

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – APRIL 18, 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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani).....	Contract Negotiations....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
HCADB - Block 64, Lot 29 (Chesla).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
HCADB - Block 65, Lot 12 & 12.01 (Little)....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Lamington Hospitality, LLC. ....	Litigation.....	" " "
Combes Landfill.....	Litigation.....	" " "
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.....	" " "
Professional Services..Richard P. Cushing, Esq...	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes (April 2, 2007)....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "
Personnel.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Administration Office .....	Personnel.....	" " "
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Three Bridges Library .....	Personnel.....	" " "
Awarding of 2007 Road Reclamation Bids.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "

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 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Auriemma left the meeting at this time.

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

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Municipal-County cost share agreement for Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani). This motion was seconded by Mr. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - HCADB - Block 64, Lot 29 (Chesla)***

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

***Contract Negotiations - HCADB - Block 65, Lots 12 & 12.01 (Little)***

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

***Litigation - Lamington Hospitality, LLC.***

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

***Litigation - Combes Landfill***

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

***Litigation - Waste Management v. Readington Township***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Stipulation of Settlement, as amended, for Waste Management v. Readington Township, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mrs. Allen - Aye  
Mr. Gatti - 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 there was no action on this matter.

***Contract Negotiations - Professional Services – Richard P. Cushing, Esq.***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR  
SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES  
#R-2007-57***

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

***Professional Services – Richard P. Cushing, Esq. – continued:***

**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**, Richard P. Cushing, Esq. of Gebhardt & Kiefer, PC, has submitted a proposal indicating he will provide Special Counsel Services to represent Ronald Monaco, Julia Allen, Frank Gatti, Gerard Shamey and Beatrice Muir in certain litigation at a rate of \$200 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard P. Cushing, Esq. of Gebhardt & Kiefer, PC, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Richard P. Cushing, Esq. of Gebhardt & Kiefer, PC, 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 Richard P. Cushing, Esq. of Gebhardt & Kiefer, PC, 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 Richard P. Cushing, Esq. of Gebhardt & Kiefer, PC, 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 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, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (April 2, 2007)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the meeting of April 2, 2007 for content. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Personnel – Recreation***

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

***Personnel - Administration Office***

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

***Personnel - Police Department***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to hire Raymond A. Mackiewicz to fill a vacancy, contingent on successful completion of the Somerset Police Academy, at the annual starting salary for a

***Personnel - Police Department***

Probationary Patrolman of \$46,950 and the starting date would be June 1, 2007. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Personnel - Three Bridges Library***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to hire Joyce Tigner as Assistant Librarian at the Three Bridges Library at an hourly rate of \$12.53, with a three (3) month probationary period, for a maximum of 18 hours a week. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - Awarding of 2007 Road Reclamation Bids***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to award the contract in the amount of \$94,569.45 to Reclamation of Kingston, LLC for the 2007 Road Reclamation Program, contingent on review and approval by Attorney Dragan. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***CONSENT AGENDA:***

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*** of meeting of April 2, 2007.
2. ***Resolution making application to the Local Finance Board for financing from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program.***

***RESOLUTION OF TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(e) AND N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9  
#R-2007-58***

***WHEREAS***, the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Township”) desires to make application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(e)* and *N.J.S.A. 58: 11B-9* in connection with the financing of a land acquisition through the 2007 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program;

***WHEREAS***, the Township believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) said purpose or improvements are for the health, welfare, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the local unit or units;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose or improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant;
- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the local unit or units and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the local unit or units;

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY*** as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**SECTION 1.** The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Township’s Bond Counsel and auditor, along with other representatives of the Township, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Township in matters pertaining thereto.

**SECTION 2.** The Clerk of the Township is hereby directed to prepare and file a copy of the bond ordinance with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

**SECTION 3.** The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

3. ***Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Project Costs from the Proceeds of Debt Obligations in Connection with Participation in the 2007 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.***

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FOR PROJECT COSTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF DEBT OBLIGATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE 2007 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM  
#R-2007-59**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Borrower”) intends to acquire, construct, renovate and/or install the environmental infrastructure project more fully described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto (the “Project”);

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower intends to finance the Project with debt obligations of the Borrower (the “Project Debt Obligations”) but may pay for certain costs of the Project (the “Project Costs”) prior to the issuance of the Project Debt Obligations with funds of the Borrower that are not borrowed funds;

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower reasonably anticipates that obligations, the interest on which is excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), will be issued by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (the “Issuer”) to finance the Project on a long-term basis by making a loan to the Borrower with the proceeds of the Issuer’s obligations (the “Project Bonds”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower desires to preserve its right to treat an allocation of proceeds of the Project Debt Obligations to the reimbursement of Project Costs paid prior to the issuance of the Project Debt Obligations as an expenditure for such Project Costs to be reimbursed for purposes of Sections 103 and 141 through 150, inclusive, of the Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borrower as follows:

**Section 1.** The Borrower reasonably expects to reimburse its expenditure of Project Costs paid prior to the issuance of the Project Debt Obligations with proceeds of its Project Debt Obligations.

**Section 2.** This resolution is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borrower’s official intent to reimburse the expenditure of Project Costs paid prior to the issuance of the Project Debt Obligations with the proceeds of a borrowing to be incurred by the Borrower, in accordance with Treasury Regulations §150-2.

**Section 3.** The maximum principal amount of the Project Debt Obligations expected to be issued to finance the Project is \$11,000,000.

**Section 4.** The Project Costs to be reimbursed with the proceeds of the Project Debt Obligations will be “capital expenditures” in accordance with the meaning of Section 150 of the Code.

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**Section 5.** No reimbursement allocation will employ an “abusive arbitrage device” under Treasury Regulations §1.148-10 to avoid the arbitrage restrictions or to avoid the restrictions under Sections 142 through 147, inclusive, of the Code. The proceeds of the Project Bonds used to reimburse the Borrower for Project Costs, or funds corresponding to such amounts, will not be used in a manner that results in the creation of “replacement proceeds”, including “sinking funds”, “pledged funds” or funds subject to a “negative pledge” (as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1), of the Project Debt Obligations or another issue of debt obligations of the Borrower, other than amounts deposited into a “bona fide debt service fund” (as defined in Treasury Regulations §1.148-1).

**Section 6.** All reimbursement allocations will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date the expenditure from a source other than the Project Debt Obligations is paid, or (ii) the date the Project is “placed in service” (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2) or abandoned, but in no event more than 3 years after the expenditure is paid.

**Section 7.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. *DeMaio Electric* – Change Order #1 (\$13,701.68)

5. *Morris County Cooperative Purchase Program/drainage pipe, catch basin castings.*

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES  
R-2007-60**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase drainage pipe from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12*; and

**WHEREAS**, Brent Material Company, 741 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ, 07052, has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No. #7 for drainage pipe for the period one (1) year, January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Brent Material Company be awarded a contract for drainage pipe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

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

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES  
R-2007-61**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase catch basins and manhole castings from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12*; and

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**WHEREAS**, Campbell Foundry Company, 800 Bergen Street, Harrison, NJ, 07029, has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No. #14 for catch basins and manhole castings for the period one (1) year, January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Campbell Foundry Company be awarded a contract for catch basins and manhole castings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

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

6. **Older Americans Month (May, 2007) - Proclamation.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH  
#R-2007-62**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is traditionally designated and observed throughout the nation as Older Americans Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2007 theme is, “Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future,” in honor of older Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington recognizes the contributions older Americans have made to our families, our communities, and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, older Americans remain active and productive, volunteering their time, talents and expertise, thereby enriching all our lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, of the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2007 as Older Americans Month in Readington Township; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington calls upon all Hunterdon County communities to honor and celebrate the outstanding contributions of Hunterdon County’s older residents.

7. **Whitehouse First Aid & Rescue Squad - request for permission to hold coin toss (April 28, 2007 & October 6, 2006).**

8. **Resolution authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchases (2008 Ford F250 Pick-up) \$28,882.00.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES  
R-2007-63**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase 2008 Ford 250 pick-up truck from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program at a cost of \$28,882.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**WHEREAS**, Princeton Nassau/Conover Ford, 902 Route 206, Princeton, NJ, 08540, has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No. #15-C, Item 5, for the period of one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Princeton Nassau/Conover Ford be awarded a contract in the amount of \$28,882.00 for a 2008 Ford F250 pickup truck; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

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

9. **Payment of the Bills.**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 375,081.37
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 27,343.40
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 170.09
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 158,943.81
DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY	009	\$ 225.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 561,763.67

10. **Municipal Court & Violations Bureau Report** for March, 2007.

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
Mr. Gatti	-	Aye (except for minutes of April 2, 2007 as he did not attend the meeting)
Mrs. Muir	-	Aye
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

As it was after 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.

**2007 Municipal Budget**

Mr. Gatti said the current tax rate is .33¢ and will increase to .34¢, which represents a 3% increase.

Mr. Gatti gave the following highlights of the 2007 Budget:

Legal Costs	Increase of \$75,000
Additional Engineering Services	Increase of \$26,000
Emergency Services Pagers	Increase of \$10,000
State Mandated Pensions	Increase of \$121,000
Increase in LOSAP Funding as approved by voters in Nov., 2006	Increase of \$20,000

**2007 Municipal Budget – continued:**

Road Department	
Deer Removal	Increase of \$9,000
Gasoline	Increase of \$58,000

The biggest item of increase is debt service. The increase on paying down bond principal is approximately \$135,000.

The interest on notes to fund land acquisitions and capital projects, capital expenditures is \$615,000. The voters did approve the bond referendum for airport acquisition.

Capital Fund Balance  
Reimbursement for Land Purchases  
Excess proceeds from property acquisitions \$1,160,000  
Cancellation of unused bond ordinances \$1,135,000

Open space tax which is an additional .02¢.

This represents an increase of \$40.00 in taxes on a \$400,000 home.

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

Mrs. Allen said the Township was reimbursed \$8.5 million in 2006 for open space purchases.

Mr. Bob Swisher from the Township's auditors Suplee, Clooney & Co. said each year the State reviews the Township's budget to make sure it is in compliance with laws and regulations. There were a couple minor items that needed to be changed. There are bookkeeping items that need to be switched – the tax rate will not be affected.

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

Ms. Ingelore Krug said there is going to be a \$40 tax increase on a \$400,000 house. She said her tax bill goes up hundreds of dollars each year.

Mr. Gatti said that is on the municipal portion of the taxes only.

Mayor Shamey said the municipal portion is roughly 15% of the total tax bill.

Ms. Krug asked if the hiring of a new patrolman is part of this budget.

Administrator Mekovetz said the new patrolman is being hired to replace a patrolman who is leaving.

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

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET  
#R-2007-64**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget for the year 2007 was approved on the 19th day of March, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2007 be made:

**2007 Municipal Budget – continued:**

<u>RECORDED VOTE</u>		{ ALLEN		{	Abstained	{ NONE
(INSERT LAST NAMES)	Ayes	{ GATTI	Nays	{ NONE		{
		{ MUIR		{		
		{ MAYOR SHAMEY		{	Absent	{ AURIEMMA
						{

**Anticipated Revenues:**

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1. Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,670,000.00
Total Surplus Anticipated	1,600,000.00	1,670,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues-Section B:State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations		
Energy Receipts Tax	1,602,229.00	1,531,534.00
Total Section B State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations	2,132,395.80	2,061,700.80
Summary of Revenues:		
1. Surplus Anticipated	1,600,000.00	1,670,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues		
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	1,602,229.00	1,531,534.00
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	5,455,121.35	5,384,426.35
Subtotal General Revenues	7,735,121.35	7,734,426.35
6) Amount To Be Raised By Taxes For Support Of Municipal Budget		
A) Local Tax For Municipal Purposes Including Reserve For Uncollected Taxes	9,675,725.00	9,693,540.86
Total Amount To Be Raised By Taxes For Support Of Municipal Budget	9,675,725.00	9,693,540.86
7. Total General Revenues	17,410,846.35	17,427,967.21
8. General Appropriations:		
a. Operations Within "CAPS"; Uniform Fire Safety Act: Salaries and Wages	0.00	54,726.44
Insurance- Employee Group Health	1,450,000.00	1,402,919.00
Total Operations (Items 8 (A)) Within "CAPS"	11,846,950.00	\$11,854,595.44
Total Operations Including Contingent - Within "CAPS"		
Detail:		
Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	5,584,935.00	5,639,661.44
(E) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures -Municipal Within "CAPS"		
Overexpenditure of 2006 Appropriations	0.00	17,120.86
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	438,184.93	455,305.79
h-1. Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	12,288,634.93	12,313,401.23
Operations - Excluded From "CAPS"		
Uniform Fire Safety Act: Salaries and Wages	69,400.00	14,673.56
Insurance- Employee Group Health	0.00	47,081.00
Total Other Operations Excluded From "CAPS"	414,755.40	407,109.96
Total Operations Excluded From "CAPS"	770,211.42	762,565.98
Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	70,400.00	15,673.56
Other Expenses	699,811.427	46,892.42
(H-2) Total General Appropriations For Municipal Purposes Excluded From "CAPS"	4,122,211.42	4,114,565.98
(0) Total General Appropriations Excluded From "CAPS"	4,122,211.42	4,114,565.98

**2007 Municipal Budget – continued:**

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations {Items (h-1) and (a)}	16,410,846.35	16,427,967.21
9. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	17,410,846.35	17,427,967.21

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for her certification of the local municipal budget so amended.

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adopt the **2007 Municipal Budget**, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

**Ordinance #11-2007**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir 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:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #15-2002, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, OF DECEMBER 1992 AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED**

**Ordinance #11- 2007**

Mrs. Allen said this is the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Attorney Dragan said there are suggested amendments from Attorney Dragan, Engineer McEldowney and the Planning Board.

Attorney Dragan said the Township is required by the State to adopt this 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. There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti 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 AMENDING ORDINANCE #15-2002, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, OF DECEMBER 1992 AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED**

**Ordinance #11- 2007**

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

**Ordinance #11-2007 – continued:**

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

**Ordinance #12-2007**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti 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:

***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**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the funding of a Regional Contribution Agreement with the Borough of Bound Brook.

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.

Mr. Frank Renda said he thought that the use of Regional Contribution Agreements was no longer allowed to fulfill COAH requirement.

Attorney Dragan said the use of RCA's was upheld.

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:

***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**

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

**Ordinance #13-2007**

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

***Ordinance #13-2007 – continued:***

Clerk read by Title:

***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**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the conveyance of the agricultural development rights easement to Hunterdon County.

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

Mrs. Allen said this is the Accettola property on West Woodschurch Road. It is included in the Township's Planning Incentive Grant VIII, 2005B Round.

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

Ms. Ingelore Krug asked for clarification of the Restrictive Covenant pertaining to mowing/maintenance rights.

Attorney Dragan said there are two (2) documents that the County requires when they purchase an easement. One is the Development Rights Easement to have the property maintained in agriculture.

The other is a Restrictive Covenant regarding mowing, which means that the owner has to mow the parts of the property that are not farmed and not wooded at least once each year.

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:

***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**

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

**Ordinance #14-2007**

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 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**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance would allow the Municipal Clerk to issue raffle and bingo licenses.

***Ordinance #14-2007 – continued:***

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

Ms. Ingelore Krug asked why the Clerk is being made responsible for handling all of these applications.

Administrator Mekovetz said it is for the convenience of the volunteer organizations. If an application is submitted too late for placement on the agenda it could miss the deadline for submission to the State.

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:

***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**

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

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

**Ordinance #15-2007**

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir 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:

***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**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the conveyance of the agricultural development rights easement to Hunterdon County.

Attorney Dragan said this is the Padovani property. We have a contract with Hunterdon County to purchase the easement at \$15,750 an acre, which is what we paid for it.

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

Mrs. Allen said this is a 30 acre farm on Higginsville Road. It is included in the Township's Planning Incentive Grant VIII.

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

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

**Ordinance #15-2007 – continued:**

Clerk read by Title:

***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**

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. Letter dated April 4, 2007 from George A. Chidley, Adm. Analyst II, NJDEP Historic Preservation Office, regarding ***2006 New Jersey Historic Preservation Award for the Eversole-Hall House***, noted for information. No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated March 28, 2007 from Denise B. Doolan, Clerk, Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, regarding ***adoption of a Resolution urging support of A-1707 & S-1522 which would provide for the establishment and support of County Offices for the Disabled in all twenty-one (21) New Jersey counties***, noted for information. No action taken.
3. Memorandum dated April 5, 2007 from Penny Males, Program Coordinator, Senior Citizen Transportation, Hunterdon County Department of Human Services, regarding ***Public Hearing of Hunterdon County's 2008 application for Casino Revenue Funding of the Senior Citizen & Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program***, noted for information. No action taken.
4. Notice dated March 29, 2007 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities regarding ***National Safe Kids Week***, noted for information. No action taken.
5. Notice dated April 3, 2007 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities regarding ***"April is Child Abuse Prevention Month,"*** noted for information. No action taken.
6. Letter dated March 29, 2007 from Donna J. Burham, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding ***adoption of a resolution supporting the renewal of the Garden State Preservation Trust***, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Memorandum dated March 29, 2007 from Ella Malecki Ruta, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Union, 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.
8. Letter dated March 22, 2007 from Dennis L. Heil, Senior Engineer, Hunterdon County, regarding ***application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit & Minor Stream Encroachment Permit - County of Hunterdon, Replacement In-Kind of County Culvert R-99, Pleasant Run Road***, noted for information. No action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mayor Shamey said he had nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ***Resolution making application to the Local Finance Board for financing from the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

2. ***Resolution Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Project Costs from the Proceeds of Debt Obligations in Connection with Participation in the 2007 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

3. ***DeMaio Electric*** – Change Order #1 (\$13,701.68)

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

4. ***Morris County Cooperative Purchase Program/drainage pipe, catch basin castings.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

5. ***Older Americans Month (May, 2007)*** - Proclamation.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

6. ***Whitehouse First Aid & Rescue Squad*** - request for permission to hold coin toss (April 28, 2007 & October 6, 2006).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

7. ***Resolution authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchases (2008 Ford F250 Pick-up) \$28,882.00.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said the Township is hosting a Shared Services Meeting on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Mekovetz said she will be distributing information regarding setting a policy for the reimbursement of disabled veteran's back taxes.

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

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan said closings were held on two (2) of the units for the Allies, Inc. group homes.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Engineer McEldowney said he received a notice from the I-78 Corridor Study Group regarding another meeting for local officials. The meeting is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00

***ENGINEER'S REPORT – continued:***

p.m. at the ECHO Hill Environmental Education area on Route 31. They are soliciting input from local officials. Engineer McEldowney said he cannot attend the meeting, however he said he could have another representative of his office attend.

Mrs. Allen said she will try and attend.

Mrs. Allen said at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting regarding stormwater regulations compliance in the Freeholders Meeting Road in Somerville.

Engineer McEldowney said he will be attending this meeting.

Mrs. Allen said the Township must also draft a stormwater pollution prevention plan.

Engineer McEldowney said he is in the process of reviewing this draft.

Mrs. Allen said this also requires the adoption of ordinances regarding pet waste, litter, improper waste disposal, wildlife feeding, yard waste and illicit connections. She asked Steve Souza of Princeton Hydro if Rural Residential areas could be excluded from the pet waste ordinance.

Mrs. Allen suggested that Administrator Mekovetz distribute copies of the six (6) model ordinances to the Committee for their review.

Engineer McEldowney said the yard waste ordinance is patterned after communities that have curbside leaf pickup. He suggested that the ordinance prohibit residents from putting leaves in the gutter.

Administrator Mekovetz said she and Engineer McEldowney met with Mitch Reicher from the NJDEP and they went over the timeline and all of the requirements that the Township has to meet.

Engineer McEldowney said he had nothing further to report at this time.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

**1. Gerard Shamey:**

**a. Engineering, Roads, Maintenance & Recycling**

Mayor Shamey said a letter was received from a resident of Latourette Road regarding the condition of the road.

Engineer McEldowney said that he has inspected this road, along with several other roads that were discussed at the last meeting. He said there are many subdivision streets that were built in the late 1970's and early 1980's, many of which are now reaching the end of their anticipated life span. There are quite a number that will require capital expenditures to bring them up to standard. He has discussed this with Scott Jesseman, who is in the process of repairing newer roads with small cracks with sealer so they can be maintained.

**b. Senior Services**

Mayor Shamey said he received a notice from the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services announcing the Grand Opening of the Hunterdon County Veterans Service Office at the Route 31 County Complex in Flemington.

Mayor Shamey said the Committee will be recognizing the Lieutenant Donaruma, Lieutenant Oldenburg, Sergeant Scott Crater and Officer Carlos Ferreiro as well as the entire Police Department for their efforts during the bank robbery incident at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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 the meeting of the Open Space Committee was rescheduled for tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Allen said there will be a tour of preserved farms on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**4. Frank Gatti:**

**a. Finance Department**

**1. *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:**

**a. Animal Control**

Mrs. Muir said Raritan Township will be holding a free rabies clinic for dogs and cats next Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at their DPW garage.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Frank Renda's comments addressed expediting the review process for septic system repairs.

Ms. Ingelore Krug said someone she knows needed to have her septic repaired, but she was told that the entire system would have to be replaced.

Mrs. Muir said every application is different. It depends on the condition of the existing system.

**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 9:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC  
Administrator\Municipal Clerk