

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2006**

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator Mekovetz and Engineer McEldowney

**ABSENT:** Attorney Dragan

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Tax Collector’s Office.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Three Bridges Library.....	Personnel.....	" " "
JCP&L.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 39, Lot 14.02 (Sunderhoft).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 46, Lot 22.01 (Reno).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Liberty Hill Realty, Inc. & Rene Salamon v. Ilva Saronno Corp., Angelo Reina, David Kelso and Readington 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.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "
Professional Services.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "

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.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION – continued:***

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

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

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

***Personnel – Police Department***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to appoint Harlene Kuzmiw as a permanent Clerk-Transcriber in the Police Department, based on completion of her three (3) month probationary period and recommendation by Chief Paganessi. 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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to appoint William Federico as permanent Patrolman, based on completion of his one (1) year probationary period and recommendation by Chief Paganessi. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to appoint Gregory Wester as permanent Patrolman, effective January 1, 2007, based on completion of his one (1) year probationary period on December 31, 2006 and recommendation by Chief Paganessi. 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

***Personnel – Tax Collector’s Office***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to increase the hours of Tax Collector Bonnie Holborow from 17.5 hours to 19 hours per week. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to appoint Omayra Rosa as the Deputy Tax Collector, effective January 1, 2007, at a 2007 salary of \$48,971.50, 40 hours per week. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

***Tax Collector's Office – continued:***

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

***Personnel - Three Bridges Library***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to increase the hours of Three Bridges Librarian Theresa Stoveken from 27 hours per week to 35 hours per week, beginning January 1, 2007, at her current hourly rate. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - JCP&L***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the contract with JCP&L for the installation of light poles along the walkway from Lake Cushetunk Woods to Main Street. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook)***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the contract, as amended, for Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 39, Lot 14.02 (Sunderhoft)***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to obtain soil samples on Block 39, Lot 14.02 (Sunderhoft) and to authorize the signing of the certification that the Township has read the Preliminary Environmental Assessment and has decided to proceed with the acquisition of this property. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - Block 46, Lot 22.01 (Reno)***

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

***Litigation - Liberty Hill Realty, Inc. & Rene Salamon v. Illva Saronno Corp., Angelo Reina, David Kelso and Readington 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 Executive Session.

***Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (December 4, 2006)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the meeting of December 4, 2006 for content. This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations - Professional Services – Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF A CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL SERVICES  
#R-2006-150***

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Special Litigation 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**, the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services may exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA has submitted a proposal amending his Professional Services Contract indicating he will act as Special Litigation Counsel for the following litigation at rates as listed in the contract:

- Township of Readington v. Solberg Aviation Corporation, *et al.*  
Docket No. HNT-L-468-06

**WHEREAS**, Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA 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 Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA 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 Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA as described herein; and

***Professional Services – Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA – continued:***

***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 on December 18, 2007; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that copies of this Professional Service along with the rate schedule 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 Mr. Auriemma to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Mayor Shamey said that the following item was added to the Executive Session Agenda:

***Contract Negotiations – Block 65, Lots 12 & 12.01 (Little)***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the contract, as amended. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***CONSENT AGENDA:***

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*** of meetings of November 6, 2006 and December 4, 2006.
2. ***Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund*** – resolution.

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
CHANGE IN CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUND  
R-2006-151***

***WHEREAS***, Barry Clark was custodian of the Finance Department Petty Cash Fund; and

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:5-21*, the Township is changing custodians to Thomas Carro; and

***WHEREAS***, Thomas Carro is bonded in the amount of \$200,000 by virtue of a surety bond.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and that two (2) copies of this Resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for approval.

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

3. **Rescinding of Public Assistance & Recreation Department Petty Cash Funds** – resolution.

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
RESCINDING OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PETTY CASH FUNDS  
R-2006-152**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the petty cash funds for the Public Assistance Department and the Recreation Department be rescinded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and that two (2) two copies of this Resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, for approval.

4. **2006 Budget Appropriation Transfers** - resolution.

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS  
R-2006-153**

PURSUANT TO *NJSA* 40A:4-58, a municipality may make budget appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year,

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following 2006 appropriation accounts to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year, viz:

**Current Fund:**  
**Salaries and Wages:**  
Emergency Management  
**Other Expenses:**  
Buildings and Grounds      Police  
Consultants                      Waste Collection/Recycling  
Legal Services                      First Aid Squad Equipment  
Group Health Insurance      Museum Committee

**WHEREAS**, there appears to be a surplus in the following accounts, over and above the demand deemed to be necessary for the balance of the current year, viz:

**Current Fund:**  
Salaries and Wages:  
Construction Official      Roads  
General Administration      Public Assistance  
Finance                              Recreation  
Buildings and Grounds      Museum Committee  
Crossing Guards                  Animal Control  
Engineering

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the provision of *NJS* 40A:4-58 part of the surplus in the accounts heretofore mentioned be and same hereby transferred to the accounts mentioned as being insufficient, to meet the current demands; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following 2006 appropriation transfers:

<u>NO.</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND:</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	Inside Caps:		
	Salaries and Wages:		
6-01-023-100	Construction Official		\$ 25,000.00

**CONSENT AGENDA – continued:**

<u>NO.</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND:</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	Inside Caps:		
	Salaries and Wages:		
6-01-101-100	General Administration	35,000.00	
6-01-103-100	Finance	17,000.00	
6-01-110-100	Buildings and Grounds	12,000.00	
6-01-202-100	Crossing Guards	14,000.00	
6-01-301-100	Roads	58,000.00	
6-01-502-100	Public Assistance	14,000.00	
6-01-601-100	Recreation	11,000.00	
6-01-605-100	Museum Committee	12,000.00	
6-01-609-100	Animal Control	8,000.00	
6-01-109-100	Engineering	1,000.00	
6-01-824-100	Emergency Management		\$ 1,500.00
	Other Expenses:		
6-01-110-200	Buildings and Grounds		10,000.00
6-01-114-200	Consultants		40,000.00
6-01-201-200	Police		10,000.00
6-01-401-200	Waste Collection/Recycling		5,000.00
6-01-106-200	Legal Services		109,000.00
6-01-205-001	Rescue Squad Equipment		5,000.00
6-01-605-200	Museum Committee		25,000.00
6-01-117-700	Group Health Insurance (outside Cap)		1,500.00
	Totals	<u>\$207,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 207,000.00</u>

5. **Jacobs-BBL** - Partial Payment #16 for Three Bridges Pump Station project (\$7,722.02).
6. **Bongiorno/Block 93, Lot 26** - request for release of unused Board of Health escrow funds (\$500).
7. **Zaino/Block 45.02, Lot 28.10** - request for release of unused Board of Health escrow Funds (\$500).
8. **Payment of the Bills.**

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 640,128.76
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 810.00
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 26,055.38
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 16,307.02
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 354,721.07
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 181,214.41
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 1,219,236.64

9. **Municipal Court & Violations Bureau Report** for November, 2006.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. Notice dated December 1, 2006 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities regarding **opposition to S-807 & S-638/A-2527**, noted for information. No action taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION – continued:**

2. Notice dated December 5, 2006 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities regarding ***Expansion of Health Coverage***, noted for information. No action taken.
3. Notice dated November 30, 2006 from Donna J. Burham, Acting Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding ***introduction of the following:***
  - ***Ordinance #917-06 Correcting the Zoning Map to make it consistent with the Clinton Township Master Plan.***
  - ***Ordinance #918-06 Supplementing & Amending Article XXII, “AH-3 Affordable Housing,” of Chapter 165 entitled “Land Use Regulations,” (Increasing the Affordable Housing Development Fees for Residential Projects).***
4. Letter dated December 6, 2006 from Pilar Patterson, Chief, Bureau of Point Source Permitting Region 2, NJDEP, regarding ***Denial of Renewal & Revocation of Discharge to Surface Water Permit - NJPDES Permit No. NJ0102563, Route 78 Office Area WWTF***, noted for information. No action taken.
5. Letter dated December 7, 2006 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP, regarding ***Transition Area Waiver - Averaging Plan Approval - Ernest & Elizabeth Renda), Block 64, Part of Lot 19 – proposed Lot 19.01***, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Letter dated November 29, 2006 from David C. Krueger, President, Environmental Technology, Inc. regarding ***Application for Letter of Interpretation - Presence/Absence – Vines, LLC, Block 39, Lot 59***, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Notice from Ernest A. Renda, Esq., regarding ***hearing before the Readington Township Planning Board – Rockaway Creek, LLC, Block 39, Lot 57***, noted for information. No action taken.
8. Notice from John R. Dusinberre, Esq., regarding ***hearing before the Tewksbury Township Planning Board - Toll Brothers Crossroads and Oldwick, Block 45, Lots 42 & 43***, noted for information. No action taken.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

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

Mayor Shamey said he has nothing to report at this time.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. ***Change in Custodian of Petty Cash Fund*** – resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

2. ***Rescinding of Public Assistance & Recreation Department Petty Cash Funds*** – resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

3. ***2006 Budget Appropriation Transfers*** - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

4. ***Jacobs-BBL*** - Partial Payment #16 for Three Bridges Pump Station project (\$7,722.02).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

***NEW BUSINESS – continued:***

5. ***Bongiorno/Block 93, Lot 26*** - request for release of unused Board of Health escrow Funds (\$500).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

6. ***Zaino/Block 45.02, Lot 28.10*** - request for release of unused Board of Health escrow Funds (\$500).

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda

***ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:***

Administrator Mekovetz said the year end meeting is on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Administrator Mekovetz said she was contacted by the Whitehouse Rotary. They are asking about installing a bench near the clock at the Whitehouse Library. She also spoke to Ron Monaco about this request.

The Committee had no objection to the placement of a bench in front of the clock at the Whitehouse Library.

Administrator Mekovetz said she spoke with Richard Deangelis regarding the Public Hearing for Patriot Media, which is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>. They are asking that hearing be rescheduled.

After a short discussion, the Public Hearing for the Patriot Media application was scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

Administrator Mekovetz she had nothing to report at this time.

***ATTORNEY'S REPORT:***

Written report submitted.

As Attorney Dragan was not in attendance, no additional report was given.

***ENGINEER'S REPORT:***

Written report submitted.

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

***PUBLIC HEARING:***

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

Clerk read by Title:

***BOND ORDINANCE OF AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY AS APPROVED BY THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, APPROPRIATING \$2,680,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,546,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

**Ordinance #43-2006**

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance provides funding for Regional Contribution Agreements between Readington Township and Perth Amboy.

**Ordinance #43-2006 – continued:**

Mayor Shamey said this is one (1) way in which the Township satisfies its obligations under the COAH plan.

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

Mrs. Allen said every time residential real estate in Readington a fee is collected and goes into the Housing Trust Fund, which helps pay for this bond.

Administrator Mekovetz said the payment to Perth Amboy will be over a five (5) year period.

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***BOND ORDINANCE OF AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE FUNDING OF CERTAIN REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY AS APPROVED BY THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, APPROPRIATING \$2,680,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,546,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

**Ordinance #43-2006**

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Gerard Shamey:**

Mayor Shamey said the New Jersey Supreme Court denied a petition for certification filed by P&H Clinton Partnership with respect to a challenge to obtain sewer capacity from the RLSA.

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

**2. Julia Allen:**

**a. Farmland\Open Space Preservation\Land Projects Liaison**

Mrs. Allen said closings were held on Triple D, LLC, which is a 45 acre farm on Summer Road and Route 202 and Pompliano-Schulze.

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

**3. Thomas Auriemma:**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**4. Frank Gatti:**

**a. Finance Department**

1. *Payment of the Bills.*

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**b. Historic Preservation/Museums**

Mr. Gatti said the open house at the Museum regarding the history of ginger bread two (2) weeks ago attracted 60 residents.

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

**5. Beatrice Muir:**

**a. Municipal Court**

1. *Municipal Court & Violations Bureau Report* for March, 2006.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the public.

Ms. Cheryl Filler, Chair of the Environmental Commission, said she received two (2) calls regarding the draining of Lake Cushetunk.

Mrs. Allen said this was included in Director of Public Works Scott Jesseman's report. The lake is lowered during the winter to check the functioning of the dam.

Ms. Filler said the Environmental Commission had no notification that this was being done.

Engineer McEldowney said to extend the life of the valves and their elements they need to be open and shut several times each year.

Administrator Mekovetz said she will speak to Mr. Jesseman regarding this matter.

Ms. Paula Tropello asked if Liz Duffy of the Planning Board is also representing the Committee in the Taxpayer's Group litigation.

Mayor Shamey said she is. She works for the law firm of Gebhardt & Kiefer. Mayor Shamey said he has spoken to Richard Cushing who is also a member of this firm as to whether there might be a conflict of interest and there would not be.

Ms. Karen Jenkin asked when Ms. Duffy was hired by Gebhardt & Kiefer. She also asked where she worked prior to this.

Mayor Shamey said he did not know.

**COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:**

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

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***ADJOURNMENT***

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Auriemma at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC  
Administrator\Municipal Clerk