

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING - JUNE 6, 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 and Mr. T. Auriemma

ABSENT: Mrs. B. Muir

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dragan, Administrator Mekovetz and Engineer McEldowney

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u>
Police Department.....	Contract Negotiations.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Three Bridges Library.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Buildings & Grounds/Parks.....	Personnel.....	" " "
PBA Local 317.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Traffic Signal Agreement - Route 31 & West Woodschurch Road.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Agreement.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 55, Lot 7.01 (Rolling Meadows of Readington, LLC).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 39, Lot 14 (Cuchiaro).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 13, Lot 62 (Hamewith Farm).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 36, Lot 4 (Zacios).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes - May 16, 2005..	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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - continued:

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 7:35 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 Mrs. Allen to hire Hans Salopek to do IT work in the Police Department at a rate of \$25 per hour. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel - Three Bridges Library

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to accept Melody Kist's letter of resignation dated May 23, 2005 from the Three Bridges Library, effective June 6, 2005. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Personnel - Buildings & Grounds - Parks

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to hire the following summer workers for the Buildings & Grounds/Parks Department, to be paid their 2004 hourly rate plus 3.5%:

Steve Strouble Sean Keeley Marvin Fields

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations - PBA Local 317

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

Contract Negotiations - Traffic Signal Agreement-Route 31 & West Woodschurch Road

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-87***

WHEREAS, a traffic condition exists at the intersection of Route 31 and West Woodschurch Road, in the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, which requires the installation and operation of a semi-actuated traffic control signal with pedestrian push buttons and areas of presence detection in order to minimize the possibility of accidents; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expedite the safe movement and conduct of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has indicated its willingness to install a traffic control signal at said intersection; and

Traffic Signal Agreement-Route 31 & West Woodschurch Road - continued:

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has proposed a form of agreement pertaining to maintenance of said traffic signal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Readington, be and are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the State of New Jersey, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation, for the purpose aforesaid, a copy of said Agreement being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Readington be and hereby are authorized to execute said agreement.

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

Contract Negotiations - Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Agreement

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Agreement in the amount of \$42,660 for the Eversole-Hall House and to commit to matching \$28,790, either in cash or in-kind services. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 55, Lot 7.01 (Rolling Meadows of Readington, LLC)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to accept the dedication of 25.0905 acres of open space from Rolling Meadows of Readington, LLC (Block 55, Lot 7.01). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 39, Lot 14 (Cuchiaro)

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 13, Lot 62 (Hamewith Farm)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the agreement with the SADC for Block 13, Lot 62 (Hamewith Farm). This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 36, Lot 4 (Zacios)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize Administrator Mekovetz to obtain quotes for a preliminary assessment of value for Block 36, Lot 4 (Zacios) and to award the contract to the lowest bidder. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (May 16, 2005)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Executive Session minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2005 for content. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Contract Negotiations - Professional Services - Richard P. Cushing, Esq.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-88***

WHEREAS, litigation has been filed against the Public Body and members of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of the governing body be represented by separate counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Public Body has the obligation under its ordinances to provide for the defense of the governing body members when they are sued in connection with their office; and

WHEREAS, the Public Body and Attorney agree that there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services; and

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

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

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

Richard P. Cushing, Esq. of Gebhardt & Kiefer, PC, as Special Counsel to represent Ronald Monaco, Julia Allen, Frank Gatti, Gerard Shamey and Beatrice Muir in certain litigation at a rate of \$200 per hour.

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

A ***MOTION*** was made by 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*** of meeting of May 16, 2005.
2. ***Specifications for 2004-2005 Reclamation Projects*** (per 2004 General Improvement Ordinance - Pasture Road, Militia Drive, Rockafellow Mills Road Section 2 & Dreahook Road Section 2).

CONSENT AGENDA - continued:

3. **“Click It or Ticket” Grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety - Resolution.**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE “CLICK IT OR TICKET” MOBILIZATION
OF MAY 23, 2005 - JUNE 5, 2005
R-2005-91**

WHEREAS, there were 42,643 motor vehicle fatalities in the United States in 2003 and 747 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2003; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a safety belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a safety belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety estimates that more than 2,000 lives have been saved by safety belt use in New Jersey since 1985; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* safety belt mobilization from May 23 to June 5, 2005 in an effort to raise awareness and increase safety belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the safety belt usage in the state from the current level of 82% to 84%; and

WHEREAS, the a further increase in safety belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* safety belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 23 to June 5, 2005 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of safety belt use.

4. **Application for Social Affairs Permit - Flemington American Legion Post #159 (July 29th - 31st).**
5. **Monthly Collection Report** for May, 2005.
6. **Monthly Collection Report for Sewers** for May, 2005.
7. **Lien Redemption** - resolution.

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

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 31, Lot 45 known as Tax Sale Certificate #04-05; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$558.36 plus a premium paid in the amount of \$200.00 to the lien holder, James C. Older.

8. **Tax Refund** - resolution.

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

CONSENT AGENDA - continued:

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the following 2005 tax refund:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
51/48	duplicate payment	Hoppensteadt, James & Lisa	\$ 3,105.00

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

9. Payment of the Bills.

Fund Description	Fund No.	Received Total
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 1,730,323.07
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 1,431.36
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 64,634.07
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 61,365.68
MISC. REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 8,142.88
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 640,554.53
REGIONAL & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$ 1,594,586.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 4,101,037.59

10. Municipal Court & Violations Bureau Report for April, 2005.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen 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
Mr. Shamey	-	Aye
Mayor Gatti	-	Aye

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Notice dated May 27, 2005 from Dorothy D. Wilkie, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Bedminster, regarding **public hearing of Ordinance #05-19 - Supplementing & Amending Article 13-400 entitled "District Regulations" and Article 13-500 entitled "General Provisions & Design Standards" of Chapter XIII Entitled "Land Management" of the revised General Ordinances of the Twp. of Bedminster**, noted for information. No action taken.
2. Notice dated May 26, 2005 from Gail W. McKane, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding **public hearing of Ordinance #886-05 Supplementing & Amending Chapter 165 entitled "Land Use Regulations," amending the Building Area Requirements for the C-2 District,** noted for information. No action taken.
3. Notice dated May 17, 2005 from Rose Sollena, Deputy Twp. Clerk, Twp. of Raritan, regarding **adoption of a resolution in opposition to the Fast Track Permitting Act, PL 2004, C. 89**, noted for information. No action taken.
4. Memorandum dated April 28, 2005 from Roberta A. Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Tewksbury, regarding **2005 Municipal Cross Acceptance Report Public Hearing**, noted for information. No action taken.
5. Resolution from the Borough of Wharton **requesting that legislation be enacted to impose limits on the annual NJ State Budget to include spending limitations comparable to those required of Municipalities, Counties, Authorities and School Districts**, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Letter dated May 2, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding **application for Letter of Interpretation, Presence/Absence Determination - Wanda Szatynski, Block 72 Lot 26**, noted for information. No action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION - continued:

7. Notice from George D. Warrington, Executive Director, NJ Transit Corporation, regarding *public hearings concerning programs developed pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Resident Transportation Assistance Act*, noted for information. No action taken.
8. Notice dated May 23, 2005 from Heather Striffler, Project Manager, ENSR, regarding *application for System wide Pipeline Maintenance Project - Algonquin Gas Transmission Company*, noted for information. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Rob O'Brien from Engineer McEldowney's office said he and Scott Jesseman walked the open space on this property and there was no evidence of debris.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-89**

WHEREAS, Dynasty Construction, Inc. did on March 1, 2005 file a written request with the Clerk of the Township of Readington for a reduction of Performance Bond #B177131 for work completed on Block 66, Lot 49; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has confirmed that a certain amount of work has been done by Dynasty Construction, Inc. on said subdivision; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law the Township may retain up to 30% of a Performance Bond to assure the completion of site work; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has supplied a reduced bond amount for Performance Bond #B177131, as indicated in his letter of April 22, 2005, based upon the Municipal Land Use Law requirement:

Development	Bond or Check	Original Bonded Amount at 120%,	CURRENT REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE	Recommended Reduction by % for Work Completed	Remaining Performance Guarantee @ 120% Value
Dynasty Construction, Inc./Lipka	Selective Insurance Bond #B177131	\$227,400.00	\$104,966.52	34.8%	\$68,416.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution approving these reduced amounts to the applicant.

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
 Mr. Shamey - Aye
 Mayor Gatti - Aye

2. Request from Lake Cushetunk Woods Property Owners Association *to install a street light at the corner of Well Sweep Road and Van Horne Road.*

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Appointment of a New Member to the Board of Health as an Alternate.***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to appoint Christina Albrecht as an Alternate Member of the Board of Health. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

2. ***Proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility - Tewksbury Township.***

Mrs. Allen said a letter from Dr. Steve Souza, Princeton Hydro, was distributed for the Committee's review regarding the proposed package treatment plant at the Tewksbury-Readington border. The Committee has until June 17th to comment on the application for the Wastewater Discharge Permit for the treatment plant. Dr. Souza is suggesting that the Committee send a letter to the NJDEP expressing concern about the possible impact on the water quality of the north branch of the Rockaway Creek. The focus of the letter would be to ask for a public hearing on the permit application.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to send a letter to NJDEP expressing the Committee's concerns about the proposed package treatment plant as outlined in Dr. Souza's June 2, 2005 letter and urging that a public hearing be held on the discharge permit application. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

3. ***Treatment Works Approval Application - Block 36, Lot 49 (Renaissance at Readington).***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-90**

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the use of public sewers to accommodate property known as Block 36, Lot 49; and

WHEREAS, the developer/owner Renaissance at Readington 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, Lot 49; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Readington Township, has filed application for the extension and use of such sewers to Block 36, Lot 49; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington reviewed this application at its regular meeting held June 6, 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, Lot 49.

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

Treatment Works Approval - Block 36, Lot 49 (Renaissance at Readington) - continued:

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

4. ***Bond Ordinance/Block 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 & 9; Block 74, Lot 11; and Block 79, Lot 4 (Fallone Properties, LLC) - introduction.***

Attorney Dragan said that ***Block 74, Lot 11*** should actually read “Block 79.01, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05 & 11.06 (formerly known as Block 74, Lot 11).”

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (BLOCK 73, LOT 27; BLOCK 74, LOTS 8 & 9; BLOCK 79, LOT 4 AND BLOCK 79.01, LOTS 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05 & 11.06 {FORMERLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 74, LOT 11} OWNER: FALLONE PROPERTIES, LLC) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,060,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,957,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ordinance #18-2005

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 \$2,060,000, including the sum of \$103,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

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 \$1,957,000 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 for the acquisition of land consisting of Block 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 & 9; Block 79, Lot 4 and Block 79.01, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05 & 11.06 (formerly known as Block 74, Lot 11) - Owner: Fallone Properties, LLC, in the Township.

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

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

SECTION 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. 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

Bond Ordinance/Block 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 & 9; Block 74, Lot 11; and Block 79, Lot 4 (Fallone Properties, LLC) - continued:

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 \$1,957,000, 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.

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 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 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 & 9; Block 79, Lot 4 and Block 79.01, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05 & 11.06 (formerly known as Block 74, Lot 11), including, but not limited to, any contracts and amendments thereto and all closing documents needed to complete the purchase.

Bond Ordinance/Block 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 & 9; Block 74, Lot 11; and Block 79, Lot 4 (Fallone Properties, LLC) - continued:

SECTION 10. 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 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 Mrs. Allen to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

5. ***Rencor, Inc./Block 48, Lot 19*** - request for release of Performance Bond.

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

6. ***Specifications for 2004-2005 Reclamation Projects*** (per 2004 General Improvement Ordinance) - Pasture Road, Militia Drive, Rockafellow Mills Road Section 2 & Dreahook Road Section 2).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

7. ***“Click It or Ticket” Grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety*** - Resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

8. ***Application for Social Affairs Permit*** - Flemington American Legion Post #159 (July 29th - 31st).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

K. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said discussions regarding the general improvement ordinance have started. She asked that the Committee members contact her regarding setting up a time to review the proposed ordinance.

Administrator Mekovetz said the Township's new website is up and running. The address is www.readingtontwp.org.

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

L. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan said an ordinance was distributed for the Committee's consideration providing for the acceptance of a drainage easement on School Road in conjunction with the School Road improvement project.

Ordinance #19-2005 - continued:

The following Ordinance was offered for consideration:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT DEDICATED ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 35, LOT 31 FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES ON SCHOOL ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM RAYMOND S. SEMMEL AND ROSEMARIE SEMMEL

Ordinance #19-2005

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

SECTION 1. The Township of Readington shall accept an easement consisting of thirty (30) square feet, more or less, on a portion of Block 35, Lot 31 which easement has been dedicated to the Township by Raymond S. Semmel and Rosemarie Semmel, Husband and Wife, as contained in the document entitled "Drainage Easement" which is on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J., and may be reviewed during regular business hours. Acceptance of this Drainage Easement will allow the Township to install, improve and/or maintain needed stormwater management facilities on School Road and on Block 35, Lot 31, as part of the public road improvement project the Township is undertaking on School Road.

SECTION 2. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgement shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, and upon recording of the Drainage Easement.

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

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

M. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Mr. Rob O'Brien said the road reclamation for 2005 includes Pasture Road, Rockafellow Mill Road and Dreahook Road. The bids are scheduled to be opened on July 5th.

Mr. O'Brien said they are awaiting a pole relocation on School Road so the curbing, sidewalks and paving can be completed.

Mr. O'Brien said construction has started on Mountain Road, and they are waiting for the Stream Encroachment Permit for the Mill Road project.

Mrs. Allen asked that Engineer McEldowney report on the status of the Rescue Squad project as well as the bid proposal for the senior walkway.

Mr. O'Brien said he had nothing further to report at this time.

N. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Frank Gatti:

a. Finance Department

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

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

3. *Lien Redemption* - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

4. *Tax Refund* - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

5. *Payment of the Bills.*

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

b. Historic Preservation/Museums

Mayor Gatti said the Readington Museums will be presenting a summer lecture series entitled "Hunterdon Historic Architecture" at the Bouman-Stickney farmstead. There will be a series of three (3) lectures:

Historic Hunterdon Barns	June 10 th	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	\$5.00
Historic Hunterdon Churches	July 8 th	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	\$5.00
Historic Hunterdon Mills	August 12 th	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	\$5.00

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

2. Gerry Shamey:

a. Liaison to Fire Companies and Rescue Squad

Mr. Shamey said the next Volunteer Emergency Services Meeting is scheduled for June 13th.

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

3. Julia Allen:

a. Farmland\Open Space Preservation\Land Projects Liaison

Mrs. Allen said the next Open Space Advisory Board meeting is June 15th.

Mrs. Allen said the next walk on Township open space property is scheduled for the Round Mountain on Sunday, June 12th.

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

4. Thomas Auriemma:

a. Recreation Department

Mr. Auriemma asked Administrator Mekovetz to find out the status of the T-ball fields at the Cornhuskers Park.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS - continued:

5. Beatrice Muir:

As Mrs. Muir was not in attendance, no report was given.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Gatti said he knows that many of the members of the audience have come to the meeting tonight to express concern about the courtesy bussing issue.

On May 16th the Township Committee adopted a Resolution reducing the school budget due to the vote that took place on April 19th. The Resolution recommended certain cuts to the school budget which did not include courtesy bussing.

The following evening the School Board considered the Committee's recommendations and cut courtesy bussing.

Mayor Gatti asked for comments from the public.

Mr. David Moss spoke regarding the safety of the children.

Mr. Rick Finn from the Readington Board of Education said the Township Committee did vote to reduce the school budget by \$720,000. The school board then decided what cuts made the most sense for the school district, among those cuts was courtesy bussing. Mr. Finn said since that time the Township and the School Board have been in a fact finding mode.

Mr. Finn said they don't want the children walking to school. It is also clear that the Township cannot put sidewalks in, install crosswalks and hire crossing guards. We cannot have parents dropping off and pickup up their children. It will impact the children. In addition, we cannot plan, develop and implement a plan by September for subscription bussing. There has to be a path that brings the school board and the Township Committee together to settle this matter in a professional manner.

Ms. Kristin Cantwell spoke regarding the size of the budget cut.

Ms. Ruby Erkkila spoke regarding the safety of the children.

Mr. Robert Sabin spoke regarding the size of the budget cut.

Ms. Donna Gurney requested an explanation of the process between the Committee's adoption of the resolution and the Board of Education's decision to cut courtesy bussing.

Ms. Lynette Gerrity appealed to the Committee and the Board of Education to rectify the situation.

Mayor Gatti, Mr. Shamey, Mr. Auriemma and Mrs. Allen each addressed questions that were asked by members of the public and summarized their perspective of the situation.

Mr. Rick Finn said the School Board and the Township Committee need to work together on the issue of courtesy bussing as well as other long-term issues.

Ms. Marygrace Flynn said if the School Board really cares about the children they will find the money for courtesy bussing instead of making this a political issue.

Ms. Terri Gatti asked questions relative to the School budget.

Ms. Betty Ann Fort encouraged those in attendance to go to the Board of Education meeting tomorrow night and voice their concerns about the elimination of courtesy bussing.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor Gatti asked for comments from the Governing Body.

Mrs. Allen said the elimination of courtesy bussing can't happen.

Mayor Gatti thanked all of the residents for their comments.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shamey to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Administrator\ Municipal Clerk