

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – December 1, 2008**

Deputy Mayor Allen *calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Julia Allen, Mr. F. Gatti, Mrs. B. Muir,
Mr. G. Shamey

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan, Engineer Rob O'Brien

ABSENT: Mayor Thomas Auriemma

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 Committee of 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 Anticipate When Disclosed to Public</u>
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations...	Block 93,Lot 1 (Amawalk).....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations.....	Block 22, Lot 6 (Jensen).....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations/..... Developer's Agreement	Block 36, Lot 49 (Fallone).....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations/..... Sewer Agreement	Block 8, Lot 3 (Winfield Management)	“ “
Contract Negotiations/..... Sewer Maintenance Agreement	Lebanon Borough.....	“ “ “
Personnel.....	Municipal Court.....	“ “ “
Personnel.....	Recreation.....	“ “ “
Attorney-Client Privilege.....	Executive Session Minutes.. (October 20, 2008, November 17, 2008)	“ “ “

Litigation..... Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; “ “ “
Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39,
Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2
(Solberg Aviation/Hromoho)

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”.

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Allen led those present in the *Salute to the Flag*.

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

Contract Negotiations/Land Acquisition/Block 93, Lot 1 (Amawalk)

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this matter was not discussed in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Land Acquisition/block 22, Lot 6 (Jensen)

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this matter was not discussed in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Developer’s Agreement/Block 36, Lot 49 (Fallone)

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Sewer Agreement/Block 8, Lot 3 (Winfield Management)

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Sewer Maintenance Agreement (Lebanon Borough)

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel/Municipal Court

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve Deborah Hamrah as a temporary part-time employee in the Municipal Court office for a maximum of 17.5 hours per week at a rate of \$17.44 an hour, seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel/Recreation

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to accept the resignation of Tom Daley from the Recreation Committee effective December 1, 2008, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (October 20, 2008, November 17, 2008)

Deputy Mayor Allen stated that since there was no quorum the minutes from the October 20, 2008 Executive Session will be deferred to the next meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 17, 2008 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, Mr. Gatti abstained since he was not present at that meeting.

Litigation/Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lot 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation/Hromoho)

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

Deputy Mayor Allen stated that the following matter has been added to the Executive Session agenda.

Litigation/Wilmark vs. Readington Township

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Deputy Mayor Allen read the following statement:

All items listed with an asterisk “*” are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- *1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of November 17, 2008

The approval of the minutes for October 20, 2008 were removed from the consent agenda and deferred to the next meeting since there was quorum.

- *2. **Paris Grant Program/Shared Services with Hunterdon County** – resolution

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-133

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
PARIS GRANTS PROGRAM SHARED SERVICES WITH HUNTERDON
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has launched its pioneering Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant program to meet the strategic records management, preservation, and storage needs of county municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, a top priority of the PARIS grants program is to achieve efficiencies of cost and operation through shared services and to create a service structure for municipalities and County governments; and

WHEREAS, in the 2009-10 grant cycle, priority funding will be given to county projects to perform municipal inventories, needs assessments and strategic plans for all of their municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to collaborate with Hunterdon County in the Performance Records Reorganization, Inventory & Purgings Continuations Project; and

Resolution #R-2008-133 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington is acknowledging that their eligible funds, in the amount of \$40,000 will be leveraged with Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the Township is acknowledging that any balance of leveraged monies will be utilized by the County for the purpose of the completion of the County Records Center PARIS grant expansion project and or other PARIS/County approved initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington is acknowledging that Hunterdon County would be both the lead agency and the applicant for such a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington is acknowledging the State is the final determination of the 2009/2010 PARIS grant program and projects and agrees not to hold the County responsible for the application, project and funding award as determined by the State of New Jersey PARIS grant program for the Township of Readington and the purposes set forth above; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Readington , that the Township of Readington does support and commit to cooperation and participation in the PARIS grant for the purposes set forth above, and to execute and deliver all documents required incident thereto.

*3. **Open Space Trust Funds** – resolution

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-134

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders has approved an Open Space Trust Fund and established a Municipal Grants Program to provide Program Funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for recreation, conservation and general open space purposes; farmland preservation; preparation of plan elements of a municipal Master Plan, and restoration of county owned or municipal owned historic facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Readington Township desires to obtain FY2007 allocation of Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$175,578.52 to fund the following project(s):

Historic Preservation of Reno Barn

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

1. Vita Mekovetz, Administrator/Municipal Clerk, is authorized to:
 - (a) make an application to the County of Hunterdon for Open Space Trust Funds;
 - (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Grants Program;
 - (c) act as the principal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality.
2. If the County of Hunterdon determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan and the Policies and Procedures Manual for the

Resolution #R-2008-134 cont'd:

Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the municipality is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such adopted policies and procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto.

- 3. Mayor Thomas S. Auriemma is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon for the approved Open Space Trust Funds.
- *4. **Block 5, Lot 6, Sena Builders – request for release of escrow funds (\$316.25)**
- *5. **Payment of Bills**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$ 425,186.36
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	8-02	\$ 100,109.24
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 20,786.14
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 19,028.96
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 143,656.27
REGIONIONAL AND LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$2,546,343.00
2003 CAP. APPROPRIATIONS	X-33	\$ 746.02
008 CAPITAL ORDIN.	X-88	<u>\$ 576.00</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 3,256,431.99

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

As it was after 8:00 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES TO CLEAN UP OR ABATE DISCHARGES OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FOR TIME AND MATERIALS EXPENDED IN CLEANING UP OR ABATING ANY SUCH DISCHARGES FROM OWNERS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

ORDINANCE # 33 – 2008

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this ordinance is designed to help compensate Emergency Service workers when they have to go to lengths to clean up commercial hazardous waste spills.

Deputy Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body.

There were none.

Deputy Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the public.

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES TO CLEAN UP OR ABATE DISCHARGES OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FOR TIME AND MATERIALS EXPENDED IN CLEANING UP OR ABATING ANY SUCH DISCHARGES FROM OWNERS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

ORDINANCE # 33 – 2008

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON BLOCK 22, LOT 6 (OWNER: JENSEN) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$475,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$451,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE # 34-2008

Deputy Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body.

There were none.

Deputy Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the public.

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON BLOCK 22, LOT 6 (OWNER: JENSEN) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$475,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$451,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE # 34-2008

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$125,000 FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT ON BLOCK 34, LOT 36 IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE # 35-2008

Deputy Mayor Allen stated the goal of the Township is to purchase this unit using its right of first refusal and to resell with a 30 year deed restriction and have it count as a unit under COAH.

Deputy Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body.

There were none.

Deputy Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the public.

There were none

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$125,000 FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT ON BLOCK 34, LOT 36 IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE # 35-2008

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt this Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ANN RENO BARN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$225,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$151,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE # 36-2008

Deputy Mayor Allen stated this ordinance is to raise funds to continue with the effort to preserve the Ann Reno Barn. Deputy Mayor Allen stated we have already received a \$74,000 grant from the Hunterdon County Open Space and Historic Preservation Trust to dismantle and reconstruct the structure of the barn and the Township is applying for additional funds to restore the barn on the Township property.

Deputy Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body.

There were none.

Deputy Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the public.

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ANN RENO BARN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$225,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$151,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE # 36-2008

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Memorandum dated November 12, 2008 from Rose Sollena, Municipal Clerk, Raritan Township regarding:
 - ***An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revising and Supplementing Chapter 16.10 “Affordable Housing Development Fees” of Title 16, “Land Development Code (Zoning Ordinances)” of the Code of the Township of Raritan***

- ***An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, to Amend an Ordinance Entitled “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan,” and More Specifically to Amend Chapter 16.64.100 Building and Use Regulations***

No action taken.

2. Memorandum dated November 13, 2008 from Roberta Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Township of Tewksbury regarding ***An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance whose short title is “Tewksbury Township Development Regulations Ordinance (2000)”***. No action taken.
3. Memorandum dated November 14, 2008 from Donna J. Burham, Municipal Clerk, Township of Clinton, regarding ***An Ordinance Deleting and Replacing Subsection 165., J, Entitled “Temporary Certificate of Occupancy,” and Amending Section 165-251, Entitled “Soil Disturbance and Grading Plan Required: Applicability: Exemptions,” of the Code of the Township of Clinton, New Jersey***. No action taken.
4. Memorandum dated November 12, 2008 from Elaine Yeske, Township of Raritan, regarding ***Public Hearing on the proposed Housing Element/Fair Share Plan Amendment to the Township Master Plan***. No action taken.
5. Memorandum dated November 11, 2008 from Sharon L. Brienza, Township of Branchburg, regarding:

- ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Amending Subsection 1-2.2 Entitled “Definitions” by Replacing the Definition of “Subdivision, Minor” in its entirety***
- ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Repealing Section 13-18, Entitled “Growth-Share Affordable Housing Production”, and Adopting a Revised Section 13-19, Entitled “affordable Housing Development Fees”***

No action taken.

6. Notice from Debora Padgett, Planning Board Clerk, Township of Hillsborough regarding ***a Public Hearing to review and adopt the Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28***. No action taken.
7. Memorandum dated November 18, 2008 from Judith A. Sullivan, Municipal Clerk, Township of Bedminster, regarding:

- ***An Ordinance Amending Article 13-700 Entitled “Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board” of Chapter XIII Entitled “Land Management” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster, to Transfer the Powers of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to the Planning Board to Create One Township Land Use Board, and Dissolve the Zoning Board of Adjustment***
- ***An Ordinance Amending Section 13-904 Entitled “Affordable Housing Development Fees” of Article 13-900 Entitled “Fees, Guarantees, Inspections, Off-Tract Improvements and Developer’s Agreements” of Chapter XIII Entitled “Land Management” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster***

No action taken.

8. Letter from Edward A. Kuc, Principal Ecologist, Eastern States Environmental Associates, Inc. regarding *an application for a permit or approval to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules, Block 31, Lot 37*. (Entire File available in Clerk's office) No action taken.
9. Letter dated November 20, 2008 from Denise Doolan regarding Intersection of Readington Road (County Route 620) and Lightfield Road. No action taken.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. *ATV Noise Ordinance* – discussion

Mr. Gatti stated that he had received a memo from the Chief of Police dated October 21, 2008 in regards to possible regulations of limiting ATV noise. Mr. Gatti stated he would like to possibly adopt an ordinance similar to the Township of Freehold which focuses on controlling the use of ATVs by the size of the lot and distance from neighboring properties. Mrs. Muir stated her concern was that the Township would overstep their authority in regulating ownership and the rightful use of ATVs and is more in favor of strengthening the nuisance ordinance. Mr. Gatti suggested this matter be placed for discussion on an agenda in the new year.

- *2. *Paris Grant Program/Shared Services with Hunterdon County* – resolution

This item was addressed under consent agenda.

- *3. *Open Space Trust Funds* – resolution

This item was addressed under consent agenda.

- *4. *Block 5, Lot 6/ Sena Builders – request for release of escrow funds (\$316.25)*

This item was addressed under consent agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported that she received an email from Stephanie Miller regarding Holland Brook in Phase I and wanted to know if it is needed. Deputy Mayor Allen stated that Administrator Mekovetz should ask Art Stryker if he has one available.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated she had nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Rob O'Brien reported that they are in the process of getting Road Reclamation 2009 projects together with Department of Public Works.

He also reported that the Department of Public Works started stripping the top soil on the soccer fields.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Julia Allen

Deputy Mayor Allen reported the next Open Space Walk is scheduled for December 14, 2008.

Deputy Mayor Allen reported that she will be working with John Klotz and Greta Kenney to develop a grant application of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, Office of Natural Lands Management for the 2009 Recreation Trails Program Grant. Deputy Mayor Allen stated John Klotz is applying for a grant for Lachenmayer Trail and the total cost of the project would be \$24,500. Deputy Mayor Allen stated this grant pays 80% of the total cost, equivalent to \$19,600 and the balance of \$4,900 is obligated to the Township; generally this local share is done with volunteer labor and assistance from Department of Public Works. Deputy Mayor Allen requested a resolution be adopted in support of the grant application.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-135

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, Office of Natural Lands Management for the Lachenmayer Trail projected to cost \$24,500, a 2009 Recreation Trails Program Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
2. the Township of Readington will share in the obligation to pay 20% of the total cost of the project (approximately \$4,900).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby endorses the submission of the Recreation Trails Program Grant to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protections, Division of Parks and Forestry, Office of Natural Lands Management.

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

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

Frank Gatti

Mr. Gatti reported that on December 5th he and Mr. Shamey will continue negotiations for the PBA contract.

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir reported the Municipal Monthly Activity reports for certificates for code are available. Mrs. Muir reported that the distribution of the food baskets went out to approximately 80 families.

Gerard Shamey

Mr. Shamey stated that he had nothing to report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO
Administrator/Municipal Clerk