salary of \$20.16 per hour (subject to change by the upcoming Union agreement), 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 / Professional Services / Tax Attorney***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-56**

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR  
TAX ATTORNEY SERVICES***

***WHEREAS***, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Tax Attorney Services due to a conflict with Readington Township Tax Appeal Attorney as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.5*; and

***WHEREAS***, the term “non-fair and open contract,” for the purposes of the law, refers to a Professional Services Contract awarded to a contractor who has not made a political contribution as described in *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.* or in *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-8, et seq.*; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services may exceed \$17,500; and

**Resolution #R-2015-56 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Denitzio, Jr., Esq. (Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis) has submitted a proposal indicating he will provide Tax Attorney Services at a rate of \$140 per hour for a total amount not to exceed the amount appropriated for this service in the approved/adopted 2015 budget.

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Denitzio, Jr., Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Thomas Denitzio, Jr., Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Readington in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Thomas Denitzio, Jr., Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer's Certification of the availability of funds is on file - *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Thomas Denitzio, Jr., Esq. (Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis) as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said contract shall expire on December 31, 2015; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection; and

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

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Broten 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	- Aye
Mayor Fort	- Aye

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / May 4, 2015***

**A MOTION** was made by Ms. Duffy to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 4, 2015 for content only as amended, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Litigation / Ryland Developers, LLC***

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Potential Litigation / Council of Affordable Housing***

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***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 #4 under New Business* from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Broten also requested to remove from the Consent Agenda the *Approval of Minutes* for an amendment.

- \* 1. ***Request for Release of Escrow (Dias Investments / Block 80, Lot 1, 1069 River Avenue)***
  
- \* 2. ***Resolution in Recognition of William Hamilton Attaining Eagle Scout***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-57**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, William B. Hamilton a valued member of his Boy Scout Troop and resident of Readington Township, 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 William Hamilton’s Eagle Project involved the construction of landscape steps at the Echo Hill Park in Lebanon; and

**WHEREAS**, William’s project included building seven landscape steps and installing a French drain to prevent erosion to two trails that lead down to the small house by the pond; and

**WHEREAS**, William organized and coordinated the project with the crew of 24 people working approximately 250 hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Parks Departments is thankful for the enhancement of the landscape steps allowing an easier and safer access for volunteers and staff; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on May 17, 2015 William B. Hamilton will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout William B. Hamilton 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.

- \* 3. ***Resolution Authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchase (Traffic Signal Maintenance and Repairs)***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-58**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase services for traffic signal maintenance and repairs 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**, Jen Electric, Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield, NJ 07081 has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No. #37 for traffic signal maintenance & repairs for the period two (2) years, July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available, not to exceed \$30,000.00;

**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 Jen Electric, Inc. be awarded a contract for services for traffic signal maintenance and repairs; 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.

- \* 4. ***Resolution Authorizing the Township of Readington Office of Emergency Management to Accept Funds from a Subgrant Award of the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 of Emergency Management Agency Assistance Program Funding and for the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Readington to Amend the Budget and Certify the Availability of Funds***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-59**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington, Office of Emergency Management has been awarded Emergency Management Agency Assistance Subgrant Program (“EMAA”) from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management Agency available for successful applicants funded through the FY2014 Emergency Management Performance Grant for the dates of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subgrant, consisting of a total amount of \$10,000 (including \$5,000 Federal Award and \$5,000 Local Matching Funds) which the Readington Township Office of Emergency Management will satisfy with the Office of Emergency Management’s existing salaries and wages.

**Resolution #R-2015-59 cont'd:**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee that the Mayor of the Township of Readington, the Readington Township Chief Financial Officer and the Readington Township Emergency Management Coordinator are hereby authorized to sign the required Grant Applications/ Subgrant Award Documents with the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution shall be forward to the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management, the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management; the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; the Readington Township Office of Emergency Management, the Mayor, and the Chief Financial Officer.

- \* 5. **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	\$ 8,674.65
CURRENT FUND	5-01	\$ 609,831.48
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	5-02	\$ 68,491.50
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 14,122.52
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 30,544.64
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 173,186.65
CAPITAL	X-10	<u>\$ 5,754.60</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 910,606.04</b>

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of March 25, 2015, March 30, 2015 and May 4, 2015

Mr. Broten requested to amend the minutes of the March 30, 2015 meeting to reflect his absence with the addition of *due to out of town funeral service for a family friend*.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Broten to approve the minutes of the March 25, March 30 and May 4 (*as amended*), seconded by Mr. Auriemma 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

There were none.

**CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION**

- 1. Letter dated May 4, 2015 from Nancy Burgess, Deputy Clerk, Town of Clinton regarding **Resolution in Support of Bill A4235, the “Transparent Tax Act of 2015**. No action taken.

2. Resolution from Lora Olsen, Township Clerk, West Amwell Township regarding ***Support of Bill A4235, the “Transparent Tax Act of 2015.”*** No action taken.
3. Resolution from Christine Dispenza, Township Clerk, Township of Bethlehem regarding ***Support of Bill A4235, the “Transparent Tax Act of 2015.”*** No action taken.
4. Resolution from Lisa Burd Reindel, Borough Clerk, Borough of Bloomsbury regarding ***Support of Bill A4235, the “Transparent Tax Act of 2015.”*** No action taken.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

1. ***Board of Education 2015-16 Budget Presentation***

Dr. Barbara Sargeant, Superintendent of the Readington Board of Education, gave a power point presentation on the proposed 2015-16 school budget. Dr. Sargeant highlighted the budget goals which included 1) maintaining a tax levy without negatively impacting students’ academic experiences 2) balancing class size guidelines with scheduling efficiencies 3) to enrich student’s academics experiences and 4) to continue to implement the district’s strategic plan . Dr. Sargeant also discussed the impact of the declining enrollment.

2. ***Request for Verizon Wireless to Install a Temporary Cell Tower on Site During Festival of Ballooning*** – letter dated April 24, 2015 from Ken Staats, VP of Operations

Mayor Fort stated that this request was approved last year by the Township Committee, and since she was unaware of any problems or complaints, supported this request. Mayor Fort added after a discussion with some pilots who flew in last year, she would like to make a request that during pilot briefings the cell tower be brought to their attention as an added safety measure.

Ken Staats, VP of Operations of the Festival of Ballooning, requested that in light of there being no noise issues with the generator, consideration to run the generator 24 hours a day due to the considerable effort to start the generator every morning. The Committee agreed to the 24 hour operation with the stipulation that the Mayor will have the discretion to cease the operation of the generator in the event there are any complaints from residents.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the request for the temporary cell tower on site during the Festival of Ballooning to operate for 24 hours a day with the same conditions as last year and making pilots aware of the cell tower in pilot briefings, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

3. ***2015-16 Hunting Properties*** – memo dated May 13, recommendation by Open Space Advisory Board

Robert Becker and John Klotz, on behalf of the Open Space Advisory Board, presented the recommendations made by the Open Space Advisory Board. Mr. Becker stated that there are three parameters important to the Open Space Advisory Board which include citizen safety, deer population reduction and revenue enhancement to the Township. Mr. Klotz read the recommendations made to include 1) add several properties to be leased for hunting 2) set minimum bid levels for each parcel 3) require the hunting clubs to report the deer harvest data to the municipality 4) the requirement of taking three does before one buck 5) the township print their own *No Hunting* signs for clubs to purchase

from the Township 6) clubs should be required to post large orange warnings signs urging non-hunters to use caution and wear blaze orange and 7) in the hunting agreements state failure to observe the regulations may results in a hunt club not be allowed to bid in the future.

Mayor Fort stated that it appears many of these regulations are already in place; however there is a lack of enforcement. Mr. Klotz agreed and added that the security deposits should not be returned unless the hunt club has complied with the regulations. Mr. Tropello further added that in addition to compiling the report for the deer harvest data, he recommended a quota for each club depending on the size of the property. Mrs. Duffy maintained that there are individuals hunters in Readington who feel certain parcels should be set aside for Readington residents. Attorney Dragan responded that based on past research, open space paid for by state and county funds cannot be handled in that manner. Mr. Broten proposed reserving the newly added properties to hunt with a per user fee. Mr. Klotz opined that in order to do something like that, a staff would be needed to manage that. Mrs. Duffy suggested forming a subcommittee, inviting hunters with that expertise from the community. Jerry Cook volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to adopt the recommendations made by the Open Space Advisory Board, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recommended:

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

4. ***Resolution Certifying Availability of Funds for Professional Contracts for 2015***

Mr. Tropello stated that most of the professional services fall under line items that have already been approved in the budget; however he expressed concern about how much has been spent to date in each of these categories since he does not want to see repeated what happened last year.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2015-60**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that funds are available for the following professional contracts for the year 2015: (All are provided for in the 2015 municipal budget unless otherwise noted)  
This Resolution replaces the following Resolutions adopted during the Temporary Budget term:

- #2014-108 Animal Control Solutions
- #2015-13 Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, Municipal Auditors
- #2015-14 Sharon Dragan, Esq., Township Attorney
- #2015-15 McManimon and Scotland, Bond Counsel
- #2015-16 Martin Allen, Tax Attorney
- #2015-17 Fischer and Phillips, Labor Attorney
- #2015-18 Wolff & Samson (Jay Rhatican, Esq.)
- #2015-19 Gebhardt and Kiefer, Special Counsel
- #2015-20 Robert Ballard, Prosecutor
- #2015-21 Scott Mitzner, Public Defender
- #2015-22 Anthony Rotunno, Esq., Alt. Public Defender

**Resolution #R-2015-60 cont'd:**

- #2015-23 Hatch Mott McDonald, Township Engineer
- #2015-24 Clarke♦Caton♦Hintz, Professional Planners
- #2015-25 Advanced Engineering Inspections Services
- #2015-26 Princeton Public Affairs Group

Certified by: *Thomas J. Carro, CMFO*

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to adopt this resolution, 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

\* 5. ***Request for Release of Escrow (Dias Investments / Block 80, Lot 1, 1069 River Avenue)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dragan stated she is attending a conference tomorrow for the sewer case.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Thomas Auriemma**

Mr. Auriemma reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**John Broten**

Mr. Broten reported that the Department of Public Works is putting in new drainage on Ridge Road to prepare for the road reclamation project.

Mr. Broten praised the Building and Grounds for the work on the grounds around the building.

Mr. Broten reported a calcium treatment will be going down on Foothill Road in mid-June, weather permitting, to alleviate the dust problems. Mr. Broten stated that he will also follow up with Administrator Mekovetz on the local improvement ordinance for Foothill Road.

**M. Elizabeth Duffy**

Mrs. Duffy stated that she had nothing further to report.

**Betty Ann Fort**

Mayor Fort reported that the Barn dance was held last Saturday night.

Mayor Fort reported that she performed two weddings and attended two Eagle Scout Courts of Honor this past week.

Mayor Fort also reported that she attended a meeting called by Assemblyman Jack Citarelli, Assemblywoman Donna Simon and State Senator Kip Bateman along with other administrators and mayors from all townships in the legislative district to discuss the affordable housing obligations. Mayor Fort continued that Senator Bateman is working on putting together a bill in an attempt get it back from the courts for a legislative solution.

Mayor Fort reported that they met with the prospective purchaser for the Merck property.

**Samuel Tropello**

Mr. Tropello stated that the fire chiefs agreed to meet in an attempt to circumvent hiring a professional consultant to redo a study for long term planning for capital equipment. Mr. Auriemma stated that there are also other issues that must be addressed and agreed to meet with Mr. Tropello and the fire chiefs.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Jim Russell, Whitehouse Avenue, commented on hunting on open space properties and would like to see hunting made available to residents first, especially on the newly added hunting properties.

Bob Schoenfeld, Pulaski Road, commented that helicopters make more noise than jets and that should be taken into consideration for the proposed buyer of the Merck property. Mr. Schoenfeld also commented on the \$22 million bond and requested status on where it currently stands.

Scott Scammel, Dreahook Road, presented a signed petition to the Township Committee to remove Julia Allen from all municipal positions, boards and committee.

Laurie Fischer, Hillcrest Road, commented that since 2006 until present, her taxes have only risen \$175 in eight years and applauded the land use decisions implemented to limit residential growth.

Deborah Stassi, Apple Tree Road, applauded and thanked the Committee for the zoning put into place and protection against the airport expansion.

Donald Baldwin, Morning Star Road, commented on Mayor Fort's recently published letter in the newspaper regarding volunteers. Mr. Baldwin reiterated Mr. Scammel's comments with regard to Julia Allen being removed from all municipal positions.

Randy Yousey, County Road 523, stated that he moved to Readington Township for open space and farmland and supports anyone fighting for this initiative.

Bob Krupnik, Miller Lane, commented on the newly added hunting property and is in agreement with having a subcommittee to look into the hunting properties.

Jerry Cook, Railroad Lane, commented that Readington looks the way it does through careful planning.

Bill Goodwin, Barkelow Road, commented on the assessed values of homes in the township pointing out that that in 2010 homes were reassessed which although it lowered the assessed value of a home, should not be confused with a market property value.

Dennis Gudz, Judge Thompson Road, applauded the Township Committee and Julia Allen for preserving the open space.

Sandra Rosenberg, Clearview Road, commented on the high cost of litigation brought on by members of the Committee and the Planning Board and hopes there can be meaningful dialog with the Solbergs.

Marc Rosenberg, Clearview Road, commented on the integrity and action of the Township Committee with regard to the recent decision by Judge Armstrong.

Jerry Cook stated that he supported the decisions made by the Township and stated that there was an effort for a peaceful solution although that failed to happen.

Bill Flynn, Wheatfield Road, stated he was grateful for the opportunity to grow up in this carefully planned community.

Bob Schoenfeld commented on the scare tactics made with regard noise decibel level of jets.

Michelle Jaunarajs, Pulaski Road, commented there is not only one individual to champion the efforts for the Township and many township residents can fight for open space.

Paula Tropello, Pinebank Road, commented on the misuse of eminent domain that so many egregiously object to and also how the residents had to request a referendum for the \$22 million bond.

Kim Yousey, County Road 523, commented on the media and candidates using the recent court decision for out of content facts.

#### ***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

Mr. Auriemma pointed out the signatures on the petition of Mr. Scammel represented less than 1% of the residents of the Township. Mr. Auriemma also responded to the comments made by Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. Broten repeated a story he had recently heard about the bringing new leadership regard to Readington Township.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 10:30 p.m.

#### ***RESOLUTION*** **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
388 Route 22 Readington Realty Holdings, LLC	Litigation.....	Certain information at the discretion of the information will remain confidential..... other information will remain confidential

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

The meeting reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

***Litigation / 388 Readington Realty Holdings, LLC***

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma at 11:05 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Broten with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karin M. Parker, RMC  
Deputy Township Clerk