

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING – January 12, 2011**

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

**PRESENT:** Julia Allen, William Meglaughlin, Ron Monaco

**ALSO PRESENT:** Engineer Robert O'Brien, Attorney S. Dragan

**ABSENT:** None

*Swearing in of Julia Allen* as a member of the Sewer Advisory Committee.

*Swearing in of William Meglaughlin* as a member of the Sewer Advisory Committee.

*Swearing in of Ron Monaco* as a member of the Sewer Advisory Committee.

**NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2011**

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Meglaughlin to nominate Ron Monaco as Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2011**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to nominate William Meglaughlin as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Monaco with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman Monaco 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 Readington Township Sewer Advisory 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 Sewer Advisory Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

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

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
388 Route 22 Readington Realty.....Litigation..... Holdings, LLC v. Twp of Readington Sewer Advisory Committee		Certain information at the discretion of Sewer Advisory Committee tonight... Other information will remain confidential

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

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting went into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:15.

*Chairman Monaco announced that the following business was completed during Executive Session:*

*Litigation / 388 Route 22 Readington Realty Holdings, LLC v. Twp. of Readington Sewer Advisory Committee*

Chairman Monaco stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of meeting of August 4, 2010

*A MOTION* was made by Mr. Meglaughlin to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2010 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Terry Pilawski, Chief, Bureau of Watershed Regulation, Department of Environmental Protection, State of NJ regarding *Revision to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan, Sewer Extension Mimosa/Pulaski (Block 42, Lots 3, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04 3.05 and 3.06).*

Engineer O'Brien stated that NJDEP was requiring certification from the County Health Department that the septic system was failing on the property of 8 Pulaski Road (Block 42, Lot 3.03). Engineer O'Brien stated that the property owner had the County Health Department do an inspection and provide a letter documenting that the septic system had failed in the past, which was forwarded to the NJDEP. Engineer O'Brien stated that he is following up with the NJDEP to see what the status is now that they have received the required certification, in order to hook up at least this property. Mr. Monaco stated that once the County completes their modifications to the Wastewater Management Plan then the remaining homes may hookup if they choose to.

2. ***Updated Distribution of RLSA Allocation as of 12/15/10*** from Rob O'Brien, Township Engineer.

The Committee reviewed the updated distribution of the RLSA Allocation.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. ***Sewer Connection Fee*** – discussion

Engineer O'Brien stated that the current sewer connection fee of \$640 only covers the operating expenses and capital costs. Engineer O'Brien stated that although the ordinance reads “*the sewer connection fee shall be in addition to any annual sewer usage charge and any and all fees such as inspection fees that may be required*”, currently the fee does not include any charges for the inspections or plan reviews, as required for a connection into the sewer system. Engineer O'Brien stated that he had surveyed some other neighboring municipalities whose sewer connection fees were higher; however did include the cost of inspections. Attorney Dragan stated that if the Township were to revise the ordinance to include all the fees into the sewer connection fee, it should be better defined as to what comprises the connection fee; such as the capital and operating costs, the review of plans and inspection. Attorney Dragan also recommended an explanation that previously the connection fee did not include all those costs. Engineer O'Brien stated that he would work with Attorney Dragan to revise the ordinance to increase the sewer connection fee to include all related costs.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

## ***ADJOURNMENT:***

As there was no further business, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Meglaughlin to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karin M. Parker  
Sewer Advisory Secretary