

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – April 7, 2014**

Mayor Allen *calls the meeting to order at 7:15 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, Deputy Mayor B. Muir, Mr. T. Auriemma, Mrs. B. Fort, Mr. F. Gatti

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan, Engineer O’Brien

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

<i>Subject Matter</i>	<i>Basis Of Public Exclusion</i>	<i>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</i>
Executive Session Minutes	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	Certain information at the discretion of the
♦ March 17, 2014		Township Committee tonight...other
♦ March 20, 2014		information will remain confidential

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).....
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 Mrs. Fort to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / March 17, 2014

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 17, 2014 for content only, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / March 20, 2014

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Gatti to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 20, 2014 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Litigation / Solberg Aviation / 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 remains in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Allen read the following statement:

All items listed with an asterisk “*” 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.

- * 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of March 17, 2014 and March 20, 2014

- * 2. ***Tax Refund Redemption***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP HUNTERDON

COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Tax Collector has recommended the following refund for property taxes:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>2012</u> 71/4	Marilyn Nacamuli	Overpayment	\$2,028.32

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the amount recommended.

* 3. ***Tax Lien Redemption***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

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

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 25.01, Lot 9 and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lienholder the redemption amount.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$26,998.87, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$89,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2013-009, to the lienholder, US Bank – Custodian for Pro Cap III, LLC.

* 4. ***A Resolution to Affirm the Township of Readington’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2014-43

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON’S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Township of Readington to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Readington has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Township of Readington that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appoint or volunteer of the Township of Readington by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Township of Readington shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person’s constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Township of Readington’s business or using the facilities or property of the Township of Readington.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Township of Readington to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Township of Readington.

Resolution #2014-43 cont'd:

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Township of Readington as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Township of Readington. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Township of Readington's website.

- * 5. ***NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Force Account Agreement State Aid Project / Summer Road Section 2***

- * 6. ***NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application***
 - ◆ ***Karl Zenowich (Readington Volunteer Fire Co.)*** ◆ ***John-Michael DePrado (East Whitehouse Fire Co.)***

- * 7. ***Blue Light Permits***
 - ◆ ***Brad Meinert*** ◆ ***Robert Schoenfeld***

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

Fund Description	Fund No.	Received Total
CURRENT FUND	3-01	\$ 57,849.07
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	3-02	\$ 43,218.75
CURRENT FUND	4-01	\$1,777,027.49
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	4-02	\$ 100,591.08
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 99,905.96
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 208,961.79
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 180,884.93
REGIONAL & SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$2,364,331.00
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 275.00
2012 CAPITAL	X-11	\$ <u>6,350.90</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$4,839,395.97

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Allen stated that a memo received from Linda Jacukowicz, Planning Board Coordinator , cited a scheduling problem by the Planning Board for review of the two land use ordinances in a timely fashion therefore, although there will be a public hearing, the vote will be deferred until the next meeting.

As it was after 7:45 p.m., A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AND UNDERSIZED LOT SETBACK STANDARDS

Ordinance #08-2014

Mrs. Fort stated that this ordinance came out of a need from both the Planning and Zoning Board for guidance on accessory structures and their setbacks.

Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adjourn the public hearing of **Ordinance #08-2014** to the next meeting of April 21, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO PERMIT DEER FENCING

ORDINANCE # 09-2014

Mayor Allen asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

Mrs. Fort stated that this ordinance resulted from a request from John Barzyck, Zoning Officer, since residents requesting permission under the prior ordinance would have needed a variance to install deer fencing.

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

Scott Scammel, 71 Dreahook Road, had some questions on the deer fencing.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to adjourn the public hearing of **Ordinance #09-2014** to the next meeting of April 21, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Resolution from Town of Clinton regarding ***Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% CAP on Arbitration Awards***. No action taken.
2. Notice to Adjoining Property Owners from the Thomas J. Welchman, Esq., Attorney for Applicant regarding ***Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval for any variances that Planning Board may require (205 Meister Avenue, Block 9, Lot 3/ Branchburg)***. No action taken.
3. Resolution from Township of Raritan regarding ***Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% CAP on Arbitration Awards***. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 137 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Affordable Housing***

Mayor Allen stated that this ordinance arose from a discussion with Diane Clapp, Social Services Director, to implement fees bringing the Township in line with other fees that are common around the State relative to COAH services and marketing.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 137 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO
AFFORDABLE HOUSING***

ORDINANCE #10-2014

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 137 of the Code of the Township of Readington entitled “Affordable Housing”. Additions are indicated **thus** and deletions are indicated [**thus**].

SECTION 1. Article II, “Closing Service Fees” shall be amended as follows:

Closing Service and Administrative Fees

Sec. 137-11. Fees Assessed

A. Closing Service Fees for Owner-occupied Units.

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby sets [a fee of \$200.00] the amount of \$750.00 as the reasonable service fee due at the time of closing and transfer of title for the re-sale of a single-family owner-occupied unit, payable to the Readington Township Housing Trust Fund.
2. The above service shall be assessed to the Seller at the time of the closing.

B. Administrative Fees for Rental Units.

The following fees for the administration of the affordability controls for rental units governed by this Chapter shall be payable to the Readington Township Housing Trust Fund:

1. **\$1,500.00 one-time start-up fee per project (payable by the project developer)**
2. **\$175.00 due per rental unit for the initial application process (payable by project developer or landlord);**
3. **\$125.00 monthly administration fee due per project (payable by landlord)**
4. **\$250.00 administrative fee for re-rental (payable at lease turnover from the landlord)**

[**Sec 137-12. Seller to pay at closing.** This fee shall be assessed to the seller at the closing.]

SECTION 2. All other language not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of the Readington Township Code or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 4. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

2. ***Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, Appropriating \$2,532,300 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$2,405,685 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost thereof***

Mayor Allen stated that this is the result of discussions of capital improvements for the Township for 2014. Mayor Allen explained that this is an accumulation of a couple of years since no capital ordinance was done last year. Mayor Allen continued to briefly summarize the improvements listed in the ordinance.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,532,300 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,405,685 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE #11-2014

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$2,532,300, and further including the aggregate sum of \$126,615 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. \$111,615 of the down payment is made available from the Capital Improvement Fund and \$15,000 of the down payment is made available from the Recreation Trust Fund.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,405,685 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Ordinance #11-2014 cont'd:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	Estimated Maximum Amount of <u>Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
<p>a) Roads:</p> <p>1) Reclamation, overlay and drainage, resurfacing, and stormwater repairs of various roads, including, but not limited to, Ridge Road, County Line Road (Section II), Roosevelt Road, Lamington Road, Witherspoon Complex (old section – Witherspoon Street, Federal Lane, Budd Road, Vanetta Road and Logans Way), Coddington Road, Pulaski Road, Strawberry Court and Centerville Road, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.</p> <p>2) The replacement of the guide rail, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$1,311,000</p> <p>\$57,500</p>	<p>\$1,245,450</p> <p>\$54,625</p>	<p>10 years</p> <p>15 years</p>
<p>b) Equipment: The acquisition of a single axle dump truck with plow and spreader, a pick-up truck and park mowers, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$243,800</p>	<p>\$231,610</p>	<p>5 years</p>
<p>c) Public Works Garage: The acquisition of a fuel management/gate controller, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$40,250</p>	<p>\$38,240</p>	<p>15 years</p>
<p>d) Emergency Services Equipment:</p> <p>1) The acquisition of a pumper for the Whitehouse Fire Company, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p> <p>2) The acquisition of an ambulance for the Whitehouse Rescue Squad and a command vehicle for the Three Bridges Fire Company, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.</p>	<p>\$557,750</p> <p>\$149,500</p>	<p>\$529,860</p> <p>\$142,025</p>	<p>10 years</p> <p>5 years</p>

Ordinance #11-2014 cont'd:				
e) Park & Recreation: Tennis courts surface installation and fencing (Pickell Park), including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.		<u>\$172,500</u>	<u>\$163,875</u>	15 years
Total:		<u>\$2,532,300</u>	<u>\$2,405,685</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.75 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$2,405,685, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$330,300 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Ordinance #11-2014 cont'd:

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for April 21, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

3. ***NJ Festival of Ballooning 5K Run / July 27, 2014*** – letter dated March 6, 2014 from Ken Staats, VP Operations, requesting permission to hold run on sections of Lightfield and Pulaski Roads

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the 5K Run, seconded by Mr. Gatti with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. ***Application for Special Events Permit / Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning / July 25th through July 27th***

A MOTION was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve this Special Events Permit, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

5. ***Application for Special Events Permit / Mane Stream / May 31st / Bouman Stickney Farmstead***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve this Special Events Permit, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

6. ***Readington Trail Association Trail Pace Fundraiser / April 27th*** – email dated March 20, 2014 from Janet Agresti requesting permission to use Tower Field on Cole Road

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve the fundraiser on Tower Field, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- * 7. ***A Resolution to Affirm the Township of Readington’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to all Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors and Members of the Public that Come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- * 8. ***NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Force Account Agreement State Aid Project / Summer Road Section 2***

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- * 9. ***NJ State Firemen’s Association Membership Application***

◆ ***Karl Zenowich (Readington Volunteer Fire Co.)*** ◆ ***John-Michael DePrado (East Whitehouse Fire Co.)***

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- * 10. ***Blue Light Permits***

◆ ***Brad Meinert*** ◆ ***Robert Schoenfeld***

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ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz thanked all those involved in getting together the recommendations for the capital improvement ordinance.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer O’Brien reported that he had attended a seminar for municipal engineers last week and the DOT will be announcing the 2014 funding soon.

Engineer O’Brien also reported that the Township is also looking to file a joint application with Clinton Township for Potterstown Road for 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Julia Allen

Mayor Allen stated that Linda Cody resigned from the Open Space Advisory Board.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to accept the resignation of Linda Cody from Open Space Board, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to appoint Neil Hendrickson to a full member of the Open Space Advisory Board to replace Linda Cody, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to appoint Jonathan Heller as 1st Alternate of the Open Space Advisory Board to fill the vacated alternate position, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Mayor Allen reported that the Open Space Walk is April 13th on the Cole Road Greenway.

Thomas Auriemma

Mr. Auriemma reported that they are currently in the process of planning the May 26th Memorial Day Parade.

Betty Ann Fort

Mrs. Fort reported that Museums held a photo walk yesterday.

Mrs. Fort reported that a letter was received from Herb Fisher that she wished to read into the record:

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the residents on Clarke Lane, let me thank you for the good job you have been keeping the lane open in the face of a difficult winter. We were always able to get out despite the weather.

Frank Gatti

Mr. Gatti stated that he had nothing further to report.

Beatrice Muir

Mrs. Muir reviewed the monthly construction code report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Scott Scammel reported that he had three mailboxes destroyed.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/QPA
Municipal Clerk