

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – November 5, 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, Mr. F. Gatti, Mrs. B. Muir, Mr. G. Shamey

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

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Julia Allen

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>
Contract Negotiations.....	Agreement for Vehicle Fueling..... Readington Fire Co.	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Contract Negotiations.....	Agreement for Vehicle Fueling..... Whitehouse Fire Co.	“ “ “
Contraction Negotiations.....	Whitehouse Village Affordable Units	“ “
Contract Negotiations.....	109 Dove Cote Court (Rodgers).....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Green Acre Planning Incentive Grant	“ “
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations...	Block 93, Lot 1 (Amawalk)....	“ “ “
Land Acq/Contract Negotiations.....	Block 22, Lot 6 (Jensen).....	“ “ “
Litigation.....	Toll Bros. v. Twp. of Readington...	“ “ “
Potential Litigation.....	COAH.....	“ “ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Block 94, Lots 6.02, 9 & 11 (Daniels)	“ “
Contract Negotiations.....	Bikeway Pedestrian Walkway.....	“ “ “
Personnel.....	Police Department.....	“ “ “

Personnel.....	Municipal Court.....	“	“	”
Personnel.....	Board of Adjustment.....	“	“	“
Attorney-Client Privilege.....	Executive Session Minutes (October 20, 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)	“	“	“

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

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:56 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:

Contract Negotiations/Agreement for Vehicle Fueling/Readington Fire Co

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the agreement for vehicle fueling at the Municipal Garage for Readington Fire Co., seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Agreement for Vehicle Fueling/Whitehouse Fire Co.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the agreement for vehicle fueling at the Municipal Garage for Whitehouse Fire Co., seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Whitehouse Village Affordable Units

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/109 Dove Cote Court

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Green Acre Planning Incentive Grant

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve Amendment #8 to the Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant, seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

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

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a contract for the purchase of the conservation easement, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Litigation/Tolls Bros. v. the Township of Readington

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to obtain an appraisal for the property of Toll Brothers, Block 94, Lots 17, 19 and 15.01, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Potential Litigation/COAH

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to send a letter to Governor Corzine as per the letter from Mayor Corcodilos of Clinton Township, as well as the appropriate representatives of the Senate and Legislature, seconded by Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Block 94, Lot 6.02, 8 & 11 (Daniels)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to obtain an appraisal for the lots 6.02, 8 and 11 seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call Vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations/Bikeway Pedestrian Walkway/Block 21.12, Lots 34.01, 36, 38, 39 & 40.01

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the Corrective Deed of Easement between the New Jersey Water Supply Authority and Readington Township and authorize the Mayor and Township Clerk to sign, seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to install the signage limiting the pathway for biking and walkway usage only on Block 21.12, Lots 34.01, 36, 38, 39 & 40.01, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Mayor Auriemma stated the Committee would return to Executive Session for the remainder of the items listed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Auriemma read the following statement:

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

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of October 20, 2008.

This item was removed from the consent agenda and deferred to the next meeting since there was no quorum.

- *2. **Improvement to Old Highway 28/Della Pella** –Change Order (\$47,197.50)/
Final Payment
- *3. **Firemen's Membership Application** – Keith P. Boyer
- *4. **Tax Adjustment** – Block 89, Lot 10

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

RESOLUTION

READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the house on Block 89, Lot 10, has changed from a two family home to a one family home and whereas the homeowner is requesting an adjustment for the last half of 2008,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel \$200.00 for the tax year 2008 and reduce the units tone in the tax year 2009.

- *5. **Lien Redemption** – Block 52, Lot 1.09

RESOLUTION

READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY

Resolution cont'd:

WHEREAS, the interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 52, Lot 1.09 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 \$11,555.62, known as Tax Sale Certificate #569, to the lien holder, Plymouth Park Tax Services, LL.

*6. **Payment of Bills**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$ 722,344.91
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	8-02	\$ 99,692.72
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 163,095.92
2004 CAP. APPROPRIATIONS	X-04	\$ 1,801.46
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$3,196,902.69
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 159,761.83
2003 CAP. APPROPRIATIONS	X-33	\$ 20,280.44
2007 CAPITAL ORDIN.	X-77	\$ 2,422.87
2008 CAPITAL ORDIN.	X-88	<u>\$ 2,913.52</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 4,369,216.36

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

- Mr. Gatti - 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, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AND FIBER TECHNOLOGIES NETWORKS, LLC TO PERMIT THE INSTALLATION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WITHIN CERTAIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-SERVICES

ORDINANCE #29 – 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. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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ORDINANCE # 29 – 2008

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY CREATING THE MUNICIPAL POSITION OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

ORDINANCE # 30-2008

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

Administrator Mekovetz stated the State of New Jersey will be mandating very shortly that each Municipality appoint a qualified purchasing agent. Administrator Mekovetz stated she has that required certification and this ordinance will create that position.

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. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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ORDINANCE # 30-2008

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN
ORDINANCE FOR THE REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND
REGULATIONS OF DOGS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON,
THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AFFIXING THE VIOLATION
THEREOF, AND REPEALING A PRIOR ORDINANCE RELATIVE
THERETO”***

ORDINANCE # 31-2008

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

Administrator Mekovetz stated the Township is running at a deficit in this fund and the increase in licensing fees would be towards balancing the fund.

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

Ted Peters, of County Line Road, commented against the ordinance and requested to see data on the justification of an increase. Administrator Mekovetz advised Mr. Peters he would be able to obtain that information through an OPRA request.

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

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THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, AFFIXING THE VIOLATION
THEREOF, AND REPEALING A PRIOR ORDINANCE RELATIVE
THERETO”***

ORDINANCE # 31-2008

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING CHAPTER 215 OF THE CODE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, PERTAINING TO TAXICABS
(AUTOCABS) AND LIMOUSINE LICENSING***

ORDINANCE # 32-2008

Administrator Mekovetz stated the Township’s insurance requirement was not consistent with the State’s requirement and Attorney Dragan had recommended some additional changes to update the ordinance.

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. Muir to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

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(AUTOCABS) AND LIMOUSINE LICENSING***

ORDINANCE # 32-2008

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Letter dated October 15, 2008 from Thomas Auffenorde, Asst. Vice President, EcoSciences, Inc. regarding ***Letter of Interpretation, Block 4, Lots 47, 48, 49, 50, 96, 98, 99, 100, 102, 103, 104 & 112, Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey.*** (Entire File Available for Review in Clerk's Office) No action taken.
2. Memorandum dated October 20, 2008 from Rose Sollena, Township Clerk, Raritan Township, regarding ***a Resolution Supporting a Partnership for Mass Transit and Rail in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.*** No action taken.
3. Letter dated October 17, 2008 from Lisa Simms, Director of NJ Tree Foundation, ***regarding a donation for planting, maintenance and educational aspects of trees from PSE&G via the New Jersey Tree Foundation.*** No action taken.
4. Letter dated October 22, 2008 from Yacoub Yacoub, Bureau Chief of Department of Environmental Operations, State of New Jersey, regarding ***No Further Action Letter and Covenant Not to Sue, Block 8, Lot 8.*** No action taken.
5. Letter from Lou Cattuna, Northern Delaware Regional Supervisor, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey, regarding ***Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation, Block 21.13, Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14, Readington Township, Hunterdon County.*** (Entire File Available for Review in Clerk's Office) No action taken.
6. Letter dated October 22, 2008 from Michael Filippone, Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, Jersey Central Power & Light regarding ***Proposed New Demand Response Program.*** No action taken.

7. Letter from Andrew Gale, Supervisor, Division of Land Use Regulation, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey regarding *Authorization for Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit No. 25 and Waiver of Transition Area for Access, Block 63, Lot 50, Readington Township, Hunterdon County*. No action taken.
8. Memorandum dated October 28, 2008 from Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Branchburg regarding *An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Repealing Section 13-18, Entitled "Growth-Share Affordable Housing Production", and Adopting a Revised Section 13-19, Entitled "Affordable Housing Development Fees*. No action taken.
9. Resolution from C. Larry Tatsch, Mayor, East Amwell Township regarding *Supporting a Partnership for Mass Transit and Rail in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties*. No action taken.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Treetop Road*** – discussion of drainage problems and paving

Engineer McEldowney summarized the request of the residents of Tree Top Road by petition for the Township to address the drainage problems on the road and to pave Tall Pines Lane cul-de-sac. Richard Freitag, of 48 Tree Top Road, expressed concern over the drainage issue leading to health hazards resulting from the dust created by the trucks using the road for commercial purposes and in the winter, the pools of water freeze from the drainage issue creating hazardous conditions. Nicolas Boxter, of 2 Tall Pines Lane, stated that the request included the paving to continue on the road. Engineer McEldowney stated that he felt this problem could be solved by the installation of some supplementary storm drains and felt there is ample basis to pave the portion of the road. Mrs. Muir stated that Township looks at the expenditures of paving roads in order of priorities. Engineer McEldowney proposed that this be rolled into the next year's road improvement program. Mrs. Muir suggested contacting Department of Public Works for input and recommendations to see what they can do on their own.

2. ***T-Mobile, Block 61, Lot 5.02*** – Maintenance Bond

Engineer McEldowney stated he had requested T-Mobile to put up a two (2) year Performance bond so they may install the proposed landscaping in the spring and obtain their certificate of approval.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Performance bond in the amount of \$1,350, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

3. ***Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc, Stanton Place Phase I and III, Block 25, Lots 50 and 43*** – request for release of Maintenance Bonds

Engineer McEldowney stated that he recommended the release of the Maintenance bond.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the release of the Maintenance bond, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

4. ***An Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Amending the Code of the Township of Readington to Authorize the Township and Volunteer Emergency Services to Clean Up or Abate Discharges of Hazardous Substances and to obtain Reimbursement for Time and Materials Expended in Cleaning Up or Abating any such Discharges from Owners of Non-Residential Real and Business Personal Property – consideration of an Ordinance***

Attorney Dragan stated after the last meeting she spoke with the Chief from Whitehouse Fire Co. to clarify the two definitions of Level One First Responder Awareness and Level One First Responder Operational. She also stated that owners of residential real property or non-business personal property would not be required to pay for clean up under this ordinance.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on December 1, 2008

5. ***Stanton Ridge Golf & Country Club Community-*** discussion of possible upgrade street/traffic signage

Nish Patel, Vice President of Stanton Ridge Homeowners Association, stated the community would like to upgrade the signage on both sides of the golf course. Engineer McEldowney stated he and Scott Jesseman reviewed the proposal which complies with all regulations governing the specifications for street signage.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft an agreement using the September 17th letter as a guideline, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

- *6. ***Improvement to Old Highway 28/ Della Pella -*** Change order (\$47,197.50) / Final Payment

This item was addressed under consent agenda.

- *7. ***Firemen's Membership Application*** – Keith P. Boyer

This item was addressed under consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported Election Day went fairly smooth and stated that there was a lot of cooperation from all those involved. Administrator Mekovetz congratulated Mr. Gatti and Mrs. Allen on their re-election.

Administrator Mekovetz stated Mrs. Allen had requested that the Committee recognize Keith Nicholson for the tree planting and provided Administrator Mekovetz with a resolution for Keith Nicholson.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2008-124

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS a recent call for volunteers to assist in planting over 500 trees and shrubs met with an overwhelming enthusiastic response, and

WHEREAS over 170 participants enjoyed the great outdoors and the satisfaction of pitching in to get a job done on two consecutive Saturdays, October 4th and 11th, and

WHEREAS an environmental remediation effort turned into a wonderful community event at which more than two thirds of the participants were children, and

WHEREAS at this event families, friends, students and scout troops all had a good time and got to know about their local open spaces, and

WHEREAS the success of the event was in no small measure made possible by the invaluable assistance of Keith Nicolson and his crew from Nicholson Farms, and

WHEREAS in addition to digging 500 holes, Nicholson Farms also donated 60 trees that were planted at the site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of Readington Township hereby express their appreciation and the appreciation of the citizens of Readington Township for this generous donation and invaluable assistance.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Mayor Auriemma requested Administrator Mekovetz to place the Relay for Life on the next agenda.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported a memo will be forthcoming regarding Harlem Street with some recommendations and alternatives.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer McEldowney reported that he was invited to a preconstruction meeting for the sewer line connection for Readington School.

Engineer McEldowney reported that the County had requested copies of the Township ordinances for signage on Lightfield Road and they will follow-up with a Resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thomas Auriemma

Mayor Auriemma stated he had nothing further to report.

Frank Gatti

Mr. Gatti stated he had nothing further to report.

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir reported that the Holiday food distribution is coming up and are they looking for volunteers.

Gerard Shamey

Mr. Shamey stated he had nothing further to report

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were none.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Shamey to return to Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The Committee returned to Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Board of Adjustment.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... (October 20, 2008)	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “

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Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8, Block 39
Lot 24 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation-Hromoho)

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

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 10:21 p.m.

Personnel/Police Department

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the appointment of Daniel Hansson and Joseph Hartman as Probationary Patrolman, upon successful completion of the Police Academy, at a salary rate of \$48,828 pending settlement of the PBA contract and any adjustment to the 2009 Salary Rate, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel/Municipal Court

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve Suzannah Forgey as temporary part-time court help with a maximum of 17.5 hours per week and with the condition of an interview by the Administrator and the setting of an appropriate hourly rate by the Administrator, and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel/Board of Adjustment

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to accept the resignation of Diana M. Hendry from the Board of Adjustment effective December 31, 2008 and send Diana a letter of thanks for her service on the Board, seconded Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (October 20, 2008)

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter would be deferred until the next meeting since there was no quorum.

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

Mayor Auriemma stated this matter remains in Executive Session.

As there was no further business, A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti at 10:25 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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