

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
 MEETING - APRIL 4, 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**

<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
Block 63, Lots 11, 12 & 13 (Accettola).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 & 9; Block 79.01, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05 & 11.06; Block 79, Lot 4 (Fallone).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 96, Lot 18 (D'Urso).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 62, Lot 1 (Jackson).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 57, Lot 13.01 (Staats).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 96, Lot 2 (Triple D).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 22, Lot 66 (Oak Developers, LLC).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Twp.).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Mutual Aid Firefighters Agreement.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "
Fiore vs. Fleet National Bank, Asher Seebag, Elchanon Geleb & Readington Twp.....	Litigation.....	" " "
James vs. Michael Kovonuk, Dawn Faltings, <i>et als</i> .....	Litigation.....	" " "
Professional Services.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Toll Bros., Inc. v. Twp. of Readington, <i>et al</i> Docket No. SOM-L-618-04 (formerly Docket No. HNT-1-495-02).....	Litigation.....	" " "

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - continued:**

Lackland & Lackland v. Twp. of  
Readington Docket No.  
HNT-1344-03PW (formerly  
HNT-L-81-99 & SOM-L-1466PW)..... Litigation..... " " "

- 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.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 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 - Municipal Court***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize the posting for a second full-time Deputy Court Administrator, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to appoint Nicole Heater as permanent Deputy Court Administrator based on completion of her three (3) month probationary period and recommendation by Court Administrator Tracy Kazeleski. 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 63, Lots 11, 12 & 13 (Accettola)***

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 & 9; Block 79.01, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03; 11.04, 11.05 & 11.06; Block 79, Lot 4 (Fallone)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a contract for Block 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 & 9; Block 79.01, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.103, 11.04, 11.05 & 11.06; Block 79, Lot 4 (Fallone). 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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 96, Lot 18 (D'Urso)***

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

***Contract Negotiations - Block 62, Lot 1 (Jackson)***

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

**Contract Negotiations - Block 57, Lot 13.01 (Staats)**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-54**

**WHEREAS**, the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) certified the Fair Market Value (FMV) of \$17,000 per acre for the development easement on the Staats (Block 57, Lot 13.01 - 53+/- acres) farm, which is contained in Readington Township's 2005A Round Planning Incentive Grant VIII list of farms; and

**WHEREAS**, the SADC approved the ten (10) year allocation of \$3,181,464 to be appropriated from the Garden State Preservation Trust, Farmland Preservation Fund, for Readington Township's Planning Incentive Grant I application, conditioned upon Garden State Preservation Trust, legislative and gubernatorial appropriation; and

**WHEREAS**, based on Readington Township's application, the County of Hunterdon will provide a cost share for the purchase of the development easements, holding title to the development easements.

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

1. Approves the purchase of the development easement on Block 57, Lot 13.01 (Staats).
2. Commits to funding of the purchase of the development easement on Block 57, Lot 13.01 (Staats).
3. Authorizes funding pursuant to the Township's ten (10) year funding plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Agricultural Development Board and the State Agricultural Development Committee as requested and required.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir 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

**Contract Negotiations - Block 96, Lot 2 (Triple D)**

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

**Contract Negotiations - Block 22, Lot 66 (Oak Developers, LLC)**

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

**Contract Negotiations - Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Twp.)**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve a contract with Curran Realty Advisors in the amount of \$2,495 and a contract with Robert McNeely-Vance and Co. in the amount of \$2,650 to perform appraisals on Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Township). 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 98, Lot 2 (Padovani)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the contract, as amended, for Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani). 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 - Mutual Aid Firefighters Agreement***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-55**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a Mutual Aid Firefighting Agreement between East Whitehouse Volunteer Fire Department, Readington Volunteer Fire Company, Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company and Whitehouse Fire Company #1; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the parties hereto maintains equipment and personnel for the suppression of fires and response to hazardous materials incidents within its own areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto desire to augment the fire protection available in their respective areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the lands or districts of the parties hereto are adjacent or contiguous so that mutual aid assistance in fire emergencies is deemed feasible; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of East Whitehouse Volunteer Fire Department, Readington Volunteer Fire Company, Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company and Whitehouse Fire Company #1 to conclude such agreements wherever practicable; and

**WHEREAS**, it is mutually deemed sound, desirable, practicable and beneficial for the parties to this agreement to render assistance to one another.

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

1. The Township authorizes the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and the Municipal Clerk/Administrator to sign for the Governing Body at appropriate locations on the Mutual Aid Firefighting Agreement.
2. 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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Executive Session minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2005 for content. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Litigation - Fiore vs. Fleet National Bank, Asher Seebag, Elchanon Geleb & Readington Twp.***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize Martin Allen, Esq. to file an answer on behalf of the Township and to represent the Township's interests relative to the Fiore vs. Fleet National Bank, Asher Seebag, Elchanon Geleb & Readington Township litigation. 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

***Litigation - James vs. Michael Kovonuk, Dawn Faltings, et als.***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize Robert Ballard, Esq. to file an answer on behalf of the Township and to represent the Township's interests relative to the James vs. Michael Kovonuk, Dawn Faltings, *et al.* litigation. 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 - Professional Services:  
Ferriero Engineering, Inc.***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-56**

**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:
  - Ferriero Engineering, Inc. as experts for the following actions:

Toll Brothers, Inc. v. Township of Readington, *et als.*  
Docket No. HNT-L-495-02

Mark Hartman and Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Township of Readington - Docket No. 02-2017 (MLC)

Illva Saronno Corporation v. Township of Readington  
Civil Action No. 02-3668 (MLC)

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

***Ferriero Engineering, Inc. - continued:***

2. Said contract shall expire on June 5, 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 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

***City Connections, LLC.***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-57**

**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:
  - City Connections, LLC for Municipal Website Services at the following rates:  
\$6,315.00 annual fee
2. Said contract shall expire on April 6, 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

***Princeton Hydro, LLC.***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-58**

**Princeton Hydro, LLC. - continued:**

**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:
  - Princeton Hydro, LLC, for general Environmental Consulting Services at rates as follows:

Expert Testimony	\$160.00
Principal	\$120-\$160 per hour
Senior Engineer/Planner/Scientist III	\$ 90-\$120 per hour
Senior Engineer/Planner/Scientist II	\$ 80-\$ 90 per hour
Senior Engineer/Planner/Scientist I	\$ 70-\$ 80 per hour
Engineer/Scientist	\$ 50-\$ 70 per hour
Secretary/Clerical	\$ 35-\$ 45 per hour
Technician	\$ 35-\$ 45 per hour
2. Said contract shall expire on September 30, 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 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

**McManimon & Scotland, LLC.**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-59**

**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:

**McManimon & Scotland, LLC. - continued:**

- McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C. for Bond Attorney Services at rates as detailed in the contract.
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 Mr. Shamey to adopt this Resolution, 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

**Paul Himmelstein**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-60**

**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:
  - Paul Himmelstein, Collections Assessor, to complete an assessment of the museum's collections that will include an evaluation of the collection and a report with recommendations for future care and maintenance at a cost of \$4,000.
2. Said contract shall expire on April 18, 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. 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

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-61**

**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:
  - Michael J. Mills, AIA, Architectural Conservator, to complete an assessment of the museums that will include an evaluation of the buildings and a report with recommendations at a cost of \$4,500.
2. Said contract shall expire on April 18, 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. 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

**Dennis Bertland Associates**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-62**

**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:

***Dennis Bertland Associates - continued:***

- Readington Township wishes to nominate the Whitehouse Village Historic District to both the State & National Historic Registers of Historic Places. A Historic Preservation Consultant who meets the requirements for historians and architectural historians established in 36-CFR-61 Professional Qualifications Standards for the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office is needed - Dennis Bertland Associates at rates as detailed in the contract.
2. Said contract shall expire on April 4, 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 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

***Hatch, Mott and MacDonald***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-63***

***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:
  - Hatch, Mott and MacDonald as experts for the following actions:  
  
Toll Brothers, Inc. v. Township of Readington, *et als.*  
Docket No. HNT-L-495-02  
Mark Hartman and Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Township of Readington - Docket No. 02-2017 (MLC)  
Illva Saronno Corporation v. Township of Readington  
Civil Action No. 02-3668 (MLC)  
Lackland and Lackland v. Township of Readington, *et als.*  
Docket No. 3:02-5597 (GEB)
2. Said contract shall expire on August 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.

***Hatch, Mott and MacDonald - continued:***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to adopt this Resolution, 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

***Litigation - Toll Bros., Inc. v. Township of Readington, et al***  
***Docket No. SOM-L-618-04 (formerly Docket No. HNT-L-495-02)***

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

***Litigation - Lackland & Lackland v. Township of Readington***  
***Docket No. HNT-1344-03PW (formerly HNT-L-81-99 & SOM-L-1466PW)***

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

Mayor Gatti said the following items were added to the Executive Session Agenda:

***Contract Negotiations - Urban Escrow Appeal***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize Valerie Bollheimer, Esq. to approve the proposed settlement and to prepare a Stipulation of Settlement for the Urban Escrow Appeal. 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

***Litigation - Strobel & Luckstone vs. Readington Twp. et al.***

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Attorney Dragan asked that #10 under New Business "**Postponement of Mortgage - 418 Well Sweep Road/Mattei.**" be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of budget meeting of February 10, 2005 and regular meeting of March 21, 2005.
2. **Auliu/Block 66, Lot 11** - request for release of unused escrow funds.
3. **Applications for Raffles Licenses** - Friends of Anderson House, Inc.
4. **Application for Raffles License** - Readington Athletic Booster Club.
5. **Payment of the Bills.**

<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Received Total</b>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 965,804.48
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 96,499.88
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 27,815.78
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 9,890.30
MISC. REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 2,802,138.99
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 487,109.91
REGIONAL & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$ 3,794,254.80
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 8,183,514.14

**CONSENT AGENDA - continued:**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye (except for minutes of Budget Meeting of February 10, 2005)
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

As it was after 8:00 p.m., **a motion** was made by Mr. Shamey 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 AND SUPPLEMENTING THE  
READINGTON TOWNSHIP 2004 SALARY AND WAGE ORDINANCE, FOR OFFICERS  
AND EMPLOYEES OF READINGTON TOWNSHIP***

**Ordinance #11-20005**

Mayor Gatti said this is the ordinance setting the salary and wages for the officers and employees of the Township. There were several errors in the ordinance as it was advertised.

Administrator Mekovetz said the salaries of the Court Administrator and the Public Assistance Case Worker/Filing Clerk were incorrect, and Section 12 which referenced the 27 pays during 2004 should be deleted. It will be necessary to readvertise the ordinance. The Committee could continue the Public Hearing until the next meeting.

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to continue this Public Hearing until the next meeting, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Ordinance #12-2005**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey 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 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**

Mayor Gatti said this ordinance provides for the acceptance of a portion of Block 39, Lot 14.01 for public roadway purposes.

Mayor Gatti asked if there were any comments or questions from the Governing Body.

**Ordinance #12-2005 - continued:**

Mrs. Allen said Block 39, Lot 14.01 was a 25 acre farm on Chambersbrook Road that was divided into three (3) lots and, as a result of the subdivision, a cul-de-sac was created off of Chambersbrook Road to give proper frontage to the three (3) lots. The cul-de-sac is what is being dedicated.

Attorney Dragan said this frontage was a 12 acre piece that was put into Open Space Preservation by the Township.

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***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**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to adopt this Ordinance, 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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. Memorandum dated March 28, 2005 from Denise B. Doolan, Clerk, Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, regarding *adoption of a Resolution supporting the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 700, in their quest to have Highway Route 31 renamed the Purple Heart Highway*, noted for information. No action taken.
2. Notice dated March 23, 2005 from Monica A. Gianchiglia, Board Administrator, Bedminster Twp. Planning Board, regarding *Notice of Master Plan Public Hearing*, noted for information. No action taken.
3. Notice dated March 23, 2005 from Dorothy D. Wilkie, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Bedminster, regarding *public hearing of Ordinance #05-09 - Supplementing & Amending Article 13-522 entitled "Wireless Facilities" of Chapter XIII Entitled "Land Management" of the revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster*, noted for information. No action taken.
4. Notice dated March 10, 2005 from Kelly A. Nash, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Belleville, regarding *adoption of a Resolution objecting to the Federal Government's cuts to Community Development Block Grant Funds*, noted for information. No action taken.
5. Memorandum dated March 28, 2005 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding the following:
  - *Adoption of Ordinance #2005-979 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by amending Article VII of the Provisions for Enforcement.*
  - *Public Hearing of #2005-980 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by amending Article XIII entitled "Affordable Housing."*

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION - continued:**

6. Notice dated March 17, 2005 from Darlene Reed, Planning Board Clerk, Hillsborough Township Planning Board, regarding *public hearing of the Hillsborough Township Master Plan Amendment - Stormwater Management Plan Element*, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Notice dated March 22, 2005 from Dorothy L. Gooditis, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Raritan, regarding *Public Hearing of Ordinance #05-9 - to Amend an Ordinance entitled "Revised General Ordinances of the Twp. of Raritan," and more specifically to amend Sections 16.78.050 - Variance Fees*, noted for information. No action taken.
8. Notice dated March 15, 2005 from Roberta A. Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Tewksbury, regarding *public hearing of Ordinance #06-2005 - An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance whose short title is "Tewksbury Twp. Development Regulations Ordinance (2000),"* noted for information. No action taken.
9. Notice from Raymond B. Drake, Esq., regarding *hearing before the Tewksbury Township Planning Board - Richard B. Emmitt, Block 37, Lot 3.04*, noted for information. No action taken.
10. Letter dated March 24, 2005 from Thomas D. Norkevich, Environmental Consultant, regarding *Application for Letter of Interpretation - Line Verification - James Hunter, Block 36, Lot 4*, noted for information. No action taken.
11. Letter dated March 21, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding *NJDEP Freshwater Wetland General Permit - Withdrawal - Illva Saronno Corporation, Block 80, Lots 1 & 2*, noted for information. No action taken.
12. Letter from residents of Edgewood Road regarding *the condition of the road and requesting that the road be paved.*

Engineer McEldowney said that he and Scott Jesseman made a site inspection of this road. He said he noticed some deficiencies in the work on the chip-sealing of the road. A lot of the stone has peeled off. He said the contractor should come back and redo the work.

Mr. Shamey said he would like to speak to the residents regarding this matter.

Mrs. Allen said she met with one resident last fall and there were two (2) concerns - the tar on the Belgium block curb and the dissatisfaction with chip-sealing on the road. The residents want the road to be paved instead of chip-sealed.

Engineer McEldowney said it would be very time and work intensive to remove the oil from the Belgium block curbing and it may not all come off.

Mrs. Muir said she would like to get input from Scott Jesseman regarding this situation.

Mr. Shamey said he will speak to Mr. Jesseman and get additional information.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. *Ordinance regarding conduct at sporting events* - consideration.  
  
Action on this item was deferred.
2. *Bus Trip for WWII Veterans from Hunterdon & Warren Counties* - request for donation.

Mayor Gatti said this request for a donation for three (3) buses to take veterans to Washington, DC was discussed at the last meeting at which time the Committee asked for

additional information regarding how many Hunterdon County and/or Readington Township residents would be going on the trip.

Mayor Gatti said a list was provided of those who will be going on the trip this year as well as those who have gone in the past.

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

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to donate \$200 to the VFW Post 5119 toward their World War II Memorial & Thank You Trip. 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

***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. Memorandum from the Readington Township Environmental Commission regarding letter from the South Branch Watershed Association ***requesting that the Township commit \$300 to the SBWA for their Spring Waterway Clean-up.***

Mrs. Allen said this event is held every year and a lot of Readington residents volunteer to participate in the program.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to commit \$300 from the Township's Clean Communities Fund towards funding for the South Branch Watershed Association's Spring Waterway Clean-up. 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

2. ***Hunterdon County Cross Acceptance Report.***

Mayor Gatti said Mrs. Allen served on the Cross Acceptance Negotiating Committee working with other Townships to develop the Planning Areas in Readington Township. This letter came at the recommendation of several members of the Planning Board.

Mrs. Allen said the Cross Acceptance Committee met several times with other municipalities along the Route 22/78 corridor. The process took almost a year and at the public hearing a group representing the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture requested that all areas that had previously been in Planning Area 4 remain in Planning Area 4. The map that had been developed by the County prior to the public hearing actually had Planning Area 5 adjacent to the stream corridors and the blanket mapping brought the entire area, including the stream corridors, to Planning Area 4 which is a rural agricultural designation rather than a rural environmentally sensitive designation.

The Planning Board suggested that rather than file our own Cross Acceptance Report that we accept the County's recommendation but attach a letter explaining what our original proposal had been.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to send a letter to the NJ Office of Smart Growth stating that while the Township is in concurrence with nearly all of the recommendations of the report, they take exception to the blanket mapping of PA-4 Rural within the core of Readington Township in light of the existing environmentally sensitive characteristics

and the lack of employment projections. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

3. ***East Whitehouse Fire Company/Fire Truck*** - discussion.

Mr. Shamey said over the last several years he has been having discussions with former Chief Andy Okolovitch and current Chief Ted Beady regarding their vehicle situation.

When the Committee was still discussing vehicle purchases on a rotation basis, East

***East Whitehouse Fire Company/Fire Truck discussion - continued:***

Whitehouse was next in line for the purchase of a vehicle. They are looking to replace a 1989 pumper that they purchased themselves.

Mr. Shamey said there are NFPA and PEOSHA guidelines that must be followed. To reconfigure the truck would be cost prohibitive. They are required to have a closed cab that can accommodate four (4) fire fighters.

Mr. Shamey said the territory covered by this fire house includes Merck, Chubb, Readington Farms, Tannery Road commercial park, sections of Route 22, the proposed Fallon Development and Commerce Bank and a proposed medical office/day care center on Route 22.

Chief Ted Beady and member Joe Krawcykowski appeared before the Committee.

Chief Beady said the two in/two out rule is a State requirement. If there are two (2) firefighters inside a structure there must be two (2) outside. The truck they wish to replace does not allow them to carry four (4) firefighters inside.

Chief Beady said the approved design of the newer trucks will allow them to carry more equipment. They are getting grant money through homeland security and the County is also purchasing some equipment, including decontamination equipment. The new truck would provide coverage for the proposed growth in the community.

Mr. Shamey said the estimated cost is \$405,000 with an average industry increase of 6% each year. He said if this truck is purchased the company will not need anything else in the area of vehicles for five (5) to ten (10) years.

Mrs. Allen said she would like to see the fire company research the availability of grants for the purchase of apparatus. She said several other fire companies in the area have received substantial grants. She said Congressman Ferguson's office would have this information.

Mr. Shamey suggested that this matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting and that research into available grants can be done prior to that meeting.

4. ***Revision of Speed Limits along NJ Route 31.***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER  
ESTABLISHING A 55 MILE-PER-HOUR SPEED LIMIT ALONG NEW JERSEY  
ROUTE 31 BETWEEN THE ROUTES US 202/NJ 12 TRAFFIC CIRCLE AND  
STANTON STATION ROAD, IN THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON,  
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN AND TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
R-2005-64**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation (NJDOT), has completed roadway construction on New Jersey Route 31 between the Routes US 202/NJ 12

Traffic Circle and Stanton Station Road, in the Borough of Flemington, Township of Raritan and Township of Readington, and has determined that the prior Speed Limit of 50 MPH is no longer appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJDOT is in the process of promulgating a Traffic Regulation Order establishing a 55 MPH speed limit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, does concur with the NJDOT's proposed change in the speed limit as follows:

***Revision of Speed Limits along NJ Route 31 - continued:***

Along NJ Route 31 for both directions of traffic 55 MPH between the Raritan Township Corporate Line/Readington Township Corporate Line and the Readington Township Corporate Line/Clinton Township Corporate Line (approximate mileposts 25.45 to 27.30).

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

5. ***Amendment to Valic Deferred Compensation Plan - Resolution.***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-65**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that the Amendment to the Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") which addresses the Plan's compliance with the "automatic rollover" requirements of Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(31)(B), is hereby approved and adopted, and the property officer(s) of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one (1) or more counterparts of the amendment, the same to be effective as of April 4, 2005.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the undersigned certifies that attached hereto is a true copy of the Amendment to the Plan, approved and adopted in the forgoing Resolution.

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

6. ***Bond Ordinance/Block 57, Lot 13.01 (Staats) - introduction.***

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT (BLOCK 57, LOT 13.01, OWNER: STAATS), IN THE TOWNSHIP**

***OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING  
\$960,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$912,000 BONDS OR  
NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

**Ordinance #13-2005**

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 \$960,000, including the sum of \$48,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law to be provided from the Open Space Trust Fund.

**Ordinance #13-2005 - continued:**

**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 \$912,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

**SECTION 3.** (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 easement on property consisting of Block 57, Lot 13.01(Owner: Staats) on the Tax Maps of 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.

**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 \$912,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 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.

**Ordinance #13-2005 - continued:**

**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 57, Lot 13.01 (Owner: Staats), 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

7. ***Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc.***- request for release of Performance/Cash Bonds.

Action on this item was deferred until the Administrator is notified by Engineer McEldowney that it should be placed back on the agenda.

8. ***Rencor, Inc.*** - request for release of Performance Bond.

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

9. ***Stowaway Self Storage*** - request for reduction of Performance Bond.

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

10. ***Postponement of Mortgage*** - 418 Well Sweep Road/Mattei.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Postponement of Mortgage for 418

***Postponement of Mortgage - 418 Well Sweep Road/Mattei - continued:***

Well Sweep Road (Mattei) contingent on both existing mortgages being released. 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

11. ***Auliu/Block 66, Lot 11*** - request for release of unused escrow funds.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

12. ***Applications for Raffles Licenses*** - Friends of Anderson House, Inc.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

13. ***Application for Raffles License*** - Readington Athletic Booster Club

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said "rough road" signs have been placed on Woodschurch Road.

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

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Engineer McEldowney said he will be meeting with Patrolman Gooley to discuss the stop sign at River Avenue and Lazy Brook Road.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Frank Gatti:**

**a. Finance Department**

**1. *Payment of the Bills.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued:**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and the next walk on Township open space property is scheduled for Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gatti asked if the Open Space Advisory Board can make a presentation at a future Committee meeting.

Mrs. Allen suggested May 16<sup>th</sup>. All agreed.

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

**4. Thomas Auriemma:**

**a. Recreation Department**

Mr. Auriemma said that seven (7) applications were received for self-nomination to the Township's Recreation Committee for two (2) openings. Interviews will be conducted in the near future.

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

**5. Beatrice Muir:**

**a. Board of Health**

Mrs. Muir said the Board of Health held a special meeting to discuss a National Boards of Health inquiry and documentation of the various areas that the local Board of Health is involved in.

Mrs. Muir said dates and times of rabies clinics throughout Hunterdon County are available on the County Health Department website.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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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. Tom Seibert referred to Page 27 of the bill list and said he would like a copy of Purchase Order #00396 for a Settlement Loan in the amount of \$2,800,000.

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

Mayor Gatti asked for comments from the Governing Body.

Mrs. Allen referred to a letter from the Environmental Commission to the Township's State and Federal legislators asking that the New Jersey Research Conservation and Development Council not be eliminated from the President's FY06 budget. They are asking that the Township Committee send similar letters.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen to send letters to the Township's State and Federal legislators asking that the New Jersey Research Conservation and Development Council not be eliminated from the President's FY06 budget. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***ADJOURNMENT***

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn at 9:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC  
Administrator\Municipal Clerk

