

READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2007

Sharon A. Dragan, Esq., *called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

PRESENT: Mrs. J. Allen, Mr. T. Auriemma, Mr. F. Gatti, Mrs. B. Muir
and Mr. G. Shamey

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dragan, Administrator Mekovetz and Engineer McEldowney

Attorney Dragan led those present in the *Salute to the Flag*.

Swearing in of Thomas Auriemma and Beatrice Muir as members of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term by Sharon A. Dragan, Esq.

Attorney Dragan swore in Thomas Auriemma and Beatrice Muir as members of the Township Committee for a three (3) year term

Sharon A. Dragan, Esq. opens Nominations for Mayor for the year 2007.

Mr. Auriemma thanked Mayor Shamey for his efforts as Mayor in 2006 and said Mr. Shamey should continue as Mayor in 2007.

Attorney Dragan asked for nominations for Mayor for the year 2007.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to nominate Gerard Shamey for the position of Mayor for 2007. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Sharon A. Dragan, Esq. administers Oath of Office to Mayor.

Attorney Dragan administered the Mayor's Oath of Office to Mr. Shamey.

2007 Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Shamey thanked Mr. Auriemma for his comments and said it is an honor to serve with the members of the Committee.

Mayor Shamey spoke on the following highlights of 2006:

2006 Highlights:

- Annual Memorial Day Parade
- Second Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Sing-a-Long
- Completion of Lake Cushetunk walkway to Whitehouse Station

NEW CONSTRUCTION, ETC.

- Senior/age restricted condominium development on Rt.22
- Two new banks: Yardville National & Commerce
- New CVS on Route 202
- Additions completed or underway at Calvary Bible Church & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Sewer Agreement with Readington Middle School & Holland Brook School

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Retirement of Officers
- Hiring of New Officers
- Addition of K9 Unit

2007 Mayor's Comments – continued:

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Purchase of two new ambulances for Rescue Squad
- Bids being sought for East Whitehouse Fire Dept. pumper
- Increase in LOSAP contributions

MUSEUMS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Renovations to Eversole Hall House
- 25th Anniversary of Readington Library at train station

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Hunterdon Central Regional High School Football Team won the State Championship
- Hunterdon Central Regional High School Girl's Varsity Volleyball won the State Championship.
- Honoring of Ernest Renda by designating the Tannery Road industrial complex as "Ernest Renda Industrial Park."

OPEN SPACE AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION

- Nearly 8,000 acres preserved to date
- \$8.5 million in reimbursements

SOLBERG AIRPORT

Mayor Shamey gave a brief history and an update on this matter.

INTO 2007

- Continue to advance planning policies which promote open space and farmland preservation as well as preservation of our precious natural resources.
- Continue to defend our zoning and planning
- Particular attention to Route 22 and Main Street corridors, as well as Three Bridges
- Provide a wide range of municipal services such as:
 - A police dept ranked among the finest in the state
 - Highly trained and well equipped Emergency Services personnel
 - Museum programs to enrich the lives of our residents, from grammar school to seniors
 - Wide range of recreational activities and sports opportunities for hundreds of children as well as other residents
 - Social services to those in need

TAXES

- Municipal portion of taxes
- Limit development
- Property Tax Relief must come from Trenton
- Possible formation of a citizens' group

Mayor Shamey said it is an honor to serve as Mayor and to serve on the Township Committee.

2007 Appointments - resolution.

Mayor Shamey began to read appointments, as listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appointments are made for the year 2007:

2007

APPOINTMENTS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM/YEARS</u>
DEPUTY MAYOR.....	THOMAS AURIEMMA.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY	SHARON A. DRAGAN, ESQ.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.....	H. CLAY McELDOWNEY	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP AUDITOR.....	SUPPLEE, CLOONEY & CO.	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR.....	ROBERT BALLARD, ESQ.....	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY TWP. CLERK.....	PATTI JO McCONNELL.....	ONE YEAR
ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER.....	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	ONE YEAR
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:.....	BETTY ANN FORT.....	FOUR YEARS
	MICHAEL DENNING	FOUR YEARS
	JAMES STAATS 1 ST Alt.....	TWO YEARS
	ERIC STETTNER 2 nd Alt.....	ONE YEAR
BOARD OF HEALTH:.....	JANE BUTULA.....	THREE YEARS
	WENDY SHEAY	THREE YEARS
	CHRISTINA ALBRECHT	THREE YEARS
	BEATRICE MUIR.....	ONE YEAR
DOG LICENSING OFFICIAL.....	MARGARET DeBELLA.....	ONE YEAR
DOG WARDEN	ST. HUBERT'S GIRALDA.....	ONE YEAR
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION CHAIR	CHERYL FILLER	ONE YEAR
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	KAREN McCOULLOUGH (alternate)	ONE YEAR
FIRE INSPECTOR.....	PETER COUGHLIN.....	ONE YEAR
FLOOD VERIFICATION OFFICIAL	ROBERTA HOUSEL	ONE YEAR
HUNT. CTY. AG. DEVEL. BOARD LIAISON.....	KEN JAGEL.....	ONE YEAR
	JULIA ALLEN.....	ONE YEAR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMM.	HERBERT FISCHER (Class B).....	THREE YEARS
	PATRICIA FISHER-OLSEN (Class A)	FOUR YEARS
	JAMES HORVATH (Class B).....	FOUR YEARS
	PATRICIA SARROW (Class C).....	FOUR YEARS
	BEN SMITH (alternate).....	TWO YEARS
	ROBERT CLAPP (alternate).....	ONE YEAR
LIBRARY ADVISOR.....	RONALD MONACO	ONE YEAR
POLICE MATRON.....	DAWN KOUSOULIS.....	ONE YEAR
MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR (office on aging).....	LORRAINE KRIZENAWSKI.....	ONE YEAR
PAIC FUND COMMISSIONER.....	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	ONE YEAR
PERS/PFRS CERTIFYING OFFICER	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	ONE YEAR
PLANNING BOARD.....	JULIA ALLEN..(CLASS III)	ONE YEAR
	FRANK GATTI (CLASS I).....	ONE YEAR
	RONALD MONACO (CLASS II).....	ONE YEAR
	BEN SMITH...(CLASS IV).....	FOUR YEARS
	JOHN KLOTZ...(CLASS IV)	FOUR YEARS
TOWNSHIP PHYSICIAN	CENTER FOR FAMILY HEALTH	ONE YEAR
ALTERNATE TWP. PHYSICIAN	THE DOCTOR IS IN.....	ONE YEAR
POLICE OFFICER (SPECIAL):	HANS SALOPEK . (Class I)	ONE YEAR
	JOHN SHULACK...(Class II).....	ONE YEAR
	JAMES IZZO (Class II).....	ONE YEAR

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<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM/YEARS</u>
PROPERTY CERTIFICATION OFFICIAL	JOHN BARCZYK	ONE YEAR
LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD.....	ANNE SAUERLAND	FOUR YEARS
	BEATRICE MUIR.....	ONE YEAR
SOCIAL SERVICE CASE WORKER	BONNIE LIDDANE.....	ONE YEAR
SOCIAL SERVICE DIRECTOR	DIANE CLAPP.....	ONE YEAR
RECREATION COMMITTEE:	WILLIAM KEEFE	ONE YEAR
	SHARON BOBNER-BECKER	ONE YEAR
	KEN GROEL	ONE YEAR
	TOM DALEY	ONE YEAR
	JEFF KANE.....	ONE YEAR
	WILLIAM QUINN	ONE YEAR
	MARK TOMAN.....	ONE YEAR
	To be appointed.....	ONE YEAR
	LINDA BUSCH (alternate).....	ONE YEAR
	To be appointed (alternate)	ONE YEAR
MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATOR.....	SCOTT JESSEMAN.....	ONE YEAR
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS.....	JILL KREIDER	ONE YEAR
	MARIAN ESPOSITO.....	ONE YEAR
	KATHERINE HALENAR.....	ONE YEAR
	MARGARET FARRELL	ONE YEAR
	LORRAINE HERZOG	ONE YEAR
SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.....	JULIA ALLEN	ONE YEAR
	RONALD MONACO	ONE YEAR
	WILLIAM MEGLAUGHLIN	ONE YEAR
	EDWARD MOLLER.....	ONE YEAR
	KATHY TILTON	ONE YEAR
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL.....	KEN STAATS	ONE YEAR
SOLID WASTE ADV. COUNCIL ALTERNATE	ROBERT SOHL	ONE YEAR
STREET NAMING COMMITTEE	STEPHANIE STEVENS	ONE YEAR
	CAROL MAGNATTA	ONE YEAR
TAX SEARCH OFFICER	BONNIE HOLBOROW	ONE YEAR
ASSISTANT TAX SEARCH OFFICER.....	OMAYRA ROSA	ONE YEAR
AGRICULTURAL LAND ADVISORY COMM.	JULIA ALLEN	ONE YEAR
	RONALD MONACO	ONE YEAR
	KEN JAGEL.....	ONE YEAR
MUSEUM COMMITTEE	JAMES HORVATH	THREE YEARS
	NANCY O'MALLEY.....	THREE YEARS
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD.....	JULIA ALLEN	THREE YEARS
	JOHN KLOTZ	THREE YEARS
	ROLF HUELSEBUSCH (1 st Alternate).....	TWO YEARS
	JAY KELLY (2 nd Alternate)	ONE YEAR
CHIEF OF CHIEFS.....	BRIAN APGAR.....	ONE YEAR
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:</u>		
COORDINATOR.....	JOEL KERWIN.....	THREE YEARS
DEPUTY COORDINATOR.....	LT. SEBASTIAN DONARUMA	ONE YEAR
DEPUTY COORDINATOR.....	PATRICK PAUL.....	ONE YEAR
MAYOR.....	GERARD SHAMEY	ONE YEAR

2007
APPOINTMENTS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>TERM/YEARS</u>
<u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u>		
TWP. ADMINISTRATOR.....	VITA MEKOVETZ.....	ONE YEAR
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL	MICHAEL KOVONUK	ONE YEAR
S. TITLE III FACILITY.....	MIKE LORENZ.....	ONE YEAR
BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER.....	JANE BUTULA.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP SOCIAL SERVICES	DIANE CLAPP.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD	JULIA ALLEN	ONE YEAR
POLICE	JAMES PAGANESSI.....	ONE YEAR
FIRE CHIEF.....	CHIEF OF CHIEFS	ONE YEAR
WHITEHOUSE STATION FIRST AID	GEORGE LIOTHAKE	ONE YEAR
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	SCOTT JESSEMAN.....	ONE YEAR
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY.....	SHARON A. DRAGAN, ESQ.....	ONE YEAR
MEDIA GROUP	SUSAN DAMATO TOMSKY	ONE YEAR
ENGINEER.....	H. CLAY McELDOWNEY	ONE YEAR
READINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS	DON THORTON.....	ONE YEAR
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	KEVIN FISCHER.....	ONE YEAR
PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE.....	DON GORDON.....	ONE YEAR

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

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

2. **2007 Committee Appointments Resolution by the Mayor.**

Mayor Shamey offered the following Resolution for consideration:

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2007-02

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor of Readington Township, that the following Committee assignments be made for the year 2007:

Gerard Shamey:

- Code Enforcement Department\Construction Code Department\Zoning
- Engineering, Roads, Maintenance & Recycling
- Senior Services
- School Crossing Guards

Julia Allen:

- Planning Board
- County Ag. Develop. Board Liaison
- Farmland\Open Space Preservation\Land Projects Liaison
- Sewer Advisory Committee

Thomas Auriemma:

- Liaison to Fire Companies and Rescue Squad Recreation Department
- Recreation Department
- Library Services

2007 Committee Appointments Resolution by the Mayor – continued:

Frank Gatti:

Planning Board
Finance Department
Police Department
Historic Preservation/Museums

Beatrice Muir:

Board of Health
Public Assistance
Municipal Court
Animal Control

Entire Township Committee

Township Clerk
Board of Adjustment
Non-Profit Housing

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

3. **Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Cash Management Plan for the Year 2007.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEAR 2007
R-2007-03**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Local Fiscal Affairs Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:5, et seq* requires that municipalities adopt a Cash Management Plan which is designed to assure, to the extent practical, investment of local funds in interest bearing accounts and other permitted investments; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan must include:

1. The designation of a public depository or depositories;
2. The authorization for investments as permitted by various applicable laws;
3. The annual submission of the Cash Management Plan to the governing body, which must be approved by a majority vote;
4. An annual audit of the Cash Management Plan;
5. That when an investment is in bonds which mature in more than one year, a determination that the maturity approximates the prospective time when such funds are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, that the attached Cash Management Plan is hereby adopted for the year 2007.

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

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

4. **Resolution authorizing check signing of Current/Municipal account checks for Readington Township for 2007.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
CHECK SIGNATURE RESOLUTION
R-2007-04**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following officials be authorized to sign our Current/Municipal Account checks for the Township of Readington for the year 2007:

Resolution authorizing check signing of Current/Municipal account checks for Readington Township for 2007 – continued:

Treasurer
 Mayor
 Clerk
 Deputy Mayor
 Chief Financial Officer
 Administrator
 Deputy Clerk

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

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

5. Temporary Budget & Sewer Utility Temporary Budget Resolution

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 TEMPORARY BUDGET 2007
 R-2007-05**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
CURRENT FUND:		
Administrative & Executive	\$ 81,700.00	\$ 38,325.00
Mayor & Committee	8,550.00	
Elections		8,635.00
Financial Administration	51,738.00	6,200.00
Audit Services		5,250.00
Assessment of Taxes	26,325.00	8,000.00
Revision of Tax Map		5,000.00
Collection of Taxes	27,313.00	6,862.00
Legal Services		175,000.00
Prosecutor		9,318.00
Engineering	250.00	30,875.00
Buildings and Grounds	63,472.00	28,547.00
Unemployment Tax		800.00
Planning Board	9,858.00	2,962.00
Board of Adjustment	17,225.00	1,556.00
Environmental Commission	1,175.00	2,031.00
Consultants		43,750.00
General Liability Insurance		83,800.00
Surety Bonds		1,625.00
Employee Group Health		284,075.00
Workers Compensation		44,500.00
Waste Collection/Recycling	4,135.00	165,900.00
Fire Companies/Rescue Squad		84,950.00
Supplemental Fire Service		2,500.00
Police	545,625.00	54,225.00
School Crossing Guards	13,275.00	
Streets and Roads	305,075.00	78,250.00
Snow Removal		26,087.00
Street Lighting		13,750.00
Board of Health	7,975.00	16,300.00
Emergency Management	1,877.00	2,150.00
Animal Control	3,425.00	1,750.00
Public Assistance	23,125.00	1,456.00
Recreation	34,343.00	10,625.00
Celebration of Public Events		2,625.00
Free County Library	25,300.00	3,570.00
Senior Transportation		2,125.00
Museum Committee	9,650.00	6,875.00
Historic Preservation Commission		875.00

Temporary Budget & Sewer Utility Temporary Budget Resolution – continued:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
Construction Code Official	82,500.00	18,875.00
Fire Hydrant Service		18,750.00
Electricity		40,162.00
Telephone		28,475.00
Fuel Oil		5,500.00
Gasoline		30,712.00
Contingent		875.00
Social Security		106,250.00
Pension Plans		38,760.00
LOSAP		10,000.00
Municipal Court	35,875.00	4,593.00
Uniform Fire Safety	16,537.00	1,725.00
Public Defender		<u>9,475.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$1,396,323.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,575,276.00</u>
<u>SEWER UTILITY</u>	<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
<u>ITEM</u>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,750.00	
Other Expenses		\$ 11,500.00
Service Fees		346,000.00
Statutory Expenditures		<u>1,992.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>15,750.00</u>	<u>359,492.00</u>

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

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

6. **Resolution to set delinquent tax interest rate for 2007.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION FIXING INTEREST RATES ON DELINQUENT TAXES
 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007
 R-2007-06**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to R.S. 54:4-67, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey hereby fixes the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes for calendar year 2007 at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 of delinquency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the above provision, no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within ten (10) days after the date upon which the same became payable according to the laws in such cases made and provided. If such payment is not made within the ten (10) day grace period, the above rate of interest shall run and accrue from the original due date of such taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the same interest calculations for delinquent tax collections be applied to sewer utility accounts with the exception that the grace period be thirty (30) days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year shall be so charged an additional rate of interest of six percent (6%) against the delinquency.

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

Resolution to set delinquent tax interest rate for 2007 – continued:

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

7. **Resolution designating official newspapers for 2007.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2007-07**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Committee does hereby designate the following newspapers as its official newspapers for the year 2007:

<i>Hunterdon County</i>	<i>Democrat Star Ledger</i>
<i>Hunterdon Review</i>	<i>Express Times</i>
<i>Courier News</i>	

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

8. **Professional Services Resolution.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2007-08**

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 contracts have 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:
 - Sharon A. Dragan as Township Attorney
 - Martin Allen, Esq. of Bivona, Cohen, Kunzman, Coley, Yospin, Bernstein & DiFrancesco as Tax Attorney
 - Suplee, Clooney & Company for Municipal Auditor Services
2. Said contracts shall expire on December 31, 2007.
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. Muir to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

9. **Resolution setting 2007 meeting dates for Township Committee.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2007-09**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Committee hold its regular meetings on the First and Third Monday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m., at which time an Executive Session will be held, at the Municipal Building, unless said day should fall on a legal holiday, in which case the meeting will be held on the following day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following meeting dates be confirmed for publication:

January 2, 2007	July 2, 2007
January 16, 2007	July 16, 2007
February 5, 2007	August 6, 2007
February 20, 2007	September 4, 2007
March 5, 2007	September 17, 2007
March 19, 2007	October 1, 2007
April 2, 2007	October 15, 2007
April 18, 2007	November 7, 2007
May 7, 2007	November 19, 2007
May 21, 2007	December 3, 2007
June 6, 2007	December 17, 2007
June 18, 2007	December 27, 2007

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

10. **Resolution - Added and Omitted Assessments**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
ADDED AND OMITTED ASSESSMENTS
R-2007-10**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, recognizes that *N.J.S.A. 54-5-63.12 et seq*, popularly known as the "Originally Method", allows the Collector of Taxes upon written complaint to the County Tax Board to notify such Board of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, has requested the Township Committee to authorize her to notify the County Tax Board upon written complaint of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed pursuant to and in compliance with *N.J.S.A. 54:5-63.12*; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, is called upon with the knowledge of omitted and rollback taxes prior to the Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington be and is hereby authorized to notify upon written complaint to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation of any property alleged to have been omitted and the particular year of the assessment to be assessed.

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

11. ***Resolution - Authorization for Assessor to File Correction of Tax Assessment for 2007.***

***RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSESSOR TO FILE CORRECTION OF
TAX ASSESSMENT FOR 2007
R-2007-11***

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, has been informed by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessments covering certain property locations within the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington has requested the Township Committee to authorize her to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington will relieve the Taxpayer for said property from filing an appeal with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington is hereby authorized after having previously notified the governing body by an appropriate list of properties setting forth the manner and mode of adjustment to file corrective appeals for 2007 with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors were made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any negotiations to be done on behalf of the Municipality will be handled by the Tax Assessor, including Resolution of Appeals filed directly by property owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor send copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

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

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

12. ***Resolution - Authorization for Martin Allen, Esq., Readington Township Tax Attorney to File Correction of Tax Assessment for 2007.***

***AUTHORIZATION FOR MARTIN ALLEN, ESQ.,
READINGTON TOWNSHIP TAX ATTORNEY,
TO FILE CORRECTION OF TAX ASSESSMENT FOR 2007
R-2007-12***

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, has been informed by the Tax Assessor of the Township of Readington, that from time to time errors are made in computing the tax assessments covering certain property locations within the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, Martin Allen, Esq., Readington Township Tax Attorney (hereinafter "Tax Attorney") has requested the Township Committee to authorize him to file corrections of such errors with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections by the Tax Attorney of the Township of Readington will relieve the Taxpayer for said property from filing an appeal with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation.

Authorization for Martin Allen, Esq., Readington Township Tax Attorney to File Correction of Tax Assessment for 2007 – continued:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, that the Tax Attorney of the Township of Readington is hereby authorized after having previously notified the governing body by an appropriate list of properties setting forth the manner and mode of adjustment to file corrective appeals for 2007 with the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors were made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any negotiations to be done on behalf of the Municipality will be handled by the Tax Attorney, including Resolution of Appeals filed directly by property owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor send copies of such corrected assessments to the individuals involved.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Compass Construction, Inc./Bikeway & Pedestrian Walkway** – Change Order #5.
2. **Compass Construction, Inc./Bikeway & Pedestrian Walkway** – Payment #7 (\$35,881.06).
3. **Tax Refund** – resolution.

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

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

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
15/4	2005 Appeal	Robin Arnaudy	\$2,664.54
31/6	2005 Appeal	C&C Commercial Properties	\$ 906.10
66/23.01	2005 Vet Deduction	Douglas Hoyt	\$ 250.00

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

NONE.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Compass Construction, Inc./Bikeway & Pedestrian Walkway* – Change Order #5.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

2. *Compass Construction, Inc./Bikeway & Pedestrian Walkway* – Payment #7 (\$35,881.06).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

3. *Tax Refund* – resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Gatti to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Administrator\ Municipal Clerk