

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – March 2, 2009**

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:** Mayor J. Allen, Deputy Mayor B. Muir, Mr. T. Auriemma, Mr. F. Gatti,

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

**ABSENT:** Mr. G. Shamey

**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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipate When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Contract Negotiations.....	Professional Services..... γAEIS γParker McCay γDeer Carcass Removal	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Contract Negotiations.....	Block 39, Lots 57(Rockaway Creek LLC)	“ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Block 40, Lot 1 (Solberg Aviation Co.)	“ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Block 18, Lot 14 (Kelly/Rohrbach).....	“ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Country Classics Legacy..... at Readington	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Olshefski/404 Dove Cote Court...	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Merck Sewer Allocation Agreement	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Block 64, Lots 26 & 40 (Lackland Assoc.)	“ “
Litigation.....	Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Board of Adjustment, <i>et al.</i>	“ “

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. Shamey to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened 7:45 p.m.

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

***Contract Negotiations/Professional Services/AEIS***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2009-36***

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE LAKE CUSHETUNK DAM***

**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 with 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:

γ AEIS (Advanced Engineering & Inspection Services) for inspection services for the Lake Cushetunk Dam at a cost of \$12,000 and, if needed, Quarterly Inspections at a cost of \$1,200 per Quarter.

2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2009.

3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

**Contract Negotiations/Professional Services/Parker McCay**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-37**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR  
SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Special Litigation Counsel Services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.5*; and

**WHEREAS**, the term Anon-fair and open contract,@ for the purposes of the law, refers to a Professional Services Contract awarded to a contractor who has not made a political contribution as described in *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.* or in *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-8, et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services may exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay, PA has submitted a proposal indicating he will act as Special Litigation Counsel at the following rates: Attorney – \$275 per hour; Associates - \$200 per hour, for the following matters:

- Re: Toll Bros., Inc. V. Township of Readington, *et al.*  
Docket No. HNT -L-495-02
- Re: Township of Readington v. Solberg Aviation Co., *et al.*  
Docket No.: HNT-L-468-06
- Re: Such other matters which may be assigned

for a total amount not to exceed the amount appropriated for this service in the approved/adopted budget.

**WHEREAS**, Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay, PA has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Readington in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay, PA from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer=s Certification of the availability of funds is on file - *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*) and will be amended to reflect the final approved funds for this purpose upon adoption/approval of the 2009 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay, PA as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said contract shall expire on December 31, 2009; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Professional Service are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

***Contract Negotiations/Professional Services/Deer Carcass Removal Services LLC***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2009-38***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***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:
  - Deer Carcass Removal Service, LLC at a rate of \$58 per carcass and \$58 per carcass not found due to improper reporting and/or removed by others without property notification to Deer Carcass Removal Service.
2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2009.
3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

***Contract Negotiations/Block 39, Lot 57 (Rockaway Creek LLC)***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION  
EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 39, LOT 57 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF  
READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM  
ROCKAWAY CREEK, LLC***

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

***Ordinance cont'd:***

**SECTION 1.** The Township of Readington shall accept a conservation easement (“Easement”) on a portion of property known as Block 39, Lot 57 in the Township of Readington, which has been dedicated on the aforesaid property by the grantor, Rockaway Creek, LLC, A New Jersey Limited Liability Company, pursuant to a preliminary and final major site plan approval granted by the Readington Township Planning Board in Resolution #2007-235, memorialized on December 10, 2007. The purpose of the Easement is to ensure that the area covered by it will remain in its natural and existing state in perpetuity, except as stated in the Easement document. There is no public right of use, access, or title to Readington Township created by this Easement; it is subject to limited access by the township only for the purpose of inspection and enforcement. The aforesaid Easement shall run with the land. It is on file in the office of Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J.

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

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, upon recording of the Easement in the Hunterdon County Clerk’s office and upon recording of the ordinance in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for March 16, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

***Contract Negotiations/ Block 40, Lot 1 (Solberg Aviation Co.)***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Block 18, Lot 14 (Kelly/Rohrbach)***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Country Classics Legacy at Readington***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Olshefski/404 Dove Cote Court***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Merck Sewer Allocation Agreement***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Block 64, Lots 26 & 40 (Lackland Associates)***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir requesting Administrator Mekovetz to obtain two appraisals and a Phase I on this property, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Litigation/Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Board of Adjustment, et al.***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

***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)***

Mayor Allen stated there was no discussion on this matter.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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 February 17, 2009
- \*2. **2009 Hunterdon County Surface Treatment Program**
- \*3. **Withers, Donald / Block 1.01, Lot 1.03** – release of escrow (\$430.00)
- \*4. **Scott Barton** – Firemen’s Application
- \*5. **Red Light Permit** – Henry Lee
- \*6. **Red Light Permit** – Brian Apgar
- \*7. **Blue Light Permit** – Martin Hirschhorn
- \*8. **Blue Light Permit** – Gary S. James
- \*9. **Payment of Bills**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$ 10,310.73
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	8-02	\$ 2,366.43
CURRENT FUND	9-01	\$ 692,863.07
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	9-02	\$ 102,600.74
001 CAP. APPROPRIATIONS	X-01	\$ 1,293.88
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 89,939.24
004 CAP. APPROPRIATIONS	X-04	\$ 1,293.88
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 34,738.33
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 148,444.23
REGIONAL AND LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$5,497,016.30
2006 CAPITAL ORDINANCES	X-66	\$ 1,293.88
2007 CAPITAL ORDINANCES	X-77	\$ 2,587.76
2008 CAPITAL	X-88	<u>\$ 10,315.45</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$6,595,063.92</b>

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

As it was after 8:00 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Gatti 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 PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF SUMMER  
ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION  
THEREOF**

**ORDINANCE #06-2009**

Mayor Allen stated this ordinance is for a section of Summer Road adjacent to the frontage on one side the Summer Road Park to prohibit parking on a portion of the road.

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

There were none.

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. Auriemma 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 PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF SUMMER  
ROAD IN THE TOWNSHIP AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION  
THEREOF**

**ORDINANCE #06-2009**

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Notice from Donald Carter, Vice President of Operations, Pivotal Utility holdings, Inc. d/b/a/ Elizabethtown Gas regarding **Notice of Public Hearing seeking approval to implement its Energy Efficiency Programs**. No action taken.

2. Notice from Donald Carter, Vice President of Operations, Pivotal Utility holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas regarding ***Notice of Public Hearing to implement a Utility Infrastructure Enhancement Cost Recovery Tariff Rider.*** No action taken.
3. Letter dated February 19, 2009 from Michael J. Filippone, Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs-NJ, Jersey Central Power & Light regarding ***Proposed Economic Stimulus Infrastructure Investment Program.*** No action taken.
4. Letter from Jennifer Hayes, Development Manager, St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center regarding ***donation to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center.*** No action taken.
5. Public Notice from Ray Krov, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education, regarding ***change of dates for budget meetings.*** No action taken.
6. Memorandum dated February 20, 2009 from Judith A. Sullivan, Municipal Clerk, Township of Bedminster regarding as follows:

- ***An Ordinance Amending Section 13-522 entitled "Wireless Telecommunications Equipment and Facilities" of Chapter XIII Entitled "Land Management" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster, to Update and Revise the Township's Regulation of the Location and Construction of Wireless Telecommunication Equipment and Facilities within the Township***
- ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter XIII Entitled "Land Management" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster, to update and revise the Township's Checklist Requirements for Land Use Applications within the Township***

No action taken.

7. Letter dated February 24, 2009 from Yacoub E. Yacoub, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Northern Field Operations, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey regarding ***No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 51.01, Lot 2.32.*** No action taken.
8. Memorandum dated February 24, 2009 from Sharon Brienza, Township of Branchburg regarding as follows:

- ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Amending Subsection 7-2.1 to Increase the Escrow Deposit for a "d" Variance***
- ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Requiring Vehicle Barriers for Certain Day Care Centers***

No action taken.

#### ***NEW BUSINESS***

1. ***An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Establishing Fees for Off-Duty Police Officers Requested by Readington Township and Needed for Performance of Special Duties During Special Events*** – discussion

Administrator Mekovetz stated that due to the length of time it takes to negotiate a contract and the requirement to pay the police officers immediately at the present rate for outside employment, this increased surcharge will cover any shortfall of recovering costs from outside sources for the obligated retroactive pay.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING  
FEES FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS REQUESTED BY READINGTON  
TOWNSHIP AND NEEDED FOR PERFORMANCE OF SPECIAL DUTIES DURING  
SPECIAL EVENTS***

***WHEREAS***, the Township of Readington receives requests for police officers requiring street openings, special traffic control or other types of police service for the safety of workers and the traveling public during special events held within the Township; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township of Readington, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 et seq. has the authority to fix the fees of any officer or employee of the municipality for any service rendered in connection with his or her position, for which no specific fee or compensation is provided; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township of Readington incurs costs and expenses when utilizing the services of off-duty police officers for the above-stated special events; and

***WHEREAS***, it is necessary to obtain insurance covering said off-duty police officers during the performance of their duties during special events; and

***WHEREAS***, such insurance is not obtainable unless the Township of Readington has an official ordinance designating the need for same and the fees for the use of such off-duty police officers during special events; and

***WHEREAS***, it is further necessary to recover the costs and expenses associated with the services rendered by the off-duty police officers through the charging of appropriate fees.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED***, by the Township Committee of Readington Township, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 3A. and 3B. are amended as follows [deletions are indicated ~~thus~~, additions are indicated thus]

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY:** The Township of Readington, through the Chief of Police of Readington Township, when requested by an organizer of a special event to take place within the Township, shall have the authority to employ or assign sworn police officers from Readington Township and/or sworn police officers from other Police Departments to perform services for the above-stated special events.

**SECTION 2. REQUEST FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE SERVICES:** All requests for such services shall be made to the Chief of Police of Readington Township.

**SECTION 3. FEE SCHEDULE:** The organizers and/or vender of the above-stated special events who request off-duty police officers shall pay the Township of Readington in accordance with the following schedule:

A. All Police Officers of the Readington Township Police Department shall be paid at the rate of \$35.00 per hour or at time and one-half of said police officer's hourly rate, whichever is greater, plus an additional ~~ten percent (10%)~~ **fifteen percent (15%)** surcharge on that amount that will be retained by the Township of Readington to cover fringe benefits and administrative costs incurred by the Township.

**Ordinance cont'd:**

B. All Police Officers from outside police departments will be paid at a rate of \$35.00 per hour, plus an additional ~~ten percent (10%)~~ **fifteen percent (15%)** surcharge on that amount that will be retained by the Township of Readington to cover fringe benefits and administrative costs incurred by the Township.

C. If the special event requires the use of a police vehicle, then notwithstanding the fee set forth in Section A. or B. above, a vehicle usage fee in the amount of \$5.00 per hour per police vehicle shall be imposed and retained by the Township of Readington to cover the wear and tear on the police vehicles.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL:** This Ordinance expressly repeals and voids the Readington Township Ordinance entitled “Establishing Fees for off-Duty police Officers Requested by Readington Township for Special Duties During Special Events” adopted July 5, 1988, and any other Ordinances to the contrary.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for March 16, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

2. **Readington Trail Association** – requesting approval for Annual Fundraising Event – April 26, 2009

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to grant approval to the Readington Trail Association for their Annual Fundraising Event on April 26, 2009, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

3. **Sons of Italy Marconi Lodge** – requesting approval to hang banner – Pasta Fest

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the hanging of the banner with a stipulation that the banner be removed within one week of the event, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. **Matheny Medical and Educational Center** – requesting approval to use Readington Library Parking Lot – April 19, 2009

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve to the use of the Readington Library Parking Lot, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

5. **Piranha Sports** – requesting approval for bike portion of Diamond Girl Triathlon – May 17, 2009

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the bike portion of the Diamond Girl Triathlon, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

6. ***Social Affairs Permit*** – American Legion Post #284 - March 14, 2009

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the event for March 14, 2009, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a votes of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- \* 7. ***2009 Hunterdon County Surface Treatment Program***

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- \* 8. ***Withers, Donald / Block 1.01, Lot 1.03*** – release of escrow ( \$430.00 )

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- \* 9. ***Scott Barton*** – Firemen’s Application

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- \* 10. ***Red Light Permit*** – Henry Lee

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- \* 11. ***Red Light Permit*** – Brian Apgar

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- \* 12. ***Blue Light Permit*** – Martin Hirschhorn

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- \* 13. ***Blue Light Permit*** – Gary S. James

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

***ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT***

Administrator Mekovetz reported she received a letter from Kevin Richardson regarding the request for funding for the Ann Reno barn which was approved by the Freeholders.

Administrator Mekovetz reported she had received a Mayors Fax Advisory regarding the development of Non-Age-Restricted Communities and asked the Committee to consider this request.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir requesting Administrator Mekovetz to send a letter to the Legislators with a copy to the League of Municipalities opposing S-2577 and A-3772, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***ATTORNEY’S REPORT***

Attorney Dragan asked the Committee to consider an ordinance to accept the open space dedication from Wilmark Building Contractors on Block 25, Lot 50.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 25, LOT 50 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM WILMARK BUILDING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR OPEN SPACE***

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

***Ordinance cont'd:***

**SECTION 1.** The Township of Readington hereby accepts property known as Block 25, Lot 50 in the Township of Readington, which has been dedicated in fee simple by the grantor Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. for open space and passive recreational purposes, in accordance with the provisions of the Readington Township Land Development Ordinance and the conditions of development approvals issued for the tract of which the Property is a part. The Deed and metes and bounds description for the property, which consists of approximately 106.8+/- acres, is on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J. It is also shown on a map entitled “Final Plat – Phase I for Wilmark at Readington” filed in the Hunterdon County Clerk’s Office on May 29, 1999 as Map. No. 1326.

**SECTION 2.** This acceptance is made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 et seq., and any other applicable law, including Municipal Land Use Law.

**SECTION 3.** If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order of Judgement shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, upon recording of the Deed in the Hunterdon County Clerk’s office and upon recording of the ordinance in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for March 16, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

***ENGINEERS REPORT***

Engineer O’Brien reported a preliminary list was provided to Scott Jesseman for road reclamation 2009.

Engineer O’Brien reported the tax maps were updated for this year and sent to the Assessor’s office.

Engineer O’Brien stated the Bank Street parking lot had the new light pole replaced.

***Julia Allen***

Mayor Allen reported that the County Agricultural Development Board Liaison is working to respond to the state’s list of suggestions for the Planning Incentive Grant Application.

Mayor Allen reported the Open Space Walk is scheduled for March 15 around Ilva Saronno South Branch Wildlife Management area.

***Thomas Auriemma***

Mr. Auriemma stated he had nothing to report.

**Frank Gatti**

Mr. Gatti reported there is now a website with the police blotter and Mr. Gatti requested Administrator Mekovetz to be sure the events are taken down on a regular basis.

Mr. Gatti reported that he met with the Museum Committee concerning the Bouman Stickney guest house and stated further revisions need to be addressed with the architect.

**Beatrice Muir**

Mrs. Muir stated she 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 Mr. Shamey at 8:25 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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