

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – April 22, 2009**

Mayor Allen *calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

**PRESENT:** Mayor J. Allen, B. Muir, Mr. T. Auriemma, Mr. F. Gatti,  
Mr. G. Shamey

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan

**ABSENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipate When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Personnel.....	Code Enforcement.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Personnel.....	Zoning.....	“ “ “
Personnel.....	Building and Grounds.....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Public Works.....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Diamond Pro Maintenance.....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Shared Services/Lebanon Borough....	“ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Block 94, Lot 6.02, 8 and 11 (Daniels).....	“ “
Attorney-Client Privilege.....	Executive Session Minutes..... (April 6, 2009)	“ “ “
Litigation.....	Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation/Hromoho)	“ “

It is anticipated at this time that the stated subject matter will be made public on or about the time set forth in Exhibit “A.”

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened 7:40 p.m.

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

***Personnel/Code Enforcement***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to reduce the hours for Terry Jones, Fire Subcode Official, from 14 to 12 hours per week, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Personnel/Zoning***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to amend the Executive Session Agenda to add Personnel/Building and Grounds and take out Contract Negotiations/Building and Grounds, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Personnel/Building and Grounds***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to hire Chris Beam as summer help for field and lawn maintenance at \$10.00 per hour, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to authorize Scott Jesseman to interview for a second position for summer help, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Contract Negotiations/Public Works***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the union contract for the Department of Public Works for the period between January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations/Diamond Pro Maintenance***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Shared Services/Lebanon Borough***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Block 94, Lots 15.01, 17 and 19 (Toll)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a contract to purchase this property, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations/Block 94, Lots 6.02, 8 and 11 (Daniels)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a contract to purchase this property, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Attorney-Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (April 6, 2009)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 6, 2009 for content only, seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Litigation/Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lot 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation/Hromoho)***

Mayor Allen stated this matter remains in Executive Session. Mayor Allen also stated this matter is being heard by the Appellate Division and oral arguments are scheduled for Monday, April 27 at the Middlesex County Courthouse at 10:30 a.m. in New Brunswick.

***CONSENT AGENDA:***

Mayor Allen read the following statement:

All items listed with an asterisk “\*” are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member or citizen requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- \*1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of April 6, 2009
- \*2. **Resolution requesting Permission for Dedication by Rider for a Community Garden – Dobozyński Property**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-48**

**Resolution #R-2009-48 cont'd:**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR  
 A COMMUNITY GARDEN- DOBOZYNSKI PROPERTY**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a county or municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures or money by dedication by ride; and

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

1. The Township Committee does hereby request permission of the Director or the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures under the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39*, as amended by P.L. 1999, c.292, for the exclusive purpose of depositing and expending funds paid by individuals to offset the costs of operating municipal “fee-based” Garden programs.
2. The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
- \*3. ***Firemen’s Membership Application*** – Kevin Malinowski
- \*4. ***Blue Light Permit*** – John Bulik
- \*5. ***Blue Light Permit*** – James G. Traynor
- \*6. ***Red Light Permit*** – David Goldstein
- \*7. ***New Cingular Wireless / Block 17, Lot 9*** - release of escrow (\$1,038.85)
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- \*10. ***Lucy Scanlon / Block 55, Lot 17*** – release of escrow (\$991.19)
- \*11. ***Payment of Bills***

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	9-01	\$ 792,127.49
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	9-02	\$ 1,190.08
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 18,792.83
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 593,071.48
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 183,316.38
REGIONAL & SCHOOL TAX	X-07	<u>\$3,011,840.33</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$4,600,338.59</b>

- \*12. ***Lien Redemption*** – Block 35 / Lot 7

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**RESOLUTION**

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 35, Lot 7 known as Tax Sale Certificate #539 and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lien holder the redemption amount,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$25,084.65 plus a premium paid in the amount of \$13,100.00 to the lien holder, CCTS Tax Liens I LLC.

\*13. **Lien Redemption** – Block 46.03 / Lot 12

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**RESOLUTION**

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 46.03, Lot 12 known as Tax Sale Certificate #545 and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lien holder the redemption amount,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$19,696.97 plus a premium paid in the amount of \$11,600.00 to the lien holder, Park Finance LLC.

\*14. **Tax Exemption** – Block 87 / Lot 10

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP**

**HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the property owner of Block 87, Lot 10 is a permanently disabled vet and therefore is tax exempt; date of determination, December 2, 2008 and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner has resided in Readington Township since 1994.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee that the Tax collector be authorized to refund the taxes paid in the amount of \$2,270.22 and cancel the 2009 taxes.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Clerk read by Title:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF FIRE LANE IN THE TOWNSHIP AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF**

**ORDINANCE #14 -2009**

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

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**ORDINANCE #14 -2009**

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$1,485,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,410,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**Ordinance # 15-2009**

Mr. Shamey stated that every year the Township reviews and prioritizes the list of roads that are in need of repair and also equipment that needs to be purchased. Mayor Allen stated these improvements also include repairs and upkeep of the Cushetunk Dam.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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***Ordinance # 15-2009***

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

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

Mayor Allen stated that on Public Hearing #3 there has been much discussion on this matter over the past week and some issues have arisen that have shed some new light on this matter. Mr. Shamey suggested that the Public Hearing be postponed until the next meeting and all agreed.

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96 (UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES) SECTION 4 (CONSTRUCTION CODE FEE SCHEDULE) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY***

***ORDINANCE # 17-2009***

Mayor Allen stated this is an ordinance that changes some fees within the construction code fee schedule at the recommendation of Michael Kovonuk, Construction Code Official.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96 (UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES)  
SECTION 4 (CONSTRUCTION CODE FEE SCHEDULE) OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE # 17-2009**

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

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

Mayor Allen stated the next ordinance provides for a temporary farmer's market but suggested that this vote be carried to the next meeting since it is considered a land use ordinance which would need a determination from the Planning Board to ensure it is in compliance with the Master Plan.

Attorney Dragan stated under Section 2 there were two alternative ways to write the language in Section e., and asked the Committee their preference. It was recommended to strike the language "with approval and sponsorship of" and just have the language read "as set forth by."

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

Clerk read by Title:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED  
"THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON,  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY" PROVIDING FOR A TEMPORARY FARMER'S  
MARKET TO BE HELD IN THE AR ZONE UP TO FOUR (4) HOURS ON ONE DAY  
DURING THE WEEK EXCLUDING SUNDAYS BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 30  
OF ANY YEAR AFTER APPROVAL OF SAME BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE, THE  
CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE GUIDELINES OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**ORDINANCE #18 -2009**

Mayor Allen stated the Stanton Learning Center would like to host a small farmer's market in the church parking lot on Thursday evenings at the Stanton Reformed Church.

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The Roll Call vote for this ordinance will be carried to the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Letter dated March 10, 2009 from Mary Ann Rodenberger of Department of Human Services, Division of Senior Services/Senior Center regarding **Request to Pass A Resolution Designating May as Older Americans Month.**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-49**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 theme is “**Live Today for a Better Tomorrow**” in honor of older Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, this Municipality 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 this Municipality does hereby proclaim the month of May as Older Americans Month and calls upon individuals and entities to honor and celebrate the outstanding contributions of this Municipality’s older residents.

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

2. Letter dated March 31, 2009 from C. Gregory Watts, Esq., Watts, Tice & Skowronek regarding **Notice of Public Hearing on the Application of Equity Industrial Flemington, LP for minor site plan approval for construction**. No action taken.
3. Letter dated April 7, 2009 from Peter S. Palmer, Chairman Raritan Valley Rail Coalition regarding **Resolution Supporting the Restoration of Passenger Rail Service between Hunterdon and Somerset Counties**.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-50**

**Resolution Supporting the Restoration of Passenger Rail Service between Hunterdon and Somerset Counties**

**WHEREAS**, road congestion is a severe and growing problem along the Route 202 Corridor between Flemington Borough, Hunterdon County and Somerville Borough, Somerset County, and such congestion is a growing threat to the economic prosperity and future sustainability of the Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, public transit presents a viable option to reduce the effects of traffic congestion and negating adverse environmental impacts by offering additional mobility options to persons traveling along the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, there is already an existing freight line and right of ways between Flemington Borough, the County seat of Hunterdon, and Bridgewater Township, Somerset County on which passenger rail could be re-established; and

**WHEREAS**, passenger rail service between Flemington and Bridgewater could be an economically feasible, environmentally friendly solution to reduce growing traffic congestion on the Route 202 Corridor that would likely improve prospects for economic development, provide

**Resolution #R-2009-50 cont'd:**

additional employment opportunities, increase property values, and provide a more stable tax base; and

**WHEREAS**, the Flemington Economic Development Coalition, as part of their mission statement, has embarked on a strategic planning effort to define the means to preserve the existing freight rail line, and to provide a new transit investment to preserve the future well being of both Flemington Borough and the surrounding Corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Growth Management Plan and Somerset County Circulation Element includes strategies which promote the reduction in single occupancy travel through increased public transportation services which include additional passenger rail service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon and Somerset County Transportation Plans include strategies to expand the public transportation network to enhance inter- and intra-county public transportation services and opportunities through a coordinated effort with NJ Transit, New Jersey Department of Transportation, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), HART Commuter Information Services (HART), RideWise of Raritan Valley and the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition (RVRC); and

**WHEREAS**, supporting this partnership to promote and enhance passenger rail service in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties reinforces the policies and strategies contained in both County Growth Management Plans and the Transportation Plans.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Readington Township Committee supports and endorses the efforts of the Flemington Economic Development Coalition to develop a public-private partnership to promote the restoration of passenger rail service in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties and encourages this effort to preserve existing rail infrastructure, to support efforts to extend rail service within and between Hunterdon and Somerset Counties and to increase transportation opportunities for the residents of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an attested copy of this resolution, as adopted, shall be sent to State and Federal Legislators; NJDOT; NJ Transit; NJTPA; Somerset and Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Hunterdon and Somerset County Planning Boards; HART; Ridewise and the Mayors of Hunterdon and Somerset County Municipalities located along the Route 202 Corridor.

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

4. Memorandum dated April 7, 2009 from Judith A. Sullivan, Municipal Clerk, Township of Bedminster regarding ***An Ordinance Amending Article 13-900 Entitled “Fees, Guarantees, Inspections, Off-Tract Improvements and Developer’s Agreements” of Chapter XIII Entitled “Land Management” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster, to Create New Section 13-906 Entitled “Affordable Housing” Establishing Provisions Governing the Development and Administration of Affordable Housing Within the Township.*** No action taken.
5. Letter of Transmittal dated April 6, 2009 from Rebecca Ronan, Permit Coordinator, Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants, Inc. regarding ***Letter of Interpretation, Block 21.13, Lot 7, Readington Township.*** (Entire File Available in Clerk’s Office for Review) No action taken.
6. Letter dated April 8, 2009 from Jonathan Pera, P.E., PP of Keller & Kirkpatrick regarding ***Reconstruction of Hunterdon County Bridge No. R-123 and Approach Roadway of Holland Brook Road over the Holland Brook, Readington Township.*** No action taken.

7. Letter dated April 9, 2009 from Donald J. Lockwood, Environmental Scientist, McFarland Johnson regarding ***Legal Notification that Daniel Walker, of 150 Airport Road, Bedminster is applying to the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection for a Line Verification Letter of Interpretation, Block 61, Lot 6.*** No action taken.
8. Letter dated April 9, 2009 from Barbara Lucas, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders regarding ***Resolution Supporting the Restoration of Passenger Rail Service between Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.*** No action taken.
9. Letter dated April 14, 2009 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Branchburg regarding ***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Deleting Paragraph A 3 in Subsection 13-19.4 Entitled “Residential Development Fees.”*** No action taken.
10. Memo dated April 13, 2009 from Lorraine Petzinger, Board of Health, regarding ***Board of Chosen Freeholders budget reduction.*** No action taken.

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

1. ***2009 Budget*** – introduction

Mr. Gatti stated that some of the highlights of the budget were that the budget itself was down; expenses were down overall by roughly \$900,000 but revenues were down significantly which would result in a tax increase.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to introduce the budget, seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A Public Hearing was scheduled June 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

2. ***Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program***

Mayor Allen stated this program enables towns to qualify for small grants and one of the grants that may be of interest to Readington Township, is an energy audit, which can be paid for up to 75%, with a possibility of a 100% grant when improvements are made to implement.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2009-51***

***Township of Readington  
Resolution Supporting Participation  
In the Sustainable Jersey<sup>TM</sup> Municipal Certification Program***

***WHEREAS***, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

***Resolution #R-2009-51 cont'd:***

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington hereby acknowledges that the residents of Readington desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

**WHEREAS**, by endorsing a sustainable path the Township of Readington is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

**WHEREAS**, as elected representatives of the Township of Readington, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that to focus attention and effort within the Township of Readington on matters of sustainability, the Township of Readington wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that we do hereby authorize Vita Mekovetz, Administrator/Municipal Clerk to serve as the Township of Readington agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize the her to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf the Township of Readington.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to adopt this resolution and designate Administrator Mekovetz as the point person for the process of intent to seek Sustainable Jersey Certification, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

3. ***Historic Register/Ryland Inn***

Mayor Allen stated there was a suggestion that it would wise for us to make an application to have the Ryland Inn nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. Mayor Allen stated that Clark Catony Hintz can provide assistance with this at a reduced price of \$5,000. Mr. Gatti stated there were some questions from the Historic Preservation Committee and suggested that this matter be deferred until the next meeting to obtain some additional information

4. ***Proposal of the Development of a Trail Connecting the former Vislocky Farm Open Space and Hunterdon County's Cushetunk Mountain Preserve***

Mayor Allen stated she received an email from John Klotz, of the Open Space Advisory Board, regarding a proposal from Tom Sheppard, Chief Park Naturalist, Hunterdon County Department of Parks and Recreation, to develop a trail connecting the former Vislocky Farm Open Space and the Hunterdon County's Cushetunk Mountain Preserve. Mayor Allen stated the Parks Department will use their team to do this trail if the approval is granted.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to give consent to County Parks to have their trail crew work on the area of the Vislocky Farm, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to appoint the Parks, Recreation and Leisure Activity Committee in conjunction with the Open Space Advisory Board to work with the Parks Department to select a route and be a liaison to the Committee, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

\*5. ***Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication By Rider for A Community Garden – Dobozyński Property***

This item was addressed under the consent agenda.

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\*13. ***Lucy Scanlon / Block 55, Lot 17*** - release of escrow (\$991.19)

This item was addressed under the consent agenda.

***ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT***

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Township had the need for some trees that needed to be replaced in Pickell Park. Administrator Mekovetz stated Keith Nicolson donated seven (7) purple leaf plum trees, along with offering himself and his crew to assist in planting the trees. Mayor Allen stated we should send him a letter of thanks.

Administrator Mekovetz also reported that with the defeat of the school budget, the Board of Education has asked for a date for a meeting. It was decided that Mr. Gatti and Mr. Auriemma would be the representatives and Mr. Shamey would be the alternate.

***ATTORNEY’S REPORT***

Attorney Dragan reported that the postponement of mortgage for 414 Dove Cote Court, red dotted under new business, appears to be in order, it just did not make the agenda on time.

A **MOTION** was approved by Mr. Shamey to approve the subordination of a mortgage for 414 Dove Cote Court seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Attorney Dragan reported that they are closing on the affordable unit, 126 Buttercup Court, on Friday and this is a unit that is coming due for expiration of its controls and the Township elected to buy it to save it as a COAH unit.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-52**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Of Readington, by ordinance #35-2008 adopted on December 1, 2008 authorized the funding and acquisition of a moderate income affordable condominium housing unit known as 126 Buttercup Court in the Township of Readington, also known as Block 34, Lot 36.126 on the official tax map of the Township of Readington (also referred to herein as “the Property”) from Dolores Berardi (“Owner”);

**WHEREAS**, such acquisition is for the purpose of providing affordable housing in the Township of Readington in accordance with the Township’s Affordable Housing and Fair Share Plan and the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing Rules found at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, et. seq. and, is further authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq.

**WHEREAS**, the property being purchased was subject to a twenty year affordable housing restriction as recorded in Book 1204, Page 142 which states that it ends on the “first non-exempt transfer of title after October 23, 2007 unless extended by municipal resolution” and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid agreement also provides the Township of Readington with the first option to buy the property for use as an affordable unit in the event the owner desires to sell the property at the time the property qualifies as a non-exempt transfer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property qualifies as a non-exempt transfer and the Owner notified the Township on September 23, 2008 that she intended to sell it; the Township then exercised the option to purchase the Property for use an affordable unit. The parties then entered into a contract for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey COAH rules (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, et seq.) allow the Township to place a new thirty-year deed restriction with affordability controls on the property restricting it under COAH’s new rules and regulations found at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5, et. seq; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington elects to place the new deed restriction/affordability controls on 126 Buttercup Court (Block 34, Lot 36.126) and to extend such affordability controls on the property for at least an additional thirty years in order to obtain the proper credits so that the unit qualifies under the Township’s third round fair share and affordable housing plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee as follows:

**Resolution #R-2009-52 cont'd:**

1. For all the reasons expressed above which are incorporated herewith, the Township elects to extend the affordability controls on the condominium property known as 126 Buttercup Court (Block 34, Lot 36.126) for a minimum of thirty years; under the new N.J. COAH Regulations promulgated at N.J.A.C. 5:60-26.1 et seq. and specifically, N.J.A.C. 5:60-26.5, et. seq., and shall place a deed restriction of record setting forth such affordability controls and restrictions, as well as any other documentation, corrective or otherwise, deemed necessary by COAH in order to qualify the aforesaid property for COAH third round credits. It is intended that these affordability controls shall supersede and replace any affordability controls previously placed on 126 Buttercup Court, whether now or previously expired.
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 purchase the purchase of 126 Buttercup Court from the owner Dolores Berardi and to restrict the property to use as an affordable housing for at least an additional thirty years, pursuant to the aforementioned NJ COAH rules and regulations. In the event any corrective documents are required by COAH to be placed of record in the future in order for the Township to receive the proper COAH credits under the Township's third round fair share plan, they are also authorized.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
4. This resolution shall be recorded with the Deed to the Property.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve this resolution seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded.

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

Mayor Allen requested Administrator Mekovetz to copy Mary Lonergan on both of the properties.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mayor Allen**

Mayor Allen reported Winfield Management received approval for twelve (12) low and moderate income units by the Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Allen also reported that they had an Open Space Walk on the Lachemayer Trail on Sunday. Mayor Allen stated she attended a Freeholders Meeting and they voted to open the dedicated fund for Historic Preservation of County Structures to Farmland Preservation.

**Thomas Auriemma**

Mr. Auriemma reported he had attended a Parade meeting last night and the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:30 a.m.

**Frank Gatti**

Mr. Gatti reported he had received a report from the Chief of Police on their monthly activity. Mr. Gatti reported they are going through the interview process to replace Corporal Beam who will be retiring in June.

Mr. Gatti reported he had received several letters of gratitude praising the police for their work.

**Beatrice Muir**

Mrs. Muir stated she had nothing to report at this time.

**Gerard Shamey**

Mr. Shamey reported he had received a letter from St. Hubert's regarding New Jersey's Potentially Dangerous Dog Laws and what the requirements are when a dog is deemed potentially dangerous. Mr. Shamey requested Administrator Mekovetz to be sure that the Municipal Court received a copy of this letter.

Mr. Shamey also reported he had received a letter dated March 26, 2009 from Jutta Glauber, a resident on Abraham Road, regarding the condition of the sidewalks on Main Street and also to restrict parking to only one side of Main Street. Mr. Shamey requested Administrator Mekovetz to respond to this letter informing the resident that this will be discussed by the Committee with the Township Engineer and Director of Public Works. Mayor Allen stated that crosswalks should be established across Main Street with proper signage and possibly striping. Mayor Allen requested that Administrator Mekovetz send a letter to the County asking that this be done and inquiring on the status of the request for the reduction in speed limit on Main Street.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

There were none.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey at 9:12 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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