

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING - MAY 2, 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>
Police Department..... confidential	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain
Recreation.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Municipal Court .....	Personnel.....	" " "
Amendment to Green Acres Project Agreement #1022-96-066.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Awarding of Live Scan Fingerprint System Bid.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Mark Hartman & Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Twp. of Readington Docket No. 02-2017 (MLC).....	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.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 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 appoint Christina Ferrari as a permanent Clerk-Transcriber in the Police Department, based on completion of her three (3) month probationary period and recommendation by Chief Paganessi. 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

Mayor Gatti said that two (2) other items of Personnel/Police Department will remain in Executive Session.

***Personnel - Recreation***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to appoint the following as members of the Recreation Committee for terms to expire on December 31, 2005:

Jeff Kane  
Mark Toman  
Stephanie Moore (Alternate)  
Tom Daley (Alternate)

This motion was seconded by Mr. Shamey.

Mrs. Muir said that she would like to see Stephanie Moore appointed as a regular member, not an alternate. She said she would like to see someone who represents activities that are not already represented on the Recreation Committee. Ms. Moore has a tremendous résumé and has special incite into applying for grants. In addition, Mrs. Muir said she would like to see another woman appointed to the Recreation Committee.

Mayor Gatti said the appointments are only for one (1) year and can be revisited in January.

On Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to increase Patti Marcine's hours to 25 hours per week at a rate of \$18 per hour, with the condition that should she ask for health benefits at any time in the future the cost will be paid from the Recreation Trust Fund. 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

***Personnel - Municipal Court***

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

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
GREEN ACRES  
ENABLING RESOLUTION  
R-2005-75**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington desires to further the public interest by obtaining a loan of \$0 and/or a grant of \$400,000 from the State to fund the following project(s):

Greenway Incentive Acquisition

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey resolves that Vita Mekovetz, or the successor to the office of Municipal Administrator/Clerk is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant, and

**WHEREAS**, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

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

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington are hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Greenway Incentive Acquisition, and;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$400,000; and
3. That, in the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, and;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That 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

***Contract Negotiations - Awarding of Live Scan Fingerprint System Bid***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to award the contract, with no options, in the amount of \$23,014.00 to Cross Match Technologies, Inc. for the Live Scan Fingerprint System. 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 - Mark Hartman & Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Twp. of Readington  
Docket No. 02-2017 (MLC)***

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 April 18, 2005 for content. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Contract Negotiations - Professional Services:  
M<sub>2</sub> Associates***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-76***

**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:
  - M<sup>2</sup> Associates, Inc. as hydrology experts for the following actions at rates as detailed in the contract:
    - 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 1, 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. 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

**Princeton Hydro**

Mayor Gatti said there was no action on this item as the Township already has a Professional Services Contract with Princeton Hydro.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of meeting of April 18, 2005.
2. **Jacobs-BBL** - Budget Adjustment Request.
3. **Holman/Block 63, Lot 45** - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.
4. **Vines, LLC - DeStefano/Block 39, Lot 59** - request for release of escrow funds.
5. **Liwonchuk/Block 46, Lot 5.04** - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.
6. **Bugglin/Block 67.01, Lot 19.38** - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.
7. **East Whitehouse Fire Department** - request for permission to hold coin toss (July 30, 2005).
8. **Application for Social Affair Permit** - Polish American Citizens Club.
9. **Application for Blue Light Permit** - Stephanie Becker.
10. **Application for Raffles License** - Friends of Anderson House, Inc.
11. **Tax Cancellations** - resolutions.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector recommends 2004 tax cancellations in the amount of \$6,282.80 as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
9/2Q	Merck & Co.	Subdivision	\$ 68.66
95/15.01	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Exempt	\$ 6,214.14

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel \$6,282.80 from the tax records for the tax year 1997.

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

**WHEREAS**, certain 2004 taxes remain outstanding on the Township of Readington tax records which are assessed to Readington Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the total taxes amount to \$37,381.74 as analyzed:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
15/21	3488 Route 22	\$ 6,210.00
15/24	3474 Route 22	\$ 6,210.00
15/27	3490 Route 22	\$11,478.16
15/27Q	3490 Route 22	\$ 1,029.60
15/29	Island Road Backland	\$ 141.76
15/29Q	Island Road Backland	\$ 415.84
61/4.01 (Unknown)	Stanton Road	\$ 186.30
76/3	20 Craig Road	\$11,043.54
76/3.14	30 Anderson Road	\$ 666.54

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel \$37,381.74 from the tax records.

**CONSENT AGENDA - continued:**

12. **Payment of the Bills.**

<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Received Total</b>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 1,351,727.44
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 96,212.68
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 30,344.74
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 965.00
MISC. REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 261,731.06
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 355,196.01
REGIONAL & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$ 1,897,127.40
DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY	009	\$ 200.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 3,993,504.33

13. **Municipal Court & Violations Bureau Report** for March, 2005.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda. 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

**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 Mrs. Allen 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 #11-2005**

Mayor Gatti said this is a continuation of the public hearing for Ordinance #11-2005 which sets the salary and wages for the officers and employees of the Township.

Administrator Mekovetz said the questions regarding certain salaries have been addressed.

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

Clerk read by Title:

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**Ordinance #11-2005**

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

**Ordinance #13-2005**

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

Clerk read by Title:

***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**

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

Mrs. Allen said this farm has been approved in the Township's Planning Incentive Grant 2005A Round. It is a 55 acre farm located on Harlan School Road.

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 Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***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**

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

**Ordinance #14-2005**

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XI ENTITLED "FEES, GUARANTIES, INSPECTIONS AND OFF-TRACT IMPROVEMENTS" OF CHAPTER 148 TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT RULES OF THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING***

**Ordinance #14-2005**

Mayor Gatti said this ordinance was amended in December 2004 to reflect the new COAH regulations, however the amendment that was done in December did not include all of the zones in the Township. This amendment addresses this issue.

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.

**Ordinance #14-2005 - continued:**

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XI ENTITLED "FEES, GUARANTIES, INSPECTIONS AND OFF-TRACT IMPROVEMENTS" OF CHAPTER 148 TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NONRESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT RULES OF THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING***

**Ordinance #14-2005**

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

**Ordinance #15-2005**

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES***

**Ordinance #15-2005**

Mayor Gatti said this ordinance amends the Township's ordinance regarding liquor licenses to clarify the definition of family.

Attorney Dragan said when this ordinance was originally adopted it said that no more than one (1) retail license would be granted to any person, business association, etc. This follows the statute which states that the municipality can set a limit of one (1) retail license per person.

The Township's ordinance stated that no individual or family, by blood or marriage, could own more than one (1) of the licenses. When the Township recently advertised for bids for a retail plenary distribution liquor license a protest was submitted. In addition, a request was sent to the ABC asking them to issue an opinion regarding the definition of a person.

Attorney Dragan said she was notified by the ABC that they would not issue an opinion and would only become involved if there is litigation. This amendment uses the definition from the State Statute.

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.

William Caldwell, Esq. said he is appearing on behalf of his client, Mr. Wade, who has twice submitted the only bid for the liquor license. He said they take exception to the Township amending the ordinance upon receipt of an objection from someone who didn't even submit a bid.

Attorney Dragan said that this ordinance was not adopted until last October in conjunction with the advertisement for bids. She said the Committee does not have to move forward with the issuance of an additional distribution license. In addition, when the bid was canceled everyone who picked up a bid package was notified.

Mayor Gatti said that there is no requirement for the Committee to issue another license.

**Ordinance #15-2005 - continued:**

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

Clerk read by Title:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
READINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

**Ordinance #15-2005**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. Letter dated April 20, 2005 from Alex DeCroce, Assembly Republican Leader, **requesting that the Committee adopt a resolution regarding the Blueprint for Property Tax Reform**, noted for information. No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated April 26, 2005 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding **adoption 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. Notice dated April 14, 2005 from Gail W. McKane, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding **adoption of Ordinance #882-05 Supplementing & Amending Chapter 165 entitled "Land Use Regulations," adopting revised checklists**, noted for information. No action taken.
4. Notice dated April 14, 2005 from Gail W. McKane, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding **adoption of Ordinance #881-05 Supplementing & Amending Chapter 165 entitled "Land Use Regulations," amending the definitions of setbacks**, noted for information. No action taken.
5. Notice dated April 12, 2005 from Darlene Reed, Planning Board Clerk, Hillsborough Township Planning Board, regarding **adoption of the Hillsborough Township Master Plan Amendment - Stormwater Management Plan Element**, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Resolution from the Township of Lumberton **supporting Senate Bill S-1023 and Assembly Bill A-1835**, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Resolution from the Township of West Amwell **supporting the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 700, in their quest to have Highway Route 31 renamed the Purple Heart Highway.**

Mr. Shamey suggested that the Committee adopt a similar Resolution.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-78**

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award in present use and the first American award recognizing the common soldier; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was created by General George Washington as the "Badge of Military Merit" and impelled him to grant Commissions and advance rank of recipients; and

***Resolution in Support of Renaming Route 31 “Purple Heart Highway” - continued:***

**WHEREAS**, General Washington created a permanent record in the Book of Merit and a cloth purple heart which distinguished its recipients for valor and merit, and in his own words, enabled “the road to glory in a patriot army and free country is thus open to all;” and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 700 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart has reached out to this governing body to support their quest to have Highway Route 31 renamed in honor of these great men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee regrets that the Purple Heart Medal was forgotten for 150 years and believes that the most valiant soldiers of our country should always be remembered;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey strongly supports a permanent reminder of all who travel Route 31 of these brave individuals who so gallantly fought for our nation’s freedom; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Readington Township Committee echo General Washington’s words that “the road to glory in a free country should be open to all” and that the renaming of State Highway Route 31 to Purple Heart Highway would be yet another way to make General Washington’s dream a reality for the recognition and respect to the common soldier; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Acting Governor Codey, Senator Leonard Lance, Assemblyman Michael J. Doherty, Assemblywoman Connie Myers, New Jersey State League of Municipalities and all Hunterdon County Municipalities.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

8. Resolution from the Township of West Amwell ***supporting Senate Bill S-1023 and Assembly Bill A-1835.***

Mrs. Muir suggested that the Committee adopt a similar Resolution.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF S-1023 AND A-1835  
STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES OF PROPERTY TAXES FROM DISABLED  
VETERAN EXEMPTION  
R-2005-77***

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S-1012 and Assembly Bill A-1835 have been introduced for the purpose, in part, requiring the State to reimburse municipalities for the payment of property taxes that disabled veterans are exempt from; and

**WHEREAS**, the bills also require that the Governing Body of each municipality return all taxes collected on the veteran’s property after the effective date of the determination of total disability from the United States Department of Veteran’s Affairs, and requires the State to reimburse municipalities for the amount of such property taxes returned to a totally disabled veteran pursuant to the requirements of the bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington recognizes the bravery of the men and women of our armed services and pay homage to them for their service to our Country as a great sacrifice to their health and welfare that they gave so valiantly for the freedom that we all experience and enjoy today; and

**WHEREAS**, the exemption of the property tax for the 100% disabled veterans while justified, it does possess a burden to the municipalities and seriously impacts the citizens of the Township who would have to bear the burden of this exemption without the reimbursement from the State of New Jersey.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, do hereby strongly support the passage of Senate Bill S-1023 and Assembly Bill A-1835 for the reasons set forth herein and urges all municipalities of the State to resolve to support passage of said legislation; and

**Resolution supporting Senate Bill S-1023 and Assembly Bill A-1835 – continued:**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Acting Governor Codey, Senator Leonard Lance, Assemblyman Michael J. Doherty, Assemblywoman Connie Myers, New Jersey State League of Municipalities and all Hunterdon County Municipalities.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

9. Notice from Lloyd H. Tubman, Esq., regarding **hearing before the Readington Twp. Planning Board - Rolling Meadows of Readington, LLC, Block 55, Lot 7.01**, noted for information. No action taken.
10. Letter dated April 5, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding **NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation/Line Verification - Anthony Malinowski, Block 53, Lot 14**, noted for information. No action taken.
11. **Letter dated April 12, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding Freshwater Wetlands Emergency Permit - Olga Boglioli, Block 64, Lot 51**, noted for information. No action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Administrator Mekovetz said that Chief Paganessi provided his comments regarding this ordinance, which were included in the version of the ordinance distributed to the Committee.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING CONDUCT AT YOUTH AND ADULT SPORTING EVENTS HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

**Ordinance #16-2005**

**WHEREAS**, organized youth and adult sports programs and events in the Township of Readington continue to proliferate; and

**WHEREAS**, a need has arisen to guide the development of such programs and events for the health, safety and well-being of all involved in such programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, 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 I.**

This Ordinance shall pertain to: i) adult and youth sports events sponsored by Readington Township Recreation that are conducted within the Township of Readington; ii) anyone or any organization leasing property or leasing a facility in Readington Township for an adult or youth sports event; or iii) any individual attending an adult or youth sports event held at a facility in the Township of Readington.

**SECTION II.**

As used in this Ordinance, “sports event” means “a competition, practice or instructional event involving one or more sports teams organized pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter, or, which are member teams in a league organized by or affiliated with Readington Township Recreation.

**SECTION III.**

1. All coaches and assistant coaches for youth sports must possess a valid coach’s card and must have attended and passed the Rutgers Youth Sports Council’s Safety Clinic (or another equivalent training program approved by the Readington Township Recreation Committee and Director), prior to coaching. This requirement may be temporarily waived by the Readington Township Director of Recreation for up to a maximum of ninety (90) days if such training is unavailable. However, in all cases, the training must be completed within twenty-one (21) days after the first day that the sports program begins.

***Ordinance regarding conduct at sporting events - continued:***

2. Every coach and assistant coach of a youth sport must first successfully pass a background investigation by the New Jersey State Police as described by the Volunteer Review Operation (VPR) Program.
3. All individual players, coaches, parents shall be required to sign the Township's form of code of conduct prior to participation. The applicable Codes of Conduct are on file at the Recreation Director's office at the Readington Township Municipal Building.

**SECTION IV.**

1. Any coach, assistant coach, volunteer or official who commits an act of violence, assault or criminal activity while participating in a youth sports event, or who has violated this Ordinance, shall not be permitted thereafter to coach, assistant coach, or otherwise engage in any support effort, whether voluntary or official, at any youth sports event.
2. Any student, coach, official, parent or other person subject to the terms and conditions of the athletic code of conduct adopted by the Township of Readington, who violates the provision of the athletic code of conduct, may be banned from attending any subsequent youth sports event conducted in Readington Township. In the event that any student, coach, official, parent or other person subject to the terms and conditions of the athletic code of conduct is banned from attendance, that person may petition the Township for permission to resume attendance. Prior to being permitted to resume attendance, the Township shall require the individual to present proof of completion of an anger management counseling course approved by the Township Administrator, Recreation Director and the Recreation Committee.

**SECTION V.**

1. The removal of unruly participants, coaches, parents, fans and other individuals shall be authorized as follows:
  - i. Officials, whether they are paid or volunteers, Recreation Director/ Assistant Director, League Officers/Directors (as designated on the Readington Township Application for use of the Facility), certain Recreation Committee Liaisons and coaches shall be empowered to direct that an individual remove himself or herself from a playing field and/or park for engaging in "unruly behavior" violative of this Ordinance. Such unruly behavior includes, but is not limited to: any criminal or abusive behavior, fighting, assault, threatening or intimidating physical or verbal behavior, including foul or derogatory language, towards any participant, official or individual attending or viewing the event at any time, including the time period preceding or following a game, practice or instructional event.
  - ii. The order of authority for directing removal pursuant to sub-paragraph i above shall be as follows: 1) Paid or volunteer Game Official; or if needed: 2) Game Official in conjunction with the Recreation Director or Assistant Director. If neither the Recreation Director or Assistant Director is present, then 3) the Game Official in conjunction with League Officer/ Director (as designated by the Readington Township Recreation Director) in charge of the particular event or 4) the Game Official in conjunction with the Township Recreation Committee Liaison for that particular sport. In the event that none of the above individuals is available or present, the coach of the home team may direct the individual to remove himself or herself, provided that the coach has not engaged in the behavior in violation of this Ordinance.

If individual continues unruly behavior after being asked to stop or leave the premises, the official in charge shall call "911" and allow the Readington Township Police to handle the situation as directed under the law.
  - iii. If a Game Official is in violation of this Ordinance, another Game Official present may make the removal decisions in the same manner described above.

**SECTION VI.**

An individual failing to remove himself or herself from the sports event, facility, or park

***Ordinance regarding conduct at sporting events - continued:***

when lawfully requested to do so, shall be considered to be in violation of this Ordinance and may be subject to a fine not in excess of \$1,000 per violation and confinement up to 72 hours. Each violation may be considered a separate violation.

**SECTION VII.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION VIII.**

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudicated and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION IX.                      EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Auriemma to introduce this Ordinance, 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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

2. ***Readington Township Cross Acceptance Report.***

Administrator Mekovetz said in response to the Committee's comments on the Cross Acceptance Report the State sent a letter saying that if the Township wants their comments considered they have to go through a public notification/public hearing process.

Mrs. Allen said the Planning Board has concerns that there may be too many challenges to the County Plan. The Township is very supportive of the Cross Acceptance Plan overall. The opinion of the Planning Board and the Cross Acceptance Committee is not to submit a separate Plan but support the County's Plan. Mrs. Allen said that the Planning Board is recommending that the Committee take no action. All agreed.

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

Action on this item was deferred.

4. ***Dynasty Construction/Block 66, Lot 49*** - request for reduction of Performance Bond.

Ms. Stephanie Moore said that this property is next to her farm. She said that according to the Planning Board Resolution the developer was supposed to install a sidewalk on one side of the road. In addition the developer was also supposed to replant and reseed the open space.

Engineer McEldowney said he is only recommending that the bond be reduced, not released.

Mrs. Allen said the Township accepted the open space after issues regarding debris on the property were addressed.

Mrs. Muir suggested that the Planning Board resolution be reviewed for compliance prior to any decision being made.

After a short discussion action on this item was deferred.

5. ***Jacobs-BBL*** - Budget Adjustment Request.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Environmental Commission - 2005 Environmental Services Program Matching Grant - resolution.**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**GRANT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
READINGTON TOWNSHIP  
AND  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BY AND FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

GRANT IDENTIFIER: ES05-027

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

**RESOLUTION #R-2005-79**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Environmental Commission, (“COMMISSION”) has applied for matching grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“DEPARTMENT”), Environmental Services Program (“ESP”), Matching Grants Program established pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 13:1H-1 et seq.* for funding in connection with a project entitled Trail Design for the Cushetunk Lake Preserve (“PROJECT”) the total cost of the PROJECT being \$5,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the DEPARTMENT has reviewed the application submitted by the COMMISSION and found it to conform with the scope and intent of the ESP Matching Grants Program and has approved the COMMISSION’s request for funding in the amount of \$2,500, contingent on the COMMISSION’s providing the required matching funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to obtain the grant funds, it is necessary that the Township of Readington certify that matching funds in the amount of \$2,500 will be provided by the Township of Readington to the COMMISSION for the PROJECT.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Township of Readington:

1. That the COMMISSION was created and continues to exist in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.
2. That the governing body recommends that the DEPARTMENT approve the COMMISSION's application for funding.
3. That the COMMISSION is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the DEPARTMENT in connection with the PROJECT, Office of Environmental Services Program, Grant Number ES05-027.
4. That upon execution of the above grant agreement, the Township of Readington will provide the COMMISSION with matching funds in the amount of \$2,500, for the PROJECT, and
5. That 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

2. **Readington Trail Association - request for permission to use Township Land for Fund-Raising Event on June 19, 2005.**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the request from the Readington Trail Association for permission to use Township Land for a Fund-Raising Event on June 19, 2005. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**NEW BUSINESS – continued:**

3. **Ordinance establishing a Recreation Committee** - introduction.

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

4. **Bond Ordinance/Block 15, Lot 4 (Arnaudy)** - introduction.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT (BLOCK 15, LOT 4, OWNER: ARNAUDY), IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$452,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$429,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**Ordinance #17-2005**

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 \$452,000, including the sum of \$22,600 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law to be provided from the Open Space Trust Fund.

**SECTION 2.** In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$429,400 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 15, Lot 4 (Owner: Arnaudy) 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:

**Bond Ordinance/Block 15, Lot 4 (Arnaudy) - continued:**

(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 \$429,400, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$20,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

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

**SECTION 8.** The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**SECTION 9.** The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**SECTION 10.** The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as the case may be, are authorized pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 40A:12-1 *et seq.*, and any other applicable law, to prepare and sign any and all necessary documentation to effectuate the acquisition as described herein, concerning the property known as Block 15, Lot 4 (Owner: Arnaudy), 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 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, May 16, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS – continued:**

5. **Treatment Works Approval Application** - Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95 (Country Classics, Inc.).

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-80**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to extend the use of public sewers to accommodate property known as Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95; and

**WHEREAS**, the developer/owner Country Classics, Inc. has requested Readington Township to consent to an application for a Treatment Works Approval Permit for the extension and use of such sewers to Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant, Readington Township, has filed application for the extension and use of such sewers to Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington reviewed this application at its regular meeting held May 2, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined and reported by our Township Engineer that this application is in order and may be filed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby authorize the following action:

1. The Township authorizes the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign for the Governing Body at appropriate locations on the WQM-003 Statement of Consent Form for Block 36, Lots 93, 94 & 95.

**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

6. **Recycling Tonnage Grant** - resolution.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION  
R-2005-81**

**WHEREAS**, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs, and to continue and expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**Recycling Tonnage Grant resolution - continued:**

**WHEREAS**, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Director of Public Works/Municipal Recycling Coordinator Scott Jesseman to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

**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

7. **School Road Improvements Section I - Work Change Directive No. 1.**

Administrator Mekovetz said this Work Change Directive for the installation of additional grates requires an Certification of Funds which was provided by the Chief Financial Officer.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve Work Change Director No. 1 in the amount of \$2,655 for School Road Improvements Section I. 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

8. **Holman/Block 63, Lot 45 - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. **Vines, LLC - DeStefano/Block 39, Lot 59 - request for release of escrow funds.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

10. **Liwonchuk/Block 46, Lot 5.04 - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

11. **Bugglin/Block 67.01, Lot 19.38 - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

12. **East Whitehouse Fire Department - request for permission to hold coin toss (July 30, 2005).**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

13. **Application for Social Affair Permit - Polish American Citizens Club.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

14. **Application for Blue Light Permit - Stephanie Becker.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

15. **Application for Raffles License - Friends of Anderson House, Inc.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said the 2004 audit has started. The process will take approximately one (1) month and the final report should be available at the end of June.

Administrator Mekovetz said she received a telephone call from a representative from WalMart asking that their cash guarantee be replaced with a Letter of Credit. She asked that this request be put in writing. Administrator Mekovetz said WalMart did put \$100,000 in escrow for off-site improvements to Route 22. Per the Developer's Agreement the Township only has three (3) years to commence these improvements. She asked Scott Parker to provide the Committee with a update on the status of the improvements.

Administrator Mekovetz said a request was received from Ron Armellino, Readington Junior Baseball, regarding payment of \$5,000 for the use of the Jack Kust facilities. She said last year the funds came out of the Recreation Trust.

Mr. Auriemma asked that this be passed on to Greta Kenney for payment.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan said the closing with Hunterdon County on the Miller property will be held on Wednesday.

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

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Engineer McEldowney said work on School Road is continuing.

Engineer McEldowney said the reclamation project on Mountain Road should begin next week. A preconstruction meeting regarding the Mill Road project was held and work should begin in June.

Engineer McEldowney said he met with Scott Jesseman and Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. regarding the chip seal work that was done last year. He said he received a memorandum stating that they will address the deficiencies on the work that they did.

Engineer McEldowney said a meeting was held with a representative from Hedgerow Estates regarding the acceptance of the roads.

Engineer McEldowney said that the Stormwater Management Plan should be completed by the end of this week and a copy will be sent to the County Planning Board.

Mrs. Allen asked for the status of the Dreahook Road Bridge.

Engineer McEldowney said the County has done a great job on this project. He suggested that the members of the Committee visit the site to see the bridge.

Engineer McEldowney said a TID meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. He said the notice he received requested that a member of the Governing Body attend.

Mr. Shamey said he might be able to attend.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Frank Gatti:**

#### **a. Finance Department**

##### **1. *Tax Cancellations* - resolutions.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued:**

### **2. *Payment of the Bills.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Gatti said a notice was received from the State Historic Preservation Office stating that the Eversole-Hall House will be considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places.

Mayor Gatti said that Mr. Shamey and Mr. Auriemma will be meeting with the Local School Board to discuss the defeated budget.

Mayor Gatti said that he will be attending a meeting with Hunterdon Central High School to discuss the defeated budget.

Mr. Shamey said he might be able to attend this meeting.

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 walk on Township open space property is scheduled for the Lachenmayr tract on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Allen said the Open Space Advisory Board is scheduled to give a presentation at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting.

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

### **4. **Thomas Auriemma:****

#### **a. **Recreation Department****

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

### **5. **Beatrice Muir:****

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

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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.

Ms. Stephanie Moore said she has problems with hunters and others trespassing on the open space next to her property. She said she posted the signs on the open space last year. She said she knows where the survey markers are.

Engineer McEldowney suggested that Ms. Moore walk the property with a representative from the DPW to determine where the property lines are.

**COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shamey to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC  
Administrator\Municipal Clerk