

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING - SEPTEMBER 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, Mrs. B. Muir and Mr. T. Auriemma

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dragan, Administrator Mekovetz and Engineer McEldowney

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u>	<i>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will</i>	<i>Be Disclosed to Public</i>
Municipal Court.....	Personnel.....	"	"
			"
Block 15, Lot 24 (Adde, Ltd.).....	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"
Irvington Environmental Education Center...	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"
Lutheran Social Ministries.....	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"
Ruppert-Kerwin ECHO Lease.....	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"
Awarding of Resurfacing of Old York Road Section V Bid.....	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"
Awarding of 4-Wheel Drive Tractor with Mid-Mount Mower Bid.....	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"
Awarding of Liquid Deicing & Dispensing Station Bid	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation - Hromoho).....	Contract Negotiations.....	"	"
Executive Session Minutes - August 15, 2005..	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	"	"

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

Mr. Shamey left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

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

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

Personnel - Municipal Court

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to hire Juliet Fleming as Deputy Court Administrator, retroactive to June 6, 2005, at an annual salary of \$31,000 and to remove her from probation as she has successfully complete her ninety (90) day probationary period. 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 - Block 15, Lot 24 (Adde, Ltd.)

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

Contract Negotiations - Irvington Environmental Education Center

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to accept responsibility for the annual monitoring inspections for the easement at the Irvington Environmental Education Center. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Contract Negotiations - Lutheran Social Ministries

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

Contract Negotiations - Ruppert-Kerwin ECHO Lease

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Ruppert-Kerwin ECHO Lease. 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 - Awarding of Resurfacing of Old York Road Section V Bid

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-113***

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington (“Committee”) publically advertised for bids for the proposed resurfacing of Old York Road, Section V, in the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”); and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2005, the Township Engineer and Township Administrator conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders responding was one (1); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bid, which was from Star Contracting, Inc., the Township Engineer determined that the amount offered of \$65,250.00 was substantially higher than the estimated cost of the project which was \$28,150.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township reviewed the report of the Township Engineer dated August 25, 2005, which recommends rejection of the bid; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 et seq.* permits a municipality to reject all bids when, among other things, the lowest bid received substantially exceeds the cost estimates of a project.

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

1. For the reasons set forth above, the Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Engineer and rejects the only bid received on August 24, 2005 for the above Project, effective immediately.
2. The Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify the bidder, Star Contracting, Inc., of this decision.
3. The Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk and/or Engineer is authorized to rebid the Project, as well as revise the specifications, if necessary.

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

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

Contract Negotiations - Awarding of 4-Wheel Drive Tractor with Mid-Mount Mower Bid

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to award the contract in the amount of \$83,924.00 (base price), \$89,949.00 (with options) to Storr Tractor for one 4-Wheel Drive Tractor with Mid-Mount Mower. 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

Contract Negotiations - Awarding of Liquid Deicing & Dispensing Station Bid

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to award the contract in the amount of \$10,137.00 to Reed Systems for one (1) Liquid Deicing and Dispensing Station. 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 - Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8 and Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation - Hromoho)

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

Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (August 15, 2005)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Executive Session minutes of the meeting August 15, 2005 for content. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded. Mrs. Muir abstained from this vote as she did not attend the August 15, 2005 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*** of meeting of August 15, 2005.
2. ***Intercounty Paving Associates, Inc./Mountain Road Project Payment #3*** - (\$52,616.90).
3. ***Corrective Action Plan*** - 2004 Audit.

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-114***

WHEREAS, the Annual Audit Report for the year 2004 prepared by Auditor Charles Case, CPA/RMA of the firm Withum, Smith and Brown, contained “General Comments” and “Recommendations” regarding the financial practices of the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has prepared a Corrective Action Plan to address all the issues raised by the Auditor and submitted said plan for approval by the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Corrective Action Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer with regard to the 2004 Audit is hereby approved and adopted.

4. **Awarding of Bond Anticipation Note** - awarded to Commerce Capital Markets/net interest rate of 2.78%.
5. **Request for permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 24, 2005** - Pierce Farm Road cul-de-sac.
6. **Application for Raffles Licenses** - Hunterdon Central Project Graduation.
7. **Applications for Raffles Licenses** - Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Co.
8. **Application for Bingo License** - Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Co.
9. **Lien Redemption** - resolutions.

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

WHEREAS, the an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 58, Lot 7; 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 \$12,136.58 known as Tax Sale Certificate #4-08, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$1,500.00 to the lien holder, Anthony Malinowski.

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

WHEREAS, the an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 46.04, Lot 11.16; 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 \$13,374.27 known as Tax Sale Certificate #505, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the lien holder, Crusader Servicing Corp.

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

WHEREAS, the an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 95, Lot 12.195; 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 \$749.49 known as Tax Sale Certificates #03-17 and #04-16, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$500.00 to the lien holder, Yi Ma.

10. **Payment of the Bills.**

Fund Description	Fund No.	Received Total
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 703,556.89
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 1,497.50
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 26,729.81
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 19,555.17
MISC. REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 10,156,466.53
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 145,298.83
REGIONAL & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$ 2,261,257.62
 TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		 \$ 13,314,362.35

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen 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. Letter dated August 25, 2005 from Cynthia J. Yard, Hunterdon County Administrator, regarding **adoption of a resolution requesting that the NJDEP extend the comment period for a minimum of sixty (60) days for the proposed Green Acres regulation changes.**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSED NEW JERSEY GREEN ACRES RULES BE EXTENDED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

R-2005-115

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection recently announced proposed new Green Acres Program rules; and

WHEREAS, the proposed draft rules were published in the *New Jersey Register* on July 5, 2005 and public comments will be accepted until September 3, 2005, a period of sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, the proposal involves the repeal of all existing rules and the adoption of new rules over 325 pages in length; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new rules were published in the summer when a thorough review by local governing bodies throughout New Jersey within the time frame provided is extremely difficult; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rules will have a profound impact on the recreation, park and open space programs of New Jersey counties and municipalities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the extension by the State of the review period of the proposed New Jersey Green Acres Program rules by sixty (60) days, or until November 3, 2005, to provide adequate time for governing bodies and professional staff to review and comment on the proposed rules; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator/Municipal Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution to the Commission of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Governor and members of the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Association of Counties and the New Jersey Recreation & Parks Association.

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

2. Memorandum dated August 29, 2005 from Rhonda E. Kelly, Deputy Clerk, Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, regarding *adoption of a resolution encouraging State & Federal governments to develop a grant application award and administration process which is equitable, objective, based on identified needs and successful achievement of measurable objectives*, noted for information. No action taken.
3. Notice from Douglas Ball, PE, Branchburg Township Engineer, regarding *the rescheduling of the hearing before the Branchburg Twp. Planning Board - Bridgewater Wholesalers, Inc., Block 17, Lots 16 & 17*, noted for information. No action taken.
4. Memorandum dated July 13, 2005 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding *adoption of Ordinance #2005-997 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by providing for required Growth-Share Affordable Housing Production*, noted for information. No action taken.
5. Notice dated August 11, 2005 from Diane L. Schottman, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Flemington, regarding *adoption of a Resolution in support of State Mandate State Pay in regarding to the Alcotest 7110 MK III-C that the State is mandating all municipalities purchase as Breathalyzers will no longer be allowed*, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Notice dated August 8, 2005 from Laura Eidsvaag, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Califon, regarding *adoption of a Resolution in support of State funding for State mandated use of Alcotest*, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Notice from Christopher T. & Anne G. Emmet regarding *hearing before the Readington Township Planning Board - Block 12.01, Lot 14.01*, noted for information. No action taken.
8. Notice from Jeffrey B. Lehrer, Esq., regarding *hearing before the Branchburg Twp. Planning Board - Advance Realty Group, LLC & Advance /GLB Development Partners, LLC, Block 5.11, Lot 2.01*, noted for information. No action taken.
9. Letter dated July 13, 2005 from Madhu Guru, PE, Section Chief, Land Use Regulation Program, NJDEP, regarding *Stream Encroachment Permit - County of Hunterdon, Barley Sheaf Road bridge replacement*, noted for information. No action taken.
10. Letter dated August 10, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding *application for Letter of Interpretation, Presence/Absence Determination - Oaks Developers, LLC, Block 22, Lot 66*, noted for information. No action taken.
11. Letter dated July 5, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding *NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation/Line Verification - Yogeshkumar Bhatt/Hindu Sanatan Dharma Seva Mandal, Inc., Block 38, Lot 38.01*, noted for information. No action taken.
12. Letter dated August 10, 2005 from Michael J. Filippone, Director, Rates & Regulatory Affairs-NJ, regarding *JCP&L's annual proposal for Basic Generation Service*, noted for information. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mayor Gatti said at a previous meeting the Committee had discussed a request for the installation of a street light at the corner of Well Sweep Road and Van Horne Road in the Lake Cushetunk development. Administrator Mekovetz contacted JCP&L and received a detailed estimate of the installation and monthly cost for the street light.

Mayor Gatti said there would be no charge for the installation of a 50 watt black colonial post top street light, which would match the other lights in the development. The monthly charge for the light would be \$8.96 from June to September, and \$8.82 from October to May.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the request from Lake Cushetunk Woods Property Owners Association to install a street light at the corner of Well Sweep Road and Van Horne Road. 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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Bond Ordinance/Block 12.01, Lot 15 (Emmet) & Block 70, Lot 38.02 (Estate of Stuart Kean)*** - introduction.

Administrator Mekovetz said the ordinance that was sent with the agenda package was incorrect. It should not have included Block 70, Lot 38.02 as the Township already did a bond ordinance for this property.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF THE TOWNSHIP'S SHARE OF THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF AN OPEN SPACE EASEMENT, APPROPRIATING \$160,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$152,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ordinance #25-2005

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 \$160,000, including the sum of \$8,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available 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 \$152,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the funding of the township's share of the cost of the acquisition of an open space easement, on property more specifically known as Block 12.01, Lot 15 on the tax maps of the Township, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

(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 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 \$152,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$25,000 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 12.01, Lot 15, including, but not limited to, any contracts and amendments thereto and all closing documents needed to complete the purchase.

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 Mrs. Muir 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 October 3, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

2. **Capital Ordinance/Various Road Improvements** - introduction.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$86,300 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

Ordinance #26-2005

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. \$86,300 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund for various roadway improvements, consisting of improvements to Kosciuszko Road and Buckingham Estates roadways, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey.

SECTION 2. 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 3. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by the 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 October 3, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

3. **Top Line Construction/School Road Project** - Change Order #1.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to approve Change Order #1 for the reduction of the contract by \$21,676.00 for Top Line Construction for the School Road project. 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

4. **Top Line Construction/School Road Project** - Payment #4.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to approve Payment #4 in the amount of \$22,594.28 to Top Line Construction for the School Road project. 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

5. ***Top Line Construction/School Road Project*** - Acceptance of Maintenance Bond.

Attorney Dragan said the form of the bond is correct.

Engineer McEldowney said the amount of the bond is correct.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to accept Maintenance Bond #B1000593OM in the amount of \$25,543.00 for the School Road project. 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

6. ***Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc.*** - request for release of Performance Bond.

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

7. ***Intercounty Paving Associates, Inc./Mountain Road Project Payment #3*** (\$52,616.90).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

8. ***Corrective Action Plan*** - 2004 Audit.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. ***Awarding of Bond Anticipation Note*** - awarded to Commerce Capital Markets/net interest rate of 2.78%.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

10. ***Request for permission to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 24, 2005*** - Pierce Farm Road cul-de-sac.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

11. ***Application for Raffles Licenses*** - Hunterdon Central Project Graduation.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

12. ***Applications for Raffles Licenses*** - Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Co.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

13. ***Application for Bingo License*** - Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Co.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

K. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz referred to the resolution the Committee adopted at the last meeting regarding the rebidding of the Liquor License. She said the date that the bid packages have to be submitted was changed from September 30th to September 29th because she will be at a seminar on the 30th. She said the Committee needs to adopt the Resolution, as amended.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the amendment to Resolution #R-2005-112 to reflect the change of the date that bid packages must be submitted from September 30, 2005 to September 29, 2005. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Administrator Mekovetz said the auction for Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 has been scheduled for October 18th at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the property. Max Spann will be conducting the auction.

Administrator Mekovetz said the Township received \$88,344.10 from the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund for the Block 50, Lot 13 (Bloys) application.

Administrator Mekovetz said she received information regarding hurricane relief from the League of Municipalities for anyone who is interested.

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

L. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

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

M. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Engineer McEldowney said the Mill Road project along with various road improvement projects should be starting any day.

Engineer McEldowney said bids were received for the walkway/bikeway, however he is recommending that the awarding of the bids be deferred until issues with the Stream Encroachment Permit and Wetlands Permit are resolved.

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

N. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Frank Gatti:

a. Finance Department

1. *Lien Redemption* - 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:

Mrs. Allen said she received a request from a resident who said that the Township Committee used to hold their meetings at various locations throughout the Township.

She said although the Committee meetings might not be able to be moved, she suggested that public information sessions regarding property taxes, etc. be scheduled for places such as the Three Bridges Fire House, Hunter's Crossing, Readington Fire House, Lake Cushetunk Woods.

Mrs. Allen said that she will work with Administrator Mekovetz on this matter.

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. Municipal Court

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

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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. Ben Smith referred to the negotiations with Solberg Airport listed under Executive Session. He asked if any meetings have been scheduled with the Solberg family.

Mayor Gatti said a meeting has been scheduled.

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. Muir at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Municipal Clerk\Administrator