

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING - FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

Mayor Gatti *called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gatti, Deputy Mayor Shamey, Mrs. J. Allen, Mr. T. Auriemma and Mrs. B. Muir

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Dragan and Administrator 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 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><i>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</i></b>
Municipal Court.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
DPW Local 469.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 36, Lot 49 (Fallone) & Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95 (Country Classics) -		
Developer's Agreement.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 46, Lot 22 (A. Reno).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 74, Lot 27 (Chesla).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 65, Lots 12 & 12.01 (Little).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 72, Lot 10.02 (Pagano).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Whitehouse Rescue Squad vs. the Township of Readington.....	Litigation.....	" " "
PNC Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to Midlantic Bank, N.A. vs. Lynne M. Williamson A/K/A Lynne Marie Williamson, <i>et al.</i> .....	Litigation.....	" " "
Thomas J. Wachendorf v. Readington Township Police Officers Christopher DeWire, Scott Crater, Readington Township, Readington Township Police Department and John Does 1-10 - Case No. 04-5804 (SRC).....	Litigation.....	" " "

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - continued:**

Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	"	"	"
Professional Services.....	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"	"
Toll Brothers, Inc. vs. the Township of Readington, <i>et al.</i> - Docket No. 3:04-cv-6043.....				
	Litigation.....	"	"	"
Block 21.12, Lots 46 & 46.03 (Escrow Appeal).....				
	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"	"

2. 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."
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A **MOTION** was made at 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Allen to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Gatti left the meeting at this time.

Deputy Mayor Shamey led those present in the *Salute to the Flag*.

**Deputy Mayor Shamey announced that the following business was completed during Executive Session:**

***Personnel - Municipal Court***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to hire Julie Fleming to work in the Municipal Court office on a temporary, as-needed basis, at a rate of \$15.14 per hour. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

***Contract Negotiations - DPW Local 469***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Four (4) year Collective Bargaining Agreement for the DPW Local 469. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

***Contract Negotiations - Block 36, Lot 49 (Fallone) & Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95  
(Country Classics) - Developer's Agreement***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Developer's Agreement, as amended, for Block 36, Lot 49 (Fallone) & Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95 (Country Classics). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

***Contract Negotiations - Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve a contract with MGM Associates in the amount of \$2,500 to perform an appraisal on Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook). This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

***Contract Negotiations - Block 46, Lot 22 (A. Reno)***

Deputy Mayor Shamey said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations - Block 74, Lot 27 (Chesla)***

Deputy Mayor Shamey said this is a preserved piece of property on which there is a restrictive covenant which provides that the older portion of the primary residence must be retained on its existing site and any improvements to the facade of the structure must retain the historic character of the house as an 1889 farmhouse.

Mr. Chesla appeared before the Committee. He said the house was abandoned for three (3) years. During this time the pipes froze and all of the water in the pipes that broke behind the walls created a mold situation. He said removing the house and reconstructing the same house on the same site would be less expensive than renovating the old house.

Mrs. Allen suggested that a subcommittee consisting of members of the Historic Preservation Committee and the Township Committee meet with Mr. Chesla to discuss this matter. She suggested that Mayor Gatti appoint a subcommittee. All agreed.

***Contract Negotiations - Block 65, Lots 12 & 12.01 (Little)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a contract for Block 65, Lots 12 & 12.01 (Little). This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Contract Negotiations - Block 72, Lot 10.02 (Pagano)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the contract with Hunterdon County, as amended, for Block 72, Lot 10.02 (Pagano). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

***Contract Negotiations - Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a contract for Block 98, Lot 2. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Litigation - Whitehouse Rescue Squad vs. the Township of Readington***

Deputy Mayor Shamey said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

***Litigation - PNC Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to Midlantic Bank, N.A. vs. Lynne M. Williamson A - K - A Lynne Marie Williamson, et al.***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to authorize Robert Ballard, Esq. to file an answer to the PNC Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to Midlantic Bank, N.A. vs. Lynne M. Williamson A - K - A Lynne Marie Williamson, et al. litigation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Litigation - Thomas J. Wachendorf v. Readington Township Police Officers  
Christopher DeWire, Scott Crater, Readington Township, Readington  
Township Police Department and John Does 1-10 - Case No. 04-5804 (SRC)**

Deputy Mayor Shamey said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

**Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2005. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Contract Negotiations - Professional Services:  
Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O'Neill**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-36**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington as follows:

1. That the following contract has been awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a)* of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:

Valerie Kimson Bollheimer, Esq. of Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O'Neill as Special Counsel to represent the Township and Mayor and Committee and its members in their official capacity and the Planning Board and its members in their official capacity in *Toll Bros., Inc. v. the Township of Readington, Mayor and Committee for the Township of Readington, Township of Readington Planning Board, Members of the Township of Readington Planning Board, Julia C. Allen, Ronald P. Monaco, Beatrice Muir, Gerard J. Shamey and Frank L. Gatti (Docket No. 3:04-cv-6043) litigation*

at rates as listed:

Attorney - \$150 per hour.

Paralegal - \$75 per hour.

2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2005.
3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

**McKirdy & Riskin**

Deputy Mayor Shamey said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

**Patrick Clare**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-37**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington as follows:

1. That the following contract has been awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a)* of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:  
  
Patrick J. Clare, Esq. as Municipal Public Defender at a rate of \$105 per hour.
2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2005.
3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

**Tom Rodriguez, GIS Mapping Services**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-38**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington as follows:

1. That the following contract has been awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a)* of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:

**Tom Rodriguez, GIS Mapping Services - continued:**

Tom Rodriguez Associates for GIS Mapping Services at a rate of \$250 per parcel.

2. Said contract shall expire on February 15, 2006.
3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

***Litigation - Toll Brothers, Inc. vs. the Township of Readington, et al.  
Docket No. 3:04-cv-6043***

Deputy Mayor Shamey said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations - Block 21.12, Lots 46 & 46.03 (Escrow Appeal)***

Deputy Mayor Shamey said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of meeting of February 7, 2005.
2. **Whitehouse Fire Co. No. 1, Inc..** - request for permission to hold coin toss (May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>).
3. **Resolution Authorizing Application for Loan from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program:** Land Acquisition Project #S5343034-04 (Holland Brook Greenway).
4. **Edwards/Block 42, Lot 34** - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.
5. **Application for Social Affair Permit** - Township of Tewksbury.
6. **Application for Raffles License** - Or Chadash - the Reform Temple of Hunterdon County.
7. **Application for Raffles License** - Rotary Club of Whitehouse.
8. **Monthly Collection Report** for January, 2005.
9. **Monthly Collection Report for Sewers** for January, 2005.
10. **Tax Refund** - resolution.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended the following 2004 tax refund:

<b><u>BLOCK/LOT</u></b>	<b><u>REASON</u></b>	<b><u>REFUND TO</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
<b>2005</b>			
64/24.02	Overpayment	Scarpitto, Joseph & Geraldine	\$5,398.88

***Tax Refund resolution - continued:***

**2004**

72/22 Duplicate Payment Ivanyo, Nancy \$1,744.64

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, by the Township Committee that the Township Treasurer be authorized to refund the amount recommended.

11. ***Payment of the Bills.***

<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Received Total</b>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 374,108.09
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 97,679.87
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 31,066.47
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 99,201.69
MISC. REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 2,807,143.52
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 167,237.50
REGIONAL & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$ 2,273,786.26
 TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		 \$ 5,850,223.40

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye  
Mr. Auriemma - Aye  
Mrs. Muir - Aye  
Deputy Mayor Shamey - Aye

***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

As it was after 8:00 p.m., a ***motion*** was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 55, LOT 8 (KAPPUS) TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION***

**Ordinance #02-2005**

Deputy Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the conveyance of an agricultural development rights easement to Hunterdon County. This parcel was preserved under the traditional Farmland Preservation Program. Readington Township will be reimbursed approximately 80% of the certified value.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the Governing Body. There were none.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the public.

Mr. Ben Smith asked for clarification of the Restrictive Covenant regarding mowing and maintenance rights.

Attorney Dragan said this requires that the property be mowed once every year if it is not being farmed. If this is not done the County can collect damages. This is done on every conveyance of agricultural development rights to Hunterdon County.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to close the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Ordinance #02-2005 - continued:**

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 55, LOT 8 (KAPPUS) TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION***

**Ordinance #02-2005**

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

**Ordinance #03-2005**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 53, LOT 9 (DOLAN) TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION***

**Ordinance #03-2005**

Deputy Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the conveyance of an agricultural development rights easement to Hunterdon County. This parcel was preserved through Planning Incentive Grant II. Readington Township will receive a reimbursement of approximately 80%.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the Governing Body. There were none.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to close the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 53, LOT 9 (DOLAN) TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION***

**Ordinance #03-2005**

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

**Ordinance #04-2005**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Ordinance #04-2005 - continued:**

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 72, LOT 10.02 (PAGANO) TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION***

**Ordinance #04-2005**

Deputy Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the conveyance of an agricultural development rights easement to Hunterdon County. This parcel was preserved through Planning Incentive Grant I. Readington Township will receive a reimbursement of approximately 80%.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the Governing Body. There were none.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to close the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 72, LOT 10.02 (PAGANO) TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION***

**Ordinance #04-2005**

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

**Ordinance #05-2005**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 53, LOT 22 (WADE) TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION***

**Ordinance #05-2005**

Deputy Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the conveyance of an agricultural development rights easement to Hunterdon County. This parcel was preserved through the traditional Farmland Preservation Program. The easement will be conveyed to the County for approximately 82.5% of the certified value.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the Governing Body. There were none.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none.

**Ordinance #05-2005 - continued:**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to close the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 53, LOT 22 (WADE) TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION***

**Ordinance #05-2005**

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

**Ordinance #06-2005**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

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

**Ordinance #06-2005**

Deputy Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for an increase of the annual sewer charge from \$380 to \$400 per unit.

Mrs. Allen said the reason for the increase is that the Township had fallen behind in the amount that was being charged verses the cost of running and upgrading the sewer plant.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the Governing Body. There were none.

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to close the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

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

**Ordinance #06-2005**

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

## CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Memorandum dated February 10, 2005 from Caroline Armstrong, Director, Hunterdon County Planning Board, regarding *second Public Hearing on the Cross Acceptance Report*, noted for information. No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated January 31, 2005 from Robert Bzik, Director, Somerset County Planning Board, regarding *Public Hearings on Draft & Final Cross-Acceptance Reports for Somerset County*, noted for information. No action taken.
3. Notice dated February 10, 2005 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities *urging opposition to A-193 "Cancer Presumption."*

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to send a letter to Readington's local legislators and the New Jersey League of Municipalities urging opposition to A-193. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. Letter dated February 8, 2005 from Richard L. Cranmer, Administrator, RLSA, regarding *sewerage treatment plant owned and operated by the Readington Township Board of Education*, noted for information. No action taken.
5. Notice from Dorothy D. Wilkie, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Bedminster, regarding *public hearing of Ordinance #05-07 - Amending Chapter XIII Entitled "Land Management" of the revised General Ordinances of the Twp. of Bedminster*, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Notice dated February 14, 2005 from Dorothy D. Wilkie, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Bedminster, regarding *public hearing of Ordinance #05-05 - Amending Chapter XIII Entitled "Land Management" of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster by rezoning Lot 1 Block 28 from a Public Zoning District to a Low Density Residential Zoning District*, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Notice dated January 27, 2005 from Kelly A. Nash, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Belleville, regarding *adoption of a Resolution expressing support for Assembly Bill A-1835 & Senate Bill S-1023 which requires the state to reimburse municipalities for the reimbursement and payment of property taxes that disabled veterans are exempt from*, noted for information. No action taken.
8. Memorandum from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding *public hearing of Ordinance #2005-977 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by limiting uses in the OL Office Laboratory Zone*, noted for information. No action taken.
9. Memorandum from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding *adoption of the following:*
  - *Ordinance #2005-977 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by limiting uses in the OL Office Laboratory Zone.*
  - *Ordinance #2005-976 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by amending Subsection 2-2.2 entitled "Membership."*

The items listed above were noted for information. No action taken.

10. Notice dated January 11, 2005 from Nancy L. Saffos, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Cherry Hill, regarding *adoption of a Resolution expressing support for Assembly Bill A-1835 & Senate Bill S-1023 which requires the state to reimburse municipalities for the reimbursement and payment of property taxes that disabled veterans are exempt from*, noted for information. No action taken.
11. Memorandum dated February 9, 2005 from Brenda S. Shepherd, Clerk, Borough of Frenchtown, regarding *adoption of a resolution in opposition to the Fast Track Permitting Act, PL 2004, C. 89*, noted for information. No action taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION - continued:**

12. Notice dated February 8, 2005 from Dorothy L. Gooditis, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Raritan, regarding **Public Hearing of the following:**
  - **Ordinance #05-4 - to Amend an Ordinance entitled "Revised General Ordinances of the Twp. of Raritan," and more specifically to amend Sections 16.18.140 & 16.18.150 and add Chapter 16.21.**
  - **Ordinance #05-5 - to Amend an Ordinance entitled "Revised General Ordinances of the Twp. of Raritan," and more specifically to amend Chapter 16.10 Affordable Housing Development Fees.**

The items listed above were noted for information. No action taken.

13. Memorandum from Michelle Hovan, Clerk, Borough of Stockton, regarding **adoption of a resolution in opposition to the Fast Track Permitting Act, PL 2004, C. 89**, noted for information. No action taken.
14. Resolution from the Township of West Amwell, regarding **adoption of a resolution in support of A-860 requiring school districts to provide transportation to public and non-public schools for students living along hazardous routes**, noted for information. No action taken.
15. Public Notice from PSE&G regarding **joint petition with Exelon Corporation for approval of a change in control of public service & related authorizations**, noted for information. No action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance regarding conduct at sporting events** - consideration.

Administrator Mekovetz said at the last meeting the Committee asked that this ordinance be sent to Police Chief Paganessi for his comments. In addition, Chief Paganessi also wanted to meet with Greta Kenney to discuss the ordinance. She said she will ask the Chief for his comments in writing and provide copies to the Committee.

Attorney Dragan said that the Committee had asked if the ordinance would pertain only to players, coaches and parents. There are other Township ordinances that would apply to ordinary spectators.

Action on this item was deferred.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Rotary Club of Whitehouse** - placement of clock in front of the Readington Library.

Charlie Sharmon and Aleta Fusco from the Whitehouse Rotary appeared before the Committee.

Mr. Sharmon said the Rotary Club began discussing possible donations to the Township last fall, one of which was a clock. A Clock Committee was formed and various manufacturers were contacted. Mr. Sharmon said information was distributed to the Committee members including photographs of proposed clocks. He said they were also considering putting a plaque on the clock in honor of the two (2) Readington Township residents who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Shamey said when the Township renovated the war memorial in front of the Municipal Building a local Girl Scout troop planted two (2) trees and there are two (2) rocks on which plaques will be placed.

Mr. Sharmon said the Rotary Club will purchase, install and maintain the clock.

Ms. Fusco said it was also suggested that they speak with Mr. Monaco regarding the clock.

***Rotary Club of Whitehouse - placement of clock in front of the Readington Library - continued:***

Mrs. Muir said that Route 523 is a County Road on which there is a 40 foot right-of-way.

Deputy Mayor Shamey said they could speak to Engineer McEldowney regarding the right-of-way.

Administrator Mekovetz suggested that the Buildings, Grounds and Parks Supervisor also be involved in the discussions at some point.

Ms. Fusco suggested that interested Committee members and Mr. Monaco attend the next meeting of the Clock Committee.

**2. *Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair of Open Space Advisory Board.***

Mr. Ben Smith said that he was appointed Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board at their January meeting, however it was determined that this was an appointment that has to be made by the Mayor according to the Township's ordinance.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to appoint Ben Smith as Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**3. *Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Application - resolution.***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***GARDEN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND  
ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST  
TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-39***

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington desires to further historic preservation through a grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust, State of New Jersey, in the amount of \$42,660.00 for the following project: exterior preservation and stabilization of the Eversole-Hall House.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee authorizes Frank L. Gatti, Mayor, to execute a grant agreement with the State in an amount up to that awarded for the proposed project, and to seal the grant agreement.

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

**4. *Condition of Approval for all future applications before the Board of Adjustment/ Planning Board which would permit the Township Committee to determine the extent of the road improvements that the applicant must adhere to - suggestion from Board of Adjustment.***

Deputy Mayor Shamey said that this is a letter from Board of Adjustment Attorney Donald Moore which suggests that all applications before the Board of Adjustment and/or Planning Board should be subject to a condition of approval which would permit the Township Committee to determine the extent of road improvements which the applicant should adhere to at the time of construction. They are asking that Engineer McEldowney provide a recommendation.

Mrs. Allen also suggested that a copy of this letter be sent to the Planning Board along with a request that they move expeditiously to update the Transportation Element of the Master Plan.

**NEW BUSINESS - continued:**

5. **Acceptance of drainage easement for stormwater purposes/Block 42, Lots 9 & 10 (Kiever) -** introduction.

Attorney Dragan said that because the developer only has preliminary approval they cannot provide a complete metes and bounds description of the easement. The Committee can approve the form of the easement but cannot accept the easement by ordinance. She said the Committee can authorize her to send a letter stating that the form of the easement is acceptable but the ordinance will not be done until they receive final approval. All agreed.

6. **Bond Ordinance/Block 96, Lot 2 (Triple D, LLC) -** introduction.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction.

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (BLOCK 96, LOT 2, OWNER: TRIPLE D, LLC), IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$925,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$878,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**Ordinance #08-2005**

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 improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$925,000, including the sum of \$46,250 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets for down payment or capital improvement purposes from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund.

**SECTION 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$878,750 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.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of development rights located at Block 96, Lot 2 (Owner: Triple D, LLC) in the Township.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

**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 note shall mature later than one year from its date. The 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 notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a). The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the 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 notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

***Bond Ordinance/Block 96, Lot 2 (Triple D, LLC) - continued:***

**SECTION 5.** The capital budget of the Township of Readington is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

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

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 40 years.

(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 \$878,750, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$15,000 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 purpose or improvement.

**SECTION 7.** Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**SECTION 8.** 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 9.** 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 10.** The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as the case may be, are authorized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.*, and any other applicable law, to prepare and sign any and all necessary documentation to effectuate the acquisition as described herein, concerning the property known as Block 96, Lot 2, including, but not limited to, any contracts and amendments thereto and all closing documents needed to complete the purchase.

***Bond Ordinance/Block 96, Lot 2 (Triple D, LLC) - continued:***

**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 Mr. Shamey to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

7. ***Bond Ordinance/Block 72, Lot 5.02 (Bartles) - introduction.***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction.

***BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (BLOCK 72, LOT 5.02, OWNER: BARTLES), IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$50,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$47,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

**Ordinance #09-2005**

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 improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$50,000, including the sum of \$2,500 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by provision in a previously adopted budget or budgets for down payment or capital improvement purposes from the Township's Capital Improvement Fund.

**SECTION 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$47,500 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.** (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of development rights located at Block 72, Lot 5.02 (Owner: Bartles) in the Township.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

**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 note shall mature later than one year from its date. The 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 notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-8(a)*. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from

***Bond Ordinance/Block 72, Lot 5.02 (Bartles) - continued:***

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 notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**SECTION 5.** The capital budget of the Township of Readington is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

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

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 40 years.

(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 \$47,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$5,000 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 purpose or improvement.

**SECTION 7.** Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

**SECTION 8.** 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 9.** 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.

***Bond Ordinance/Block 72, Lot 5.02 (Bartles) - continued:***

**SECTION 10.** The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as the case may be, are authorized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.*, and any other applicable law, to prepare and sign any and all necessary documentation to effectuate the acquisition as described herein, concerning the property known as Block 72, Lot 5.02, including, but not limited to, any contracts and amendments thereto and all closing documents needed to complete the purchase.

**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 Mr. Shamey to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Deputy Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

8. ***Whitehouse Fire Co. No. 1, Inc.*** - request for permission to hold coin toss (May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. ***Resolution Authorizing Application for Loan from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program:*** Land Acquisition Project #5343034-04 (Holland Brook Greenway).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

10. ***Edwards/Block 42, Lot 34*** - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

11. ***Application for Social Affair Permit*** - Township of Tewksbury.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

12. ***Application for Raffles License*** - Or Chadash - the Reform Temple of Hunterdon County.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

13. ***Application for Raffles License*** - Rotary Club of Whitehouse.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**K. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said the Township received approval for long-term contracted assistance through the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program for Block 21, Lot 30 and Block 66, Lot 13.

Administrator Mekovetz she had nothing further to report at this time.

**L. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan said she had nothing further to report at this time.

**M. ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

As Engineer McEldowney was not in attendance, no further report was given.

**N. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Frank Gatti:**

**a. Finance Department**

1. *Monthly Collection Report* for January, 2005.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

2. *Monthly Collection Report for Sewers* for January, 2005.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

3. *Tax Refund* - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

4. *Payment of the Bills.*

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

As Mayor Gatti was not in attendance, no further report was given.

**2. Gerry Shamey:**

Mr. Shamey said he had nothing to report at this time.

**3. Julia Allen:**

**a. Farmland\Open Space Preservation\Land Projects Liaison**

Mrs. Allen said the Open Space Advisory Board will be meeting the third Wednesday of every month.

Mrs. Allen said that a series of walks on Township open space properties will be scheduled in the spring.

Mrs. Allen said she had nothing further to report at this time.

**4. Thomas Auriemma:**

**a. Recreation Department**

Mr. Auriemma said that a trip to the Circus at Madison Square Garden has been scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Auriemma said he had nothing to report at this time.

**5. Beatrice Muir:**

Mrs. Muir said she had nothing to report at this time.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:***

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Don Baldwin commented on the amount spent on legal fees.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:***

Deputy Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the Governing Body. There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC  
Administrator\ Municipal Clerk

