

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING - MARCH 20, 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 Shamey, Deputy Mayor Auriemma, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Gatti and Mrs. B. Muir (via teleconference during Executive Session only)

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dragan, Administrator Mekovetz 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

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u>
Library.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Board of Health Witness.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 20, Lot 11 (Csepi).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 39, Lot 10 (Estate of Gallo).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 74, Lot 16 (Readington Twp.).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Professional Services.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes - Feb. 21, 2006 & March 6, 2006.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "
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).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Mark Hartman & Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Twp. of Readington Lackland and Lackland v. Twp. of Readington Docket No. 02-2017 (SRC).....	Litigation.....	" " "
Lackland and Lackland v. Twp. of Readington Docket No. 3:02-5597 (GEB).....	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."

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - continued:

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 - Recreation

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to hire Christopher Beam and Travis Lorenzi as Clean Community Workers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour, due to past experience. 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	
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye	

Personnel - Board of Health Witness

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to hire Steven Bartzak as a soil witness for the Board of Health at a rate of \$28.00 per hour. 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	
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye	

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

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 20, Lot 11 (Csepi)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve a contract with Tom Rodriguez in the amount of \$2,900 and a contract with Ronald A. Curini in the amount of \$2,789 to perform appraisals on Block 20, Lot 11 (Csepi). 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	
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye	

Contract Negotiations - Block 39, Lot 10 (Estate of Gallo)

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 74, Lot 16 (Readington Township)

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

Contract Negotiations - Professional Services:

Edwards & Kelcey - Traffic Engineering & Transportation Planning Services

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SERVICES
#R-2006-43***

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning 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, Edwards and Kelcey, Inc. has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning Services for rates as detailed in the contract; and

WHEREAS, Edwards and Kelcey, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Edwards and Kelcey, Inc. 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 Edwards and Kelcey, Inc. 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 Edwards and Kelcey, Inc. as described herein; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said contract shall expire on December 31, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Professional Service Contract including 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. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

JWS Computers - Professional Computer & Printer Maintenance

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER AND PRINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES
#R-2006-44***

WHEREAS, there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services;
and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

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

1. That the following contract has been awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a)* of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:
 - JWS Computers for Computer Maintenance Services at a cost of \$850 per month.
2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2006.
3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (February 21, 2006 & March 6, 2006)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the meetings of February 21, 2006 and March 6, 2006 for content. 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	
Mayor Shamey	-	Aye	

***Contract Negotiations - 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.

***Litigation - Mark Hartman & Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. v. Township of Readington
Lackland and Lackland v. Township of Readington***

Docket No. 02-2017 (SRC)

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

***Litigation - Lackland and Lackland v. Township of Readington
Docket No. 3:02-5597 (GEB)***

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

PRESENTATION HONORING ERNEST RENDA

Mayor Shamey said it is an honor and a privilege, in behalf of the Township of Readington, to honor Mr. Ernest Renda.

Mayor Shamey said Mr. Renda served in the United States Army and was in Pearl Harbor when it was attacked and continued to serve during the Pacific campaign. He also started a successful business and provided a support system for his family. He basically lived the American Dream.

Mayor Shamey then read the following from a plaque he presented to Mrs. Renda:

The Township of Readington hereby recognizes and honors Ernest Renda by designating the Tannery Road industrial complex as "Ernest Renda Industrial Park" for a man who lived the American ideals of personal conviction, national service and honest enterprise."

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*** of meeting of March 6, 2006.
2. ***2006 Surface Treatment Program*** - Municipal Participation.
3. ***2005 Budget Appropriation Transfers*** - resolution.

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2006-47***

PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-59, a municipality may make budget appropriation reserve transfers during the first three months of the succeeding year,

WHEREAS, there appears to be insufficient funds in the following 2005 appropriation reserve accounts to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year, viz:

Current Fund:
Other Expenses:
Legal Services and Costs
Snow Removal
Salaries and Wages:
Police

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:
Other Expenses:

Finance	Recreation
Tax Collector	Library
Buildings & Grounds	Street Lighting
Police	Social Security
Fire Equipment	Elections
First Aid Equipment	Revision of Tax Map
Public Assistance	Tax Assessor

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of NJS 40A:4-59 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,

CONSENT AGENDA – continued:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to make the following 2005 appropriation reserve transfers:

NO.	ACCOUNT	FROM	TO
CURRENT FUND:			
	Inside Caps:		
	Other Expenses:		
5-01-103	Finance	\$ 3,500.00	
5-01-105	Tax Collector	2,700.00	
5-01-110	Buildings & Grounds	11,000.00	
5-01-201	Police	6,000.00	
5-01-212	Fire Equipment	2,000.00	
5-01-205	First Aid Equipment	5,000.00	
5-01-502	Public Assistance	5,000.00	
5-01-601	Recreation	4,000.00	
5-01-604	Library	6,000.00	
5-01-303	Street Lighting	2,000.00	
5-01-802	Social Security	32,000.00	
5-01-102	Elections	1,500.00	
5-01-041	Revision of Tax Map	1,900.00	
5-01-104	Tax Assessor	1,700.00	
	Salaries and Wages:		
5-01-201	Police		\$ 33,000.00
	Other Expenses:		
5-01-106	Legal Services and Costs		48,800.00
5-01-302	Snow Removal		2,500.00
	Total	<u>\$ 84,300.00</u>	<u>\$ 84,300.00</u>

4. **Application for Social Affair Permit** - Polish American Citizen's Club.
5. **Application for Membership in NJ Firemen's Association** - Carroll Douglas Day.
6. **Applications for Raffles Licenses** - Readington Twp. Home & School Assoc.
7. **Tax Refund** - resolution.

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

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has recommended the following 2005 tax refund:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
22/40.10 C03	Pedranti, Ivan & Jean	exempt	\$ 1,933.44
70/31.35	Wells Fargo Home Mtg.	wrong acct.	\$ 2,282.92

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee that the Township Treasurer be authorized to refund the amounts recommended.

8. **Lien Redemption** - resolution.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the property owner has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 66, Lot 49.03; and

CONSENT AGENDA – continued:

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 \$5,864.65 known as Tax Sale Certificate #510, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$7,500.00 to the lien holder, Frank Gallagher.

9. **Payment of the Bills.**

Fund Description	Fund No.	Received Total
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 504,605.77
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 1,176.00
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 44,194.68
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 6,887.51
MISC. REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 25,928.01
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 182,603.72
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 765,395.69

10. **Municipal Court & Violations Bureau Report** for February, 2006

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti 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
Mayor Shamey - Aye

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Notice dated March 3, 2006 from William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, NJ State League of Municipalities **regarding Senate Bill 1219 revising the Open Public Meetings Act.**

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL S-1219
R-2006-45**

WHEREAS, Senator Robert Martin has sponsored Senate Bill 1219 concerning certain amendments to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington obviously supports the principle that the public has a right to know what their government officials are doing; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1219 imposes unreasonable fines and penalties for any violation of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), and further imposes requirements of

- a. the recording of executive sessions,
- b. promotes overly long meetings,
- c. removes appropriate discretion from government officials including the management of meetings

- d. imposes additional burdens of requirements upon sub-committee meetings,
- e. provides for the awarding of attorney fees only to a successful plaintiff but not to a public body if found not to have violated the law,
- f. requires that minutes be available within five (5) business days thereby creating undue hardship upon the office of the municipal clerk
- g. requires local government to establish an internet site at the Municipal Building; and

Resolution regarding Senate Bill 1219 revising the Open Public Meetings Act – continued:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1219 continues the unfair exemption provided to the legislative branch of State government by exempting the State government from the same requirement that Senate Bill 1219 would oppose on municipalities, counties, school districts, and authorities.

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

1. That the governing body does hereby oppose the adoption of Senate Bill 1219 for the reasons noted above.
2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the 23rd Legislative District representatives and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

2. Memorandum dated March 14, 2006 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Branchburg, regarding ***public hearing of Ordinance #2006-1011 Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Twp. of Branchburg by amending Article 5 entitled “Site Plan and Subdivision Requirements” to provide standards for calculating resource conservation areas and making related changes in Articles 3 and 6***, noted for information. No action taken.
3. Notice dated March 7, 2006 from Gail W. McKane, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Clinton, regarding ***adoption of a resolution expressing opposition to S-319 and A-1030 amending the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act to prohibit the unilateral changing of the terms and conditions of employment by the public employees***, noted for information. No action taken.
4. Resolution from the Township of East Amwell ***mandating that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the Township of East Amwell***, noted for information. No action taken.
5. Resolution from the Township of East Amwell ***opposing S-457, “Time of Decision Rule,”*** noted for information. No action taken.
6. Memorandum dated February 16, 2006 from Roberta A. Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Tewksbury, regarding ***adoption of Ordinance #02-2006 - An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance whose short title is “Tewksbury Twp. Development Regulations Ordinance (2000),”*** noted for information. No action taken.
7. Memorandum dated February 16, 2006 from Roberta A. Brassard, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Tewksbury, regarding ***public hearing of Ordinance #03-2006 - An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance whose short title is “Tewksbury Twp. Development Regulations Ordinance (2000),”*** noted for information. No action taken.
8. Letter dated February 27, 2006 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding ***NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation/ Line Verification - Michael Eng, Block 97, Lot 2***, noted for information. No action taken.
9. Letter dated February 27, 2006 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Land Use Regulation Program, NJDEP, regarding ***Letter of Interpretation - Footprint of Disturbance - County of Hunterdon, Block 72, Lot 31***, noted for information. No action taken.

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – continued:

Ordinance #06-2006

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:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 62, LOT 1 TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Ordinance #06-2006

Mayor Shamey said this property consists of 33± acres and is located on the corner of Stanton Road and Woodschurch Road. Hunterdon County is purchasing the development rights and a restrictive covenant pertaining to mowing and maintenance.

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

Mrs. Allen said this application was included in the Township's Planning Incentive Grant II.

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:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 62, LOT 1 TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Ordinance #06-2006

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

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

Ordinance #07-2006

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 13, LOT 62 TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Ordinance #07-2006

Mayor Shamey said this property consists of 81.946± acres and is located on Meadow Road. Hunterdon County is purchasing the development rights and a restrictive covenant pertaining to mowing and maintenance.

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

Mrs. Allen said this property is in the northeast section of the Township and backs up to the Rockaway Creek.

Ordinance #07-2006 – continued:

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 Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS EASEMENT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 13, LOT 62 TO THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Ordinance #07-2006

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

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

Ordinance #10-2006

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 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 BOROUGHES OF BOUND BROOK AND MANVILLE AS APPROVED BY THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPROPRIATING \$335,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$318,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ordinance #10-2006

Mayor Shamey said one of the means by which the Township satisfies part of it's COAH obligations is through Regional Contribution Agreements. This ordinance provides for payment as outlined in those agreements with Bound Brook and Manville.

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:

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 BOROUGHES OF BOUND BROOK AND MANVILLE AS APPROVED BY THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPROPRIATING \$335,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$318,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ordinance #10-2006

Ordinance #10-2006 – continued:

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

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

Ordinance #11-2006

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

Clerk read by Title:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS - BLOCK 39, LOT 14 (OWNER: CUCHIARO) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$467,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$443,650 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ordinance #11-2006

Mrs. Allen said this property is part of the Township's 2005A Planning Incentive Grant VIII application. The Township is under contract to purchase the easement on this 25 acre farm which is located at the corner of Chambersbrook Road and Ridge Road.

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. Gatti 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:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS - BLOCK 39, LOT 14 (OWNER: CUCHIARO) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$467,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$443,650 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Ordinance #11-2006

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

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

Ordinance #12-2006

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.

Ordinance #12-2006 – continued:

Clerk read by Title:

CALENDAR YEAR 2006
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING
ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR
LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Ordinance #12-2006

Mayor Shamey said this ordinance allows the Township to increase it's final appropriations by a percentage greater than the COLA, but not to exceed 3.5%.

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. Gatti 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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LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Ordinance #12-2006

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Mayor Shamey gave a brief update on the status of the negotiations with Solberg Aviation. He said he continues to try and respond to all emails and or letters that he receives from residents.

Mayor Shamey said letters were also received from several younger residents expressing concern about any proposed expansion of Solberg airport.

Mayor Shamey said on Thursday, March 16th a petition was presented to Administrator/

Municipal Clerk Mekovetz. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk confirmed that a sufficient number of signatures have been submitted to place the matter of the bond ordinance on the ballot for public vote. The Township Committee will announce the date for that special election in the near future.

Mayor Shamey said he was reading an editorial and a letter to the editor that states that the Township has not thoroughly informed the public of what the Township's goals are regarding this matter. Mayor Shamey said he believes that the Township has clearly stated their goals and there is a lot of information regarding this issue available on the Township's website.

Mayor Shamey said the Committee will continue to try and work toward a solution that benefits the Township, the residents and Solberg Aviation.

OLD BUSINESS – continued:

2. Consideration of Amendment to Section 43-90 "Firearms" of Police Ordinance.

Mayor Shamey said this amendment was discussed at the last Committee meeting. The proposal is to allow for a lighter, small and more concealable weapon to be carried by members of the Police Department upon approval by the Chief.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 43-90 ENTITLED "FIREARMS" OF ARTICLE III, "RULES AND REGULATIONS", OF CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON PERTAINING TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ordinance #13-2006

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

SECTION 1. Section 43-90 entitled "Firearms" of Article III "Rules and Regulations" of Chapter 43 "Police Department" of the Code of the Township of Readington is hereby amended as follows [additions are indicated thus, deletions are indicated ~~thus~~]:

§43-90 Firearms.

D. Off-duty weapon.

(2) He restricts his selection of an off-duty weapon to specifications approved by the Chief of Police and outlined in a Readington Township Police General Order.

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

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

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.

3. Ernest Renda Contracting Co., Inc. - request for release of Cash Maintenance Bond/Escrow Funds.

Action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

4. ***Stanton Ridge*** - road acceptance.

Mayor Shamey said a memorandum was received from Engineer McEldowney regarding this matter.

Engineer McEldowney said Stanton Properties, II has requested that the Township proceed with accepting certain road improvements in the subdivision. He has reviewed the files and finds that everything is in order. In addition, the issue of the sidewalks has been agreed to by the applicant, however they have not been constructed yet.

Engineer McEldowney said he has no objection to the acceptance of the improvements, subject to receipt of a Performance Bond at 120% of the estimated cost of the sidewalk.

Stanton Ridge - road acceptance – continued:

In addition, Engineer McEldowney said given that the improvements that would be accepted have been in place and in public use for more than two (2) years, he said he does not believe the normal requirement of a Maintenance Bond would be necessary.

Lloyd Tubman, Esq. appeared before the Committee. She said that the developer first applied to have these roads accepted in 2003. The Homeowner's Association was divided regarding the issue of the installation of sidewalks. It was a decision of the Planning Board not to reconsider the obligation to put in the sidewalks.

Ms. Tubman said that the reason there was a delay in 2004 was a cash flow problem, which has since been resolved. They are committed to put the sidewalks and associated plantings in before the fall.

Ken Mizerny, Esq. appeared before the Committee. He said that they would not request release of their Performance Bond until the sidewalks are completed.

Engineer McEldowney suggested that the Committee make it contingent on the sidewalks being completed by the end of the year. All agreed.

Attorney Dragan suggested that this be done by a separate agreement.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS STANTON RIDGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM STANTON PROPERTIES, II, A NEW JERSEY GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

Ordinance #14-2006

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

Section 1. The Township of Readington shall accept as public, the following roads which have been dedicated to the Township by Stanton Properties II, a New Jersey General Partnership, as shown on the following filed maps for the Stanton Ridge major subdivision development prepared by Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Lebanon, New Jersey, which were filed in the Hunterdon County Clerk's office as set forth below, and as more particularly set forth in the metes and bounds description for each roadway or portion thereof contained in the Deed(s) of Dedication on file in the office of the Readington Township Clerk, at the Readington Township Municipal Building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J.

- A. **DOGWOOD DRIVE** (60' WIDE) - as shown on a map entitled "Final Plat for Stanton Ridge - Section I, Block 51, Lots 3, 5, 13, 14, 20 and 21, Block 45, Lots 16 and 25, Located in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey," dated October 16, 1992, last revised January 13, 1993, Sheet 3 of 3, and filed or about to be filed in the Hunterdon County Clerk's office.

- B. PORTION OF CLUBHOUSE DRIVE FROM CLEAR VIEW ROAD TO DOGWOOD DRIVE** - as shown on a map entitled, "Final Plat for Stanton Ridge - Section I, Block 51, Lots 3, 5, 14, 20 and 21, Block 45, Lots 16 and 25, Located in Readington Township, Hunterdon County" dated October 16, 1992, last revised April 6, 1993 and filed in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office on April 20, 1993 as Map. No. 1117.
- C. POND VIEW COURT** - as shown on a map entitled "Final Plat for Stanton Ridge - Section I, Block 51, Lots 3, 5, 13, 14, 20 and 21, Block 45, Lots 16 and 25, Located in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey," dated October 16, 1992, last revised January 20, 1993, Sheet 2 of 3 and filed or about to be filed in the Hunterdon County Clerk's office.

Stanton Ridge - road acceptance – continued:

- D. HIGH RIDGE COURT (50' WIDE)** - as shown on a map entitled "Final Plat for Stanton Ridge Section I, Block 51, Lots 3, 5, 13, 14, 20 and 21, Block 45, Lots 16 and 25, Located in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey," dated October 16, 1992, last revised January 20, 1993, Sheet 2 of 3, and filed or about to be filed in the Hunterdon County Clerk's office.

Section 2. The Township acknowledges receipt of the aforementioned Deed(s) of Dedication conveying the aforementioned streets, or portions thereof, together with an executed Affidavit of Title, Corporate Resolution and documents evidencing that title is marketable and free and clear of liens.

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

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law, and upon the recording of the Deed.

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Environmental Commission*** - appointment of new member.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to appoint Trish Saro as a full member of the Environmental Commission, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

2. ***Open Space Signage*** - discussion .

Mr. Ben Smith appeared before the Committee. Mr. Smith said there is confusing signage on the East Whitehouse open space as well as the Morning Star Road project. Engineer McEldowney has been working on the Morning Star Road project and there has been progress made.

Mr. Smith said Cub Scout Pack 182 worked on cleaning up the open space behind the

East Whitehouse Fire Company.

Mr. Smith said the Open Space Committee has requested a budget of \$20,000 to be taken out of the existing open space funds and to be used to resurvey and install appropriate signage where needed.

Mrs. Allen said she discussed this matter with DPW Director Scott Jesseman who estimated it would cost approximately \$3,000 for signs and posts. The Committee could then discuss the additional \$17,000 requested by the Open Space Committee at future budget discussions.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to utilize \$3,000 of the Open Space Trust for the purpose of signs and posts to be used on open space properties. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Open Space Signage – continued:

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

3. ***Wellhead Protection Program*** - resolution.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
WELLHEAD PROTECTION RESOLUTION
R-2006-46**

WHEREAS, the 1986 Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments (Section 1428, P.L. 93-523, 42 USC 300 *et seq.*) directs all states to develop a Well Head Protection Program (WHPP) plan for both public community and public non-community water supply wells; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's WHPP was approved by the u.s. Environmental Protection Agency in December 1991 and one of its goals is to prevent contamination of ground water resources; and

WHEREAS, the delineation of Well Head Protection Areas (WHPA), the area from which a well draws its water within a specified time frame, is a component of the WHPP and once the WHPA is delineated, becomes a priority for efforts to prevent and clean up ground water contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (P.L. 1-4-182) established the need for each state to have a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) and New Jersey's source water assessment areas for all public supply wells will be established by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) using WHPA delineation methods; and

WHEREAS, each WHPA is divided into tiers used to assess the relative risk of contamination to the well by placing a higher priority on pollution sources, prevention and remedies in the tiers closest to the wells and, historically, land uses and commercial and industrial facilities and activities have been identifies as major sources of ground water contamination in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, contaminated groundwater from any source is a detriment to the health, welfare and comfort of this municipality and other users of its water resources and that ground water is not constrained to municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington recognizes that the costs of remediation or of developing replacement water sources is burdensome and in some case prohibitive for local government or utilities and that preventing ground water pollution is clearly the most cost-effective approach to maintaining ground water resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, asks the NJDEP to exercise jurisdiction over WHPA and enforce the State WHPP and amend all relevant rules and regulations, including but not limited to wastewater and point source regulations, management of facilities of hazardous materials, and mitigation of waste sites; and

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

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

NEW BUSINESS – continued:

4. ***Amendment to Liquor License fees*** - consideration.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

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

Ordinance #15-2006

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

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

§66-5 Fees.

The fees for alcoholic beverage licenses shall be as follows:

1. For consumption and distribution licenses: \$1,281.60 ~~\$1,068~~ (\$100 to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control).

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

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

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m.

5. ***Recommendation from Sewer Advisory Committee*** - Villa/Block 23, Lot 5.

Mrs. Allen said this project would be located on at the old Garden State Hatchery site Main Street in Whitehouse Station. Mr. Villa has done a number of restoration projects in Central New Jersey. This project would include two (2) 2-bedroom and two (2) 1

bedroom COAH units. Mrs. Allen said the Township did set-aside gallonage specifically for future COAH use.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
#R-2006-49**

WHEREAS, a letter was submitted to the Sewer Advisory Committee from Nick Villa requesting additional sewer capacity for property located at 135 Main Street, Whitehouse Station, Block 25, Lot 3; and

WHEREAS, this request was considered by the Sewer Advisory Committee at their February 8, 2006 meeting; and

Recommendation from Sewer Advisory Committee - Villa/Block 23, Lot 5 – continued:

WHEREAS, the request for an additional 2143 gallons per day of sewer capacity includes 750 gallons which will be used for two (2) 2-bedroom and two (2) 1 bedroom COAH units; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of 1/3 of the additional gallonage for this project will be used For COAH purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Advisory Committee recommends that an additional 2143 gallons per day of sewer capacity be available and be granted to Block 25, Lot 3, without predetermining the outcome of the Board of Adjustment, contingent on the COAH portion of the gallonage being a minimum of 1/3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, approves the request for an additional 2143 gallons per day of sewer capacity be available and be granted to Block 25, Lot 3, without predetermining the outcome of the Board of Adjustment, contingent on the COAH portion of the gallonage being a minimum of 1/3.

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

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft a Sewer Allocation Agreement for Block 23, Lot 5 (Villa). This motion was seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

6. ***Resolution mandating that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in Readington Township.***

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2006-48**

WHEREAS, in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5, the President directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and Local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of

cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the 9-11 Commission recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that all Federal, State, and Local emergency management agencies and other public safety agencies coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, and Local organizations utilize standard terminology, standardized organizational structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel,

Resolution mandating that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in Readington Township – continued:

communications, facilities, and resources will improve the ability to utilize State and Federal funding to enhance County and Local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, County, and Local Municipalities, including all public safety and emergency response organizations training programs; and

WHEREAS, over fifty Federal grant programs mandate that NIMS be adopted as a prerequisite for obtaining these grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby mandates that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) be utilized for all incident management in the Township of Readington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Hunterdon County Board of Chose Freeholders, the East Whitehouse Volunteer Fire Company, the Readington Volunteer Fire Company, Whitehouse Fire Company #1, the Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Company, the Whitehouse First Aid & Rescue Squad, the Readington Township Office of Emergency Management Coordinator and all Municipalities in the 23rd legislative district; and

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

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

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

7. ***2006 Surface Treatment Program*** - Municipal Participation.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

8. ***2005 Budget Appropriation Reserve Transfers*** - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. ***Application for Social Affair Permit*** - Polish American Citizen's Club.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

10. ***Application for Membership in NJ Firemen's Association*** - Carroll Douglas Day.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

11. ***Application for Raffles License*** - Readington Athletic Booster Club.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Mekovetz she had nothing 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 that the area west of the existing Library parking lot has been cleared by the DPW. The proposal is for DPW to expand the existing parking lot. However, there are fiber optic cables under ground, and the fiber optics company does not permit paving to be placed on top of the cables. As a result, the plan had to be modified. In addition, they have had to coordinate with NJ Transit. They expect the project to be completed sometime this summer.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Gerard Shamey:

Mayor Shamey said the dedication ceremony for the clock at the Train Station/Library is scheduled for noon tomorrow.

2. Julia Allen:

a. Farmland\Open Space Preservation\Land Projects Liaison

Mrs. Allen said there was an article in the *Star Ledger* regarding the historic barn on the Kolodzinski property. At the last meeting there was an item listed under "Correspondence" regarding a shed on the property behind several houses on Old Highway. The property was acquired by Readington Township in 1995 or 1996 and the request was for permission to fix up the shed and use it for storage.

Mrs. Allen said when she reviewed the survey she discovered that not only is the shed on the Kolodzinski property, but there is also a large barn on the property. The person who owns the property adjacent to the barn is interested in acquiring this very small piece of land with the barn on it and would then take over the maintenance and restoration of the barn. Mrs. Allen said she thinks that the Township should look into this matter further.

Mrs. Allen said the Ann Reno barn has been dismantled and is in a trailer parked on the Cushetunk Nature Preserve.

Mrs. Allen asked for authorization to expand on the Grant Application to Hunterdon

County to include the resurrection of the barn.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen also to send a letter to Cub Scout Pack 182 thanking them for their efforts to clean up the open space off of Old Highway in East Whitehouse. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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

3. Thomas Auriemma:

a. Liaison to Fire Companies and Rescue Squad

Mr. Auriemma referred to a fire that took place on Friday, March 3rd at BradCo. in Branchburg. All of Readington's fire companies responded to the incident. There were acid compounds released into the air. Some of the fire fighters were on the scene for ten (10) hours. Some of the trucks were damaged, their suits were contaminated and they are not sure if they will be able to be used again. He said the volunteer fire fighters should be commended for their efforts.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – continued:

4. Frank Gatti:

a. Finance Department

1. Tax Refund – resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

2. Lien Redemption - resolution.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

3. Payment of the Bills.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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 January, 2006.

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

As Mrs. Muir was not in attendance, no further report was given.

Mrs. Allen said a request was received from the Environmental Commission to send a letter to the NJDEP Bureau Chief, Point Source Permitting for Region II, in support of the revocation of NJPDES Permit NJ01012563.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Allen to send a letter to the NJDEP expressing support of the revocation of NJPDES Permit NJ01012563. This motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Ed Dudzinski commented on the status of airport negotiations.

Mr. Rob Nanni referred to the petition regarding the Bond Ordinance that was submitted to the Committee and questioned when this question would be on the ballot

Mayor Shamey said it cannot be put on the June 6th primary ballot, however it can be put on the November 6th general election ballot or a special election can be held.

Mr. Frank Renda thanked the Township Committee for their kind thoughts about his uncle earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Suzanne Solberg Nagle asked when the Township Committee sends correspondence to the Solberg Aviation Company that it be addressed to the three (3) owners: Thor Solberg, Jr.; Lorraine P. Solberg and herself and mail it to their P.O. Box 15, Readington, NJ.

Ms. Solberg-Nagle said they had previously asked for a mediator for future negotiations and she said they would respectfully ask for one again.

Mr. Eric Zwerling asked how the membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment is determined.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – continued:

Mayor Shamey said members are appointed by the Mayor and Township Committee.

Mr. Zwerling asked if the comment was made to any of the Committee members that “any amount of money necessary would be spent to influence the outcome of the upcoming election.”

Mayor Shamey said that was told to him in a telephone conversation with Mr. Berger.

Mr. Gatti said that was told to him during negotiations.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor Shamey asked for comments from the Governing Body.

Mr. Gatti referred to information that was distributed by Mr. Dudzinski earlier in the meeting. He said he needs additional time to review the information, however he questions whether the information is being interpreted correctly. He cannot imagine that \$350,000 would be spent on an Environmental Assessment and all the other meetings that took place if it was just a matter of local zoning being in agreement with an expansion of an airport.

Mayor Shamey said he has had many conversations with Tom Thatcher who has indicated in the eyes of the FAA, New Jersey has two (2) big ticket projects. One is Monmouth, the other is Solberg Airport.

Ms. Solberg-Nagle said it is her understanding that when an airport goes for a master plan, and if a portion of it is approved, that an environmental assessment is done. That is just a requirement prior to making any improvements.

Mayor Shamey asked if there is an interest in expanding the runway beyond its current licensed length of 3,735 feet.

Ms. Solberg-Nagle said it is hard to project what the needs of the general aviation community is.

Ms. Debra Stassi said that when a homeowner tries to sell a house in a town that has an airport, it must be disclosed on the Seller Disclosure.

Mr. Kevin Degan said he appreciates the Township’s efforts to not allow any expansion of the airport.

Ms. Ingelore Krug said the Committee keeps referring to information that is available on the Township’s website. She asked how residents who do not have computers can obtain this

information.

Mayor Shamey said there is a computer at the Library, or residents can come to the Municipal Building and request copies of the information.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Allen at 10:54 p.m., seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Administrator\Municipal Clerk