

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – July 7, 2008**

Mayor Auriemma *calls the meeting to order at 6:00 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 T. Auriemma, Deputy Mayor J. Allen, Mr. F. Gatti, Mrs. B. Muir, Mr. G. Shamey

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan, Engineer Clay McEldowney

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

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipate When Disclosed to Public</u>
Personnel.....	Construction Office.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Personnel.....	Police.....	“ “ “
Potential Litigation/Contract Negotiations/Shared Services.....	Special Counsel/Koenig & Sullivan COAH Regulations	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Merck/Sewer Agreement.....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Board of Education/Sewer Agreement	“ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Hunting Bids/Block 52.01/Lot 14.06 Block 66, Lots 2 & 3 Block 25, Lots 19 & 20 Block 55, Lot 13.51 Block 66, Lot 13 Block 80, Lot 1 Block 57, lot 2 Block 63, Lots 19 & 64	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations/Shared Svcs...Emergency Services/ Vehicle Fueling		“ “

Contract Negotiations.....	Award of Maintenance & Repairs Materials Bid	“	“	“
Contract Negotiations.....	Proposal to Move ECHO.....	“	“	“
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations.....	Block 39, Lot 49 and Block 40, Lot 2 (Peters)	“	“	“
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations.....	Block 75, Lot 33 (HannaSaqa).....	“	“	“
Attorney-Client Privilege.....	Executive Session Minutes (June 16, 2008	“	“	“
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)	“	“	“
Litigation.....	Wilmark Building Contractors v. Twp. of Readington, <i>et al.</i>	“	“	“
Litigation.....	Joanzee LLC v. Twp. of Readington, <i>et al.</i>	“	“	“

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 Mrs. Muir to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

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

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

Personnel/Construction Office

Mr. Gatti stated the past year was a very difficult year for Readington Township in the budgetary process and positions have to be eliminated and hours reduced. The Committee will continue to look at the staffing needs of the Township.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to lay-off Wendy McCrea for budgetary reasons effective in 30 days pursuant to the contractual obligations of Article 25 for lay-off and recall, seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to reduce the Fire Sub-Code Official’s hours from 21 to 14 hours seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel/Police

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to hire Raymond Mackiewicz as a full time employee of the Readington Township Police Department following his probationary period, seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the following summer counselors for the summer recreation program held at Whitehouse School, Holland Brook and Readington Middle School.

Allison Addona	\$8.00/hr	Anthony Armellino	\$9.50/hr
Amanda Berstler	\$9.75/hr	Elizabeth Boel	\$9.00/hr
Sean Bretherick	\$8.00/hr	Sarah Brandell	\$9.50/hr
William Campi	\$9.00/hr	Tara Burgher	\$8.25/hr
Tiago Coelho	\$9.00/hr	Nick D'Aniello	\$8.00/hr
Deianna Deery	\$8.25/hr	Amanda Eitzen	\$12.25/hr
Mathew Eitzen	\$8.25/hr	John Fenton	\$9.25/hr
Eiden Glackin	\$9.25/hr	Diane Goodliffe	\$8.00/hr
Michael Hall	\$8.25/hr	Maggie Harding	\$8.00/hr
Stefanie Hamilton	\$9.50/hr	Denise Hawkins	\$10.00/hr
Michelle Hoff	\$9.00/hr	Trevor Hoffman	\$8.00/hr
Steven Kunka	\$8.00/hr	Andrew Laird	\$9.25/hr
Benjamin Lehar	\$9.25/hr	Lydia Lelah	\$8.25/hr
Kyle Leopard	\$8.00/hr	Sarah Levy	\$9.25/hr
Karen Malta	\$13.00/hr	Marissa Malta	\$8.00/hr
Vicki Marcine	\$15.75/hr	Mick Marcucci	\$9.00/hr
Andrew Mason	\$9.25/hr	Lauren McCarthy	\$8.25/hr
Erin McKay	\$12.25/hr	Rebecca Newton	\$9.00/hr
Molly Pahuta	\$9.50/hr	Kristin Polito	\$13.25/hr
Maryjane Polito	\$9.25/hr	Frank Povall	\$9.25/hr
Jaime Rad	\$11.25/hr	Amanda Roper	\$9.00/hr
Katie Scheffler	\$8.00/hr	Jonathan Scher	\$8.00/hr
Casey Sevell	\$9.50/hr	Lauren Shendock	\$9.50/hr
Jennine Steinberg	\$9.25/hr	Jonathan Stone	\$9.50/hr
Victoria Stone	\$9.50/hr	Caitlin Tarantiles	\$8.00/hr
Zachary Toman	\$9.25/hr	Kelly Wagner	\$11.00/hr
Julie Weisman	\$9.25/hr	D. Colby Winget	\$9.00/hr
Molly Yoskowitz	\$9.50/hr	Samantha Zabawa	\$8.25/hr
Marc Zamarin	\$9.25/hr	Kaitlin Zielinski	\$9.25/hr
Patricia Marcine	Salary	Debbie Hill	\$16.25/hr
Fay Sideris	\$14.25/hr	Melissa Flannery	\$14.25/hr
Ben Bretherick	\$14.50/hr		

THIS MOTION was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Potential Litigation/Contract Negotiations/Shared Services Special Counsel/Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan/COAH Regulations

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

#R-2008-80

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire the services of Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan (Stuart R. Koenig, Esq.), 571 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 as part of a Shared Service Agreement as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.5*; and

WHEREAS, the term “non-fair and open contract,” for the purposes of the law, refers to a Professional Services Contract awarded to a contractor who has not made a political contribution as described in *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.* or in *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-8, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan (Stuart R. Koenig, Esq.) has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide representation in connection with a legal challenge to the validity of the regulations developed by the Council on Affordable Housing for a sum not to exceed \$8,000 per municipality to be held by the Township of Clinton, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, located at 1225 Route 31, Lebanon, NJ 08801, which will act as the “Lead Agency,” and

WHEREAS, Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan (Stuart R. Koenig, Esq.), has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan (Stuart R. Koenig, Esq.), has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Readington in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan (Stuart R. Koenig, Esq.), from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer’s Certification of the availability of funds is on file - *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Clinton Township to contract with Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan (Stuart R. Koenig, Esq), as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification be placed on file with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall expire when the litigation is over or 12 months from the date of signing, whichever is sooner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Shared Agreement for Professional Services including the rate are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection; and

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

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the shared Professional services agreement between the Township of Clinton and Readington Township for Special Counsel, Stickel, Koenig & Sullivan regarding COAH regulations not to exceed the sum of \$8,000, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Merck/Sewer Agreement

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the amended and restated Sewer Allocation Agreement between Readington Township and Merck Co, Inc., retroactive to June 30, 2008 seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Board of Education/Sewer Agreement

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter will remain in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Hunting Bids/Block 52.01, Lot 14.06

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen to award the contract for hunting for KJS Hunting Club in the amount of \$6,751.00 on Cole Road, Block 52.01, Lot 14.06 seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Hunting Bids/ Block 66, Lots 2 and 3

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to award the contract for hunting to Pinebank Road Hunting Association in the amount of \$3,300.00 on Cole Road, Block 66, Lots 2 and 3 seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Hunting Bids/ Block 66, Lot 13

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

2008-84

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2008-009 season on Block 66, Lot 13 (Pleasant Run Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

Resolution # R-2008-84 cont'd:

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2008, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was three (3); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$4,325.75, was from Kodiak Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter “Kodiak”), and the second highest bid offered, \$3,100.00, was from Double “O” Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter “Double ‘O’ ”) but that such bids were defective and non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bids from Kodiak and Double ‘O’ were non-responsive because they failed to include a mandatory item, the club’s Good Standing Certificate, which was required per the *Instructions To The Bidders* section of the bid specifications.

WHEREAS, the bid from the third highest bidder, Pinebank Road Hunting Association, in the amount of \$2,500.00 was reviewed and was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and rejects the bids received from Kodiak and Double “O” on June 26, 2008 for hunting on the above Property because they are deficient and non-responsive, for the reason set forth above, effective immediately.
2. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the third highest bidder, Pinebank Road Hunting Association, in the amount of \$2,500.00 for hunting game on Block 66, Lot 13 during the 2008-2009 hunting season.
3. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

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

Contract Negotiations/Hunting Bids/Block 57, Lot 2

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gatti to award the contract for hunting to Cranford Rod and Gun Club in the amount of \$1,600.00 on Thor Solberg Road, Block 57, Lot 2 seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Hunting Bids/Block 63, Lot 19 and 64

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to award the contract for hunting to KJS Hunting Club in the amount of \$6,751 on Woodschurch Road, Block 63, Lot 19 and 64 seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Hunting Bids/Block 25, Lot 19 and 20

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to award the contract for hunting to Bonehead Archery, conditional with the confirmation that the Township is being named second insured, in the amount of \$2,500 on County Road 523, Block 25, Lot 19 and 20 seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Hunting Bids/Block 55, Lot 13.51

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

R-2008-85

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2008-009 season on Block 55, Lot 13.51 (Pinebank Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2008, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was four (4); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$3,500.00, was from Kodiak Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter “Kodiak”), and the second highest bid offered, \$3,328.00, was from Double “O” Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter “Double ‘O’ ”) but that such bids were defective and non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bids from Kodiak and Double ‘O’ were non-responsive because they failed to include a mandatory item, the club’s Good Standing Certificate, which was required per the *Instructions To The Bidders* section of the bid specifications.

WHEREAS, the bid from the third highest bidder, 7 Point Pines Hunting Club, in the amount of \$3,056.00 was reviewed and was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, as follows:

Resolution # R-2008-85 cont'd:

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and rejects the bids received from Kodiak and Double "O" on June 26, 2008 for hunting on the above Property because they are deficient and non-responsive, for the reason set forth above, effective immediately.
2. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the third highest bidder, 7 Point Pines Hunting Club, in the amount of \$3,056.00 for hunting game on Block 55, Lot 13.51 during the 2008-2009 hunting season.
3. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

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

Contract Negotiations/Hunting Bids/Block 80, Lot 1

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to award the contract for hunting to Pines Rod and Gun Club on the condition that they specify on the insurance certificate that this property is covered, in the amount of \$1,269 on River Avenue, Block 80, Lot 1 seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Shared Services/Emergency Services/Vehicle Fueling

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter will remain in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Award of Maintenance & Repair Materials Bid

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to award the Maintenance and Repair Materials Bid as per the following schedule:

**SCHEDULE OF LOW BIDDERS - 2008
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR MATERIALS**

Schedule of Low Bidders-2008 cont'd:

Primary Contracts

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MODE	QUANTITY	UNIT	SUCCESSFUL BIDDER 2007	UNIT PRICE
1a	3/4" ROAD STONE	DEL	1,500	TON	Stavola	\$12.10
1b	3/4" ROAD STONE	FOB	1,500	TON	Stavola	\$7.25
2a	3/4" CLEAN STONE	DEL	1,500	TON	Stavola	\$14.35
2b	3/4" CLEAN STONE	FOB	1,500	TON	Stavola	\$9.50
3a	1-1/2" CLEAN STONE	DEL	200	TON	Stavola	\$ 13.85
3b	1-1/2" CLEAN STONE	FOB	200	TON	Stavola	\$9.00
4	CORE STONE	DEL	500	TON	Stavola	\$16.35
5	no. 9 (1/4") STONE OR SANDING GRITS	DEL	500	TON	Trap Rock	\$16.25
6	SCREENINGS	DEL	500	TON	Stavola	\$13.85
7	SAND - COARSE	DEL	100	TON	Tilcon, New York	\$21.50
8	LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE	FDA	20,000	GAL	James Reed Sales	\$1.01
9a	BITUMINOUS CONC., FAB.C., 1-5	FDS	3,500	TON	Flemington Bituminous	\$59.10
9b	BITUMINOUS CONC., FAB.C., 1-5	FOB	3,500	TON	Flemington Bituminous	\$52.10
10a	BITUMINOUS CONC., MABC, 1-4	FDS	1,000	TON	Flemington Bituminous	\$59.10
10b	BITUMINOUS CONC., MABC, 1-4	FOB	1,000	TON	Flemington Bituminous	\$52.10
11a	BITUMINOUS CONC., STAB. BASE, 1-2	FDS	700	TON	Flemington Bituminous	\$55.75
11 b	BITUMINOUS CONC., STAB. BASE, 1-2	FOB	700	TON	Flemington Bituminous	\$48.75
12a	BITUMINOUS CONC., FAB.C, 1-5	DLC	1,000	TON	Mannon Excavating & Paving	\$69.70
12b	BITUMINOUS CONC., MABC, 1-4	DLC	1,000	TON	Mannon Excavating & Paving	\$69.70
12c	BITUMINOUS CONC., STAB. BASE, 1-2	DLC	1,000	TON	Mannon Excavating & Paving	\$68.70
13	HIGH PERFORMANCE COLD PATCH	FOB	50	TON		No Bid
14	STREET SWEEPING	FDA	150 mile	hour	Apgar Power Sweeping	\$110.00
15a	JET-VAC SANITARY SEWER CLEANING	FDA	10	DAY (8HR)	Oswald Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,450.00
15b	JET-VAC DISPOSAL FEE OF SOLIDS			TON/CY	Oswald Enterprises, Inc.	\$150.00
16	TV INSPECTION OF SANITARY SEWER	FDA	6	DAY (8HR)	Oswald Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,600.00

THIS MOTION was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Proposal to Move ECHO

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter will remain in Executive Session.

Land Acquisition/Contract Negotiations /Block 39, Lot 49 and Block 40, Lot 2 (Peters)

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter will remain in Executive Session.

Land Acquisition/Contract Negotiations/Block 75, Lot 33 (HannaSaqa)

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter will remain in Executive Session

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes (June 16, 2008)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 16, 2008 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, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation/Hromoho)

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter will remain in Executive Session

Litigation/Wilmark Building Contractors v. Township of Readington, et al.

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter would remain in Executive Session.

Litigation / Joanze LLC v. Township of Readington, et al.

A **MOTION** as made by Mrs. Allen to authorize the proposed settlement agreement seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Auriemma read the following statement:

All items list 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 June 16, 2008.
- *2. **2008-2009 Liquor License Renewals** –Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

R-2008-81

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the following Readington Township Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2008-2009 be approved:

CLUB:

<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL FEE</u>	<u>STATE FEE</u>
1022-31-014-001	Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company	\$ 150.00	\$200.00

- *3. **Application for Social Affair Permit** – Temple Or Chadash – Balloon Festival
- *4. **Steven Dribbon, Block 72, Lot 34.01** – permit refund
- *5. **Blue Light Permit-** William B. Harrington
- *6. **Payment of Bills**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$ 628,484.12
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	8-02	\$ 2,255.00
TRUST FUNDS	x-03	\$ 43,477.70
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	x-05	\$ 72,733.17
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	x-06	\$ 153,551.46
REGION & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	x-07	\$2,546,344.81
2008 CAPITAL ORDINANCES	x-88	\$ 12,821.29
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$3,459,667.55

Mr. Gatti left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve all items listed on the Consent agenda seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

As it was after 8:00 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey 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 CREATING AND ESTABLISHING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF
 READINGTON THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP PUBLIC DEFENDER
 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF P.L. 1997 C. 256 (N.J.S.A. 2B:24-1 ET
 SEQ.).**

ORDINANCE #15-2008

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

There were none.

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

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON,
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING PARKING ON
THE PORTIONS OF COUNTY LINE ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE
TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE
VIOLATION THEREOF***

ORDINANCE #16-2008

Mr. Shamey stated the area that is located in Readington is well defined by its lack of yellow line running down the middle.

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

There were none.

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

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

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

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

***\$141,000 FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
EASEMENTS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESTRICTIONS ON TWO
CONDOMINIUM PROPERTIES (BLOCK 95, LOT 12.185 AND BLOCK 95, LOT
12.405) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY***

ORDINANCE #17-2008

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING VOLUME II CHAPTER 148 ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, 2000, AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IS HEREBY SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED

ORDINANCE # 18-2008

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

There were none.

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

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING VOLUME II CHAPTER 148 ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, 2000, AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, IS HEREBY SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED

ORDINANCE #19-2008

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

There were none.

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

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON BLOCK 56, LOT 5 (OWNER:JAMES) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$485,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$460,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE # 20-2008

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

There were none.

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

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Memorandum dated June 11, 2008 from Roberta Brassard, Township Clerk, Township of Tewksbury regarding ***Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance whose short title is “Tewksbury Township Development Regulations Ordinance (2000)”***. No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated June 12, 2008 from Dorothy Gooditis, Township Clerk, Township of Raritan, regarding:
 - ***# 08-19 - An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey To Amend an Ordinance Entitled “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan”, Title 16 “Land Development Code”, and More Specifically Chapter 16.10 “Affordable Housing Development Fees”***

- ***08-20 – An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Amending Title 16 “Land Development Code”, Chapter 16.11 “Growth Share Affordable Housing Production” of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan”***

No action taken.

3. Resolution from Diane Plugfelder, Township Clerk, Township of Bethlehem ***Opposing S-770 and A-1645 Mandating the Appointment of A Qualified Purchasing Agent and the Attendant Reorganization of the Township of Bethlehem Purchasing Functions.*** No action taken.

4. Resolutions from Lola C. Burd, Deputy Clerk, Township of Bethlehem regarding:

- ***Opposition to Assembly Bill 1880 (A-1880)***
- ***Opposing the proposal to eliminate the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as a cost-cutting measure***

No action taken.

5. Memorandum dated June 20, 2008 from Donna J. Burham, Township Clerk, Township of Clinton regarding ***an Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Section 165-91 “Effect on Existing Lots,” of the Code of the Township of Clinton, to Establish Bulk Standards for Additions to the Principal Buildings on Nonconforming Lots Greater than 100,000 square feet in area.*** No action taken.

6. Resolution from Lora L. Olsen, Township Clerk, West Amwell Township regarding ***Opposing Proposed Assembly Bill A2867 (and Identical Senate Bill S1919) Known as the “Permit Extension Act of 2008”.*** No action taken.

7. Memorandum dated June 24, 2008 from Sharon L. Brienza, Township Clerk, Township of Branchburg adopting the following Ordinances:

- ***Ordinance 2008-1093 – An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Adding New Defined Terms; Adopting a Revised Zoning Map; Adding a New Section Entitled “R-3 Rural Three Acre Residential District”; and Adding a New Section Entitled “RRC-Raritan River Corridor District”***
- ***Ordinance 2008-1100 – An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Establishing a Revised Definition for “Restaurant” that includes Outdoor Use***

No action taken.

8. Letter dated June 23, 2008 from Frances Sundheim, Vice President and Corporate Rate Counsel of Public Service Electric and Gas Company ***notice of filing a petition to request an increase in the charges for electric and gas.*** No action taken.
9. Letter dated June 12, 2008 from Victoria Tunnermann of Whitehouse Station, ***requesting installation of sign and NO PARKING area on dirt road section of Somerset Street.***

Engineer McEldowney stated that the Township request that the Police Department review and offer their recommendations on this issue. Administrator Mekovetz will request input from the Police Department and will send a letter to Victoria Tunnerman advising her we are looking into this matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Needs Assessment/Presentation of Survey*** – Department of Recreation

Ann Toole, of Parks and Recreation Planning, presented the findings of the Readington Township Parks and Recreation Public Opinion Survey. The purpose of the survey was to determine the needs of the residents regarding Parks and Recreation. Ann Toole stated there was positive feedback on the parks and recreation in the Township. The Township Committee asked questions on trends of recreation facilities.

Mayor Auriemma stated based on the survey he would like to focus on the improvements of the existing parks and township trails. He stated the need for a facilities or trees for shade in the park and more playground facilities.

2. ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 66-5 of the Code of the Township of Readington pertaining to the fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses***

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66-5 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON PERTAINING TO THE FEES FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

Ordinance # - 2008

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

SECTION 1. Section 66-5 of the Code of the Township of Readington pertaining to the fees for alcoholic beverage licenses is hereby amended as follows [additions are indicated thus, deletions are indicated ~~thus~~]:

'66-5 Fees.

The fees for alcoholic beverage licenses shall be as follows:

- A. For consumption and distribution licenses: \$1,537.92 ~~\$1,281.60~~ (\$100 Plus the applicable State Fee to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control).

SECTION 2. This Ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of the Code of the Township of Readington or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to introduce this Ordinance seconded by Mrs. Muir and Roll call vote the following was recorded:

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

A Public Hearing was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on July 21, 2008.

3. *An Ordinance Reappropriating \$20,250 Proceeds of Obligations Not Needed for their Original Purpose in order to Provide for Tennis Court Repairs and Resurfacing at Pickell Park in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey*

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$20,250 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR TENNIS COURT REPAIRS AND RESURFACING AT PICKELL PARK IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #-2008

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, it is hereby determined that \$20,250 of the proceeds of obligations originally made available pursuant to bond ordinance #32-2004 of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Township”) finally adopted September 20, 2004 is no longer necessary for the purpose of improvements to the Dobozyński Environmental Center and the Summer Road Basketball Court for which the obligations previously were authorized.

Section 2. The \$20,250 described in Section 1 and made available pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39 is hereby reappropriated to provide for tennis court repairs and resurfacing at Pickell Park, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section 3. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Mayor Auriemma stated the tennis courts were going to be reclaimed but it was too expensive nor was it necessary. Engineer McEldowney stated the courts were in fairly good condition, needing only the cracks repaired and recoating. Mrs. Allen stated that with respect to the tennis courts she would like to have someone look into the economics of replacing the old historic glaring lights with new energy efficient directed lighting. Mayor Auriemma stated the Township is in the process having someone looking into both the economics and the positioning of the lights.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to introduce this Ordinance seconded by Mrs. Muir and Roll call vote the following was recorded:

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

A Public Hearing was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on July 21, 2008.

4. *NJ DOT State Aid Applications* - Resolutions

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-82

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF RIDGE ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to complete the improvements to Ridge Road in the Township; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that this project will improve the entire length of Ridge Road from Route 22 to Pulaski Road:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Readington Township, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2009-Readington Township-00360 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Readington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Readington and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Muir adopt this resolution to apply for the grant for Ridge Road seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-83

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF SUMMER ROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to complete the improvements to Summer Road in the Township; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that this project will improve the entire length of Summer Road from Route 202 to the Municipal Boundary with Branchburg Township:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of Readington Township, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2009-Readington Township-00361 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Readington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Readington and that their signature constitutes

Resolution #R-2008-83 cont'd:

acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey adopt this resolution to apply for the grant for Summer Road seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

5. **Consideration of Property for Hunting** – Block 9, Lot 1/Block 3, Lot 3
Block 3, Lot 3

Administrator Mekovetz stated there was a request to look into these properties for possible bidding out for hunting. The Committee reviewed the Hunting Sub-committee's recommendation for these properties and felt it was too risky to lease out the properties.

6. **Permission for Use of Roads** – Buckman Sprint Distance Triathlon, September 7, 2008

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to grant the approval for the Buckman Sprint Distance Triathlon with the appropriate insurance seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

* 7. **2008-2009 Liquor License Renewals** – Resolution – Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

* 8. **Social Affair Permit** – Temple Or Chadash /Balloon Festival

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

* 9. **Steven Dribbon, Block 72, Lot 34.01** – permit refund

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

*10. **Blue Light Permit** – William B. Harrington

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz stated she had nothing to report at this time.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated she had nothing to report at this time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer McEldowney stated he received the permit on wetlands for Bank Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thomas Auriemma

Mayor Auriemma stated there will be a Public Meeting with respect to the rail siding on July 23 at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from New Jersey Transit's Department of Government and Consumer Affairs will also be in attendance.

Julia Allen

Mrs. Allen stated as per a recommendation from John Klotz, hunting clubs are to be reminded that the open spaces properties are restricted from vehicle access on the hunting properties and all game must be manually removed.

Beatrice Muir

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

Gerard Shamey

Mr. Shamey stated he had nothing to report at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ted Peters, County Line Road, commented on item 8 under New Business in regards to the Social Affair permit to serve alcohol at the Readington Balloon Festival. Administrator Mekovetz stated this practice has been permitted in the past and will look into how long it has been allowed.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir at 9:59 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

