

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – December 21, 2009**

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan

**ABSENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT A**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipate When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Municipal Court.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will remain
Tax Collector.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Block 25, Lot 38.01..... (Wilmark Building Contractors)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Block 64, Lots 26 & 40..... (Lackland Associates)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Winfield Management Corp.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Block 39, Lot 49 & Block 40, Lot 2 (Peters)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Shared Services/Franklin Twp....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... (December 7, 2009)	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33, Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation/Hromoho)	Litigation.....	“ “ “

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

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

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

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

***Personnel/Municipal Court***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to correct the 2010 salary of Debra Hamrah, Deputy Court Administrator, to \$41,387, due to certification, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Personnel/Tax Collector***

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Personnel/Police Department***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to appoint James Paganessi and Kevin Campbell as Special Police Officers, Class II, in 2010 at a rate of \$20 per hour, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations/Block 25, Lot 38.01 (Wilmark Building Contractors)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the Developer’s Agreement contingent upon the proper performance guarantees, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations/Block 64, Lots 26 & 40 (Lackland Associates)***

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Winfield Management Corp***

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Developer’s Agreement contingent upon posting the necessary performance guarantees, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations/Block 39, Lot 49 and Block 40, Lot 2 (Peters)***

Mayor Allen stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations/Shared Services/Franklin Township***

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to reject the proposal as forwarded by Franklin Township due to the time constraint, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Attorney –Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (December 7, 2009)***

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 7, 2009 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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

Mayor Allen stated that this matter was not discussed.

***CONSENT AGENDA:***

Mayor Allen read the following statement:

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

- p1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of December 7, 2009
- p2. **2009 Budget Appropriation Transfer**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2009-124***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***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 2009 appropriation accounts to meet the demands thereon for the balance of the year, viz:

**Current Fund:**

**Salaries and Wages:**

Tax Assessor  
 Buildings and Grounds  
  
 Library

**Other Expenses:**

Buildings and Grounds  
 Workers Compensation Insurance  
 Employee Group  
 Health  
 Animal Control  
 Public Defender  
 Snow Removal  
 Roads

**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:**

Surety Bonds	Gasoline
Aid to Charities	Electricity
Fuel Oil	

**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 2009 appropriation transfers:

<u>NO.</u>	<b>CURRENT FUND:</b>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	Inside Caps:		
	<b>Other Expenses:</b>		
		\$	
116-200	Surety Bonds	6,500.00	
503-200	Aid to Charities	2,700.00	
702-003	Fuel Oil	6,500.00	
702-004	Gasoline	45,000.00	
702-001	Electricity	30,700.00	
			\$
110-200	Buildings and Grounds		7,500.00
115-745	Workers Compensation		9,400.00
117-700	Employee Group Health		5,500.00
609-200	Animal Control		5,000.00
118-200	Public Defender		4,000.00
302-200	Snow Removal		35,000.00
301-200	Roads		10,000.00
	<b>Salaries and Wages:</b>		
104-100	Tax Assessor		800.00
110-100	Buildings and Grounds		9,000.00
604-100	Library		<u>5,200.00</u>
	Total Inside Caps	<u>\$</u> <u>91,400.00</u>	<u>91,400.00</u>

ρ3. **Chapter 159's (2009 Budget) Federal and State Grants**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-125**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON**

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION  
IN THE 2009 BUDGET**

**PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Readington hereby requests The Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2009 in the sum of \$ 65,814.02 which items are now available as a revenue from the following sources pursuant to the provision of statute:

NJ Historical Commission 10HIST135AGO	\$ 7,968.00
NJDEP – Clean Communities	8,936.15
Court Alcohol Education Rehab & Enforcement Fund	7,379.11
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	18,530.76
Obey the Signs or Pay the Fines 2009	4,000.00
Over the Limit Under Arrest AL09-10-04127	6,000.00
Over the Limit Under Arrest AL10-10-04-95	5,000.00
NJ DEP – Recreational Trails Program	8,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$ 65,814.02 be and the same is hereby Appropriated under the caption of the following:

NJ Historical Commission 10HIST135AGO	\$ 7,968.00
NJDEP – Clean Communities	8,936.15
Court Alcohol Education Rehab & Enforcement Fund	7,379.11
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	18,530.76
Obey the Signs or Pay the Fines 2009	4,000.00
Over the Limit Under Arrest AL09-10-04127	6,000.00
Over the Limit Under Arrest AL10-10-04-95	5,000.00
NJ DEP – Recreational Trails Program	8,000.00

ρ4. **Resolution to Cancel Old Outstanding Checks**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-126**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION  
 OUTSTANDING CHECKS TO BE VOIDED**

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Net Payroll	06/12/2009	64612	\$ 25.86
Net Payroll	07/24/2009	64729	\$ 496.93
Net Payroll	08/07/2009	64797	\$ 554.19
<b>TOTAL NET PAYROLL ACCOUNT</b>			<b>\$1,076.98</b>
General Trust	02/20/2009	3108	\$ 14.79
<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL TRUST</b>			<b>\$ 14.79</b>
Dog Trust	11/15/2008	1096	\$ 3.60
<b>TOTAL FOR DOG TRUST</b>			<b>\$ 3.60</b>
Recreation Trust	01/03/2008	1597	\$ 80.00
	02/06/2008	1681	\$ 54.00
	03/19/2008	1749	\$ 18.00
	03/19/2008	1743	\$ 9.00
	04/08/2008	1801	\$ 360.00
	04/16/2008	1827	\$ 50.00
	10/01/2008	2112	\$ 60.00
	01/07/2009	2284	\$ 50.00
	01/21/2009	2289	\$ 200.00
	02/19/2009	2361	\$ 520.00
	02/19/2009	2375	\$ 75.00
	03/25/2009	2481	\$ 70.00
	03/25/2009	2475	\$ 60.00
	04/04/2009	2506	\$ 10.00
	05/07/2009	2543	\$ 25.00
	06/02/2009	2568	\$ 50.00
	04/08/2009	2582	\$ 90.00
	07/08/2009	2635	\$ 20.00
	07/08/2009	2637	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL RECREATION TRUST</b>			<b>\$1,821.00</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECKS TO BE VOIDED</b>			<b><u>\$2,916.37</u></b>

ρ5. ***Resolution to Cancel General Capital Ordinance Balances***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-127**

**RESOLUTION TO CANCEL GENERAL CAPITAL ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, there are ordinance balances in the General Capital Fund which are no longer required and should be canceled,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the following balances and return them to the appropriate account:

**Resolution #R-2009-127 cont'd:**

<u>Ord#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Capital Improve.</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Housing Trust</u>	<u>Deferred Charges -</u> <u>Unfunded</u>
03-13/ 06-40	Various Improvements	\$ .10		\$	.10
07-36	Three Bridges Fire Pumper	2,357.90			2,357.90
07-38	Acq. of Property (Peters)	1,193,046.68	\$ 24,546.68		1,168,500.00
07-39	Acq. of Property (Holland Brook)	31,814.66			31,814.66
08-17	Acq. of Condo Units	400.00		\$ 400.00	
09-07	Acq. of Property (Renda)	6,545.80			6,545.80
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<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 1,234,165.14</b>	<b>\$ 24,546.68</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,209,218.46</b>

ρ6. **Dedication By Rider – Disposal of Forfeited Property (PL 1986, C135)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-128**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR DISPOSAL OF FORFEITED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO PL 1986, C135**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance, and

**WHEREAS**, PL 1986, C135 allows municipalities to receive amounts for costs incurred for Disposal of Forfeited Property, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider,

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

1. The Mayor and Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for Disposal of Forfeited Property as per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Township of Readington is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ρ7. **Tax Lien Redemption – Block 93, Lot 32**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**RESOLUTION**

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 93, Lot 32, known as Tax Sale Certificate #576 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 \$1,017.57 to the lien holder, Tad Dabrowski.

ρ8. **Tax Lien Redemption** – Block 95, Lot 12.327

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**RESOLUTION**

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 95, Lot 12.327, known as Tax Sale Certificate #604 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 \$403.74 to the lien holder, Tad Dabrowski.

ρ9. **2009 Tax Cancellations**

**RESOLUTION**

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has recommended the following refunds:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4/35	Marsalek, Frank & Maria	senior deduction	\$ 250.00
34/36.011	Stripko, Tyler & Mazzola, Elise	overpayment	\$ 209.36
36/36.189	Wood, Ruth	senior deduction	\$ 125.00
36/11	Engelke, Stuart & Martha	vet deduction	\$ 250.00
36/104.01	O'Donnell , Steven	duplicate payment	\$2,459.20
39/8.01	Srur, German & Patricia	duplicate payment	\$4,245.33
50/43.01	Hargrave, Patricia	overpayment	\$ 466.41
73/3.14	Garrabrant, John & Florienen	vet deduction	\$ 250.00
73/3.21	Sell, Gordon & Maria	vet deduction	\$ 250.00
95/12.005	Koping, Theresa	vet deduction	\$ 250.00
95/12.187	Pfarr, Joan	senior deduction	\$ 125.00
95/12.241	Frattali, Delores	senior deduction	\$ 250.00
95/12.346	McLaughlin, Michael	overbill	\$ 94.36
95/12.401	Agosta, Helen	vet deduction	\$ 250.00

ρ10. **Payment of Bills** – (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk’s Office)

<b>Fund Description</b>	<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Received Total</b>
CURRENT FUND	9-01	\$ 678,055.04
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 16,179.33
2004 CAPITAL APPROP.	X-04	\$ 236.53
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 20,690.46
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 188,645.73
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 14,439.00
2006 CAPITAL ORDINANCES	X-66	\$ <u>5,891.74</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 924,137.83</b>

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Notice of Public Hearing from Donald Carter, Vice President of Operations, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown gas regarding **Revision of its Utility Infrastructure Enhancement (“UIE”) Rider**. No action taken.
2. Notice of Public Hearing from Donald Carter, Vice President of Operations, Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown gas regarding **Revision of its Weather Normalization Clause (“WNC”), its Societal Benefit Charge (“SBC”) and On-System Margin Sharing**. No action taken.
3. Letter dated December 14, 2009 from Kathleen Schmeelck, Scientist, Paulus, Sokolowski and Sarter, LLC regarding **Multi-Permit Application for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit No. 1, Coast General Permit No. 23, Coastal Wetlands Permit, Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Water Quality Certificate, Jersey Central Power and Light Company**. (Entire File Available in Clerk’s Office for Review) No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Recognition of Chief Paganessi’s Retirement Resolution**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2009-129**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
 RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Readington Township Committee appointed James Paganessi as a Special Police Officer in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, he graduated from the Morris County Police Academy on May 18, 1979 with the top grade in his class for firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Officer Paganessi was appointed to the position of Readington Township Patrolman effective January 1, 1980; and

**Resolution #R-2009-129 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, in May of 1986, through a Rotary Exchange Program, he was assigned to the National Police Agency of Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 1991 he was assigned to the Readington Township Detective Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1992 Detective Paganessi was promoted to the position of Sergeant after earning the highest score of all eligible candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 1996 he attained Sergeant First Class status; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 1996 he achieved a personal accomplishment by completing the academic requirements to become a Certified Public Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997 he joined the Hunterdon County Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (SWAT) as one of its original members; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000 he attended and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy's 201<sup>st</sup> class, the first officer in Hunterdon County to accomplish this honor; and

**WHEREAS**, in April, 2001 after a rigorous application process, he was appointed to Readington Township's highest position within the Police Department as Chief; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his years of service in Readington Township he received numerous letters of appreciation and recognition for his accomplishments from citizens, local, county and state representatives.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf of all residents of Readington Township, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby express sincere gratitude and recognition for Chief Paganessi's years of service, especially recognizing his achievements during his eight years as Chief of the Readington Township Police Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that he is thanked for his contribution to our community as an officer and a leader.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee on behalf of all New Jersey communities thanks Chief Paganessi for his dedication and thirty-one years of service as a police officer charged with protecting and serving the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Chief Paganessi is wished a happy and healthy retirement from the Readington Police Department and the best in his future endeavors.

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

Chief Paganessi thanked the Mayor and the Township Committee and stated that it was his privilege to serve Readington Township for the past thirty one (31) years.

ρ2. **2009 Budget Appropriation Transfer**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ρ3. **Chapter 159's (2009 Budget) Federal and State Grants**

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ρ4. ***Resolution to Cancel Old Outstanding Checks***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ρ5. ***Resolution to Cancel General Capital Ordinance Balances***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ρ6. ***Dedication By Rider – Disposal of Forfeited Property (PL 1986, C135)***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

***ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT***

Administrator Mekovetz stated that the end of the year meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 29th at 7:30 a.m. will not be necessary since everything was accomplished in this meeting.

***ATTORNEY'S REPORT***

Attorney Dragan stated that the Little closing is scheduled for December 29<sup>th</sup>.

***COMMITTEE REPORT***

**Mayor Allen**

Mayor Allen stated that she had nothing to report.

**Thomas Auriemma**

Mr. Auriemma stated that the Readington Fire Company celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary and requested that Readington Township honor this celebration with a proclamation.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2009-130***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, in 1958 a group of residents formed the Readington Volunteer Fire Company in the basement of the Readington Reformed Church in order to provide emergency fire services; and

***WHEREAS***, the members of the Readington Volunteer Fire Company are a volunteer “family” of dedicated and caring individuals, sharing a common goal to faithfully protect and serve Branchburg, carrying on an age-old tradition with pride and confidence; and

***WHEREAS***, these volunteers spend numerous hours in training and continually update their equipment in order to provide the best possible emergency assistance to the communities they serve; and

***WHEREAS***, members of the Readington Volunteer Fire Company are called upon to handle multiple calls for help, aid and assistance without regard for their own personal safety; and

***WHEREAS***, the Readington Volunteer Fire Company is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving the public;

***Resolution #R-2009-130 cont'd:***

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that we honor and congratulate the Readington Volunteer Fire Company on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, reflecting with deep admiration and appreciation for their outstanding efforts, volunteerism and devotion to the community.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Auriemma to adopt this resolution honoring the Readington Fire Company's 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary and send it to Ken Apsley, Fire Chief, seconded by Mr. Shamey with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**Frank Gatti**

Mr. Gatti reported that after a discussion with Administrator Mekovetz, the ordinance for the demolition of historic structures will be forth coming in January or beginning of February.

**Beatrice Muir**

Mrs. Muir stated that there are several vacancies on the Board of Health and they are looking for volunteers to serve. Mrs. Muir requested Attorney Dragan to review the process to possibly reduce the number of members from seven (7) to five (5) on the Board of Health.

Mrs. Muir stated that her duties under Public Assistance will not be required in the new year since it is now a county endeavor. Mrs. Muir stated that possibly Public Assistance should be renamed as the Social Services Committee.

**Gerard Shamey**

Mr. Shamey reported that a letter was addressed to the Mayor and members of the Committee from residents expressing their appreciation for the good work of the public works department. Administrator Mekovetz stated that she will pass this along to Scott Jesseman and his crew.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

As there was no further business, A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Gatti with vote of all ayes, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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