

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – APRIL 4, 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, Mrs. J. Allen and Mrs. B. Muir

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor T. Auriemma and Mr. F. Gatti

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney Dragan and Engineer McEldowney

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u>
Recreation.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Tax Collector’s Office.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Block 63, Lot 13 (Accettola).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 55, Lot 7.01 (Rolling Meadows - Developer’s Agt.).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
ECHO Housing.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Arcadis - BBL	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
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.....	" " "
Waste Management v. Readington Twp.....	Litigation.....	" " "
Professional Services - CN Communications ...	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes (March 19, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION – continued:

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 7:40 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 – Recreation

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to hire Shawn Brownlow, Casey Brownlow and Chris Beam to work under the Clean Communities Grant from April 2, 2007 thru August 31, 2007 at a rate of \$9.25 per hour. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Personnel - Tax Collector's Office

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to rehire Diane Wilton at a rate of \$26.35 to work in the Tax Collector's office for the upcoming tax quarters and tax bill processing. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Contract Negotiations - Block 63, Lot 13 (Accettola)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the contract for the sale of the development easement on Block 63, Lot 13 (Accettola) to Hunterdon County, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Contract Negotiations - Block 55, Lot 7.01 (Rolling Meadows - Developer's Agt.)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Developer's Agreement, as amended, for Block 55, Lot 7.01 (Rolling Meadows), seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Contract Negotiations - ECHO Housing

A **MOTION** was made by to award the contract to Konya's Mobile Home Service & Repair, Inc. in the amount of \$32,200 for the moving of an ECHO house from the Donofrio property at 31 Ridge Road to the Qualar property at 47 Old Highway, contingent on receipt of a Performance Bond. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Contract Negotiations - Arcadis - BBL

Mayor Shamey said the construction portion of this contract was in the amount of \$349,103, and this extension is within a planned contingency of \$50,000 for cost over runs.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to extend the contract with Arcadis-BBL in the amount of \$16,855 for the work on the Three Bridges Pump Station Improvements. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

***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)***

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

Litigation - Waste Management v. Readington Township

Mayor Shamey said there was no action taken on this matter.

Contract Negotiations - Professional Services – CN Communications

Mayor Shamey said there was no action taken on this matter.

Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (March 19, 2007)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the meeting of March 19, 2007 for content. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Mayor Shamey said that the following item was added to the Executive Session Agenda:

Contract Negotiations – Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the contract for the sale of the development easement on Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani) to Hunterdon County, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*** of meeting of March 19, 2007.
2. ***Application to the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund for the Reno Barn project*** – resolution.

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2007-55***

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

CONSENT AGENDA – continued:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Readington Township desires to obtain Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$74,000.00 to fund the following project(s):

Historic Preservation of Reno Barn

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

1. Vita Mekovetz, Administrator/Municipal Clerk, is authorized to:
 - (a) make an application to the County of Hunterdon for Open Space Trust Funds;
 - (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Grants Program;
 - (c) act as the principal contact person and correspondent of the above named municipality.
2. If the County of Hunterdon determines that the application is complete and in conformance with the Hunterdon County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Plan and the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Municipal Grants Program adopted thereto, the municipality is willing to use the approved Open Space Trust Funds in accordance with such adopted policies and procedures, and applicable state and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto.
3. Mayor Gerard J. Shamey is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents and agreements with the County of Hunterdon for the approved Open Space Trust Funds.
3. **Application for Domestic Violence Training Project Grant/\$6,609.00 - resolution.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
SCHEDULE I
R-2007-56**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for \$6,609.00 for Domestic Violence Training Reimbursement 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
2. recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Readington and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

(signature)	(signature)
(print name)	(print name)
(title)	(title)

4. ***Kuczynski/Block 38, Lot 50.01*** - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.
5. ***Somerset Wheelmen*** - request for permission to use a portion of Township roads to conduct individual time trial cycling event (May 12, 2007).
6. ***Application for Social Affair Permit*** – Flemington Falcons (May 4, 2007).
7. ***Application for Raffles License*** – Readington Athletic Booster Club (June 11, 2007).
8. ***Payment of the Bills.***

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 1,215,072.52
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 100,316.03
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 28,632.75
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 28,165.25
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 6,370.00
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 178,185.58
REGIONAL AND LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$ 2,476,195.92
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 4,032,938.05

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Letter dated March 1, 2007 from Kevin Richardson, Program Administrator, Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund Program, regarding ***2007 Hunterdon County Allocation of Open Space Trust Funds - Municipal Grant Program.***

Mayor Shamey said Readington’s allocation for Municipal Grants from the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund for calendar year 2007 is \$160,990.34.

2. Letter dated Dave Garrabrant & residents of Winding Way, Hart Road & Clark Court regarding ***the poor condition of the roads in their development.***

Engineer McEldowney said that he and Scott Jesseman will be making a site inspection of the roads in this development tomorrow.

Mayor Shamey suggested that a meeting be scheduled with the residents, Engineer McEldowney and Scott Jesseman after they have inspected the roads.

Engineer McEldowney said he will contact Mr. Garrabrant regarding this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION – continued:

3. Memorandum dated March 27, 2007 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding ***public hearing of Ordinance #2007-1062 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by amending Subsection 1-22.22 entitled "Definitions,"*** noted for information. No action taken.
4. Memorandum dated March 20, 2007 from Laura G. Eidsvaag, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Califon, regarding adoption of a resolution ***expressing opposition to Assembly Bill A-3899 which would require minutes to be available within thirty (30) days of a meeting,*** noted for information. No action taken.
5. Resolution from the Borough of Hampton ***expressing opposition to Assembly Bill A-3899 which would require minutes to be available within thirty (30) days of a meeting,*** noted for information. No action taken.
6. Resolution from the Township of West Amwell ***expressing opposition to Assembly Bill A-3899 which would require minutes to be available within thirty (30) days of a meeting,*** noted for information. No action taken.
7. Notice from Jeffrey B. Lehrer, Esq., regarding ***hearing before the Branchburg Twp. Zoning Board of Adjustment - Advance Realty Group, LLC, Block 5.11, Lot 2.01,*** noted for information. No action taken.
8. Letter dated February 2, 2007 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP, regarding ***Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation - Extension – Richard Henriksen, Block 4, Lot 57,*** noted for information. No action taken.
9. ***Notice regarding application for wetland restoration to benefit migratory waterfowl an endangered species – Robert A. Jones, Block 22, Lot 4,*** noted for information. No action taken.
10. Letter dated March 16, 2007 from Edward A. Kuc, Principal Ecologist, Eastern States Environmental Associates, Inc. regarding ***application for Letter of Interpretation – David Lewis, LLC, Block 73, Lots 38 & 40,*** noted for information. No action taken.
11. Resolution from the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders ***endorsing Healthy Farms, Fuels and Foods Act of 2006.***

Mrs. Allen suggested that the Committee adopt a similar resolution.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***READINGTON TOWNSHIP
ENDORSES HEALTHY FARMS, FUELS AND FOODS ACT OF 2006***

WHEREAS, New Jersey farms generate more than \$850 Million hi sales to help fuel New Jersey's economy every year; and

WHEREAS, Readington Township realizes the importance of farmland, not only from a production point of view, but also from an aesthetic value and for maintaining a quality of life; and

WHEREAS, voluntary environmental stewardship by farmers provides important water quality, wildlife habitat, soil and over environmental benefits to all Readington Township residents; and

WHEREAS, consumer demand for local arid healthy food is outpacing marketing opportunities for such food; and school cafeterias lack sufficient access to local fruits and vegetables that are essential to good nutrition; and,

Resolution endorsing Healthy Farms, Fuels and Foods Act of 2006 – continued:

WHEREAS, farmers and forest landowners can help reduce U.S. consumption of foreign

fossil fuels by producing biofuels, solar power, and other renewable energy for on farm use and sale to the electricity grid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Committee hereby endorses the Healthy Farms, Foods and Fuels Act, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on September 13, 2006, and which significantly expands funding to promote renewable energy development on farms, provide consumers with more healthy and local food choices, and increase incentives for environmental stewardship by farmers and forest landowners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Readington Township Committee thanks Congressman Rush Holt for co-sponsoring this legislation and being a leader in efforts to make U.S. farm policy better for farmers, consumers, and the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Congressman Rush Holt and the New Jersey Congressional Delegation; U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez; the Readington Township State Legislative Delegation.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mayor Shamey said he had nothing to report.

2. ***Block 55, Lot 7.01 (Rolling Meadows, LLC)*** – acceptance of Performance Bond.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to accept Performance Bond #882-017604 in the amount of \$133,995.60 for Block 55, Lot 7.01 (Rolling Meadows). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

3. ***Omnipoint Communications, Inc./Block 20, Lot 6*** – reduction of Performance Bond.

No action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

Continuation of Public Hearing – Ordinance #08-2007

Clerk read by Title:

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

Attorney Dragan said that this Public Hearing was continued from the last meeting because Engineer McEldowney had written a letter after the ordinance was introduced stating that corrections were needed to the easement description.

Continuation of Public Hearing – Ordinance #08-2007 – continued:

Engineer McEldowney said he received the revised description and it was correct.

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

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

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

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

Ordinance #09-2007

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT PERMITTING AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A WASTE WATER SYSTEM TO SERVE THE STANTON RIDGE DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING AND TREATING WASTE WATER IN SAID DEVELOPMENT AND TO LAY COLLECTION MAINS, PIPES, LATERALS, SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND ANY OTHER APPARATUS OR EQUIPMENT IN AND BELOW THE SURFACE OF ANY STREETS, ROADS, HIGHWAYS OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACES NOW OR HEREAFTER ACCEPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON IN ORDER TO FURNISH AND SUPPLY WASTEWATER TO SAID DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance #09-2007

Engineer McEldowney said he received a corrected map for this ordinance today.

Attorney Dragan said there was a map published with the notice of introduction, however the corrected map that was received would not require the ordinance to be republished. The corrected map should be attached to the file copy of the adopted ordinance.

She said that after adoption, before the ordinance becomes effective, the Township is supposed to get a written instrument showing that 75% of the voting power of the Homeowners' Association has approved the ordinance.

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

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the public.

David Degerolomo, Director of Corporate Development with Acqua, New Jersey, thanked the Committee, Attorney Dragan and Engineer McEldowney for their assistance during this process. They have submitted the petition to the Board of Public Utilities which will be updated once the ordinance is adopted.

Ordinance #09-2007 – continued:

Mr. Degerolomo said he has additional copies of the revised map and said they look forward to moving forward with the project and serving a portion of Readington Township.

Jennifer Bennett, President of the Homeowners' Association, said they do have the written instrument showing that 75% of the voting power of the Homeowners' Association has approved the ordinance. They will ask the Management Company to prepare a document in recordable form for submission to the Committee.

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT PERMITTING AQUA NEW JERSEY, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A WASTE WATER SYSTEM TO SERVE THE STANTON RIDGE DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING AND TREATING WASTE WATER IN SAID DEVELOPMENT AND TO LAY COLLECTION MAINS, PIPES, LATERALS, SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND ANY OTHER APPARATUS OR EQUIPMENT IN AND BELOW THE SURFACE OF ANY STREETS, ROADS, HIGHWAYS OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACES NOW OR HEREAFTER ACCEPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON IN ORDER TO FURNISH AND SUPPLY WASTEWATER TO SAID DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance #09-2007

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

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

Ordinance #10-2007

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF DOGS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AFFIXING THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND REPEALING A PRIOR ORDINANCE RELATIVE THERETO"

Ordinance #10-2007

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for an increase in the dog registration/licensing fee from \$8.20/\$11.20 to \$10.00/\$13.00.

Mayor Shamey said he received a call from a resident regarding the requirement to provide proof of rabies vaccination.

Administrator Mekovetz said there is a database that keeps track of rabies expiration dates and if a resident asks this information can be looked up. However, we do usually ask for this information if the application is sent via mail because they could assume that the vaccination is good, however it must be valid through October of the year that the dog is being licensed for.

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

Mrs. Muir said it has been a long time since this fee has been increased. In addition, there are

Ordinance #10-2007 – continued:

free rabies clinics throughout Hunterdon County during each year. Any resident of any municipality in Hunterdon County can go to any clinic.

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 Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF DOGS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AFFIXING THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND REPEALING A PRIOR ORDINANCE RELATIVE THERETO”

Ordinance #10-2007

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

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Appointment of Alternate Member to the Board of Adjustment.***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to appoint Keith Hendrickson to complete James Staats’ term as alternate on the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

2. ***Bond Ordinance for payment of Regional Contribution Agreement with Bound Brook - introduction.***

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AND THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AS APPROVED BY THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$335,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$318,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ordinance #12-2007

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 (the “Township”) as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$335,000, including the sum of \$16,750 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Bond Ordinance for payment of Regional Contribution Agreement with Bound Brook – continued:

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$318,250 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.

(a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the funding of certain regional contribution agreements between the Township and the Borough of Bound Brook as approved by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing.

(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.

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 \$318,250, 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 for payment of Regional Contribution Agreement with Bound Brook – continued:

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. Allen to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Public Hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th at 8:00 p.m.

3. ***Ordinance authorizing conveyance of Agricultural Development Rights Easement on Block 63, lot 13*** – introduction.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 63, LOT 13 TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Ordinance # 13-2007

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington (“Township”), holds an agricultural development rights easement on property known as Block 63, Lot 13, in the Township of Readington, consisting of approximately 64.012 +/- acres along West Woodschurch Road, (hereinafter “Property”) which was purchased with the intention of preserving it for farmland purposes and enrolling it in the appropriate Hunterdon County Agricultural Development program; and

WHEREAS, the property qualified for enrollment in the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development farmland preservation program through a Planning Incentive Grant and the Township received a contract from the County of Hunter don to purchase an agricultural development rights easement from the Township on 64.012 +/- acres of the Property, together with a Restrictive Covenant pertaining to mowing/maintenance rights at a purchase price of \$12,617.00 per acre, for an estimated total of \$807,639.40, subject to adjustment for the required Municipal contribution and any survey/right-of-way adjustments and with payment to be made to the Township in annual installments (as to the County’s portion); and

Ordinance authorizing conveyance of Agricultural Development Rights Easement on Block 63, lot 13 – continued:

WHEREAS, the sale of the Easement and restrictive covenant to the County of Hunterdon for farmland preservation purposes will result in preservation of the property for the same goals and purposes as purchased by the Township so that it is not necessary for the Township to hold title to the easement on behalf of the public; said sale shall further result in funding to the Township which can be used, in turn, to acquire other easements and property for farmland preservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of the Easement and restrictive covenants to the County of Hunterdon under the Agriculture Development and Retention Act and County of Hunterdon Agricultural Development Grant Program will result in the preservation of the properties for agricultural purposes by the Township under its farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS, the Township is permitted to sell the Easement under *N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq.*, 4:1C-34, 4:1C-43.1, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 et seq.* and any other applicable law.

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

Section 1. The Township of Readington shall convey to the County of Hunterdon a Development Rights Easement and a Restrictive Covenant pertaining to mowing rights on Block 63, Lot 13 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, which easement shall pertain to approximately 64.012 +/- acres of the Property for the price of \$12,617.00 per acre and an approximate total price of \$807,639.40, subject to adjustments for the Municipal cost share, survey adjustments or any other adjustments required by the Agriculture Development and Retention Act and regulations pertinent thereto, to be paid in annual installments (as to the County's portion), in accordance with the contract on file with the Township Clerk.

Section 2. On behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as appropriate, are authorized to prepare and sign any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the sale of the Agricultural Development Rights Easement and/or assignment to the County of Hunterdon, including a Restrictive Covenant regarding mowing, together with any other documents or corrective documents required by the County.

Section 3. 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 Order or Judgment 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. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

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

Mrs. Allen	-	Aye
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

Public Hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th at 8:00 p.m.

4. ***Application to the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund for the Reno Barn project*** – resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS – continued:

5. ***Application for Domestic Violence Training Project Grant/\$6,609.00*** - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

6. ***Kuczynski/Block 38, Lot 50.01*** - request for release of Board of Health escrow funds.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

7. ***Somerset Wheelmen*** - request for permission to use a portion of Township roads to conduct individual time trial cycling event (May 12, 2007).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

8. ***Application for Social Affair Permit*** – Flemington Falcons (May 4, 2007).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. ***Application for Raffles License*** – Readington Athletic Booster Club (June 11, 2007).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said at a previous meeting the Committee had approved the posting of speed reduction signs in horse crossing areas. The signs have been made and the Trail Association would like to have them installed. Scott Jesseman said the cost of the posts for the signs would be approximately \$500. He asked if the Township would be paying for the posts or the people who were interested in having the signs installed.

Mrs. Allen said she would be in favor of the Township paying for the posts. All agreed.

Administrator Mekovetz said the rules governing Bingo and Raffle licenses were changed to permit the municipality to authorize the Municipal Clerk the authority to approve Bingo and Raffle Licenses. She said she checked with several municipalities and some are doing it for the convenience of the organizations. If the application is submitted at the last minute it can be approved by the Clerk and not have to wait until a Committee meeting.

Administrator Mekovetz said she has a sample ordinance from another municipality which the Committee can introduce by title this evening.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,
NEW JERSEY TO DEFINE THE MUNICIPAL CLERK AS THE OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED
TO APPROVE THE GRANTING OF RAFFLE AND BINGO LICENSES WITHIN THE
TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY***

Ordinance #14-2007

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 13:47-1.1 *Definitions* and in particular “Issuing authority,” was recently amended to mean “the governing body of a municipality or a person to whom a municipal governing body as delegated by ordinance the authority to approve the granting of raffle and bingo licenses.”

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – continued:

SECTION 1. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Readington is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to approve the granting of raffle and bingo licenses to be held in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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

Mrs. Allen - Aye
Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

Public Hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th at 8:00 p.m.

Administrator Mekovetz said that former Readington Township Municipal Clerk/Administrator Dorothy Gray passed away on March 18th. She offered the following Resolution for the Committee's consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER
CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR DOROTHY C. GRAY
#R-2007-54**

WHEREAS, the strength and spirit of a community are often reflected in the activities and successes of its employees; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure Dorothy C. Gray as the Clerk/Administrator of Readington Township she served this community with complete professionalism and at all times demonstrated extraordinary dedication, enthusiasm and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, as the Clerk/Administrator, knowing that you have shared in the growth and success of your community and this organization is a purpose fulfilled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey that we commend Dorothy C. Gray for her dedication to the residents of Readington Township and point to it as an example to be exemplified and emulated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Dorothy C. Gray a moment of silence dedicated to her memory.

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

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan distributed an ordinance for the Committee's consideration that would provide for the sale of the Agricultural Development Rights Easement on the Padovani Farm to Hunterdon County.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – continued:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 98, LOT 2
TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION**

Ordinance #15-2007

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington ("Township"), holds an agricultural development rights easement on property known as Block 98, Lot 2, in the Township of Readington, consisting of approximately 30 +/- acres along Higginsville Road, (hereinafter "Property") which was purchased with the intention of preserving it for farmland purposes and

enrolling it in the appropriate Hunterdon County Agricultural Development program; and

WHEREAS, the property qualified for enrollment in the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development farmland preservation program through a Planning Incentive Grant and the Township received a contract from the County of Hunterdon to purchase an agricultural development rights easement from the Township on 30+/- acres of the Property, together with a Restrictive Covenant pertaining to mowing/maintenance rights at a purchase price of \$15,750.00 per acre, for an estimated total of \$472,500.00, subject to adjustment for the required Municipal contribution and any survey/right-of-way adjustments and with payment to be made to the Township in annual installments (as to the County's portion); and

WHEREAS, the sale of the Easement and restrictive covenant to the County of Hunterdon for farmland preservation purposes will result in preservation of the property for the same goals and purposes as purchased by the Township so that it is not necessary for the Township to hold title to the easement on behalf of the public; said sale shall further result in funding to the Township which can be used, in turn, to acquire other easements and property for farmland preservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of the Easement and restrictive covenants to the County of Hunterdon under the Agriculture Development and Retention Act and County of Hunterdon Agricultural Development Grant Program will result in the preservation of the properties for agricultural purposes by the Township under its farmland preservation program; and

WHEREAS, the Township is permitted to sell the Easement under *N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq.*, 4:1C-34, 4:1C-43.1, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 et seq.* and any other applicable law.

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SECTION 2. On behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as appropriate, are authorized to prepare and sign any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the sale of the Agricultural Development Rights Easement and/or assignment to the County of Hunterdon, including a Restrictive Covenant regarding mowing, together with any other documents or corrective documents required by the County.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

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ATTORNEY'S REPORT – continued:

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

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

Mrs. Allen - Aye

Mrs. Muir - Aye
Mayor Shamey - Aye

Public Hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th at 8:00 p.m.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Engineer McEldowney said approval was received from the NJDOT for a permit for the Memorial Day Parade for the closure of Main Street at Route 22.

Engineer McEldowney said bid documents have been completed for the road work this year. Bids will be opened and presented for consideration at the first Committee meeting in May.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Gerard Shamey:

Mayor Shamey said there will be a town meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. here at the Municipal Building. There won't be an agenda, so residents are invited to attend to discuss anything they want.

Mayor Shamey said another town meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Three Bridges Fire House.

Mayor Shamey said an initial meeting of the tax study group was held on March 20th. There was a consensus that there isn't enough time to have a lot of input as a group toward the municipal, Readington School or Hunterdon Central school budgets. He will announce when the next meeting is scheduled.

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

2. Julia Allen:

a. Farmland\Open Space Preservation\Land Projects Liaison

Mrs. Allen said the Open Space Committee meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month, however the second Township Committee meeting is scheduled for that same evening. She said she will suggest that the Open Space Committee reschedule their meeting to April 16th.

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

3. Thomas Auriemma:

As Mr. Auriemma was not in attendance, no report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued:

4. Frank Gatti:

a. Finance Department

1. *Payment of the Bills.*

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

As Mr. Gatti was not in attendance, no additional report was given.

5. Beatrice Muir:

a. Board of Health

Mrs. Muir said the Board of Health usually meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

Administrator Mekovetz said she thought that the meeting schedule was changed by the Committee and the Board of Health at the beginning of this year. She will look into this matter tomorrow.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the public.

Ingelore Krug appeared before the Committee. She commented on an item on the Bill List.

Karen Jenkins asked when the rotation order for road repair will be established. She said she is concerned about pot holes that are appearing on her road (Weavers Lane).

Engineer McEldowney said he and Scott Jesseman will be looking at the Township roads this and determining by the end of the summer which roads will be included in next year's projects.

Ms. Jenkins said she has spoken to the Committee in the past about the deer problem in the Township and her development.

Mayor Shamey said the general consensus has been to control the deer population through hunting, which is why the Township leases out property to hunting clubs every year.

After a short discussion, **A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to send a letter to the Department of Fish and Wildlife asking if they would consider a year-round deer season, with at least in the months that are not now considered hunting season, being an open hunting season for male deer, with a copy going to Branchburg Township. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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. Allen at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Administrator\Municipal Clerk