

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – MARCH 5, 2007**

Mayor Shamey *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 G. Shamey, Deputy Mayor T. Auriemma, Mrs. J. Allen, Mr. F. Gatti and Mrs. B. Muir

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz and Attorney Dragan

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>	<u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u>
Construction Office.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Libraries.....	Personnel.....	" " "
DPW.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Block 21.12, Lots 34 & 34.02 (SDT, Inc.).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 53, Lot 5 (Holland Brook/RVD).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Waste Management v. Readington Twp.....	Litigation.....	" " "
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8, Block 39, Lot 24 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation - Hromoho).....	Litigation.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes (Feb. 20, 2007)....	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 Mrs. Muir to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

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

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

Personnel - Construction Office

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to hire David Greenhill as a part-time Electrical Inspector

Personnel - Construction Office – continued:

at an hourly rate of \$31.00 with a six (6) month probationary period. This motion was 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

Personnel – Libraries

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to hire Maureen Del Gaudio as Assistant Librarian at the Three Bridges Library at an hourly rate of \$12.53, with a three (3) month probationary period. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel – DPW

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 21.12, Lots 34 & 34.02 (SDT, Inc.)

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 53, Lot 5 (Holland Brook - RVD)

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

Litigation - Waste Management v. Readington Township

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

***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)***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR
EXPERT CONSULTING SERVICES
#R-2007-38***

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Expert Consulting 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 “non-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, GRA, Incorporated has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Expert Consulting Services at rates as detailed in the contract; and

WHEREAS, GRA, Incorporated has completed and submitted a Business Entity

Professional Services – continued:

Disclosure Certification which certifies that GRA, Incorporated 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 GRA, Incorporated 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*).

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 GRA, Incorporated 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, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Professional Service Contract including the rate schedule 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. Allen to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES
#R-2007-39**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Environmental Consulting 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 “non-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, EcolSciences, Inc. has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Environmental Consulting Services at rates as detailed in the contract; and

WHEREAS, EcolSciences, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that EcolSciences, Inc. 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 EcolSciences, Inc. 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*).

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 EcolSciences, Inc. as described herein; and

Professional Services – continued:

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, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Professional Service Contract including the rate schedule 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 Mr. Auriemma to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (February 20, 2007)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the meeting of February 20, 2007 for content. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of meeting of February 20, 2007.
2. **Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Shared Services** - \$100 administration fee.
3. **Cancellation of Ordinance #43-2006.**

**RESOLUTION TO CANCEL GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCE
R-2007-41**

WHEREAS, there is an ordinance balance in the General Capital Fund which is no longer required and should be canceled; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the following balance and return it to the appropriate account:

<u>Ord#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#43-2006	RCA - PERTH AMBOY	\$ 2,680,000.00
Analysis	- Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 134,000.00
	Deferred Charges Unfunded	\$ 2,546,000.00

4. **Somerset Wheelmen** - request for permission to use a portion of Pleasant Run Road to conduct an individual time trial cycling event (April 17, 2007).
5. **Application for Blue Light Permit** – Michael J. Wernicki.
6. **Application for Blue Light Permit** – David Quaglia.
7. **Lien Redemption** – resolutions.

CONSENT AGENDA – continued:

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 13 Lot 24.01; 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 \$436.11, known as TSC#514, to the lien holder, Joanne Musa.

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

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 36 Lot 117; 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 \$452.92, plus a \$900.00 premium paid at Tax Sale, known as TSC#04-06, to the lien holder, Eugene Denagel.

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

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 36 Lot 117; 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 \$649.03, known as TSC#S18, to the lien holder, Anthony Malinowski.

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

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 66 Lot 39.02; 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 \$29,429.66, plus a \$27,000.00 premium paid at Tax Sale, known as TSC#509, to the lien holder, Crusader Servicing Corp.

8. **Payment of the Bills.**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 494,048.70
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 102,734.59
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 10,133.83
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 39,487.35
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 16,832.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 147,932.32
REGIONAL AND LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$ 5,261,431.92
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 6,072,600.71

CONSENT AGENDA – continued:

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

Continuation of Public Hearing:

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

Clerk read by Title:

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKLIST PORTIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 148 OF THE READINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE

Ordinance #04-2007

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance amends the Land Development Ordinance with respect to checklist items. A memorandum was received from the Planning Board stating that this ordinance was reviewed at their February 26th meeting and that they recommend approval of the ordinance.

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

Mrs. Allen said this ordinance was based on recommendations from Engineer McEldowney. It adds items to the checklist that are possible by new technology, including digital copies of surveys, etc.

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to close the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKLIST PORTIONS OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 148 OF THE READINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE

Ordinance #04-2007

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adopt this Ordinance, 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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Memorandum dated February 26, 2007 from Linda Jacukowicz, Planning & Zoning Coordinator, regarding *report of Variance Applications for 2006*, noted for information. No action taken.
2. *Memorandum from Environmental Commission* regarding voluntary limitations on holiday light displays.

Mr. Gatti said a letter was received from a resident asking that the Township put in place an ordinance to limit the length of time that holiday lights are displayed. The Environmental Commission suggested that the Committee adopt a resolution asking that residents conserve energy on a voluntary basis.

Mrs. Allen suggested that this matter be addressed closer to the holiday season.

Mayor Shamey asked Administrator Mekovetz to bring this matter back before the Committee in November.

3. Letter dated February, 2007 from Jeff Tareila Environmental Consultants, regarding Wetland Delineation Report – *423TB Holdings, LLC, Block 83, Lot 4*, noted for information. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Solberg Airport* - update by Mayor Shamey.

Mayor Shamey said he had nothing to report.

2. *Bikeway/Walkway* – request for trash receptacles, walkway benches, picnic tables & park benches.

Mayor Shamey said this matter was discussed at several previous Committee meetings.

Administrator Mekovetz said the Committee had discussed placing a picnic table and benches in the gazebo, and benches along the walkway. She said the Committee also asked that a letter be sent to the Homeowners' Association regarding the trash around the gazebo, and whether or not it was used on a daily basis.

Administrator Mekovetz said she received another letter from the person who is requesting these items before she could send the letter to the Homeowners' Association. This letter suggested placing trash receptacles at each end of the walkway, and putting some type of top on them so large bags of trash can't be put in.

Mrs. Allen said she received an email from someone on the Homeowners' Association, who read about this discussion in the newspaper, asking if the Township wanted their input regarding this matter. She suggested that a letter be sent to the Association asking for their input.

Administrator Mekovetz said she will discuss this matter again with Kevin Fischer, Director of Buildings, Grounds & Parks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Application for Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support* – resolution.

Administrator Mekovetz said Hunterdon County is filing for a PARIS grant and part of the application process is to show that municipalities would take part in a needs assessment of their records. The County would hire a vendor for this purpose. Participating in the County application would entitle the municipality to future PARIS grants

Application for Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support – continued:

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2007-36***

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 and 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 that do not have the resources to create one for themselves; and

WHEREAS, in the 2007-08 grant cycle, priority funding will be given to county projects to perform municipal inventories for all of their municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to collaborate with the Hunterdon County in the performance of an archives and records management inventory, needs assessment, and strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington urges the county to develop a proposal to perform county-wide municipal inventories, needs assessments, and strategic plans; and

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

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

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

2. ***Bond Ordinance – Affordable Housing/Allies, Inc.***

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY TO FUND A CONTRIBUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP TO ALLIES, INC. FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF FOUR (4) COAH HOUSING UNITS (EIGHT [8] BEDROOMS) IN THE HUNTER'S CROSSING DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATING \$290,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$275,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ordinance #07-2007

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 \$290,000, including the sum of \$14,500 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available from the Capital Improvement 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

Bond Ordinance – Affordable Housing/Allies, Inc.

principal amount of \$275,500 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 to fund a contribution by the Township to Allies, Inc. for the improvement and rehabilitation of four (4) housing units (eight [8] bedrooms) in the Hunter's Crossing Development in order to provide for such units to be used as group homes for the developmentally disabled within 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 Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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 10 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 \$275,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$10,000 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.

Bond Ordinance – Affordable Housing/Allies, Inc.

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 full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mr. 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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

3. ***Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – resolution.***

Mayor Shamey said a memorandum was received from Emergency Management Coordinator Joel Kerwin regarding Township residents who are interested in participating in the Community Emergency Response Team. The program trains residents to take care of themselves, their families and their neighbors in the time of a disaster when the municipal emergency response agencies may be overwhelmed and unable to provide immediate responses.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***SUPPORTING CERT (COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM) TEAM
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
R-2007-40***

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, has been promoting nationwide use of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) concept since 1994; and

WHEREAS, CERT Training promotes a partnership effort between emergency services and the people that they serve, with a goal for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, or workplaces in basic response skills; and

WHEREAS, CERT training furthers the process of citizens understanding their

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) resolution – continued:

responsibility in preparing for disaster and increases their ability to safely help themselves, their family and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, these skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Committee is committed to supporting this program and the North Hunterdon Regional CERT Team.

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

4. **Block 64, Lots 19 & 19.01 (Renda)** – acceptance of conservation easement.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 64, LOTS 19 AND 19.01 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Ordinance #08-2007

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

Section 1. The Township of Readington, for conservation and natural resource protection purposes, shall accept from Ernest E. Renda and Elizabeth E. Renda, a conservation easement on a portion of property designated as Block 64, Lots 19 and 19.01 on the official tax map of Readington Township. The property consists of approximately 4.61 acres and is shown on a map entitled “Boundary Survey and Minor Subdivision Plan for Ernest Renda, Situated in the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey” dated May 26, 2006, last revision dated 2-20-07, referenced as Map #200.3046, both prepared by B2A Consultants, Building 12, Suite 18, Ilene Court, P.O. Box 6959, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844; William R. Buzby, Jr., Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor #24GB02293200, noted as Project #01-101-01. A copy of the deed and legal description of the property to be accepted is on file in the office of Readington Township Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey.

Section II. The acceptance of the foregoing property is contingent upon the delivery to the Township of Readington of a properly executed Conservation Easement document and Affidavit of Title.

Section III. Severability.

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 action 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 IV. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, and upon the recording of the Conservation Easement.

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS – continued:

5. ***Block 55, Lot 7.01 (Rolling Meadows, LLC)*** – acceptance of Performance Bond.
Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.
6. ***Omnipoint Communications, Inc./Block 20, Lot 6*** – reduction of Performance Bond.
Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.
7. ***Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Shared Services*** - \$100 administration fee.
This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
8. ***Cancellation of Ordinance #43-2006.***
This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
9. ***Somerset Wheelmen*** - request for permission to use a portion of Pleasant Run Road to conduct an individual time trial cycling event (April 17, 2007).
This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
10. ***Application for Blue Light Permit*** – Michael J. Wernicki.
This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.
11. ***Application for Blue Light Permit*** – David Quaglia.
This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said she received draft specifications for a pumper from the Three Bridges Fire Company. She said she will list them on the next agenda to discuss whether or not the Committee wants them reviewed by an outside consultant.

Mayor Shamey said he thought using the consultant worked well last time.

Administrator Mekovetz suggested that if the consultant makes recommendations for changes within the specifications, that the fire company be urged to follow all of the changes.

Administrator Mekovetz asked if the Committee would be available for a budget meeting on Wednesday, March 14th.

After a short discussion, a budget meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan said she received a Postponement of Mortgage from the Housing Office after the agenda packages had already been mailed out. She reviewed the request and said everything is in order.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the Postponement of Mortgage for 404 South Branch Drive. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Postponement of Mortgage – continued:

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

Attorney Dragan said closings with the County are scheduled for the Arnaudy, D'Urso and Staats properties. She said an affidavit is needed for the Arnaudy property, however the owner is now in Florida. If the affidavit cannot be obtained by that time, she asked that Mrs. Allen be authorized to sign a survey affidavit of no change.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2007-42***

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington as follows:

1. Julia C. Allen is a member of the Readington Township Committee and serves as its Liaison for Farmland/Open Space Preservation and Land Projects. In her capacity as the aforementioned liaison, she is familiar with the various properties the Township has purchased agricultural development rights easements on. She has inspected the premises known as Block 15, Lot 4 in the Township, in conjunction with the Assignment of the Agricultural Development Rights Easement to the County of Hunterdon, and is hereby authorized on behalf of the Township Committee to execute a Survey Affidavit in conjunction with the closing of the agricultural development rights easement to the County.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to authorize Deputy Mayor Auriemma to execute any necessary closing documents for Block 96, Lot 18 (D'Urso). This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

As Engineer McEldowney was not in attendance, no additional report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Gerard Shamey:

Mayor Shamey said a meeting of the tax study group is scheduled for 7:30 tomorrow night.

Mr. Gatti said a public meeting is scheduled for March 7th with Hunterdon Central High School to discuss their 2007 budget.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued:

2. Julia Allen:

a. Farmland\Open Space Preservation\Land Projects Liaison

Mrs. Allen said she and Attorney Dragan attended a Farmland Preservation summit last Friday which was held by the SADC at Rutgers.

Mrs. Allen said she also attended a meeting regarding the USDA 2007 Farm Bill. It was suggested that municipalities adopt resolutions in support of this bill. Mrs. Allen said she will present a draft resolution for the Committee's consideration at a future meeting.

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

3. Thomas Auriemma:

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

4. 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.

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

5. Beatrice Muir:

Mrs. Muir said the Public Assistance Board met last month, at which time Reverend Shawn Callendar-Hogan submitted her resignation. She asked if the Committee would send her a letter thanking her for her service.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the public.

Karen Jenkins referred to the Committee's action earlier in the meeting to retain a consultant. She asked what the hourly rate for this consultant is.

Mayor Shamey said GRA will be used on an as-needed basis and stated the hourly rates.

Ingelore Krug referred to the item of correspondence regarding conservation of resources. She said there are three (3) large houses that have been constructed next to her property which have spot lights. She suggested that the Committee ask residents to try and conserve energy and other resources all year round, not just during the holidays.

Mrs. Allen suggested that the Environmental Commission write an article regarding this matter for the newsletter.

Ms. Jenkins asked for the name and rate of the other consultant hired by the Township.

Mayor Shamey said it was the Environmental Consulting Firm of EcolScience and stated the hourly rates.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – continued:

Paula Tropello referred to an informational meeting that was held in January in Stanton Ridge regarding tax reform. She asked if the Committee did anything to follow-up on this issue.

Mayor Shamey said the first meeting of the Township's tax study group is scheduled for tomorrow night. They will be looking at taxes, in general, along with the budgets of the two (2) school districts.

Ms. Tropello said she would like the discussion to include the combining of school districts.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor Shamey 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 9:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Administrator\Municipal Clerk