

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – JULY 2, 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

**ABSENT:** Engineer McEldowney

**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<br/>When Discussion Will<br/>Be Disclosed to Public</u></b>                                       |
|--|---|--|
| Police Department.....   | Personnel.....  | Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...<br>other information will remain confidential |
| Recreation.....  | Personnel.....  | " " "  |
| Local 469 - White Collar Contract.....   | Contract Negotiations.....                                    | " " "  |
| Block 53, Lot 5 (Stryker).....   | Contract Negotiations.....                                    | " " "  |
| Block 15, Lot 21.....  | Contract Negotiations.....                                    | " " "  |
| Wilmark Development –<br>Lake Drive (Growth Share Agreement).....  | Contract Negotiations.....                                    | " " "  |
| Executive Session Minutes (June 18, 2007).....<br>Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33;<br>Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8,<br>Block 39, Lot 24 & Block 67, Lot 2<br>(Solberg Aviation - Hromoho)..... | Attorney-Client Privilege.....<br><br><br><br>Litigation..... | " " "<br><br><br><br>" " "   |

2. It is anticipated at this time that the stated subject matter will be made public on or about the time set forth in Exhibit "A."
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A **MOTION** was made at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Muir to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 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 - Police Department***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to appoint Werner Rodas and Kenneth Drews as permanent Patrolmen, based on completion of their one (1) year probationary periods and recommendation by Chief Paganessi and to adjust their salary pursuant to the PBA Contract. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Personnel – Recreation***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the adjustment to the salary of Clean Community Worker Steven Struble from \$9.25 to \$12.00 effective May 1, 2007. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to hire the following Clean Communities Workers to be paid from the 2007 Clean Community Grant at a rate of \$8.00 per hour, from July 2, 2007 through August 31, 2007:

Supervisory:

Jackie Merchant  
Margery Nash

Workers:

Robert Fraebel  
Brandyn Kane  
Chelsea Bockmiller  
Paige Peterson  
Kyle Lepard  
Matthew erhard  
Chelsea Paganessi  
Stephanie Beebe  
Amanda Beebe  
Trevor Hoffman  
Tyler Pohoerley

This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - Local 469 - White Collar Contract***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the negotiated five (5) year Local 469 White Collar Contract, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 53, Lot 5 (Stryker)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to authorize Attorney Dragan to prepare a contract for Block 53, Lot 5 (Stryker). This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 15, Lot 21***

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

***Contract Negotiations - Wilmark Development/Lake Drive - Growth Share Agreement  
Block 21.12, Lot 46.08***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Growth Share Agreement for the Lake Drive Wilmark Development, Block 21.12, Lot 46.08. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (June 18, 2007)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the meeting of June 18, 2007 for content. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***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.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of meeting of June 18, 2007.

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

2. ***Renewal of Liquor License - ASKJAC, LLC (Foolish Fox Tavern) – resolution.***

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL  
R-2007-89**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the following Readington Township Alcoholic Beverage License Renewal for 2007-2008 be approved:

**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION:**

| <b><u>LICENSE NUMBER</u></b> | <b><u>LICENSE HOLDER</u></b>     | <b><u>MUNICIPAL FEE</u></b> | <b><u>STATE FEE</u></b> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1022-33-009-002              | ASKJAC, LLC (Foolish Fox Tavern) | \$1,281.60                  | \$200.00                |

3. ***Resolution determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$10,500,000 general improvement bonds of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey and providing for their sale to the NJEIT and the State of New Jersey pursuant to the 2007 NJEIT financing program.***

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT EXCEEDING \$10,500,000 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR SALE TO THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY PURSUANT TO THE 2007 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM  
R-2007-90**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington (the "Township"), in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, has determined that there exists a need within the Township to acquire several parcels of land within the Township for the preservation of open space (the "Project"), as defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "Trust Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Township and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (the "Trust") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement", and together with the Trust Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Township and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the 2007 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program (the "Program");

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined to finance the construction and renovation of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the Trust (the "Trust Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan", and together with the Trust Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the Trust Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, to evidence the Loans, each of the Trust and the State require the Township to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Township's General Improvement Bonds to the Trust in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,625,000 (the "Trust Loan Bond") and General Improvement Bonds to the State in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,875,000 (the "Fund Loan Bond", and together with the Trust Loan Bond, the "Bonds"), pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable law and the Loan Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Trust Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to the Trust and the State, respectively, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) allows for the sale of the Trust Loan Bond to the Trust, without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds to the Program, the governing body of the Township wishes to authorize the execution of certain certificates and opinions as may be required by the Program or Bond Counsel to the Township (collectively, the "Escrowed Documents") by the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, Township Clerk, Counsel to the Township, Project Engineer or Appraiser and/or Bond Counsel to the Township (collectively, the "Township Representatives") on or before the date when the Township is scheduled to close the loans in escrow with the Program (the "Escrow Closing Date"), such documents to be delivered to Bond Counsel and held by Bond Counsel until such time as the Township authorizes release of the same.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by a 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body of the Township as follows:

**Section 1.** In accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2)* of the Local Bond Law and *N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a)*, the Township hereby sells and awards its (a) Trust Loan Bond in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,625,000 to the Trust in accordance with the provisions hereof and (b) Fund Loan Bond in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,875,000 to the State in accordance with the provisions hereof. The Bonds have been referred to and described in bond ordinance #04-2006, which bond ordinance is entitled "Bond Ordinance Providing for Acquisition of Airport and Land or Interest in Land for Preservation (Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2, Owner: Solberg Aviation/Hromoho), in and by Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$22,000,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$21,700,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof", and was finally adopted on February 21, 2006, at which times a quorum was present and acted throughout, all pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

**Section 2.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Township (the "Chief Financial Officer") is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the Trust and the State under the Loan Agreements and the terms and conditions hereof, the following items with respect to the Trust Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond:

- (a) The aggregate principal amount of the Trust Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond to be issued;
- (b) The maturity and annual principal installments of the Bonds, which maturity shall not exceed 20 years;
- (c) The date of the Bonds;
- (d) The interest rates of the Bonds;
- (e) The purchase price for the Bonds; and
- (f) The terms and conditions under which the Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

**Section 3.** Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Bonds by the parties authorized under Section 4(c) hereof.

**Section 4.** The Township hereby determines that certain terms of the Bonds shall be as follows:

- (a) The Trust Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered GI-1. The Fund Loan Bond shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered GI-2.
- (b) The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owners thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (c) The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Township Clerk.

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**Section 5.** The Trust Loan Bond and the Fund Loan Bond shall be substantially in the form set forth in the Trust Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively.

**Section 6.** The law firm of McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C. is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Bonds, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the Trust and the State for the Program, to arrange for the same. The Township auditor is hereby authorized to prepare the financial information necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Township Representatives are authorized to execute any certificates necessary or desirable in connection with the financial and other information, including execution of the Escrowed Documents. Bond Counsel is hereby authorized to accept and hold the Escrowed Documents on or before the Escrow Closing Date and to release the same upon the direction of the Township.

**Section 7.** The terms of Bonds authorized to be set forth by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with Section 2 hereof shall be ratified by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the full membership of the governing body of the Township.

**Section 8.** The Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are hereby severally authorized to execute any certificates or documents necessary or desirable in connection with the sale of the Bonds and are further authorized to deliver the same to the Trust and the State upon delivery of the Bonds and the receipt of payment therefor in accordance with the Loan Agreements.

**Section 9.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 10.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Township Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., bond counsel to the Township, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the Trust.

4. ***Resolution authorizing the execution & delivery of loan agreements to be executed by the Township of Readington and each of the NJEIT and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, and further authorizing the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement, all pursuant to the 2007 NJEIT financing program.***

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF LOAN AGREEMENTS TO BE EXECUTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AND EACH OF THE NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT, ALL PURSUANT TO THE 2007 NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM  
R-2007-91***

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington (the "Township") in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, has determined that there exists a need within the Township to acquire, construct and renovate the Project (the "Project"), as defined in each of that certain Loan Agreement (the "Trust Loan Agreement") to be entered into by and between the Township and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (the "Trust") and that certain Loan Agreement (the "Fund Loan Agreement", and together with the Trust Loan Agreement, the "Loan Agreements") to be entered into by and between the Township and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "State"), all pursuant to the 2007 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program (the "Program");

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined to finance the acquisition of the Project with the proceeds of a loan to be made by each of the Trust (the "Trust Loan") and the State (the "Fund Loan", and together with the Trust Loan, the "Loans") pursuant to the Trust Loan Agreement and the Fund Loan Agreement, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, to evidence the Loans, each of the Trust and the State require the Township

to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Township's General Improvement Bonds to the Trust

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,625,000 (the "Trust Loan Bond") and General Improvement Bonds to the State in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,875,000 (the "Fund Loan Bond", and together with the Trust Loan Bonds, the "Bonds"), pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), other applicable law and the Loan Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust and the State have expressed their desire to close in escrow the making of the Loans, the issuance of the Bonds and the execution and delivery of the Loan Agreements, all pursuant to the terms of an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") to be entered into by and among the Trust, the State, the Township and the escrow agent named therein.

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

**Section 1.** The Trust Loan Agreement, the Fund Loan Agreement and the Escrow Agreement (collectively, the "Financing Documents") are hereby authorized to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Township by either the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer in substantially the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A, B and C, respectively, with such changes as the Mayor or the Chief Financial Officer (each an "Authorized Officer"), in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Township (collectively, the "Township Consultants") and after further consultation with the Trust, the State and their representatives, agents, counsel and advisors (collectively, the "Program Consultants", and together with the Township Consultants, the "Consultants"), shall determine, such determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer as determined hereunder. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to the execution of the Financing Documents by an Authorized Officer of the Township as determined hereunder and to affix the corporate seal of the Township to such Financing Documents.

**Section 2.** The Authorized Officers of the Township are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Township Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and affix the corporate seal of the Township to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Township Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with the Consultants, to be executed in connection with the execution and delivery of the Financing Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other documents by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deemed necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 4.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Township Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C., bond counsel to the Township and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the Trust.

5. **2007 Cooperative Resurfacing & Surface Treatment Program** – resolution.

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2007-92**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 et seq.*, Readington Township authorized a joint agreement with the County of Hunterdon at the July 2, 2007 Township Committee meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in accordance with this agreement, has awarded the bid for the Cooperative Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program at a

price of \$2.25 per gallon for Surface Treatment CRS-2M and \$53.00 per ton for Surface Treatment, Cover Material #8 - Clean Broken Stone, to Mannon Excavating and Paving Co., Inc.; and

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:34-5 the Governing Body is required to award this contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby award the contract for the Cooperative Resurfacing and Surface Treatment Program for the period of May 22, 2007 through May 21, 2008 to Mannon Excavating and Paving Co., Inc., at a price of \$2.25 per gallon for Surface Treatment CRS-2M and \$53.00 per ton for Surface Treatment, Cover Material #8 - Clean Broken Stone; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the County of Hunterdon Purchasing Department.

6. **Barbieri/Block 32, Lot 8** - request for release of unused escrow funds (\$314.63).
7. **FX Management/Block 36, Lot 47** - request for release of unused escrow funds (\$926.99).
8. **Fisher/Block 98, Lot 2.34** - request for release of unused escrow funds (\$1,144.80).
9. **Our Lady of Lourdes Church/Block 28, Lot 10** - request for release of unused escrow funds (\$1,932.37).
10. **Application for Membership in NJ Firemen's Association** – Andrew M. Schaefer.
11. **Application for Blue Light Permit** – Kevin Krill.
12. **Anderson House** – seeking approval to hang banners for Seafood Festival.
13. **Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report** - acknowledgment of receipt & acceptance by Township Committee - Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook).
14. **Application for Blue Light Permit** – Eric Stettner.
15. **Tax Refund** – resolution.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended the following tax refund:

| <u>BLOCK/LOT</u> | <u>REFUND TO</u> | <u>REASON</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>2007</u>      |                  |               |               |
| 36/135           | Lodico, Rickey   | Tax Exempt    | \$ 2,438.46   |

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee that the Township Treasurer be authorized to refund the amounts recommended.

16. **Lien Redemption** – resolutions.

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

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 11, Lot 9.01 known as Tax Sale Certificate #529; and

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

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$15,663.89, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$31,000.00 to the lien holder, U.S. BANK-CUST/SASS MUNI V dtr.

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

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 51, Lot 21.01; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$413.01, to the lien holder, Tad J. Dabrowski.

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

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 22, Lot 66 known as Tax Sale Certificate #533; 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 \$14,635.20, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$22,000.00 to the lien holder, Crusader Lien Services.

**17. Payment of the Bills.**

| <u>Fund Description</u>        | <u>Fund No.</u> | <u>Received Total</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION     | 001             | \$ 877,953.21         |
| SEWER APPROPRIATION            | 002             | \$ 100,287.02         |
| TRUST APPROPRIATION            | 003             | \$ 26,029.24          |
| CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS         | 004             | \$ 70,000.00          |
| MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS | 005             | \$ 110,170.04         |
| PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS             | 006             | \$ 160,167.65         |
| REGIONAL AND LOCAL SCHOOL TAX  | 007             | \$ 5,401,009.50       |
| <br>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:        |                 | <br>\$ 6,745,616.66   |

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

- Mrs. Allen - Aye
- Mr. Auriemma - Aye
- Mr. Gatti - Aye
- Mrs. Muir - Aye
- Mayor Shamey - Aye (except for minutes of June 18, 2007 as he was not in attendance)

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. **Letter in opposition to Assembly Bill A-4393** - which would require contracting units requesting bids for construction projects to advertise their projected cost estimate range & to publicly state their reasons for rejecting all correctly submitted bids in cases where the law provides criteria for rejection of all bids.

***Resolution in opposition to Assembly Bill A-4393 – continued:***

Mayor Shamey suggested that the Committee adopt a resolution in opposition to this legislation.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2007-88**

**WHEREAS**, A-4393 would require contracting units requesting bids for construction projects to advertise their projected cost estimate range; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill would also require that the projected cost estimate range be attested to by the person preparing the advertisement for bid 120 days prior to the bid opening date; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill is unnecessary legislation that will adversely impact an essential function of local government and create an additional and unnecessary level of statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill undermines the efficiency not only of procurement, but general government as well, particularly when there may be a need to perform expedited procurement to protect the health and safety of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill will likely diminish full, fair and open competition among potential vendors and restrain the discretion of the Governing Body in rejecting all bids for any of the six (6) reasons currently under *N.J.S.A. 40A-11-13.2*; and

**WHEREAS**, the bill contains ambiguous language and open-ended criteria that could lead to protracted disputes and even litigation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey hereby urges the opposition of this legislation on behalf of the Township of Readington and all New Jersey municipalities.

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

2. Letter dated June 14, 2007 from Donna J. Burham, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding ***adoption of a resolution in support of legislation to amend Abbott-Burke funding to streamline administration of a more thorough & efficient education throughout New Jersey.***

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

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION TO AMEND ABBOTT-BURKE  
FUNDING TO STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATION OF A MORE THOROUGH AND  
EFFICIENT EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
R-2007-94**

**WHEREAS**, there has been extensive discussion throughout the Garden State regarding Abbott-Burke funding for deprived school districts within the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been attempts to discuss amendments to the legislation in order to

guarantee a quality of education throughout the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to implement fair and equitable distribution of school funding to provide an equal and adequate education and regionally equalized property tax throughout the State, it would be necessary to undertake a comprehensive study of Abbott-Burke funding; and

***Resolution in support of legislation to amend Abbott-Burke Funding – continued:***

**WHEREAS**, while the special needs of Abbott district students are recognized, Non-Abbott district residents should not be made to substantially supplement the normal, fair and usual property tax burden of Abbott districts residents. Henceforth, the property tax burden of Abbott districts residents should be adjusted to reflect the normal, fair and usual property tax burden within the surrounding region; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey State Constitution, as well as State statute, calls for a thorough and fair education for all students, while the Abbott ruling is predicated in part upon the assumption that the children in the poorest districts deserve the same expenditure per student as the more fortunate districts; and

**WHEREAS**, these funding procedures appear to be discriminatory since the Abbott ruling substantially ignores all Non-Abbott districts where expenditures per student fall below the richest districts, and also appears to qualify only urban districts, subsequently ignoring potentially needy rural/suburban districts; and

**WHEREAS**, finally, the Abbott Program fails to meet the real academic needs of the districts it serves inasmuch as these districts remain on the program indefinitely; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington urge all other municipalities and school districts to adopt resolutions calling for the revamping of the Abbott-Burke qualification program to provide supplementary funding without discrimination to all districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee request there be more accountability from the school administrators and contractors within the Abbott districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee support one-hundred percent State Funding for State mandated programs for all districts; and

**WHEREAS**, all programs implemented should be focused to measure progressively improving test scores within a five (5) year mandatory period and provide for the termination under the Abbott-Burke funding for failure to demonstrate measured success and improvement during the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, urge all municipalities and school districts within the State of New Jersey within to pass legislation requesting the State immediately convene a study of the Abbott-Burke Funding Program in order to guarantee a more thorough and efficient non-discriminatory education for all students in the State of New Jersey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby urge all entities to act upon said legislation no later than June 15, 2007, and forward copies of same to Governor Jon S. Corzine, the New Jersey Department of Education, their respective New Jersey State Legislators, and all municipalities in the County of Hunterdon.

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

3. Resolution dated June 20, 2007 from Lora L. Olsen, Township Clerk, West Amwell Township ***in support of state legislation to amend Abbott-Burke funding to streamline administration of a more thorough and efficient education throughout the State of New Jersey***, noted for information. No action taken.

4. Letters dated June 14, 2007 from Donna J. Burham, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding *public hearing & adoption of Ordinance #932-07 Supplementing & Amending Chapter 165 entitled "Land Use Regulations" (Amending Standards & the Schedule of Zoning Requirements)*, noted for information. No action taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION – continued:**

5. Memorandum dated June 19, 2007 from Marianne Smith, Twp. Manager, Hardyston Twp., *expressing opposition to A-3857 – which would eliminate Regional Contribution Agreements as a tool to facilitate municipal compliance with Mount Laurel*, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Notice from James Humphries, Planner, Twp. of Raritan, regarding *public hearing of proposed amendment to the Raritan Twp. Master Plan*, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Letter dated June 14, 2007 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding *Application for Letter of Interpretation - Line Verification Adner Ebeb Corporation, Block 39, Lot 8.01*, noted for information. No action taken.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PORTION OF LOT 7.01 (TO BE KNOWN AS NEW LOT 7.09), BLOCK 55 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS OPEN SPACE FROM ROLLING MEADOWS OF READINGTON, LLC, A NEW JERSEY LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY***

**Ordinance #25-2007**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the acceptance of approximately 25.09 +/- acres of open space from the Rolling Meadows development for passive recreation purposes. There are drainage easements, an underground water supply tank, stormwater management filtration strip areas that will continue to be maintained by the Developer until the Performance and Maintenance Bonds have been released by the Township.

Mayor Shamey asked how long the Maintenance Bond stays in effect.

Attorney Dragan said Maintenance Bonds are generally for two (2) years. After that time the Township would be responsible for the maintenance.

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. Auriemma 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 PORTION OF LOT 7.01 (TO BE KNOWN AS NEW LOT 7.09), BLOCK 55 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS OPEN***

***SPACE FROM ROLLING MEADOWS OF READINGTON, LLC, A NEW JERSEY  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY***

**Ordinance #25-2007**

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

**Ordinance #25-2007 – continued:**

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

**Ordinance #26-2007**

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 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PORTION OF  
BLOCK 44, LOT 47 FOR PUBLIC ROADWAY PURPOSES IN THE TOWNSHIP  
OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
FROM JACK G. BRAZINSKY AND DIANE BRAZINSKY***

**Ordinance #26-2007**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the acquisition of a portion of Block 44, Lot 47 for roadway purposes.

Attorney Dragan recommended that the Committee defeat this ordinance because there is an error. This property is located both in Clinton Township and Readington Township, and the deed includes the Clinton Township property, which the Committee would not be able to accept.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma 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 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PORTION OF  
BLOCK 44, LOT 47 FOR PUBLIC ROADWAY PURPOSES IN THE TOWNSHIP  
OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
FROM JACK G. BRAZINSKY AND DIANE BRAZINSKY***

**Ordinance #26-2007**

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

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

**Ordinance #27-2007**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma 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.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO PATRIOT MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS CNJ, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, OPERATE, EXTEND AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF SAID FRANCHISE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SAID SYSTEM***

**Ordinance #27-2007**

**Ordinance #27-2007 – continued:**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for a ten (10) year, non-exclusive franchise agreement with Patriot Media.

Attorney Dragan said the term of the agreement is ten (10) years from the date of issuance of the renewal certificate from the Board of Public Utilities. It is a non-exclusive franchise, which means that other cable companies can come into the Township. Courtesy services include one (1) outlet and basic monthly cable television service to each school, library and emergency services. There are also reduced rates for senior citizens and there will be a public educational and government access channel.

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. John Kalinich said he feels the term of the agreement is very long, even though it is non-exclusive. He does not see any commitment to technological improvements in the ordinance. In addition, the internet services are not regulated.

Mr. Richard De Angelis, Esq., appeared on behalf of Patriot Media. Their initial request was for a fifteen (15) year agreement but they agreed to a ten (10) year term. With regard to the pending sale of Patriot Media to Comcast, Comcast will be using the same system that Patriot rebuilt upon acquiring the system from RCN. It is a state-of-the-art system. In addition, Patriot Media could by-pass the municipality by filing a letter directly with the BPU and get a seven (7) year term.

Mr. Kalinitch said he does not see anything in the ordinance requiring that the system will remain a state of the art system.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma 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 GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO PATRIOT MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS CNJ, LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, OPERATE, EXTEND AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF SAID FRANCHISE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SAID SYSTEM***

**Ordinance #27-2007**

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

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

**Ordinance #28-2007**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma 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.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS LAKE CUSHETUNK WOODS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM MCNJ, INC. (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO K. HOVNANIAN AT READINGTON, INC.)***

**Ordinance #28-2007**

**Ordinance #28-2007 – continued:**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the acceptance of the entire length of Van Horne Road and Cornelius Lane in the Lake Cushetunk Woods development.

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. Muir to close the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS LAKE CUSHETUNK WOODS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM MCNJ, INC. (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO K. HOVNANIAN AT READINGTON, INC.)***

**Ordinance #28-2007**

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mayor Shamey said he had nothing to report.

2. ***Hunterdon County Municipal Alliance*** – 2008 Renewal Application.

Administrator Mekovetz said it is her understanding that this is actually a grant. She is waiting to receive confirmation and will place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ***Ordinance accepting donation of utility truck from PSE&G for use by Whitehouse Fire Co. #1*** – introduction

Attorney Dragan asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

2. ***No Parking Ordinance on Ridge Road and Coddington Road*** – discussion.

Attorney Dragan said that the Township does not need to apply to NJDOT to prohibit parking on streets within their jurisdiction.

Mayor Shamey asked if other roads in the Township should be considered for similar ordinances.

Administrator Mekovetz said she had given Engineer McEldowney information regarding no parking and speed limits to use to draft a comprehensive ordinance.

Mayor Shamey said he does not know why there needs to be an expensive engineering study. It should be able to be done with Scott Jesseman and Engineer McEldowney.

***No Parking Ordinance on Ridge Road and Coddington Road – continued:***

Attorney Dragan said several years ago the Committee adopted an ordinance regarding no parking on a portion of Whitehouse Avenue. There are some roads that there should be no parking on the entire length, but there are others that parking would be allowed on portions.

Attorney Dragan said ordinances establishing speed limits do require that some type of study be done prior to introduction and adoption.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING PARKING ALONG CODDINGTON  
AND RIDGE ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES  
FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF***

**Ordinance #29-2007**

***WHEREAS***, Coddington Road and Ridge Road are roadways that are located wholly within the jurisdiction of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon; and

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 39:4-8c*, the Township may prohibit parking along roadways within the Township=s jurisdiction without having to obtain approval from the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township believes that it is within the interest of public safety to prohibit parking along both sides of Coddington Road for its entire length, beginning from its intersection with Pulaski Road until its intersection with Route 22; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township believes that it is within the interest of public safety to prohibit parking along both sides of Ridge Road for its entire length, beginning from its intersection with Pulaski Road until its intersection with Route 22.

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

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit parking on Ridge Road and Coddington Road, so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Readington, as well as the traveling public, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

**SECTION II. PROHIBITED CONDUCT.**

- A. There shall be no parking along Coddington Road, on either side, for its entire length, at any time. For the purposes of this Ordinance, Aentire length@ of Coddington Road means from where Coddington Roads begins at its intersection with Pulaski Road up to and including its intersection with Route 22.
- B. There shall be no parking along Ridge Road, on either side, for its entire length, at any time. Fore the purposes of this Ordinance, Aentire length@ of Ridge Road means from where Ridge Road begins at its intersection with Pulaski Road up to and including its intersection with Route 22.

**SECTION III. SIGNAGE.**

Upon final adoption of this Ordinance, for the benefit of the public, signs shall be posted at intervals along both Coddington and Ridge Roads clearly indicating that parking is prohibited on either side, at all times, in accordance with D.O.T. guidelines for placement of signage.

**SECTION IV. ENFORCEMENT.**

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Readington Township Police Department pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* Section 39:4-2 once it becomes effective and signs have been put into place.

***No Parking Ordinance on Ridge Road and Coddington Road – continued:***

**SECTION V. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY.**

Any vehicle parked in the prohibited parking area created by this Ordinance may be towed at the expense of the owner. Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$250.00 (plus court costs, if contested) and/or a period of community service not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day a violation continues after the time required for the abatement thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION VI. REPEALER.**

This Ordinance supersedes and repeals any ordinances, sections or portions of any other Township ordinances inconsistent herewith.

**SECTION VII. SEVERABILITY.**

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and final publication according to law.

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

3. ***Ordinance establishing 25 mph speed limits on Van Horne Road & Cornelius Lane – introduction.***

Attorney Dragan asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

4. ***Readington Community Theatre – discussion.***

Mayor Shamey said several years ago he had discussed the possibility of having a community theatre at the barn at the Bouman-Stickney property. He recently received an email from some residents who have been involved with the Lourdes players. They are thinking about the establishment of a community theatre company in the Township. It would be a not-for-profit corporation that would be its own entity. They will be looking

into the feasibility of this idea and reaching out to the community to determine interest.

Mayor Shamey said he thinks this would be a great idea and he would fully support the concept. He said perhaps the Township could assist with things like grant writing.

Mayor Shamey suggested that they look into possibly using the Polish American Hall.

Mrs. Allen said she thinks it would be fun for a lot of people. They could also possibly make use of the local schools.

***NEW BUSINESS – continued:***

5. ***Renewal of Liquor License - ASKJAC, LLC (Foolish Fox Tavern) – resolution.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

6. ***Resolution determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$10,500,000 general improvement bonds of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey and providing for their sale to the NJEIT and the State of New Jersey pursuant to the 2007 NJEIT financing program.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

7. ***Resolution authorizing the execution & delivery of loan agreements to be executed by the Township of Readington and each of the NJEIT and the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of Environmental Protection, and further authorizing the execution and delivery of an escrow agreement, all pursuant to the 2007 NJEIT financing program.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

8. ***2007 Cooperative Resurfacing & Surface Treatment Program – resolution.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. ***Barbieri/Block 32, Lot 8 - request for release of unused escrow funds.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

10. ***FX Management/Block 36, Lot 47 - request for release of unused escrow funds.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

11. ***Fisher/Block 98, Lot 2.34 - request for release of unused escrow funds.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

12. ***Our Lady of Lourdes Church/Block 28, Lot 10 - request for release of unused escrow funds.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

13. ***Application for Membership in NJ Firemen's Association – Andrew M. Schaefer.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

14. ***Application for Blue Light Permit – Kevin Krill.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

15. ***Anderson House – seeking approval to hang banners for Seafood Festival.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

16. ***Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report*** - acknowledgment of receipt & acceptance by Township Committee - Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

17. ***Application for Blue Light Permit*** – Eric Stettner.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

#### ***ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:***

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz asked if the Committee wished to move ahead with a survey and a Phase I Environmental Assessment on Block 20, Lot 11 (Csepi). The Committee agreed that this should be done.

Mrs. Allen said Mayor Shamey had requested a possible cost share on this property from Hunterdon County at their December meeting.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen to send a letter asking the County if they would be willing to do a 20% cost share on Block 20, Lot 11 (Csepi). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Administrator Mekovetz said #16 on the Consent Agenda was acknowledgment of receipt and acceptance of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report for Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook). She said there are items in the findings and recommendations that the Committee should address.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen to request that the items listed on Pages 13 and 14 under "Findings and Recommendations" on the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Report for Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook) be remediated. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma 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 said she had nothing further to report at this time.

#### ***ENGINEER'S REPORT:***

Written report submitted.

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

#### ***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

1. **Gerard Shamey:**

Mr. Shamey said he received a call from a resident regarding a gypsy moth problem.

Mrs. Muir said she is not aware of a gypsy moth problem. She said the Board of Health does nothing regarding gypsy moths.

Mr. Gatti said the State discontinued spraying for gypsy moths.

#### **Senior Services**

Mayor Gatti asked if the Township's web site has a link to the County Senior Center.

Administrator Mekovetz said there is a link to the County's web site. She will check whether there is a direct link to the County Senior Center.

Mayor Shamey said he has received letters from Lake Cushetunk regarding the conservation easement behind their properties and what can and cannot be done in their backyards. Apparently residents have put items like sheds and swing sets behind their property. He suggested that Zoning Official John Barczyk be asked to look into this matter further and report back to the Committee.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued:**

**2. Julia Allen:**

Mrs. Allen said the Township received a \$74,000 grant to reconstruct the Ann Reno barn. She said the County suggested that the Township apply for another grant when we were ready to make plans for the foundation, the siding and the roofing.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2007-93**

**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

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of Readington Township desires to obtain Open Space Trust Funds in the amount of \$75,000 to fund the following project(s):

Reconstruction of Historic 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.

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

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

Mrs. Allen said last Saturday a group of Boy Scouts helped put in trail markers on the Stickney property.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued:**

**3. Thomas Auriemma:**

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

**4. Frank Gatti:**

**a. Finance Department**

**1. Tax Refund** – resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**2. Lien Redemption** – resolutions.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**3. 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. Board of Health**

Mrs. Muir said residents should be aware that it is mosquito breeding season and containers with standing water should be emptied. They can also contact the Hunterdon County Health Department and ask that these areas of their property be surveyed for mosquito larvae.

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. Ted Peters asked for clarification of items #6 and #7 under “New Business.” He asked what NJEIT stands for.

Mayor Shamey said it is the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program, which is a funding source for land preservation that is funded through the Federal Government.

Mrs. Allen said through this program municipalities are eligible for low interest loans for land preservation.

Ms. Ingelore Krug referred to an item on the bill list for Jason Thompson & Son, Inc. “costume for program.”

Administrator Mekovetz said it was probably for use in a Museum Program. She said Ms. Krug is welcome to come to the Municipal Building and review the purchase order.

Ms. Krug referred to the discussion about mosquitoes. She said the Genesis Building development has reconfigured the property they are building on to the point where all of the run-off is going into her front yard. There are two (2) acres that cannot be cut because they are too wet. The field is required to be cut once each year.

Mrs. Muir said August and September are traditionally the driest months of the year. She suggested that the field be cut during those months.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – continued:**

Attorney Dragan said it would have to be determined if the developer was in keeping with the approved site plan.

Mayor Shamey said that Ms. Krug can either contact the builder or speak with Engineer McEldowney when he returns.

**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 Mr. Auriemma at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC\RPPO  
Administrator\Municipal Clerk