

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING - JULY 5, 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, Mrs. J. Allen, Mr. T. Auriemma and Mrs. B. Muir

**ABSENT:** Mr. G. Shamey, Administrator Mekovetz and Attorney Dragan

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney R. Ballard & Deputy Township Clerk McConnell

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Deputy 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><u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Library.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Museum.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Recreation.....	Personnel.....	" " "
PBA Local 317.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 55, Lot 8 (Kappus).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
2005 Road Reclamation.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Studer & McEldowney.....	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 adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 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 - Library***

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to hire Carol A. Jablonski as a Librarian Assistant to replace Melody Kist at a rate of \$11.73 per hour for 16 to 19 hours per week at the Three Bridges Library. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

**Personnel - Museums**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to hire Leslie Lykes as a summer intern at the Museums for the weeks of July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>, 20 hours per week at a rate of \$10 per hour. 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  
Mayor Gatti - Aye

A **MOTION** was made by Auriemma to hire the following Recreation Summer Camp Employees for 2005:

Casey Bennett	\$9.50	Mike Marcucci	\$11.50
Amanda Berstler	\$8.25	Nicky Marcucci	\$ 8.00
Willie Cunningham	\$9.50	Erin McKay	\$11.50
Anne Dammel	\$9.25	Taylor McKay	\$10.00
Christain Dammel	\$8.00	Matthew Parolie	\$ 9.25
Hilary Delmanto	\$9.00	Jamie Rad	\$ 9.50
Anton Djamoos	\$9.25	Douglas Reuter	\$ 9.50
Melissa Dolgus	\$9.00	Henri Schraeder	\$ 9.50
Corey Doremus	\$9.25	Christina Sempervive	\$ 9.00
Amanda Eitzen	\$9.50	Elizabeth Sempervive	\$ 8.00
Jackie Fedyna	\$9.00	Jonathan Stone	\$ 8.25
Peter Forenza	\$8.25	Victoria Stone	\$ 8.00
Nicholas Garafola	\$8.25	April Stone	\$11.50
Kristen Goceljak	\$9.25	Kim Tully	\$ 9.25
Lauren Irwin	\$9.25	Kelly Wagner	\$ 9.00
Katie Juromski	\$9.00	Katherine Wall	\$ 9.50
Emily Kurlansik	\$8.25	Rachel Wall	\$ 8.00
Terrence Landers	\$9.25	Matthew Wipperman	\$ 8.00
Vicki Marcine	\$12.75	Kaitlyn Zielinski	\$ 5.50
Patti Marcine (director)	salary		
Ben Bretherick (bus driver)	\$13.50		
Debbie Hill (bus driver)	\$14.50		

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  
Mayor Gatti - Aye

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to hire the following Clean Communities workers:

Anthony Armellino	\$6.00/hour
Thomas deGottal	\$6.00/hour
Derek Goreczny	\$6.00/hour
Nicholas Kadish	\$6.00/hour
Joanna Kasper	\$6.00/hour
Helen Lewondowski	\$6.00/hour
Daniel Pagano	\$6.00/hour
Jeff Schroeder	\$6.00/hour
Kim Smith	\$6.00/hour
Zac Toman	\$6.00/hour
Rick Stefany	\$6.00/hour
Nicholas Towle	\$6.00/hour
David Krol	\$6.25/hour
Rick Schroeder	\$6.25/hour

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

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

**Contract Negotiations - PBA Local 317**

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

**Contract Negotiations - Block 55, Lot 8 (Kappus)**

Mayor Gatti said there was no action on this matter.

**Contract Negotiations - 2005 Road Reclamation**

Engineer McEldowney said this project includes the following roads:

Dreahook Road  
Rockafellow Mill Road  
Pasture Road (portion)

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to award the contract (not to include the paving of the 400 foot gravel portion 400 feet on Rockafellow Mill Road) in the amount of \$365,302 to Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC. for the 2005 Road Reclamation Program, contingent on review and approval by Attorney Dragan and receipt of Certification of Funds. 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  
Mayor Gatti - Aye

**Contract Negotiations - Professional Services:  
Studer & McEldowney**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-94**

**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:
  - X amendment to the contract with H. Clay McEldowney, CME, PE, LS, PP of Studer and McEldowney, PA to provide land surveying services at rates as detailed in the contract.
2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2005.
3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of meeting of June 20, 2005.
2. **Mountain Road Improvements - Application for Payment No. 1 (\$48,401.42).**
3. **Resolution for Sewer Tax Refund/Block 95, Lot 12.417 - Tad Dabrowski.**

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

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

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>2004</b>			
95/12.417	Overpayment	Dabrowski, Tad	\$193.16

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

4. **Membership Application/Three Bridges Fire Company - James Traynor.**
5. **Resolution/Lien Redemption - Block 95, Lot 12.417 - Tax Sale Cert. #04-19.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the property owner has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 95, Lot 12.417 known as Tax Sale Certificate #04-19; 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 \$332.21, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$300.00 to the lien holder, Tad Dabrowski.

6. **Resolution/Lien Redemption - Block 95, Lot 12.381 - Tax Sale Cert. #04-18.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the property owner has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 95, Lot 12.381 known as Tax Sale Certificate #04-18; 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 \$763.26, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$300.00 to the lien holder, Tad Dabrowski.

7. **Application for Blue Light Permit - Bob Schoenfeld.**
8. **Payment of the Bills.**

<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Received Total</b>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 605,098.80
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 125.07
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 23,889.90
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 1,359,681.04
MISC. REFUNDS, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 7,310.35
PAYROLL DEDUCTION	006	\$ 150,864.22
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:</b>		<b>\$ 2,146,969.38</b>

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. Letters dated June 21, 2005 and June 28, 2005 from the League of Municipalities **regarding A-1820 Union Card Check**, noted for information. No action taken.
2. Letter dated June 27, 2005 from Bradley Campbell, Commissioner - **NJ State DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust have approved Readington Township's application for a Green Acres matching grant of \$400,000**, noted for information. No action taken.
3. Letter dated June 23, 2005 from the Township of Clinton **regarding an Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Chapter 165 Entitled "Land Use Regulations" (amending the building area requirements for the C-2 District)**, noted for information. No action taken.
4. Letter dated June 21, 2005 from the Township of Raritan **regarding a Notice of Pending Ordinance #05-37 to amend Title 16 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan and more specifically to amend section 16.76 entitled "Non-Conforming Uses and Structures,"** noted for information. No action taken.
5. Letter from the Township of Tewksbury **regarding a Draft Surface Water Renewal Permit Action**, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Letter dated June 15, 2005 from the State of New Jersey DEP **regarding a Letter of Interpretation for Block 18, Lot 3**, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Transmittal dated June 14, 2005 from Dewberry Inc. **regarding an application for a Letter of Interpretation for Block 61, Lot 5.02 (Kinesville 2 Cell Site, GPU Stanton Substation)**, noted for information. No action taken.
8. Resolution from the City of Union City regarding **supporting the passage of Senate Bill S-1023 and Assembly Bill A-1835 requiring the State to reimburse municipalities for the exemption of disabled veterans from payment of property taxes**, noted for information. No action taken.
9. Resolution from the Borough of High Bridge regarding **support for the Borough of Wharton's Resolution R-76-05**, noted for information. No action taken.
10. Resolution from the Township of Mount Olive regarding **"Goose and the Gander" 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2005-95**

**WHEREAS**, Ernest E. Renda of Rencor, Inc. did on May 6, 2005 file a written request with the Clerk of the Township of Readington for the release of Performance Guarantee #MS-00097355 in the amount of \$41,997.00 for work completed on Block 48, Lot 19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed this request, conducted a final inspection of bonded items, and has no objection to the release of these bonds, as indicated in his letter of June 28, 2005.

DEVELOPMENT	BOND OR CHECK	ORIGINAL BONDED AMOUNT @ 120%	CURRENT REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE	RECOMMENDED REDUCTION BY (%) FOR WORK COMPLETED	REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE
Rencor, Inc.	Universal Bonding Ins. Co. No. MS-00097355	\$41,997.00	\$41,997.00	100%	\$0.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release Performance Guarantee No. MS-00097355 in the amount of \$41,997.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution approving the release to the applicant.

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bond Ordinance/Various General Improvements (\$1,642,000)** - introduction.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,642,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,559,900 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**Ordinance #21-2005**

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 several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, New Jersey as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,642,000, including the aggregate sum of \$82,100 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made 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 several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,559,900 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.** The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Appropriation and Estimated	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of
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<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>		<u>Usefulness</u>
a) Providing for various road and drainage improvements including, but not limited to, the following: Washington Drive, Halls Mill Road, Cole Road, Harvest Row, Lazy Brook Road, Dreahook Road, Rockafellow Mill Road, Johnson Road, Old Dutch Lane, Heritage Drive, Taylors Mill Road, Militia Road, West Woodschurch Road, Woodschurch Road and Kline Boulevard, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$987,500	\$938,125	10 years
b) Completion of senior walkway/bridge on Railroad Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$100,000	\$95,000	10 years
c) Acquisition of equipment for the Department of Public Works, including but not limited to: single axle dump truck with plow/spreader, paving machine, 3.5 ton asphalt roller and pick-up truck.	\$315,000	\$299,250	5 years
d) Acquisition of a jet vacuum truck.	\$190,000	\$180,500	5 years
e) Acquisition of equipment for the Police Department, including but not limited to, thermal imaging equipment, radar units and prefabricated storage shed.	\$ <u>49,500</u>	\$ <u>47,025</u>	10 years
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$1,642,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,559,900</u></b>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

**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 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 purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 8.46 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 \$1,559,900, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$99,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20* is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

**SECTION 7.** Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements 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.** 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. Muir to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

2. ***Bond Ordinance/Various Sanitary Sewer Improvements (\$1,035,000)*** - introduction.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,035,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$983,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

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 several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, New Jersey as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,035,000, including the aggregate sum of \$51,750 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made 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 several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$983,250 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.** The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) Acquisition of a jet vacuum truck and lateral camera.	\$195,000	\$185,250	5 years
b) Improvements to Three Bridges Pump Station, Oakland Pump Station and Lake Conshetunk Pump Station; and replacement of flow meters.	\$840,000	\$798,000	40 years
TOTALS	\$1,035,000	\$983,250	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

**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 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 purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 33.40 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 \$983,250, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$75,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under *N.J.S.A.* 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

**SECTION 7.** Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements 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.

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

3. ***Mountain Road Improvements*** - Application for Payment No. 1.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

4. ***Resolution for Sewer Tax Refund/Block 95, Lot 12.417*** - Tad Dabrowski.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

5. ***Membership Application/Three Bridges Fire Company*** - James Traynor.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

6. ***Resolution/Lien Redemption - Block 95, Lot 12.417*** - Tax Sale Cert. #04-19.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

7. ***Resolution/Lien Redemption - Block 95, Lot 12.381*** - Tax Sale Cert. #04-18.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

8. ***Application for Blue Light Permit*** - Bob Schoenfeld.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**K. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

As Clerk/Administrator Mekovetz was not in attendance, no report was given.

**L. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Attorney Bob Ballard said he had nothing further to report at this time.

**M. ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Engineer McEldowney said the School Road project is almost complete. It is the first time that traffic calming devices have been used in the Township. The paving, striping and marking is done, however there is some clean-up that needs to be done by the contractor.

Mrs. Allen asked for the status of the Senior Walkway.

Engineer McEldowney said the project should go out for bid within the next two (2) weeks.

Mrs. Muir referred to Engineer McEldowney's report and an item regarding US Route 22 proposed median opening modification. She asked what the status of this is.

Engineer McEldowney said that portion of Route 22 was being studied by Edwards and Kelcey. WalMart had deposited \$100,000 for traffic improvements which included moving the median. Scott Parker has submitted a report to the State for their review and comment.

Engineer McEldowney said the work on Mountain Road is ongoing. There has been some delay because of subgrade weakness which has required additional work by the contractor. In addition, there has been some delay due to the rain.

Engineer McEldowney said the Mill Road project should begin later this month.

Engineer McEldowney said he and Attorney Dragan are scheduled to meet with Cross Road Construction in connection with Old York Road Section V to discuss their failure to perform under their contract. The State will penalize the Township because the road is too thin. The meeting is to address this issue.

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

**N. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Frank Gatti:**

**a. Finance Department**

1. ***Lien Redemptions*** - resolutions.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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

**2. Gerry Shamey:**

As Mr. Shamey was not in attendance, no report was given.

**3. Julia Allen:**

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

Mrs. Allen said the next meeting of the Open Space Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Allen said the round table discussion that was held on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Township's budget was a great success she suggested that another meeting be scheduled.

After a short discussion, a second round table discussion was scheduled for Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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

**4. Thomas Auriemma:**

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

**5. Beatrice Muir:**

**a. Public Assistance**

Mrs. Muir said the Township would like to thank all those who volunteered to make the July 4<sup>th</sup> food basket distribution such a success.

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

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:***

Mayor Gatti asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Jerry Cook asked about trees that were taken down and left along School Road during the recent construction project.

Engineer McEldowney said the trees will be removed by the contractor.

Mr. Antonio Todaro distributed a letter to the members of the Committee regarding his application before the Board of Health. He said three (3) years ago a representative from his engineering firm appeared before the Board but was not a licensed professional engineer at the time. Mr. Todaro said at the next Board of Health meeting a license professional engineer did attend the meeting but was told that additional testing had to be done.

Mr. Todaro said he believes his was the first case in Readington Township in which only licensed professional engineers could testify.

Engineer McEldowney said that has been a requirement in New Jersey for many years.

Mrs. Muir said this is a Board of Health issue and suggested that Mr. Todaro present his concerns at the next Board of Health meeting. All agreed.

***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 Mrs. Allen to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Jo McConnell, RMC  
Deputy Municipal Clerk