

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – August 4, 2008**

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan, Engineer 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.....	Personnel Matters.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Personnel.....	Finance Office.....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Somerset County Co-Op Pricing System...	“ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Hunterdon County ESC Co-Op Pricing System...	“
Contract Negotiations.....	Cranford Co-Op Pricing System...	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Award of Dump Truck Bid.....	“ “ “
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations...	Block 56, Lot 5 (Hunterdon County – James)	“
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations...	Block 22, Lot 6 (Jensen).....	“ “ “
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations...	Block 93, Lot 1(Amawalk Nurseries)	“ “
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations....	Block 3, Lot 3.01 (Renda).....	“ “ “

Attorney-Client Privilege.....	Executive Session Minutes (July 21, 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)	“	“
Contract Negotiations/.....	Professional Services..... Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O’Neill	“	“

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 7:45 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/Personnel Matters

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter will remain in Executive Session.

Personnel/Finance Office

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to accept the resignation of Nancy Annunziata, Assistant Municipal Treasurer, effective August 8, 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/Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-98

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to become a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP. effective and, that such membership shall be for the period ending December 31, 2008, and each renewal, thereafter of the system, unless the Township of Readington elects to formally withdraw from the system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement for such membership.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve 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/Hunterdon County ESC Cooperative Pricing System

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-99

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH THE HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "LEAD AGENCY" FOR THE CONDUCT OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF WORK, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THEIR VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

This Resolution shall be known and may be cited as the *Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Readington*.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Governing Body is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency or any other contracting unit within the County of Hunterdon or adjoining counties for the purchase of work, materials and supplies.

The Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Township of Readington shall be responsible for complying with the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

All Resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this Resolution shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Shamey to approve 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/Cranford Cooperative Pricing System

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-100

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

Resolution # R-2008-100 cont'd:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO ENTER INTO
A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID # 47-CPCPS), hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of good and services;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2008 the governing body of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of good and services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. This Resolution shall be know and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Readington.
2. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
3. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ES SEQ.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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

Contract Negotiations/Award of Dump Truck Bid

Attorney Dragan stated it was determined by the consultant that the lowest bidder did not meet the minimum performance specification requirements for the vehicles and the recommendation is to award the bid to the second lowest bidder, Bucks County International, Inc. in the amount of \$131,615 per unit price or a total \$263,230 for both vehicles.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-101

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington (“Committee”) publicly advertised for bids for two (2) 10 cubic yard Diesel Dump Trucks (hereinafter referred to as “vehicles”); and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2008 the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for the vehicles was four (4); and

Resolution # R-2008-101 cont'd:

WHEREAS, upon a review of the bids by Commercial Vehicle Consultants, the firm hired by the Township to prepare the specifications, review the bids received and provide a recommendation, as well as and the Township Attorney, it was determined that the lowest bidder, Brown's Hunterdon International, LLC did not meet the minimum performance specification requirements for the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the bid from the second lowest bidder, Bucks County International was reviewed and found to be complete.

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 Commercial Vehicle Consultants and the Township Attorney to award the contract to Bucks County International and rejects the bid received from Browns Hunterdon International, LLC because it is non-responsive, for the reasons set forth in Schedule "A" attached, effective immediately.
2. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of Commercial Vehicle Consultants and the Township Attorney and awards the bid to the second lowest bidder, Bucks County International in the amount of \$131,615 per unit price or a total \$263,230 for both vehicles.
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 award the dump truck bid according to the specifications presented by Attorney Dragan, 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

Land Acquisition/Contract Negotiations/Block 56, Lot 5 (Hunterdon County- James)

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS, BLOCK 56, LOT 5 TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION

ORDINANCE #25 -2008

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington ("Township") holds an agricultural development rights easement on property known as Block 56, Lot 5 in the Township of Readington, consisting of approximately 18.863 +/- acres along Readington Road, (hereinafter "Property") which was purchased with the intention of preserving it for farmland purposes and enrolling it in the appropriate Hunterdon County Agricultural Development program; and

WHEREAS, the property qualified for enrollment in the Hunterdon County Agricultural Development Farmland Planning Incentive Grant Program and the Township received a contract from the County of Hunterdon to purchase an agricultural development rights easement from the Township on 18.863 +/- acres of the Property, together with a Restrictive Covenant pertaining to mowing/maintenance rights at a purchase price of \$20,600.00 per acre, for an estimated total of \$388,557.20, subject to adjustment for the required Municipal contribution and any survey/right-of-way adjustments; and

Ordinance # 25-2008 cont'd:

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

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

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

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

Section 1. The Township of Readington shall convey to the County of Hunterdon, a Development Rights Easement and a Restrictive Covenant pertaining to the mowing rights on Block 56, Lot 5 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, which easement shall pertain to approximately 18.863 +/- acres of the Property for the price of \$20,600.00 per acre and an approximate total price of \$388,557.20 subject to adjustments for the Municipal cost share, survey adjustments or any other adjustments required by the Agriculture Development and Retention Act and regulations pertinent thereto, in accordance with the contract on file with the Township Clerk.

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

Section 3. Severability.
If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order or Judgement shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gatti to introduce this Ordinance, 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

A Public Hearing was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on September 2, 2008.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the contract with Hunterdon County for the sale of the development rights on Block 56, Lot 5 (James), seconded by Mr. Gatti and Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Land Acquisition/Contract Negotiations/Block 22, Lot 6 (Jensen)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to authorize Administrator Mekovetz to obtain quotes for an appraisal on Block 22, Lot 6 and to award to the lowest two (2) proposals, 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

Land Acquisition/Contract Negotiations/Block 93, Lot 1 (Amawalk Nurseries)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Allen to approve the contract for acquisition as amended, 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

Land Acquisition/Contract Negotiations/Block 3, Lot 3.01 (Renda)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to authorize Attorney Dragan to prepare a contract to purchase this property for \$100,000, 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

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes (July 21, 2008)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 21, 2008 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, Mr. Shamey abstained since he did not attend the meeting.

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 remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Professional Services/Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O'Neill

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-102

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR
SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES***

Resolution # R-2008-102 cont'd:

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

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, Valerie J. Kimson, Esq. of Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O’Neill has submitted a proposal indicating she will act as Special Counsel at the following rates: Attorney – \$155 per hour; Paralegal - \$75 per hour, not to exceed \$14,500 for the following matter:

- Joanzee, LLC, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company v. Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey
- General Star v. Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

WHEREAS, Valerie J. Kimson, Esq. of Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O’Neill has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Valerie J. Kimson, Esq. of Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O’Neill 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 Valerie J. Kimson, Esq. of Purcell, Ries, Shannon, Mulcahy & O’Neill from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Valerie J. Kimson, Esq. as described herein; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall expire upon completion of the case; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Professional Service 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. Allen to retroactively approve contract negotiations for Special Counsel Services, 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

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 July 21, 2008.

*2. ***Acceptance of 2007 Audit Report***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-103

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Report of Audit for the year 2007 has been filed by the Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, at a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, at a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

General Comments
Recommendations

as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with at least the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - AA local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a

Resolution # R-2008-103 cont'd:

misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.©

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Township of Readington, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

***3. Corrective Action Plan – 2007 Audit**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-104

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Annual Audit Report for the year 2007 prepared by the firm of Suplee, Clooney & Co., CPA/RMA, contained aGeneral Comments© and aRecommendations© regarding the financial practices of the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has prepared a Corrective Action Plan to address all the issues raised by the Auditor and submitted said plan for approval by the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Corrective Action Plan prepared by the Chief Financial Officer with regard to the 2007 Audit is hereby approved and adopted.

***4. Resolution Authorizing Cranford Co-Op – Two (2) Crown Victoria Police Interceptors**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-105

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO ENTER INTO
A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System (ID # 47-CPCPS), hereinafter referred to as the “Lead Agency” has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of good and services;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2008 the governing body of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of good and services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

4. This Resolution shall be know and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Township of Readington.

Resolution # R-2008-105 cont'd:

5. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.
 6. The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ES SEQ.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.
 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- *5. **Resolution Authorizing Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Co-op** – Gasoline, diesel fuel and fuel oil

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008- 106

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION
COOPERATIVE PURCHASES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase gasoline, diesel fuel and fuel oil from an authorized vendor under the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, NJS.A. 40A:II-12; and

WHEREAS, John Duffy Fuel Company, 4538 Mulberry Street, Newark, NJ 07114, has been awarded Hunterdon County Educational Services Commissions Contract Gasoline and Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel as indicating on schedule "A" attached, for the period one (1) year, October 2, 2007 - October 3, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available, not to exceed \$600,000 for John Duffy Fuel Co.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that John Duffy Fuel be awarded a contract for Gasoline and Ultra low sulfur diesel fuel; and

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

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

- *6. **Hunterdon County Co-Op Purchase** – 2008-2009 Winter Season Snow and Ice Materials
- *7. **Social Affairs Permit** – Knights of Columbus-Council 6930-November 14, 2008
- *8. **Firemen's Membership Application** – Michael B. Kloos
- *9. **Blue Light Permit** – Andrew C. Camp

*10. **Lien Redemption**, Block 14, Lot 29

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

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 14, Lot 29 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 \$163,406.91 plus a premium paid in the amount of \$205,000.00, known as Tax sale Certificate #530, to the lien holder, U.S. Bank-Cust/SASS Muni V dtr.

*11. **Payment of Bills**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$ 672,792.20
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	8-02	\$ 98,989.86
TRUST FUNDS	x-03	\$ 34,849.60
2004 CAPITAL APPROPR.	x-04	\$ 77.04
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	x-05	\$ 966,847.23
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	x-06	\$ 178,462.27
2003 CAPITAL APPROPR.	x-33	\$ 3,781.57
2006 CAPITAL ORDIN.	x-88	\$ 1,164.63
2007 CAPITAL ORDIN.	x-77	\$ 898,836.55
2008 CAPITAL ORDIN.	x-88	<u>\$ 460,183.55</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$3,315,984.50

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

As it was after 8:00 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen 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 FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE
 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT ACT**

ORDINANCE #23-2008

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

Administrator Mekovetz gave a brief description of the program.

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

There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti 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 with the amendment, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. 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 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$101,000
TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO REACQUIRE CERTAIN SEWER CAPACITY
RIGHTS, SUCH APPROPRIATION CONSISTS OF \$93,700 FROM THE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND \$7,300 FROM THE SEWER EXPANSION
TRUST***

ORDINANCE # 24-2008

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

Mrs. Allen stated the Township of Readington is buying the gallonage back to help replenish emergency allocation to handle future emergencies needing to utilize the gallonage.

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

There were none.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Letter dated July 15, 2008 from Rose Sollena, Municipal Clerk, Raritan Township regarding ***notice a Pending 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 and More Specifically to Add Section 16.26I Commercial-Recreation District 2.***
No action taken.

2. Memorandum dated July 22, 2008 from Judith Sullivan, Township Clerk, Bedminster Township *regarding*:
 - *An Ordinance Amending Chapter XIII Entitled “Land Management” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster 1984 as heretofore` Supplemented and Amended*
 - *An Ordinance Amending the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster, to Update and Reflect the Amendments to the Source Separation Recycling Element of the Somerset County Solid Waste Plan*No action taken.
3. Memorandum from Judith Sullivan, Township Clerk, Bedminster Township *regarding Resolution Supporting the Designation of Interstate 78 as a Scenic Byway.* No action taken.
4. Memorandum from Lisa Burd, Borough Clerk/Administrator, Borough of Bloomsbury *regarding Resolution Supporting Scenic Byway Designation of Interstate 78 through the Borough of Bloomsbury in the County of Hunterdon.* No action taken.
5. Memorandum from the Township of East Amwell *regarding Resolution Opposing Assembly Bill A2867 (and Identical Senate Bill S1919) Known as the “Permit Extension Act of 2008.* No action taken.
6. Letter dated July 21, 2008 from Ira G. Megdal of Cozen and O’Connor Attorneys *regarding the matter of the Petition of New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. to Change the Level of its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause and Purchased Sewerage Adjustment Clause.* No action taken.
7. Memorandum from Peter S. Palmer, Chairman Raritan Valley Coalition *regarding Resolution Requesting Strongly Opposing the Reduction in Sunday Service on the Raritan Valley Line West of the Dunellen Train Station.* No action taken.
8. Notice from Frances I. Sundheim, Esq. Vice President and Corporate Rate Counsel *regarding Notice of Filing and Public Hearings for Proposed Increase in its BGSS Commodity Charge for Residential Gas Customers.* No action taken.
9. Notice of Public Hearing *regarding the petitioned BPU to increase the current BGSS-P rate.* No action taken.
10. Letter from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities *regarding Public Safety Related Costs Property Tax Relief (S-1976/A-2982).* No action taken.
11. Letter from Andrew Gale, Supervisor of Division of Land Use Regulation, Department of Environmental Protection *regarding Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit No. 25 and Waiver of Transition Area for Access.* (Complete File in Clerk’s Office for Review) No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Round Mountain Trail System* – Eagle Scout Project Completion- Ryan Jarrell

John Klotz of the Open Space Advisory Committee gave a slide show presentation on the Eagle Scout Project. Ryan Jarrell gave an overview of his leadership service project.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-107

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Readington Township was awarded a grant from the Federal Highway Administration in 2005 to develop a trail system connecting the BoumanStickney Farmstead Museum with the Historic Village of Stanton, the Dobozyński Farm Park, Hunterdon County's Peter Buell Trail and Deer Path Park, finishing at the Raritan River, and

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Recreation Department was assigned to administer the grant and moved the project to completion in partnership with the Open Space Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout candidate, Ryan Jarrell, of Boy Scout Troop 186, Three Bridges, New Jersey endeavored to plan and carry out a leadership service project that benefits the community, and

WHEREAS, the project involved the construction and placement of three (3) benches and three (3) wooden walkways in strategic locations along the River Trail portion and on the Round Mountain loop of the trail system, and

WHEREAS, the Township Recreation Department approved the scope of Ryan's project and agreed to fund the materials needed to complete the project with the grant monies awarded to the Township, and

WHEREAS, Ryan obtained plans for the tables and benches, ordered materials and recruited assistance from the following scouts, as well as, troop leaders and parents: Mark Jarrell, Nick Biondo, Michael Biondo, Chris Hranj, Matthew Jennings, Dan Kimple, Dan Kenney, Zack Mahon, Shaan Menon, Dave Snyder, Nick Towle,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, extends their appreciation as well as, the appreciation of the entire Township, to Ryan Jarrell and the other scouts working under his supervision, for completing this project that greatly enhances the use and enjoyment of Readington's beautiful places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee accepts this project as complete and as agreed upon, is satisfied with the work accomplished and is confident that the project will increase the utilization of the trails by the residents of our Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be provided to Ryan and the participating troop members as needed to achieve the much deserved and appropriate credit for completion of this project.

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

Mrs. Allen thanked John Klotz for all his hard work in overseeing this project.

- A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON BLOCK 75, LOT 33 (OWNER: SAQA) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,565,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO THE COST THEREOF** – Introduction

Mrs. Allen stated this was the last farm that they purchased easements on in the Planning Incentive Grant, and when this is complete, they are finished with the money Readington Township has allocated out of the Garden State Preservation Trust.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON BLOCK 75, LOT 33 (OWNER: SAQA) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,565,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO COST THEREOF.

ORDINANCE # 26-2008

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. The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, New Jersey (the “Township”) as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,700,000, including the sum of \$135,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available from the Open Space Trust Fund.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,565,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3.

(a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of a development rights easement on Block 75, Lot 33 (Owner: Saqa) on the tax maps of the Township, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer’s signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with

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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 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,565,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$40,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 9. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 10. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as the case may be, are authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 *et seq.*, and any other applicable law, to prepare and sign any and all necessary documentation to effectuate the acquisition as described herein, concerning the property known as Block 75, Lot 33 (Owner: Saqa) including, but not limited to, any contracts and amendments thereto and all closing documents needed to complete the purchase.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

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

A Public Hearing was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on September 2, 2008.

3. ***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 11-2007 AMENDING ORDINANCE #15-2002, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, OF DECEMBER 1992 AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED*** –Introduction

Administrator Mekovetz stated in 2007 this stormwater ordinance was adopted; however due to some required changes, the ordinance was never codified. Administrator Mekovetz stated Attorney Dragan developed this ordinance to address the necessary changes in our ordinance. Attorney Dragan stated she only took out the sections that have a change in them.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #11-2007, AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, OF DECEMBER 1992 AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED

ORDINANCE # 27-2008

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that certain sections of Readington Township Ordinance #11-2007 be amended as follows, [additions are indicated ***thus***, deletions are indicated ~~***thus***~~]. All other portions of Ordinance #11-2007 which are not set forth in the amendments below remain in full force and effect.

Section 1. Section 4 of Ordinance #11-2007 pertaining to technical standards, specifically Section 148-65.2E (1), appearing under “Detention/retention basins for stream flood and erosion control” is amended as follows:

(1) Detention and/or retention basins shall be designed to capture and retain all stormwater runoff from the site’s impervious surfaces during the water quality storms, and from all smaller storms. ~~The runoff shall then be slowly released in accordance with the requirements presented in Section 3-7.1.~~ Detention basins shall be used in concert with other stormwater BMPs, such as drywells, infiltration systems, grassed swales, manufactured treatment devices, etc. so that the stormwater management measures employed in the project achieve a minimum of 90% TSS removal.

Section II. Section 4 of Ordinance #11-2007 pertaining to technical standards, specifically, Section 148-65.2F (1) appearing under “Water quality control and infiltration measures” is amended as follows:

(1) In most instances, the water quality control and infiltration performance requirements of this chapter will be satisfied by multiple structures or devices ~~(see section 3-6 of this chapter).~~ Furthermore, most structures or devices will achieve both a water quality control and infiltration benefit. Compliance with the provisions of this chapter will be based on a project wide summation of runoff characteristics. The applicant will show how the collection of structures or devices incorporated in the stormwater management plan will jointly satisfy the performance requirements of this chapter.

Section III. a. Section 5 of Ordinance #11-2007 pertaining to the requirements for a site development/stormwater plan, specifically Section 148-65.3A, appearing under “Submission of site development stormwater plan” is amended as follows:

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(1) Whenever an applicant seeks municipal approval of a development subject to this chapter, the applicant shall submit all of the required components of the Checklist for the Site Development Stormwater Plan, Sec.148-65.3C 4.3, as part of the submission of the application for subdivision or site plan approval.

b. Section 148-65.3A (3) appearing under “Submission of site development stormwater plan” is amended as follows:

(3) The submission requirements set forth in the checklist in Sec. 148-65.3C 4.3 are in addition to any other required development checklists. Failure to provide all items will result in an application being deemed incomplete.

Section IV. Section 5 of Ordinance #11-2007 pertaining to requirements for a site development/stormwater plan, specifically Section 148-65:3C (5) (a) appearing under “Checklist Requirements” is amended to read as follows:

(5) Calculations.

(a) Comprehensive hydrologic and hydraulic design calculations for the predevelopment and post-development conditions for the design storms ~~as specified in Section 3 of this Ordinance~~ and in keeping with NJAC 7:8 and as detailed in the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual. Post-development pollution load should be computed using ~~the~~ any of the pollutant models as detailed in the most recent NJDEP BMP Manual.

Section V. Section 5 of Ordinance #11-2007 pertaining to requirements for a site development/stormwater plan, specifically Section 148-65.3C (6) (a) appearing under “Checklist Requirements” is amended to read as follows:

(6) Maintenance and Operation Plan

(a) A stand alone Maintenance and Operation manual that details how each of the projects BMPs will be inspected and maintained over time must be submitted as part of the site plan review and approval process. ~~The design and planning of the stormwater management facility shall meet the objectives of Section 3.8.~~

Section VI. Section 6 of Ordinance #11-2007 pertaining to continued maintenance, repair and safety requirements, specifically Section 148-65.4A, appearing under “Applicability” is amended to read as follows:

A. Applicability

Projects subject to review as specified in Section 148-65.D of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of Section 148-65.4B and Section 148-65.4C ~~Section 5.2 and Section 5.3.~~

Section VII. Section 4 of Ordinance #11-2007 pertaining to technical standards, specifically Section 148-65.2B (2), appearing under “Structural Best Management Practices” is amended to read as follows:

(2) Stormwater control systems shall be designed to reduce pollutant loading ~~(according to the requirements of Table 3-1)~~ generated by the development for storm events up to the water quality design storm and to retain, as closely as possible, the pre-development by hydrologic response of the site, and the watershed.

Section VIII. Superseding Ordinance and Inconsistency. This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portions of the Land Development Ordinance of Readington Township or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. Notwithstanding, all other provisions of the within Ordinance #11-2007 not specifically changed by the above amendments shall remain in full force and effect.

Section IX. Severability. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent

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jurisdiction, such Order or Judgement shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section X. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to the laws of the State of New Jersey and upon approval by the Hunterdon County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-97. If no response is received from the Hunterdon County Planning Board with sixty (60) days of its receipt, the ordinance shall then be considered to be in effect, as provided by the statute cited above.

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

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

A Public Hearing was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on September 2, 2008.

4. **Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company** – request to hold coin toss-September 6th (rain date September 7th)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the coin toss, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- * 5. **Acceptance of 2007 Audit Report**

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- * 6. **Corrective Action Plan** – 2007 Audit

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- * 7. **Resolution Authorizing Cranford Co-Op** – Two (2) Crown Victoria Police Interceptors

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- * 8. **Resolution Authorizing Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Co-Op** – Gasoline, diesel fuel and fuel oil

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- * 9. **Hunterdon County Co-Op Purchase** – 2008-2009 Winter Season Snow and Ice Materials

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- * 10. **Social Affairs Permit** – Knights of Columbus-Council 6930-November 14, 2008

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- * 11. **Fireman's Membership Application** – Michael B. Kloos

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

- * 12. **Blue Light Permit** – Andrew G. Camp

This item was addressed under Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz asked the Committee to consider forming a sub-committee to look into Solar Energy and Conservation. Mrs. Muir stated the Environmental Commission should also be involved. Administrator Mekovetz will contact members from Merck involved with their Solar Energy project. Mr. Gatti volunteered to assist Administrator Mekovetz to look into this matter. Engineer McEldowney offered to donate his time to become part of the sub-committee.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated she had three closings, the Csepi Farm, Holland Brook Realty and the James Farm.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mayor Auriemma asked Engineer McEldowney for updates on Lightfield Road. Mrs. Allen stated the signs need to be posted and asked Administrator Mekovetz to follow up with the County. Mrs. Allen requested that Administrator Mekovetz have the Department of Public Works post the signs on County Line Road.

Engineer McEldowney stated the Road Reclamation project is almost complete and Department of Public Works will resume working on Bank Street parking area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thomas Auriemma

Mayor Auriemma stated he had nothing further to report.

Julia Allen

Mrs. Allen stated she had nothing further to report.

Frank Gatti

Mr. Gatti stated he passed around literature on ordinances regarding ATV's and Title 39 and asked for recommendations from the Committee.

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir stated she had nothing further to report.

Gerard Shamey

Mr. Shamey requested an update on soliciting bids for the Bouman Stickney Carriage House. Administrator Mekovetz stated that she was waiting for a scaled down project since earlier bids were over the appropriation. Administrator Mekovetz stated Chris Pickell, the architect, would have to modify the specifications for bidding.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to request Chris Pickell to revise his specifications with details to be worked out, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Mr. Shamey stated he read in Hunterdon County Democrat a meeting that had taken place in East Amwell Township regarding the frustration of the residents in regards to Comcast and the service it provides. Mr. Shamey asked the Committee if they heard any complaints from residents and also if the Township should solicit comments from the residents. Mrs. Allen suggested writing an article in the Readington News and the Hunterdon Democrat. Mr. Shamey suggested posting it on the website.

Mayor Auriemma stated the contract with Patriot Media was to provide schools, Board of Education emergency services and the municipality with free hook-up service. Administrator Mekovetz stated she would reach out to the Richard DeAngelis, the attorney from Comcast to look into this matter.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Klotz stated he would like to be able to email a response to the Comcast issue. MayorAuriemma stated emails could be sent to his Mayor's email.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mrs. Muir stated she received mail regarding a proposed grant application that the Planning Board and Environmental Commission are forming a sub-committee for a Conservation Easement Development Plan.

Mr. Klotz stated he was involved in this application but we did not get the grant. Mr. Klotz stated they are trying to figure out how to proceed on this without the grant. Mrs. Muir suggested that maybe the Eagle Scouts would be interested in working on an invasive species project.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti at 9:05 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