

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
 MEETING - MARCH 21, 2005**

Mayor Gatti *called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Administrator Mekovetz and Engineer McEldowney

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

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u>	<i>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</i>
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Readington Library.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Illva Saronno).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 65, Lots 12 & 12.01 (Little).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Mutual Aid Firefighters Agreement.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Readington Twp. Planning Board & Readington Twp., Twp. of Readington Board of Adjustment		
Docket No. HNT-L-132-03.....	Litigation.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "
Professional Services.....	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 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Allen to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

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

Mayor Gatti announced that the following business was completed during Executive Session:

Personnel - Police Department

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to promote Michael Kaulius to the position of Sergeant First Class, based on completion of his three (3) year period as Sergeant and recommendation by Chief Paganessi. 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

Personnel - Readington Library

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to hire Christine Monroe to work in the Readington Library from June through Labor Day 2005, 10 to 12 hours per week, at a salary to be determined. 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

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

Mayor Gatti said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations - Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Township)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to authorize Administrator Mekovetz to obtain quotes for two (2) appraisals of Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Township) and to award the contracts to the companies with the two (2) lowest quotes. 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the contract for Block 65, Lots 12 & 12.01 (Little). 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

Contract Negotiations - Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the contract, as amended, for Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani). 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

Contract Negotiations - Mutual Aid Firefighters Agreement

Mayor Gatti said action on this matter will be deferred until additional information is obtained.

***Litigation - Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Readington Township Planning Board and Readington Township, Township of Readington Board of Adjustment
Docket No. HNT-L-132-03***

Mayor Gatti said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Executive Session minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2005 for release as redacted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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

***Contract Negotiations - Professional Services:
JWS Computers***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-46***

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:

JWS Computers for Computer Maintenance Services at a cost of \$850 per month.

2. Said contract shall begin on May 1, 2005 and expire on April 30, 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 Mr. Shamey to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Edwards & Kelcey

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-47**

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:
 - Edwards & Kelcey, Inc. for Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning Services at rates as detailed in the contract.
2. Said contract shall expire on March 22, 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 Mr. Shamey 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
Mr. Shamey - Aye
Mayor Gatti - Aye

Key-Tech

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-48**

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:
 - Key-Tech for Construction Inspection & Materials Services at rates as detailed in the contract.
2. Said contract shall expire on March 22, 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 Mr. Shamey 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
Mr. Shamey - Aye
Mayor Gatti - Aye

WordWorks

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-49***

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:
 - WordWorks for editing, limited writing services, typesetting, design and printing of the Township Newsletter on a quarterly basis at a cost of \$14,720 per year.
2. Said contract shall expire on March 22, 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. 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
Mr. Shamey - Aye
Mayor Gatti - Aye

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-50**

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:

- Richard B. Reading Associates as economic experts for the following actions at costs as detailed in the contract:
- Mark Hartman and Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Township of Readington - Docket No. 02-2017 (MLC)

Lackland and Lackland v. Township of Readington, *et als.*
Docket No. 3:02-5597 (GEB)

2. Said contract shall expire on March 22, 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. 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

Princeton Public Affairs Group

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-51**

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:

Princeton Public Affairs Group - continued:

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:
 - Princeton Public Affairs Group, Inc. for all Governmental Relations Matters relating to the Township's legislative and regulatory matters at a rate of \$250 per hour, not to exceed \$5,000.
2. Said contract shall expire on March 22, 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 Mr. Auriemma to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mr. Auriemma	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mr. Shamey	-	Nay
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

Mayor Gatti said the following item was added to the Executive Session Agenda:

Personnel - Municipal Court

Mayor Gatti said that this matter will remain in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of meeting of March 7, 2005.
2. ***Readington Township Museums*** - Grant Application.
3. ***Postponement of Mortgage*** - 403 South Branch Drive/Bortnyk.
4. ***2004 Budget Appropriation Reserve Transfers*** - resolution.

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
2003 BUDGET APPROPRIATION RESERVE TRANSFERS
R-2005-52***

WHEREAS, pursuant to *NJSA 40A:4-59*, a municipality may make budget appropriation reserve transfers during the first three months of the succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following 2004 appropriation reserve accounts to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year, viz:

Current Fund - Other Expenses:
 Legal Services Museum Committee

WHEREAS, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts, over and above the demand deemed to be necessary for the balance of the current year, viz:

Current Fund - Other Expenses:
 Administrative & Executive Emergency Management
 Finance Roads

CONSENT AGENDA - continued:

Revision of Tax Map	Public Assistance
Tax Assessor	Recreation
Engineering	Library
Planning Board	Construction Code Official
Board of Adjustment	Celebration of Public Events
Environmental Commission	Electricity
Recycling	Street Lighting
Telephone	Gasoline
Social Security	

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of *NJS* 40A:4-59 part of the surplus in the accounts heretofore mentioned be and same hereby transferred to the accounts mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following 2004 appropriation transfers:

NO.	ACCOUNT	FROM	TO
CURRENT FUND:			
Inside Caps:			
Other Expenses:			
4-101-200	Administrative & Executive	\$15,000.00	
4-103-200	Finance	1,700.00	
4-105-200	Tax Collector	1,400.00	
4-041-200	Revision of Tax Map	700.00	
4-104-200	Tax Assessor	1,100.00	
4-109-200	Engineering	3,000.00	
4-111-200	Planning Board	2,000.00	
4-112-200	Board of Adjustment	500.00	
4-113-200	Environmental Commission	1,100.00	
4-401-200	Recycling	8,100.00	
4-824-200	Emergency Management	1,300.00	
4-301-200	Roads	5,500.00	
4-501-200	Board of Health	2,100.00	
4-502-200	Public Assistance	2,300.00	
4-601-200	Recreation	1,500.00	
4-604-200	Library	1,400.00	
4-023-200	Construction Code Official	5,200.00	
4-602-200	Celebration of Public Events	1,200.00	
4-702-001	Electricity	1,400.00	
4-303-200	Street Lighting	2,400.00	
4-702-002	Telephone	1,800.00	
4-702-004	Gasoline	6,700.00	
4-802-200	Social Security	6,000.00	
4-106-200	Legal Services and Costs		\$ 55,400.00
4-605-200	Museum Committee		7,000.00
	Totals	\$ 62,400.00	\$ 62,400.00

- Request from the American Legion Auxiliary for *permission to hold annual poppy sale* (May 1st to May 31st).
- Or Chadash - the Reform Temple of Hunterdon County** - request for refund of unused Raffles License fee.
- Application for Membership in NJ Firemen's Association** - Michael B. Kloos.
- Application for Blue Light Permit** - Matthew Hoffman.

CONSENT AGENDA - continued:

9. **Lien Redemption** - resolution.

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

WHEREAS, the property owner has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 42, Lot 8.0; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lien holder the redemption amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$15,765.98, plus a premium of \$6,000.00 paid at the tax sale to Data Ventures, Inc.

10. **Payment of the Bills.**

Fund Description	Fund No.	Received Total
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 1,438,546.13
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 1,493.74
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 56,263.94
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 394,034.19
MISC. REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 3,202,901.52
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 648,583.04
REGIONAL & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$1,897,127.40
 TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		 \$ 7,638,949.96

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:

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|--------------|---|---|
| Mrs. Allen | - | Aye |
| Mr. Auriemma | - | Aye |
| Mrs. Muir | - | Aye (except for minutes of March 7, 2005 as she did not attend meeting) |
| Mr. Shamey | - | Aye |
| Mayor Gatti | - | Aye |

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Memorandum dated February 28, 2005 from Caroline Armstrong, Director, Hunterdon County Planning Board, regarding **invitation to serve on the Hunterdon County Cross-Acceptance Negotiating Committee.**

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to appoint Michael Sullivan to serve on the Hunterdon County Cross-Acceptance Negotiating Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

2. Memorandum dated March 15, 2005 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding **public hearing of Ordinance #2005-979 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by amending Article VII of the Provisions of Enforcement,**” noted for information. No action taken.
3. Resolution from the Town of Clinton **expressing opposition to Freeholders initiating a challenge to the Highlands Resolution,** noted for information. No action taken.
4. Notice dated March 3, 2005 from Rebecca E. D’Alleinne, Planning Board Administrator regarding **public hearing of the 2005 Clinton Township Stormwater Management Plan,** noted for information. No action taken.

5. Notice dated March 9, 2005 from James Humphries, Planner, Twp. of Raritan, regarding ***public hearing of proposed amendment to the Raritan Twp. Master Plan***, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Notice dated March 8, 2005 from Rose Sollena, Deputy Twp. Clerk, Twp. of Raritan, regarding ***adoption of the following:***
 - ***Resolution #05-57 expressing support for Assembly Bill A-1835 & Senate Bill S-1023 which requires the state to reimburse municipalities for the reimbursement & payment of property taxes that disabled veterans are exempt from.***
 - ***Resolution #05-58 in support of A-860 requiring school districts to provide transportation to public & non-public schools for students living along hazardous routes.***

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

7. Notice dated February 25, 2005 from Barbara Nyitrai, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of South Brunswick, regarding ***adoption of the following:***
 - ***Resolution objecting to the Federal Government's cuts to Community Development Block Grant Funds.***
 - ***Resolution urging the State of New Jersey to specifically prohibit the practice known as "Engine Braking."***

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

8. Notice from McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, regarding ***hearing before the Tewksbury Township Zoning Board of Adjustment - JCP&L, Block 46, Lot 88***, noted for information. No action taken.
9. Letter dated March 3, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding ***NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation/ Line Verification - Emmett & Company, Block 12.01, Lots 14.01 & 15***, noted for information. No action taken.
10. Letter dated February 25, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding ***NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation/ Line Verification - Platinum Builders/Henry Lewis, Block 96, Lot 24***, noted for information. No action taken.
11. Letter dated March 7, 2005 from James R. Frace, regarding ***request for a Letter of Interpretation - Renda, Block 38, Lots 54, 74 & 75***, noted for information. No action taken.
12. Letter dated March 9, 2005 from Amy S. Greene, President, Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants, Inc. regarding ***Application for NJDEP Presence/Absence Letter of Interpretation, Oak Developers, LLC, Block 22, Lot 66***, noted for information. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Administrator Mekovetz said that Police Chief Paganessi and Recreation Director Greta Kenney met to discuss this ordinance but she has not received any written comments.

Action on this item was deferred.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Bus Trip for WWII Veterans from Hunterdon & Warren Counties*** - request for donation.

Mayor Gatti said this is a request for a donation for three (3) buses to take veterans to Washington, DC.

Bus Trip for WWII Veterans from Hunterdon & Warren Counties - continued:

Mrs. Muir asked Administrator Mekovetz to find out how many veterans from Hunterdon County and from Readington Township would be participating in this trip.

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

2. ***Whitehouse Village District*** - nomination for National Register of Historic Places.

Mayor Gatti said the Historic Preservation Commission would like to nominate the Whitehouse Village District for the National Register of Historic Places. There would be a cost of \$3,500 for background research and \$4,900 for preparation for the National Register's nomination as a historic district.

Mayor Gatti said the Historic Preservation Commission will be doing some of the work to keep the cost down.

Administrator Mekovetz said a professional services contract will be needed.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the application for nomination of the Whitehouse Village District for the National Register of Historic Places. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

3. ***Ochavo Studios*** - request for permission to film in various locations in Readington Township.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the request from Ochavo Studios for permission to film in various locations in Readington Township, and to send a copy of the request to the Police Department for their information. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. ***COAH Plan/Round III*** - discussion.

Mayor Gatti said COAH's new rules state that the Township must provide one (1) low or moderate income unit for every eight (8) new homes that are built and one (1) low or moderate income unit for every 25 new jobs that are created.

Mrs. Allen said the Planning Board has requested that Clarke, Caton, Hintz begin developing a strategic outline because the year we have to develop this plan has already begun.

Mayor Gatti said he has been contacted by a developer who is interested in possibly building a low/moderate income housing development in the Township.

Attorney Dragan said the Committee would need to know exactly what type of development it would be, including whether it would be a combination of affordable and market rate units. A Developer's Agreement would also be required and it would have to be incorporated into the Fair Share Plan. Any agreement would be contingent on getting COAH credits.

Attorney Dragan suggested that the Developer submit something in writing to the Committee outlining their proposal.

5. **2005 Salary Ordinance** - introduction.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE
 READINGTON TOWNSHIP 2004 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE, FOR OFFICERS
 AND EMPLOYEES OF READINGTON TOWNSHIP***

Ordinance #11-20005

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the 2004 salaries and wages Ordinance be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

GOVERNING BODY AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL

MAYOR	per annum.....	\$7,196
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER.....	per annum.....	\$6,404
ADMINISTRATOR/MUNICIPAL CLERK/ REG. OF VITAL STATISTICS/TREASURER.....	per annum	\$118,877
Administrator per annum	\$ 13,207	
Clerk/Reg. of Vital Stat/Treasurer...per annum	\$105,670	
TAX COLLECTOR/TAX SEARCH OFFICER.(P/T-17.5 hrs.per wk)per annum.		\$46,006
TAX ASSESSOR..(P/T/25/hrs per wk).....	per annum.....	\$53,807
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING SUB-CODE OFFICIAL...per annum.....		\$67,438
COURT ADMINISTRATOR.....	per annum.....	\$37,516
LIBRARIAN	per annum.....	\$16,188 - \$38,605
HOUSING COORDINATOR & ADM OF PUBLIC ASSIST	per annum.....	\$51,090
CHIEF OF POLICE.....	per annum.....	\$93,712
RECREATION DIR./CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORD.	per annum.....	\$56,740
Recreation Director - per annum	\$ 54,740	
Clean Communities Coordinator - per annum.....	\$ 2,000	
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.....	per annum.....	\$76,260
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	per annum.....	\$72,250
ROAD SUPERINTENDENT	per annum.....	\$59,342
PLANNING & ZONING COORDINATOR/ SECRETARY TO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.....	per annum.....	\$56,844
Planning & Zoning Coordinator per annum.....	\$52,559	
Secretary to Environmental Commission per annum	\$ 4,285	
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/PARKS DIRECTOR.....	per annum.....	\$63,450
FIRE OFFICIAL /LAND USE OFFICIAL	per annum.....	\$75,317
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL TREASURER	per annum.....	\$39,000
SUPERVISOR OF ADMIN. SERVICES/.....	per annum..... \$ 44,349	\$45,049
DEPUTY REGISTRAR.....	per annum..... \$ 700	

SECTION 2

CLERICAL (CONFIDENTIAL) PERSONNEL

RECEPTIONIST.....	per annum.....	\$25,649 – 26,611
SECRETARY TO TWP ADMINISTRATOR	per annum.....	\$27,785 – 29,924
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK/SEWER ADVISORY SECRETARY	per annum.....	\$41,113 – 42,214
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/RANK VI.....	per annum.....	\$33,665 – 47,972

SECTION 3

CLERICAL PERSONNEL

CLERK/TRANSCRIBER	per annum.....	\$26,651-\$32,752
CLERK TYPIST	per annum.....	\$24,114-\$29,291
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR (40 HRS/WK).....	per annum.....	\$35,191-\$50,125
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK	per annum.....	\$30,163-\$39,559
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, TAX ASSESSOR	per annum.....	\$31,730-\$38,919
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	per annum.....	\$35,191-\$42,718
DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR	per annum.....	\$29,572-\$37,324
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	per annum.....	\$34,502-\$39,813
FLOATER	per annum.....	\$29,572-\$34,835

SECTION 4
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

SUB-CODE OFFICIAL PLUMBING & MECH (21 hours per week)per hour.....	\$34.84
ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL.....per hour.....	\$36.23
BUILDING INSPECTOR.....per annum.....	\$51,014
INSPECTOR (PART-TIME).....per hour.....	\$25.00-\$36.23
FIRE SUB-CODE OFFICIAL (21 hours per week).....per hour.....	\$35.75
FIRE INSPECTOR.....per hour.....	\$25.00

SECTION 5

ROAD, UTILITY AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL
RATES FOR TITLES HELD LONGER THAN ONE YEAR:

DRIVER - LABORER 6.....per hour.....	\$ 24.88
SR. DRIVER - LABORER 3.....per hour.....	\$ 24.88
JR. MECHANIC.....per hour.....	\$ 20.91
MECHANIC.....per hour.....	\$ 26.66
SR. MECHANIC.....per hour.....	\$ 29.25
CREW LEADER.....per hour.....	\$ 28.28
OPERATOR.....per hour.....	\$ 26.66
WORKING FOREMAN.....per hour.....	\$ 30.85

SEWER OPERATORS:

C-1 LICENSE (HOURLY ADDITIONS).....per hour.....	\$ 1.00
C-2 LICENSE (HOURLY ADDITIONS).....per hour.....	\$ 1.25

RATES FOR GRADES WITHIN TITLES:

LABORER - 1.....per hour.....	\$ 16.87
LABORER - 2.....per hour.....	\$ 17.57
DRIVER-LABORER - 1.....per hour.....	\$ 18.28
DRIVER - LABORER - 2.....per hour.....	\$ 18.98
DRIVER - LABORER - 3.....per hour.....	\$ 19.69
DRIVER - LABORER - 4.....per hour.....	\$ 20.39
DRIVER - LABORER - 5.....per hour.....	\$ 21.08
DRIVER - LABORER - 6.....per hour.....	\$ 21.79

SECTION 6
POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

POLICE MATRON.....per hour.....	\$ 6.73 to \$29.97
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.....per hour.....	\$12.15 to \$21.46
PATROLMAN (FIRST YEAR) Certified/Probationary.....per annum.....	\$40,917
PATROLMAN (SECOND YEAR).....per annum.....	\$44,200
PATROLMAN (THIRD YEAR).....per annum.....	\$47,485
PATROLMAN (FOURTH YEAR).....per annum.....	\$50,770
PATROLMAN (FIFTH YEAR).....per annum.....	\$54,053
PATROLMAN (SIXTH YEAR).....per annum.....	\$56,563
PATROLMAN (SEVENTH YEAR).....per annum.....	\$60,101
PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS.....per annum.....	\$63,634
CORPORAL.....per annum.....	\$64,908
INVESTIGATOR - OVER GRADE.....per annum.....	\$600
PROBATIONARY SERGEANT.....per annum.....	\$66,635
SERGEANT'S BASE SALARY.....per annum.....	\$70,258
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS.....per annum.....	\$72,404
PROBATIONARY LIEUTENANT.....per annum.....	\$72,904
LIEUTENANT.....per annum.....	\$84,894

CONTRACT PENDING

SECTION 7
PART-TIME PERSONNEL

MUNICIPAL JUDGE.....per annum.....	\$27,039
SUBSTITUTE MUNICIPAL JUDGE.....per hour.....	\$ 123.70
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASE WORKER/ FILING CLERK (33 hrs).....per annum.....	\$25,529
BOOKKEEPER (22 hrs).....per hour.....	\$17.10 - \$17.74
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS.....per annum.....	\$3,205 - \$13,296
LIBRARIAN.....per hour.....	\$ 14.61 - \$16.48
LIBRARY ASSISTANT.....per hour.....	\$ 7.42 - \$14.27
COURT CLERK.....per hour.....	\$ 15.67 - \$17.94
EXERCISE PROGRAM COORDINATOR.....per annum.....	\$5,372 - \$6,148
EXERCISE PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR.....per hour.....	\$ 12.31 - \$18.66
KARATE INSTRUCTOR.....per student/per hour... \$	6.34 - \$ 7.13
TEEN ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR.....per hour.....	\$12.69 - \$ 19.85

2005 Salary Ordinance - continued:

ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF RECREATION (19 hrs/wk)	per annum.....	\$16,361
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.....	per annum.....	\$ 5,275
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORD.	per annum.....	\$ 1,000
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT	per hour	\$ 37.40
MUSEUM ADMINISTRATOR.....	per hour	\$ 22.28

SECTION 8

SUMMER RECREATION PERSONNEL

DIRECTOR OF SUMMER RECREATION.....	per annum.....	\$9,853
SUPERVISOR & ASS'T SUP'V SUMMER PROG.....	per hour.....	\$7.39-\$14.78
SUMMER PROG. & SPECIAL PROG. COUNSELOR.....	per hour.....	\$7.78-\$10.56
BUS DRIVERS	per hour.....	\$8.04 -\$14.49
CONCESSION STAND ATTENDANT.....	per hour.....	\$ 7.67 - \$8.47
SUMMER PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINT. LABORER.....	per hour.....	\$ 5.15-\$12.00

SECTION 9

BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND RECYCLING, BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND RECYCLING

PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LABORER	per hour	\$ 14.95 - \$ 23.90
PART TIME PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINT LABORER.....	per hour	\$ 8.64
HOUSE KEEPER.....	per hour	\$10.69
PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LABORER	per hour	\$13.47 - \$ 21.61
RECYCLING WORKER	per hour	\$ 17.35

SECTION 10

Rates of compensation provided herein are retroactive to January 1, 2005

SECTION 11

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after final passage and publication according to law and shall remain in effect until amended.

SECTION 12

The calendar year 2004 contains 27 pay dates departing from the usual number of 26 pays and this fact is reflected in the rates stated above.

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

- 6. *Ordinance to provide for acceptance of a portion of Block 39, Lot 14.01 for Public Roadway Purposes from Catherine Spagnuolo, individually, and as Executor of the Estate of Carol Sunderhoft - introduction.*

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PORTION OF BLOCK 39, LOT 14.01 FOR PUBLIC ROADWAY PURPOSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM CATHERINE SPAGNUOLO, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL L. SUNDERHOFT

Ordinance #12-2005 - continued:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township of Readington shall accept as public a .277 ± acre portion of property which has been dedicated to the Township by Catherine Spagnuolo, individually, and as Executor of the Estate of Carol L. Sunderhott, Deceased, as contained in the Deed for Roadway Purposes which is on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J. Acceptance of this Deed would provide for a future extension of Chambers Brook Road.

SECTION 2. The Township acknowledges receipt of the aforementioned Deed of Dedication conveying the property, together with an executed Affidavit of Title.

SECTION 3. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgement shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, and upon the recording of the Deed.

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

7. **Readington Township Museums - Grant Application.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

8. **Postponement of Mortgage - 403 South Branch Drive/Bortnyk.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. **2004 Budget Appropriation Reserve Transfers - resolution.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

10. Request from the American Legion Auxiliary for **permission to hold annual poppy sale** (May 1st to May 31st).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

11. **Or Chadash - the Reform Temple of Hunterdon County** - request for refund of unused Raffles License fee.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

12. **Application for Membership in NJ Firemen's Association** - Michael B. Kloos.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

13. **Application for Blue Light Permit** - Matthew Hoffman.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said the advertisement for the liquor license bid was placed in the *Hunterdon Democrat*, *Courier News* and *Express Times*. The deadline for submission of bid packages is April 15th at 12:00 p.m.; at 3:00 p.m. on April 25th she will announce the names of the qualified applicants; the bids will be opened on May 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Administrator Mekovetz said the Township newsletter was mailed out last week.

Administrator Mekovetz said that a meeting was held with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. One of the topics of discussion was the Bank Street parking lot.

Administrator Mekovetz said a dinner meeting has been scheduled for April 6th at the Hunterdon County Office of Taxation. She asked that Committee members who are interested in attending notify her.

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan said the Township has not been enforcing the requirement to obtain local and/or County Board of Health approval which appears in the Code because the inclusion of this as a prerequisite to completeness was declared null and void on February 4, 2000 by Order of John H. Pursel, J.S.C. as a result of a motion made for Partial Summary Judgement in the Lackland case. She offered the following Resolution for the Committee's consideration:

RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH APPROVAL AS PREREQUISITES FOR A COMPLETENESS DETERMINATION OF PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN AND SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP

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

1. The purpose of this Resolution is to memorialize the Township's practice and to formally give all applicants and potential applicants NOTICE that the Township has not been enforcing and will not enforce the completeness requirement to obtain local (Township) and/or County Board of Health approval which appears in the Code of the Township of Readington, Sections 148-101B (17) and (23) and 148-102B (41), as well as in the Checklists for Minor Subdivision and Site Plans, and for Preliminary Major Subdivisions and Site Plans (Sections 148 Attachment 4:2 Item #30 and 148 Attachment 4:8 Item #50) because the inclusion of this item as a prerequisite to completeness was declared null and void on February 4, 2000 by Order of John H. Pursel, J.S.C. as a result of a motion made for Partial Summary Judgement in the Lackland case, Docket No. SOM-L-1466-00P.W, which case has not yet been finally decided.
2. The enforcement of all pertinent sections of the Readington Township Zoning and Land Use Development Ordinance that require an applicant to obtain Township and/or County Board of Health approval *prior to* obtaining a completeness determination for preliminary site plan and subdivision development applications in the Township is hereby formally temporarily suspended until such time as the Township's right to appeal is adjudicated, which time shall not be ripe until after a final decision is rendered by the Superior Court in the Lackland case, Docket No. SOM-L-1466-00P.W;

3. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Resolution in the Township's official newspapers for two (2) consecutive weeks.
4. The Township Clerk shall also send a copy of this Resolution to the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Secretary with a direction to attach it to a) all copies of the Township's Land Use Ordinance that are kept in the Township's offices or which are distributed; and b) each copy of the preliminary site plan and subdivision checklist and/or development application distributed, for both minor and major subdivision and site plan developments.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Engineer McEldowney said the study of the drainage at the Eversole-Hall House has been completed and given to Director of Public Works Scott Jesseman.

Mayor Gatti said he received a letter from a resident regarding concerns about Naraticong Trail. He asked Engineer McEldowney to look into this matter.

Mrs. Muir said several years ago a stop sign on Lazy Brook Road was relocated. It stops the through traffic on Lazy Brook Road and allows the traffic on River Avenue to flow through to the light on Route 202. She said that stop sign is not permitting a flow of traffic on the road with higher traffic. She asked Engineer McEldowney to look into the possibility of moving the stop sign back to its original location.

Engineer McEldowney said he had nothing further to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Frank Gatti:

a. Finance Department

1. *Lien Redemption* - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

2. Payment of the Bills.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

b. Historic Preservation/Museums

Mayor Gatti said he received a letter from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding a vacancy for a 1st Alternate. He said they are recommending that Ben Smith be appointed to this position.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to appoint Ben Smith to the position of 1st Alternate on the Historic Preservation Commission. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Mayor Gatti said the Museum was awarded a grant to hire a professional conservator to assess the collections in preservation and an architect to assess the historic buildings. It's a \$7,890 grant from the National Institute for Conservation, with a match from the Township in the amount of \$610.

Mayor Gatti said the Historic Preservation Commission is recommending that the Township Committee make some adjustments to Ordinance #418-1994. He will bring the recommendations to the next meeting for the Committee's review.

Mayor Gatti said he, along with representatives from the Historic Preservation Commission, met with Mr. Joe Chesla to discuss the restoration of the house on his property.

Mayor Gatti said he had nothing further to report at this time.

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 next Open Space Advisory Board meeting will be on April 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Allen said the first of a series of walks on Township open space properties was held on Sunday. Additional walks will be scheduled later 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 an advertisement for self-nomination to the Township's Recreation Committee was recently published in the local newspaper.

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

5. **Beatrice Muir:**

a. **Public Assistance**

Mrs. Muir said the Social Services Committee/Local Assistance Board met last week. She said the holiday gift exchange was very successful. Eighty-two families were given holiday food baskets. She said she would like to thank all of those who participated in this effort.

b. **Municipal Court**

1. ***Municipal Court & Violations Bureau Report*** for February, 2005.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Gatti said this is *Comments from the Public*. Questions can be asked of the Committee. If we do have an answer, we will answer the questions during *Comments from the Governing Body*. If we do not have an answer to the question we will ask that it be submitted in writing.

Mayor Gatti asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Peter Hollis referred to an item in the Newsletter regarding the Township's receipt of a trail grant to establish and expand upon trails that are headed at the Bouman-Stickney Farmstead. He said although the article states that he was part of the group who wrote the grant, most of the credit should go to Al Rebovitch who, along with Greta Kenney, put the grant application together.

Mr. Ben Smith referred to Mrs. Allen's earlier comments about the walk on Township open space. He said the upcoming dates and locations for additional walks are as follows:

April 17 th	YES Farms
May 15 th	Lachenmayr Trail
June 12 th	Round Mountain.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor Gatti asked for comments from the Governing Body.

Mayor Gatti said he will be available at the Municipal Building from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month for any resident who wishes to meet with him.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Administrator\ Municipal Clerk

