

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2007**

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

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

**ABSENT:** Mrs. J. Allen

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney Dragan and Engineer McEldowney

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Construction Office.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Municipal Court.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Potential Land Acquisition.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 56, Lot 5 (James).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 74, Lot 7 (State of New Jersey).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Lebanon Borough .....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes (October 15, 2007).....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "
Stavola Quarries v. Tewksbury Township.....	Litigation.....	" " "
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8, Block 39, Lot 24 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation - Hromoho).....	Litigation.....	" " "
Wilmark Building Contractors v. Township of Readington, <i>et al.</i> ).....	Litigation.....	" " "

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

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

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

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

***Personnel - Construction Office***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to memorialize the hiring of Albert Kugler as substitute Plumbing Inspector from September 12, 2007 to September 21, 2007 at a rate of \$30/hour. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Personnel - Municipal Court***

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

***Personnel - Police Department***

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

***Contract Negotiations - Potential Land Acquisition***

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 56, Lot 5 (James)***

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 74, Lot 7 (State of New Jersey)***

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

***Contract Negotiations - Lebanon Borough***

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

***Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (October 15, 2007)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the meeting of October 15, 2007 for content. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Litigation - Stavola Quarries v. Tewksbury Township***

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

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

Mayor Shamey said that this matter will remain in

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of meeting of October 15, 2007.

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

2. **2007 Budget Appropriation Transfer - resolution.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION  
 R-2007-114**

<u>NO.</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND:</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	Inside Caps:		
	Salaries and Wages:		
7-01-301-100	Roads	\$135,000.00	
	Other Expenses:		
7-01-023-200	Construction Official	42,000.00	
7-01-041-200	Revision of Tax Map	14,000.00	
7-01-103-200	Finance	9,000.00	
7-01-104-200	Tax Assessor	22,000.00	
7-01-105-200	Tax Collector	3,500.00	
7-01-108-200	Prosecutor	18,000.00	
7-01-111-200	Planning Board	3,800.00	
7-01-113-200	Environmental Commission	5,500.00	
7-01-115-700	General Liability Insurance	26,000.00	
7-01-116-000	Surety Bonds	6,500.00	
7-01-301-200	Roads	19,000.00	
7-01-501-200	Board of Health	9,000.00	
7-01-503-000	Aid to Charities	3,195.00	
7-01-601-200	Recreation	14,000.00	
7-01-604-200	Libraries	3,000.00	
7-01-702-003	Fuel Oil	19,000.00	
7-01-824-200	Emergency Management		5,105.00
7-01-106-200	Legal Services		\$ 170,000.00
7-01-107-200	Municipal Court		1,500.00
7-01-109-200	Engineering		40,000.00
7-01-110-200	Buildings and Grounds		5,000.00
7-01-114-200	Consultants		110,000.00
7-01-118-200	Public Defender		15,000.00
7-01-201-200	Police		10,000.00
7-01-602-200	Celebration of Public Events		<u>6,100.00</u>
	Totals	<u>\$357,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 357,600.00</u>

3. **Resolution authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchases (2008 Ford Escape XLS) not to exceed \$18,800.00.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASES  
 R-2007-113**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase a Ford Escape, 2008 Model from an authorized vendor under the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-12*; and

**WHEREAS**, Princeton Nassau Conover Ford Lincoln Mercury, 902 Route 206, Princeton, NJ 08540, has been awarded Morris County Cooperative Contract No.15-C for Utility Vehicles for the period one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual cost for the purchase of Ford Escape, 2008 Model is expected not to exceed \$18,800.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

**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 Princeton Nassau Conover Ford Lincoln Mercury be awarded a contract for a Ford Escape, 2008 Model; 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 RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. **Hollain/Block 42, Lot 12.03** - request for refund of unused permit fee (\$80.00).
5. **Application for Blue Light Permit** – Lawrence W. Fogg.
6. **Lien Redemption** – resolutions.

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

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 38, Lot 38.13; 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 \$10,409.80, plus a premium paid of \$16,100.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #542, to the lien holder, Park Finance, LLC.

**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 95 Lot 12.253 known as Tax Sale Certificate #557; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund 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 \$275.72 plus a premium paid in the amount of \$400.00 to the lien holder, Tad Dabrowski.

7. **Payment of the Bills.**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 999,824.36
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 103,577.03
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 67,216.62
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 9,273.37
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 3,408,299.66
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 280,852.03
 TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		 \$ 4,869,043.07

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

8. ***Municipal Court & Violations Bureau Report*** for September, 2007.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. Notice dated October 25, 2007 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities regarding ***legal challenges to sign ordinances***, noted for information. No action taken.
2. Notice dated October 24, 2007 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities regarding ***the League's Affiliation with Mayors Wellness Campaign & New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute***, noted for information. No action taken.
3. Letter dated October 23, 2007 from Victoria Tunnermann regarding ***the excessive number of vehicles parked on Somerset Street from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.***, noted for information. No action taken.
4. Petition from Readington Township residents ***requesting that the Pickell Park tennis courts be repaired before Spring 2008.***

The Committee requested that a copy of this petition be given to Recreation Director Greta Kenney and that the residents be notified that their concerns were discussed at the Committee meeting.

5. Memorandum dated October 9, 2007 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding public hearing of the following:
  - ***Ordinance #2007-1073 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by establishing regulations for outdoor cafes.***
  - ***Ordinance #2007-1079 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by extending the requirements for community impact statements to all development applications for ten (10) or more residences.***

The items listed above were noted for information. No action taken.

6. Memorandum dated October 23, 2007 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding adoption of the following:
  - ***Ordinance #2007-1073 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by establishing regulations for outdoor cafes.***
  - ***Ordinance #2007-1079 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by extending the requirements for community impact statements to all development applications for ten (10) or more residences.***

The items listed above were noted for information. No action taken.

7. Memorandum dated October 10, 2007 from Donna J. Burham, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding ***adoption of resolution in opposition to Assembly Bill A-4393 which would require contracting units requesting bids for construction projects to advertise their projected cost estimate range & to publicly state reasons for rejecting all correctly submitted bids in cases where law provides criteria for rejection of all bids***, noted for information. No action taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION – continued:**

8. Memorandum dated October 25, 2007 from Donna J. Burham, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding *adoption of resolution in support of the Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007*, noted for information. No action taken.
9. Memorandum dated October 25, 2007 from Donna J. Burham, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding *public hearing of Ordinance #944-07 supplementing and amending Chapter 165 entitled “Land Use Regulations” (Amending Standards and the Schedule of Zoning Requirements)*, noted for information. No action taken.
10. Notice dated October 12, 2007 from Dorothy L. Gooditis, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Raritan, regarding *public hearing of Ordinance #07-33 – Proposed Zone Change*, noted for information. No action taken.
11. Notice dated October 22, 2007 from Dorothy L. Gooditis, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Raritan, regarding *adoption of Resolution authorizing participation in NIMS for Incident Management within the Township*, noted for information. No action taken.
12. Notice dated October 4, 2007 regarding *hearing before the Readington Township Board of Adjustment – Cuellar/Block 25, Lot 13*, noted for information. No action taken.
13. Letter dated October 22, 2007 from Jeff Tareila Environmental Consultants, regarding *Wetland Delineation/Letter of Interpretation Application – Joanzee, Block 21.13, Lot 6*, noted for information. No action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Mayor Shamey said he had nothing to report.

2. *Wilmark/Stanton Place, II* – request for acceptance of improvements/release of Performance Guarantee.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION  
 R-2007-115**

**WHEREAS**, Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. did on October 4, 2007 file a written request with the Clerk of the Township of Readington for the release of Performance Bond #139448 for Wilmark at Readington Phase II for work completed on Block 25, Lots 43 & 50; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed this request, conducted a final inspection of bonded items, and has no objection to the release of these funds, contingent upon receipt of a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$33,255.00 as indicated in his Letter dated November 1, 2007.

DEVELOPMENT	BOND OR CHECK	ORIGINAL BONDED AMOUNT @ 120%	CURRENT REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE	RECOMMENDED REDUCTION BY (%) FOR WORK COMPLETED	REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE
Wilmark at Readington Phase II Block 25, Lots 43 & 50	Frontier Insurance Co. #139448	\$490,681.80	\$266,043.54	100%	\$0.00

***Wilmark/Stanton Place, II release of Performance Guarantee – continued:***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release Performance Bond #139448 for Wilmark at Readington Phase II as recommended by the Township Engineer, contingent upon receipt of a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$33,255.00.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that authorization is given to the Municipal Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution approving the release to the applicant.

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

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

***PUBLIC HEARINGS:***

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

***PROPOSAL TO RECONSTRUCT A STRUCTURE KNOWN AS “THE RENO BARN” ON TOWNSHIP-OWNED, PRESERVED OPEN SPACE LOCATED ON BLOCK 21, LOT 30 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AND HAVING AN ADDRESS OF ROUTE 22 EAST, WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY***

Mayor Shamey said this public hearing is regarding the proposed reconstruction of the Reno Barn on preserved open space at the Lake Cushetunk Nature Preserve.

Administrator Mekovetz read the following summary for the record:

**RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ANN RENO BARN PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY**

This proposed project encompasses the reconstruction of the Ann Reno barn on the former P. Lomar property that is located on Rt. 22. This barn had been dismantled and stored by the NJ Barn Co. sometime in 2006.

The entire piece of property consists of approximately 105 acres and the Township=s acquisition was funded by a Green Acres grant in 2001.

Since Green Acres funded this property it was necessary to obtain permission to place the barn on this site and to follow the procedure set forth in DEP regulations that includes this public hearing.

In April 2007, the Township applied and was granted \$74,000 from the County Open Space Fund from the Township=s FY 2006 allocation to reconstruct this Barn.

More recently, the Committee applied for (and received approval) for the balance of \$11,990 from the 2006 allocation bringing the total funding amount to \$86,990.

In May 2007 the Township contracted with Pickell Architecture to draw the basic structure (schematic design), complete the construction drawings and to oversee the construction (or reconstruction) of the barn on this site.

The barn to be reconstructed is approximately 36' by 28' in size and about 30 feet high. It will be located in the same area on the property as the former barn that was removed.

***Reconstruction of the Ann Reno Barn Public Hearing – continued:***

The barn is a 3-bay English style barn with Dutch influence.  
The Historic integrity will be maintained and it will not be heated

It will have an open floor plan with three (3) sections (center and two (2) adjacent sections) supported by beams with no partitions.

The area will be large enough to accommodate large groups.

No tree removal (other than dead or diseased trees) will be done.

It will be used for educational displays and talks, barn dances, gathering place for nature hikes, school groups (environmental education) and field trips.

The barn is intended to be used in conjunction with the existing house on the property as an Interpretive Nature and Environmental Center facility.

Along with this project, plans are moving forward to work on improvements to the existing house on the property that include a handicapped bathroom. The Committee approved a contract with Pickell Architecture to complete the Schematic Design, Construction Drawings and Construction Administration for these improvements. A Steering Committee is in place to work on the development of the entire piece of property that will be welcomed by the public, encourage an awareness and respect for nature and the environment and to provide educational activities.

A \$100,000 grant was received from Merck approximately three (3) years ago to be used toward improvements needed to develop an environmental center. To date, a portion of those funds have been used to stabilize the house (rebuild the chimneys, install a roof, repair the siding, painting, new windows, bringing electric to the site, installation of a security system and a new pump and well).

Additionally, our Public Works Department worked with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to build two (2) vernal ponds in the field on the property. This project was funded by the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Finally, this site will be referred to as the “Readington Nature Center.”

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body. There were none.

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

Mr. David Simpson spoke regarding the removal of trees. He said he has nothing against trees being removed, however the Township stated that no trees would be removed and then quite a few trees were removed, not just the dead and dying ones. Also, the wording of the public notice stated that no trees will be removed.

Administrator Mekovetz said the notice stated that no trees will need to be removed in conjunction with the reconstruction of the barn.

Mayor Shamey said the Township Committee, in general, does not advocate tree removal.

Mr. Simpson referred to a trailer park located near the property.

Mayor Shamey asked Mr. Simpson if he was referring to the correct property. The property on which the barn will be reconstructed is located on Route 22 East across from the entrance to Merck.

Mr. Simpson said he is referring to a storage trailer that is parked on the property. There was previously a row of trees in front of the trailer which are no longer there.

Mr. Simpson said he feels that trees were removed that did not have to be removed, and that the public notice should not have stated that no trees will be removed.

***Reconstruction of the Ann Reno Barn Public Hearing – continued:***

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

**Ordinance #36-2007**

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

***BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STAINLESS STEEL CAFS PUMPER FOR THE THREE BRIDGES FIRE COMPANY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$530,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$503,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

**Ordinance #36-2007**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the purchase of a new CAFS pumper for the Three Bridges Fire Company. The purchase of this truck was the subject of a thorough presentation by the Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company.

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body. There were none.

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

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**Ordinance #36-2007**

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

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

**Ordinance #37-2007**

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

Clerk read by Title:

***BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON BLOCK 20, LOT 11 (OWNER: CSEPI) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$520,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$494,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

**Ordinance #37-2007**

**Ordinance #37-2007 – continued:**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides for the purchase of a conservation easement on Block 20, Lot 11. This property is located on Mountain Road and consists of approximately 31.82 +/- acres.

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the Governing Body. There were none.

Mayor Shamey asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to close the Public Hearing. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

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**Ordinance #37-2007**

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

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

Mayor Shamey turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Auriemma at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ***Block 39, Lot 49 & Block 40, Lot 2 (Peters) - \$1,230,000/\$1,168,500***

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

***BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON BLOCK 39, LOT 49 AND BLOCK 40, LOT 2 (OWNER: PETERS) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,230,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,168,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

**Ordinance #38-2007**

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 \$1,230,000, including the sum of \$61,500 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

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 \$1,168,500 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.

***Block 39, Lot 49 & Block 40, Lot 2 (Peters) - \$1,230,000/\$1,168,500 – continued:***

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 39, Lot 49 and Block 40, Lot 2 on the tax maps of the Township (Owner: Peters), 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 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 \$1,168,500, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 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.

**Block 39, Lot 49 & Block 40, Lot 2 (Peters) - \$1,230,000/\$1,168,500 – continued:**

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 39, Lot 49 and Block 40, Lot 2 (Owner: Peters), 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. Muir to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

2. **Block 53, Lot 5 (Holland Brook Realty) - \$460,000/\$437,000**

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY (BLOCK 53, LOT 5 OWNER: HOLLAND BROOK REALTY) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$460,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$437,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

**Ordinance #39-2007**

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 \$460,000, including the sum of \$23,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

***Block 53, Lot 5 (Holland Brook Realty) - \$460,000/\$437,000 – continued:***

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 \$437,000 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 property known as Block 53, Lot 5 (Owner: Holland Brook Realty) 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 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 \$437,000, 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.

***Block 53, Lot 5 (Holland Brook Realty) - \$460,000/\$437,000 – continued:***

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 53, Lot 5 (Owner: Holland Brook Realty), 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 Mr. Gatti to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

3. ***Ordinance providing for no overnight parking in Municipal Whitehouse Station parking lot*** – consideration.

Mr. Gatti said there has been concern expressed about overnight parking in Municipal parking lots, particularly the lot at the train station in Whitehouse Station.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING OVERNIGHT PARKING IN CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS IN THE TOWNSHIP AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF***

**Ordinance #40-2007**

***WHEREAS***, the Township owns municipal parking lots located within the jurisdiction of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon; and

***Ordinance providing for no overnight parking in Municipal Whitehouse Station parking lot – continued:***

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.46; N.J.S.A. 39:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-197, et seq.*, the Township may regulate traffic and parking in parking places open to the public, and on land owned or leased by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township believes that it is within the interest of the public health, safety and welfare to prohibit overnight parking in certain municipally-owned parking places within the Township which are also open to the public.

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

**SECTION I. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit overnight parking in certain municipally-owned parking lots within the Township, which are also open to the public, so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Readington, as well as the traveling public, as to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

**SECTION II. DEFINITIONS.**

Overnight Parking For the purposes of this ordinance, means parking between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

**SECTION III. PROHIBITED CONDUCT.**

A. There shall be no parking of vehicles within the following municipally-owned parking lots within the Township of Readington between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

DESCRIPTIONS

1. Block 22, Lot 63 (behind former Whitehouse Cakebox)
2. Block 30, Lot 3 (known as the Bank Street Parking Lot)
3. Block 75, Lot 18 (Summer Road Park)
4. Block 55, Lot 23.03 (Hillcrest Park)
5. Block 25, Lot 20 (Pickell Park)
6. Block 13, Lot 54 East Whitehouse Park

**SECTION IV. SIGNAGE.**

Upon final adoption of this Ordinance, for the benefit of the public, signs shall be posted at intervals within the above-listed municipally-owned parking lots clearly indicating that parking is prohibited at all times between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., in accordance with D.O.T. guidelines for placement of signage.

**SECTION V. ENFORCEMENT.**

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Readington Township Police Department pursuant to *N.J.S.A. Section 39:4-139.2 and 39:5-1, et seq.*, and any other applicable law, as may be amended from time to time once it becomes effective and signs have been put into place.

**SECTION VI. VIOLATIONS & PENALTY.**

Any vehicle found parked in the aforementioned parking areas during the prohibited time periods set forth in this Ordinance may be towed at the expense of the owner. Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 (plus court costs, if contested) and/or a period of community service not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or both. Each day a violation continues after the time required for the abatement thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

***Ordinance providing for no overnight parking in Municipal Whitehouse Station parking lot – continued:***

**SECTION VII. REPEALER.**

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

**SECTION VIII. SEVERABILITY.**

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

**SECTION IX. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2007 at 8:00 p.m.

4. ***Amendment to Towing Ordinance*** – resolution.

Administrator Mekovetz said the Police Department has recommended that certain fees in the Township's towing ordinance be increased due to the substantial increase in the cost of fuel and other equipment required to perform these services. According to the ordinance this can be done by adoption of a formal Resolution.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
R-2007-116***

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington did on May 17, 2004 adopt an ordinance governing towing/wrecker operators engaged in police-requested removal of motor vehicles from private or public property and storage thereof ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has recommended to the Township Committee amendments to the Tow Operators Rules/Regulations and Guidelines due to the substantial increase in the cost of fuel and other equipment required to perform these services; and

**WHEREAS**, said amendments can be enacted by the Township Committee by adoption of a formal Resolution at a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has provided to each tow operator licensed under this Ordinance a copy of such proposed amendments at least five (5) days in advance of the public meeting at which the Township Committee will consider such recommendations as required by the ordinance.

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

***Amendment to Towing Ordinance – resolution – continued:***

Section 7 entitled Rules and Regulations: Rates of Readington Township Ordinance #24-2004 is hereby amended as follows: [additions are indicated thus, deletions are indicated ~~thus~~]:

**RATE SCHEDULE**

**A. BASIC TOWING SERVICES**

Days (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)	First mile or less <del>\$60.00</del> <u>\$75.00</u>
Nights, Weekends & NJ State Holidays	First mile or less <del>\$75.00</del> <u>\$90.00</u>
Mileage charge B (Round trip)	<del>\$1.75</del> <u>\$2.00</u> per mile after 1 <sup>st</sup> mile
Accident debris clean up	<del>\$20.00</del> <u>\$25.00</u>
Accident debris clean up with fluid spill (can not be combined with above clean up charge)	<del>\$30.00</del> <u>\$35.00</u>
Service Charge Daytime (Jump starts, tire change, fuel etc)	<del>\$60.00</del> <u>\$75.00</u> (parts/fuel not included)
Service Charge Nights, Weekends and Holidays	<del>\$75.00</del> <u>\$90.00</u> (parts/fuel not included)
Administrative Fee (must provide an itemized break down of each charge)	Not to exceed \$25.00

**B. STORAGE FEES**

Inside Storage per 24 hours                      \$30.00 (inside storage must be requested)  
 Outside Storage per 24 hours                      \$20.00

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

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

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

**5. Recommendations from Sewer Advisory Committee:**

- ***Block 36, Lot 96 (Doyle)*** - request for transfer of sewer capacity.

The Sewer Advisory Committee recommends to the Township Committee and the Planning Board that 800 gallons per day will be allocated for the Block 36, Lot 96 (Serra) site plan application.

Also, that 1050 gpd (3 units) will be reserved on the property (Block 36, Lot 96). They may request a transfer of the 1050 gpd to a third party at some future date, but the Township Committee will reserve control over any decision regarding said transfer.

It was represented that the Township Committee will refer to the criteria in the Readington Township Code in its consideration of transferring allocation.

Attorney Dragan will prepare a resolution for the Committee consideration at a future meeting.

- ***Block 13, Lot 25 (Cuellar/Estrada)*** - ECHO Unit.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve Mr. Santiago Cuellar, Jr.'s (Block 13, Lot 25) request to hook an ECHO housing unit into the sewer line on Old Highway using a pump system, installation of which is to be approved by the Township's plumbing Subcode official. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

**Block 13, Lot 25 (Cuellar/Estrada) - ECHO Unit – continued:**

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

6. **Manors at Oldwyck, LLC/Block 2, Lots 2 & 3** – request for release of Performance Guarantee.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION  
 R-2007-116**

**WHEREAS**, Manors at Oldwyck, LLC. did on February 2, 2007 file a written request with the Clerk of the Township of Readington for the release of Performance Bond #S02541 for work completed on Block 2, Lots 2 & 3; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed this request, conducted a final inspection of bonded items, and has no objection to the release of these funds, as indicated in his letter dated October 26, 2007.

DEVELOPMENT	BOND OR CHECK	ORIGINAL BONDED AMOUNT @ 120%	CURRENT REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE	RECOMMENDED REDUCTION BY (%) FOR WORK COMPLETED	REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE
Manors at Oldwyck, LLC Block 2, Lots 2 & 3	Frontier Insurance Co. #S02541	\$57,300.00	\$57,300.00	100%	\$0.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release Performance Bond #S02541 for Manors at Oldwyck, LLC as recommended by the Township Engineer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that authorization is given to the Municipal Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution approving the release to the applicant.

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

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

7. **Four Seasons/Hovnanian** - request for release of Performance Guarantee.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION  
 R-2007-117**

**WHEREAS**, K. Hovnanian @ Readington II, LLC did on October 29, 2007 file a written request with the Clerk of the Township of Readington for the release of Cash Performance Guarantee Check #ZA01630 in the amount of \$35,818.99 and Performance Bond #111-3350-9452 in the amount of \$322,370.87 for work completed on Block 22, Lots 21, 39 & 40; and

***Four Seasons/Hovnanian – continued:***

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer has reviewed this request, conducted a final inspection of bonded items, and has no objection to the release of these funds, contingent upon receipt by the Township of a check in the amount of \$35,000.00 for off-tract improvements on Mountain Road and payment of any outstanding escrow obligations.

DEVELOPMENT	BOND OR CHECK	ORIGINAL BONDED AMOUNT @ 120%	CURRENT REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE	RECOMMENDED REDUCTION BY (%) FOR WORK COMPLETED	REMAINING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE @ 120% VALUE
K. Hovnanian @ Readington II, LLC Four Seasons @ Readington	Firemen=s Fund Insurance Co. #111-3350-9452	\$944,654.94	\$322,370.87	100%	\$0.00
	Cashier=s Check #ZA01630	\$104,961.66	\$35,818.99	100%	\$42,466.15

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release Cash Performance Guarantee Check #ZA01630 and Performance Bond #111-3350-9452, contingent upon receipt by the Township of a check in the amount of \$35,000.00 for off-tract improvements on Mountain Road and payment of any outstanding escrow obligations. as recommended by the Township Engineer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution approving these reduced amounts to the applicant.

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

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

8. **2007 Budget Appropriation Transfer** - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. **Resolution authorizing Morris County Cooperative Purchases (2008 Ford Escape XLS) not to exceed \$18,800.00.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

10. **Hollain/Block 42, Lot 12.03** - request for refund of unused permit fee (\$80.00).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

11. **Application for Blue Light Permit** – Lawrence W. Fogg.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said the Committee adopted a Resolution at a previous meeting to participate in a survey of the Township’s records management program. As a result of this participation, the Township is eligible to apply for PARIS Grant funding of up to \$50,000 from the New Jersey Division of Archives. However, they suggested that the Township collaborate with the County on this application to have a better chance at receiving grant funds.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – continued:**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION REGARDING PARIS GRANTS PROGRAM  
R-2007-118**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has launched its pioneering Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant program to meet the strategic records management, preservation, and storage needs of county and municipal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, a top priority of the PARIS grants program is to achieve efficiencies of cost and operation through shared services and to create a service structure for municipalities that do not have the resources to create one for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2008-09 grant cycle, priority funding will be given to county projects to perform municipal inventories, needs assessments and strategic plans for all of their municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington desires to collaborate with Hunterdon County in the performance of the PARIS Grant Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington is acknowledging that their maximum eligible funding of \$50,000.00 will be leveraged with Hunterdon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington is acknowledging that Hunterdon County would be both the lead agency and the applicant for such a proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington support and commit to cooperation and participation in the PARIS grant project for the purposes set forth above and authorize the execution and delivery of all documents required incidental thereto.

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

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

Administrator Mekovetz said she had nothing further to report at this time.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan said she had nothing further to report at this time.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Written report submitted.

Engineer McEldowney said he had nothing further to report at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Gerard Shamey:**

As Mayor Shamey was not in attendance, no report was given.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued:**

**2. Julia Allen:**

As Mrs. Allen was not in attendance, no report was given.

**3. Thomas Auriemma:**

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

**4. Frank Gatti:**

**a. Finance Department**

**1. Lien Redemption – resolution.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**2. Payment of the Bills.**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**b. Historic Preservation**

Mr. Gatti said they have started the process of collecting pictures for consideration as the cover of the book on Historic Readington Township.

Mr. Gatti said he had nothing further to report at this time.

**5. Beatrice Muir:**

Mrs. Muir said there is a vacancy on the Public Assistance Board left by Reverend Shawn Callendar-Hogan. She suggested Reverend Cathy Gumbert be appointed to fill this vacancy.

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Muir to appoint Rev. Cathy Gumbert to fill the vacancy left by Shawn Callendar-Hogan, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Ted Peters asked when the public hearing will be held on the ordinance listed as #1 under “New Business.”

Administrator Mekovetz said it will be at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:**

Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the Governing Body. There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Muir at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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