

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING - NOVEMBER 9, 2005**

Mayor Gatti *called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Dragan and 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 AA@

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Discussion Will Be Disclosed to Public</u>
DPW.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	" " "
Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License Bids.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Twp.).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 36, Lots 9 & 27 (Cook).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 14, Lots 29.02 & 29.03 (Black/Maxwell).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
COAH/Contract - Allies, Inc.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Toll Brothers, Inc. vs. the Township of Readington, <i>et al.</i> - Docket No. 3:04-cv-6043.....	Litigation.....	" " "
COAH Plan.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "
Disposition of MacArthur/Ditmars House.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Awarding of Hunting Bids.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
NJDEP - Amendment to Grant A#WQ05-290...	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Dobozynski Farm Apartment Rental.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes - Oct. 17, 2005.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - continued:

Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33;
Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8 & Block 67,
Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation - Hromoho)..... Contract Negotiations..... " " "

2. It is anticipated at this time that the stated subject matter will be made public on or about the time set forth in Exhibit AA.@
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A ***MOTION*** was made at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Shamey to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

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

Mayor Gatti said at this time the Committee will consider item #1 under New Business -

Readington Superintendent of Schools - discussion/presentation.

Mayor Gatti introduced Dr. James Sheerin, Superintendent of Readington Township Schools.

Dr. Sheerin said the schools have been collecting information and listening to concerns from the various stakeholders in the school, which includes students, faculty, staff members, Board of Education members, parents, the Township Committee, etc. They are now going to try to take all of this information and translate them into goals to move the school district forward.

Dr. Sheerin asked the Committee to provide him with any concerns or issues that they may have with the school district.

Administrator Mekovetz said in the past, a detailed presentation of the School Budget was given to members of the Township Committee prior to the budget being voted on.

Mrs. Allen said she feels that courtesy bussing should be part of any school budget.

Mayor Gatti said the issue of school safety also needs to be addressed.

Mr. Shamey asked if the school could provide resources for students who need someone to talk to regarding both issues at school or at home.

Dr. Sheerin said while that is a good idea, the school is not in the position to fund such a program this year.

Mr. Auriemma said he would like to contact Dr. Sheerin after he has had time to formulate questions.

Dr. Sheerin thanked the Committee for the opportunity to make his presentation this evening.

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

Personnel - DPW

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve Bradford Hunt=s request to take one (1) additional vacation day beyond the allowable two (2) consecutive weeks. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Personnel - Police Department

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to hire William Federico at the 2005 5th year patrolman rate of \$57,620 in accordance with the Conditional Offer of Employment dated October 31, 2005, contingent on the results of a physical and drug/alcohol screening. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to hire Gregory C. Wester as a Probationary Police Officer effective January 1, 2006, in accordance with the Conditional Offer of Employment dated November 10, 2005, contingent on graduation from the Somerset County Police Academy and the results of a physical and drug/alcohol screening. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations - Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License Bids

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-130***

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington (hereinafter ATownship@) on October 12, 2005 opened sealed bids for the sale of one (1) plenary retail distribution license for alcoholic beverages by public sale; and

WHEREAS, the Township=s specifications stated that the bid would be awarded to the highest qualified bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Township=s bid specifications required, among other things, that the licensed premises be located within the zoning districts set forth in paragraph 13 of the bid specifications, that the licenses be capable of beginning operations within two (2) years of the Township=s resolution awarding of the bid (unless extended by formal action of the Committee and/or New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission) and that the licensed area not exceed 6,000 square feet (including storage area); and

WHEREAS, the Township=s bid specifications required the bidder to submit, with a bid, a proposed location of the premises which could be evidenced by a variety of methods including a lease, contract or deed; and

WHEREAS, the submission of evidence of a bidder=s proposed location could be waived in the sole discretion of the Township Committee, only; and

WHEREAS, the Township received three (3) bids; the highest bid (in the amount of \$370,000) of which was incomplete in some aspects of the bid package and was further conditioned on the bidder finding a location for a liquor store within six (6) months (and any extensions thereof) and if not, required a refund to the bidder of the entire bid amount; and

WHEREAS, the second highest bidder=s package was determined to be complete in all aspects, contained a lease for a space in an existing shopping center location in one of the specified zoning districts, was within the maximum square footage requirement, and did not contain any additional contingencies; and

Contract Negotiations - Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License Bids - continued:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that the second highest bid (in the amount of \$331,111.11) though monetarily lower than the first, is the highest qualified bid. The Township believes that awarding the license to the second highest bidder would be more advantageous and beneficial to the Township because the bid: 1) is not contingent on the bidder finding a location within the zoning districts specified in the bid package; 2) meets the square footage requirement; 3) does not depend on any zoning or site plan approvals and will utilize existing commercial space in the Township. Based on the package submitted, the Township will actually receive payment for the liquor license and will do so within a shorter period of time than under the terms set forth by the highest bidder. Because it has already secured an existing location, the second highest bidder is most likely capable of beginning business within the time frame set forth in the specifications. For these reasons, it is not advantageous for the Township to waive submission of the evidence of a location requirement set forth in the bid package and the other missing items in order to award the bid to the highest bidder.

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

1. For the reasons set forth above, the Township Committee hereby awards a new plenary retail distribution license to the second highest bidder Readington Wine and Spirits, LLC for the sum of \$331,111.11. The balance of the bid amount shall be due within five (5) business days of the date of the adoption of this Resolution. Actual issuance of the license shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.
2. All conditions stated in the specifications and within the Township's ordinances shall continue to apply.
3. The Mayor, Township Administrator/Municipal Clerk and Township Attorney are hereby authorized to sign any and all documentation needed to complete this transaction.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Twp.)

A MOTION was made by Mr. Shamey to reject the bid received in the amount of \$781,000 for Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Township). This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

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

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

Contract Negotiations - Block 14, Lots 29.02 & 29.03 (Black/Maxwell)

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

Contract Negotiations - COAH/Contract - Allies, Inc.

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

***Litigation - Toll Brothers, Inc. vs. the Township of Readington, et al. -
Docket No. 3:04-cv-6043***

Mayor Gatti said this item will be discussed when the Committee returns to Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Attorney-Client Privilege - COAH Plan

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

Contract Negotiations - Disposition of MacArthur/Ditmars House

Mayor Gatti said this item will be discussed when the Committee returns to Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Contract Negotiations - Awarding of Hunting Bids

Mayor Gatti said this item will be discussed when the Committee returns to Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Contract Negotiations - NJDEP - Amendment to Grant A#WQ05-290

Mayor Gatti said this item will be discussed when the Committee returns to Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Contract Negotiations - Dobozyński Farm Apartment Rental

Mayor Gatti said this item will be discussed when the Committee returns to Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (October 17, 2005)

Mayor Gatti said this item will be discussed when the Committee returns to Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

***Contract Negotiations - Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8 &
Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation - Hromoho)***

Mayor Gatti said this item will be discussed when the Committee returns to Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES*** of meeting of October 17, 2005.
2. ***2005 Budget Appropriation Transfer*** - resolution.

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
2005 BUDGET APPROPRIATION
R-2004-101***

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-58, a municipality may make budget appropriation transfers during the last two months of the fiscal year; and

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

Current Fund:

Salaries and Wages:

Planning Board
 Board of Adjustment
 Municipal Court
 Police

Other Expenses:

Legal
 Municipal Court
 Prosecutor
 Engineering
 Public Defender
 Snow Removal
 Recycling
 Board of Health
 Consultants

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

Current Fund:

Salaries and Wages:

Administrative & Executive
 Finance
 Engineering
 Buildings & Grounds
 Crossing Guards
 Roads
 Public Assistance
 Construction Code
 Recreation
 Museum Committee

Other Expenses:

Administrative & Executive
 Construction Code
 Tax Map Revision
 Finance
 Assessor
 Environmental Commission
 Aid to Charities
 Recreation
 Fuel Oil
 Emergency Management

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

NO.	ACCOUNT	FROM	TO
CURRENT FUND:			
Inside Caps:			
Salaries and Wages:			
5-023-100	Construction Code Official	\$138,000.00	
5-101-100	Administrative & Executive	25,000.00	
5-103-100	Finance	12,000.00	
5-109-100	Engineer	141,000.00	
5-110-100	Buildings & Grounds	10,000.00	
5-202-100	Crossing Guards	8,000.00	
5-301-100	Roads	60,000.00	
5-502-100	Public Assistance	10,000.00	
5-601-100	Recreation	35,000.00	
5-605-100	Museum Committee	12,000.00	
5-111-100	Planning Board		\$ 7,000.00
5-112-100	Board of Adjustment/Zoning		36,000.00
5-107-100	Municipal Court		7,000.00
5-201-100	Police		125,000.00

NO.	ACCOUNT	FROM	TO
	CURRENT FUND:		
	Other Expenses:		
5-101-200	Administrative & Executive	\$ 50,000.00	
5-023-200	Construction Official	48,000.00	
5-041-200	Tax Map Revision	8,000.00	
5-103-200	Finance	10,000.00	
5-104-200	Assessor	15,000.00	
5-113-200	Environmental Commission	5,500.00	
5-203-200	Aid to Charities	3,800.00	
5-601-200	Recreation	20,000.00	
5-702-003	Fuel Oil	21,000.00	
5-824-200	Emergency Management	7,000.00	
5-106-200	Legal		\$282,000.00
5-114-200	Consultants		3,000.00
5-107-200	Municipal Court		10,000.00
5-108-200	Prosecutor		20,000.00
5-109-200	Engineer		87,300.00
5-118-200	Public Defender		5,000.00
5-302-200	Snow Removal		7,000.00
5-401-200	Recycling		40,000.00
5-501-200	Board of Health		10,000.00
	TOTALS	\$639,300.00	\$639,300.00

3. *Fallone Properties, LLC/Block 36, Lot 2* - Acceptance of Maintenance Bond.
4. *Resolution regarding Pedestrian Safety Project.*

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION
 R-2005-128**

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for aid under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act for the improvement of Pedestrian Safety Project - Whitehouse Station\Three Bridges; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this application was adopted by the Committee at their June 21, 1999 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township was awarded the amount of \$12,000.00 from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act for Fiscal Year 2000, portion of the Local Pedestrian Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, the approved Application/Agreement stipulated that the project was to be awarded by March 2, 2001; and

WHEREAS, due to time constraints, the Township is unable to accept the grant at this time.

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 Township is unable to accept the grant funding in the amount of \$12,000.00 at this time;
2. A Sub-Committee has been established to make recommendations relative to the Central Business District of Whitehouse Station, parking, traffic flow, sidewalk improvements and the Bank Street parking lot;

CONSENT AGENDA – continued:

3. The Township will reapply after the Sub-Committee provides recommendations which are considered and approved by the Township Committee.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the NJDOT.

5. **Intercounty Paving Associates, Inc./Mountain Road Project** - Payment #4.
6. **Jacobs-BBL** - Partial Payment #5.
7. **Resolution awarding the contract for the purchase of rock salt for the 2005/2006 season to Atlantic Salt, Inc. at a price of \$45.29 per ton.**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-129**

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 et seq.*, Readington Township authorized a joint agreement with the County of Hunterdon at the November 9, 2005 Township Committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in accordance with this agreement, has awarded the bid for rock salt to Atlantic Salt, Inc. at a price of \$45.29 per ton; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 5:34-5* the Governing Body is required to award this contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby award the contract for the purchase of rock salt for the 2005/2006 season (October 25, 2005 to October 24, 2006) to Atlantic Salt, Inc., at a price of \$45.29 per ton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the County of Hunterdon Purchasing Department.

8. **Application for Blue Light Permit** - Gerald E. McCaffrey.
9. **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>REASON</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
30/12.02	duplicate payment	Greg Raimann	\$ 2,758.90

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

10. **Lien Redemption** - resolution.

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

CONSENT AGENDA – continued:

WHEREAS, the an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 32, Lot 4 know as Tax Sale Certificate #504; 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 \$8,536.27, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$18,000.00 to the lien holder, Anthony Malinowski.

11. Payment of the Bills.

Fund Description	Fund No.	Received Total
CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION	001	\$ 1,195,539.23
SEWER APPROPRIATION	002	\$ 200.00
TRUST APPROPRIATION	003	\$ 56,668.69
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS	004	\$ 413,544.47
MISC. REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	005	\$ 3,145,857.25
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	006	\$ 395,496.14
REGIONAL AND LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	007	\$ 6,942,035.76
DUE TO STATE OF NEW JERSEY	009	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$ 12,150,341.54

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Ordinance #29-2005

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XII ENTITLED ~~A~~AFFORDABLE HOUSING@ OF CHAPTER 148 LAND DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A GROWTH-BASED AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION

Ordinance #29-2005

Mayor Gatti introduced Township Planner Michael Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan said this ordinance is what is referred to as a AGrowth Share Ordinance@ and stems from the Round Three Regulations promulgated by COAH. The ordinance will require non-residential development within Readington Township to provide for their fair share of affordable housing units based on a growth share formula that=s provided by COAH. They can construct units or they can pay in-lieu payments for the construction of units or subsidizing of units. This ordinance also provides this for a non-residential development that does not produce at least 12.5 jobs. According to the COAH formula they will be required to do the in-lie payment.

Mayor Gatti asked if there were any comments or questions from the Governing Body. There were none.

Ordinance #29-2005 – continued:

Mayor Gatti asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XII ENTITLED *“AFFORDABLE HOUSING”* OF CHAPTER 148 LAND DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A GROWTH-BASED AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION

Ordinance #29-2005

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Letter dated October 17, 2005 from John Fallone to Street Naming Committee regarding ***Block 36, Lot 49 (Renaissance at Readington).***

Mrs. Muir suggested that a memo be sent to the Street Naming Committee reminding them that common, familiar names should not be used for street names. All agreed.

2. Letter dated October 31, 2005 from Mark Hartman regarding ***maintenance bond for Block 25, Lots 43 & 50.***

Administrator Mekovetz asked that this item be removed from Correspondence and placed under New Business.

3. Memorandum dated October 27, 2005 from Denise B. Doolan, Clerk, Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, regarding ***adoption of a Resolution regarding No Passing Zones on Route 523,*** noted for information. No action taken.

Mrs. Allen asked for an update on the acceptance of the road in Hedgerow Estates.

Engineer McEldowney said he has met with the developer, who was receptive of completing items listed on a punch list based upon the evaluation of the infrastructure. Over the last three (3) weeks a significant amount of work has been done.

Engineer McEldowney said he should be able to recommend acceptance of the improvements in the near future.

4. Notice dated October 19, 2005 from Dorothy D. Wilkie, Municipal Clerk, Twp. of Bedminster, regarding ***public hearing of the following:***

Ordinance #05-37 - Supplementing & Amending Section 13-205 entitled *“VN Village Neighborhood”* of Chapter XIII Entitled *“Land Management”* of the revised General Ordinances of the Twp. of Bedminster.

Ordinance #05-38 - Supplementing & Amending Chapter XIII Entitled *“Land Management”* of the revised General Ordinances of the Twp. of Bedminster by adding & creating Section 13-1103 entitled *“Notice.”*

The items listed above were noted for information. No action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION - continued:

5. Resolution from the Town of Clinton *strongly urging the New Jersey State Legislature to enact legislation that would increase the income eligibility limitations to the median regional income limits as established by the Council on Affordable Housing*, noted for information. No action taken.
6. Resolution from the Township of West Amwell *strongly urging the New Jersey State Legislature to enact legislation that would increase the income eligibility limitations to the median regional income limits as established by the Council on Affordable Housing*, noted for information. No action taken.
7. Letter dated October 3, 2005 from Lou Cattuna, Section Chief, Bureau of Inland Regulation, NJDEP regarding *application for Letter of Interpretation, Presence/Absence Determination - Leonard J. & Agnes P. Baccaro, Block 51, Lot 25*, noted for information. No action taken.
8. Notice from Raymond A. Tripodi, PE, Manager, PSE&G Licenses and Permits, regarding *Application for a Modified NJDEP Statewide General Permit #1 for the Repair, Replacement & Maintenance of Natural Gas Distribution Mains for the PSE&G Natural Gas Distribution System*, noted for information. No action taken.
9. Notice from Public Service Electric & Gas regarding *filing of a petition with the NJ Board of Public Utilities requesting an increase in gas rates, depreciation rates for gas & for changes in the tariff for Gas Service*, noted for information. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Readington Superintendent of Schools*** - discussion/presentation.

Mayor Gatti said this item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

2. ***Traffic Improvement District*** - update.

Mrs. Allen said she attended a meeting regarding this matter several weeks ago.

Engineer McEldowney said Joe Modzelewski from his firm also attended this meeting.

Mrs. Allen said the plans are available in the Committee room for review. If there is a TID plan that has been approved by the Township, Readington can legally asked for off-site improvements.

Mrs. Allen asked that members of the Committee review these plans and express any comments or concerns they may have so that the matter can be considered at the next meeting.

Engineer McEldowney said he will not be at the next meeting, but he can ask that Joe Modzelewski from his firm attend in his place.

3. ***Bond Ordinance/Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani)*** - introduction.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS - BLOCK 98, LOT 2 (OWNER: PADOVANI) IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$497,500 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$472,625 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Bond Ordinance/Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani) – continued:

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 improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, New Jersey as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$497,500, including the sum of \$24,875 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$472,625 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. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the acquisition of development rights - Block 98, Lot 2 (Owner: Padovani) on the Tax Maps of the Township.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

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 note shall mature later than one year from its date. The 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 notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All 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 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 notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The capital budget of the Township of Readington is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

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

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 40 years.

Bond Ordinance/Block 98, Lot 2 (Padovani) – continued:

(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 \$472,625, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$25,000 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 purpose or improvement.

Section 7. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 8. 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 9. 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 10. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and Township Attorney, as the case may be, are authorized pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq.*, and any other applicable law, to prepare and sign any and all necessary documentation to effectuate the acquisition as described herein, concerning the property known as Block 98, Lot 2 (Owner: Padovani), including, but not limited to, any contracts and amendments thereto and all closing documents needed to complete the purchase

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. Allen to introduce this Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Shamey and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

12. ***Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc.*** - acceptance of Maintenance Bond.

Attorney Dragan said the form of the bond is correct.

Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. - acceptance of Maintenance Bond – continued:

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to acceptance Maintenance Bond #6343426-0001 in the amount of \$12,071.64. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

13. ***2005 Budget Appropriation Transfer - resolution.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

14. ***Fallone Properties, LLC/Block 36, Lot 2 - Acceptance of Maintenance Bond.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

15. ***Resolution regarding Pedestrian Safety Project.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

16. ***Intercounty Paving Associates, Inc./Mountain Road Project - Payment #4.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

17. ***Jacobs-BBL - Partial Payment #5.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

18. ***Resolution awarding the contract for the purchase of rock salt for the 2005/2006 season to Atlantic Salt, Inc. at a price of \$45.29 per ton.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

19. ***Application for Blue Light Permit - Gerald E. McCaffrey.***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Gatti said the following item was removed from Correspondence/Other Information to be considered under New Business:

Letter dated October 31, 2005 from Mark Hartman regarding maintenance bond for Block 25, Lots 43 & 50.

Engineer McEldowney said several meetings ago he recommended release of a Performance Bond for Dreahook Road off-site improvements. This recommendation was contingent on receipt of a maintenance bond being posted prior to release of the Performance Bond.

Mr. Hartman pointed out that that section of Dreahook Road was recently resurfaced as part of the Dreahook Road improvement plan. A top course was placed continuously across the frontage of the project which removes the need for a maintenance bond. The Township continues to hold Performance Bonds and will release them upon acceptance of suitable maintenance bonds for the interior road work, which has yet to be approved.

Engineer McEldowney said he has no objection if the Committee wished to amend the previously adopted resolution to eliminate the need for maintenance bond submission in light of the recent road work that was performed there.

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION
R-2005-131**

WHEREAS, Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. did on March 24, 2005 file a written request with the Clerk of the Township of Readington for the release of Performance Bond #139449 for Dreahook Road Off-Site Improvements completed on Block 25, Lots 43 & 50 (Wilmark at Readington); and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has reviewed this request, conducted a final inspection of bonded items, and has no objection to the release of these funds, contingent upon receipt of a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$17,675.00, as indicated in his Letter dated August 25, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee did on September 19, 2005 adopt a resolution authorizing the release of Performance Bond #139449, as recommended by the Township Engineer, contingent upon receipt of a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$17,675.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township did, as part of the Dreahook Road Improvement Plan, recently resurface the section of Dreahook Road across the frontage of the Wilmark at Readington project; and

WHEREAS, this resurfacing negates the need for a Maintenance Bond for the Dreahook Road Off-Site improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the contingency of submission of a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$17,675.00 for the release of Performance Bond #139449 is hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to release Performance Bond #139449, as recommended by the Township Engineer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution approving the release to the applicant.

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

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

ADMINISTRATOR=S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Administrator Mekovetz said the next issue of the newsletter will be going out shortly.

Administrator Mekovetz said the closing was held for the Adde property which was sold at auction.

Administrator Mekovetz said that she and Attorney Dragan attended another meeting with Hunterdon County regarding moving forward with the Township=s applications for funding. They are planning to hold monthly meetings regarding this matter.

Attorney Dragan said the County is interested in trying to schedule simultaneous closings when the Township is purchasing easements.

Administrator Mekovetz said a certified value was received for the Cuchiaro property.

Administrator Mekovetz she had nothing further to report at this time.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Attorney Dragan said the closing on the Wade property was held on November 3rd and resulted in a net of \$825,874.94 to the Township.

Attorney Dragan said she received a Green Acres contract for the settlement with the Fallone Properties. She said it is necessary for the Committee to introduce an ordinance in order to move forward with this closing.

The following Ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A FEE SIMPLE INTEREST IN PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 73, LOT 27; BLOCK 74, LOTS 8 AND 9; BLOCK 79.01, LOTS 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05, 11.06 AND BLOCK 79, LOT 4 TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNDER THE GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

Ordinance #32-2005

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington (ATownship@), is about to acquire a fee simple interest in the following properties, as appear on the official tax map of the Township of Readington and owned by Fallone at Spring Meadows, LLC by way of settlement of litigation between the Township and Fallone Properties, LLC, filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey Law Division, Hunterdon County Docket Nos. L-123-99 and L-673-98 (hereinafter the ASettlement Agreement@):

Block 73, Lot 27
Block 74, Lots 8 and 9
Block 79.01, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05 and 11.06
Block 79, Lot 4

WHEREAS, the aforementioned properties are located along River Avenue and/or Lazy Brook Road in the Township and total approximately 144.5 ∇ acres; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received contracts from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (ANJDEP@) to purchase all of the above properties for preservation under the Green Acres program at the overall price of \$13,564.00 per acre, for an estimated total price of \$1,960,000.00 (subject to any necessary adjustment due to survey and Green Acres requirements, including an additional \$100,000 to be utilized for demolition and disposal of certain structures on the site); and

WHEREAS, the sale of the properties in fee simple will result in funding to the Township which can be used, in turn, to acquire or otherwise fund other open space; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of the properties to the State of New Jersey DEP under the Green Acres Program will result in the preservation of the properties for open space, conservation and/or passive recreation purposes as contemplated by the Township under its Open Space Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township is permitted to sell the properties under *N.J.S.A. 13:8A-15; 13:8A-33; 8A-52; N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq.*, and any other applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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. On behalf of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, the Mayor, Township Administrator and Township Attorney, as appropriate, are authorized to prepare and sign any and all documentation necessary to effectuate the sale of fee simple interests or conservation easements, as applicable, in Block 73, Lot 27; Block 74, Lots 8 and 9; Block 79.01, Lots 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05 and 11.06 and Block 79, Lot 4, on the

Ordinance #32-2005 – continued:

official tax map of the Township of Readington and located along Lazy Brook Road and River Avenue, to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the price of \$1,960,000.00, subject to any survey adjustments or any other adjustments in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Green Acres Program and rules and regulations pertinent thereto, and/or in accordance with the contract on file with the Municipal Clerk.

SECTION 2. This sale is contingent on the Township=s completing the purchase of the above properties per the Settlement Agreement with Fallone Properties, LLC.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

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 Judgement 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. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

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

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

Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Allen asked about the specifications for the demolition of the house on this property. She also said there might be some interesting hardware that can be salvaged.

Mayor Gatti suggested that this be referred to the Historic Preservation Commission for their recommendation.

Attorney Dragan said she had nothing further to report at this time.

ENGINEER=S REPORT:

Written report submitted.

Engineer McEldowney said the roadway improvement work required by the DEP on the Old York Road Section V project was completed last week.

Engineer McEldowney said a lot of progress had been made on the construction of the Commerce Bank on Route 22.

Engineer McEldowney said the traffic engineer is still waiting for DEP feedback regarding the Route 22 improvements near the WalMart.

Engineer McEldowney said he is waiting for permits on certain aspects of the Senior Walkway Project, however the contractor wants to begin work on those areas that do not need permits.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. 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.

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

2. Gerry Shamey:

a. Liaison to Fire Companies and Rescue Squad

Mr. Shamey said the next monthly Volunteer Emergency Services meeting is scheduled for November 15th.

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

3. Julia Allen:

a. Farmland\Open Space Preservation\Land Projects Liaison

Mrs. Allen said final approval was granted on October 24th to the Fallone at Spring Meadows development, which is the 205 unit senior citizen housing development on Route 22 opposite from the Ryland Inn.

Mrs. Allen said the next Open Space Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th.

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

4. Thomas Auriemma:

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

5. Beatrice Muir:

a. Board of Health

Mrs. Muir said the Board of Health would like better communication with the Township=s Emergency Management Office.

Mr. Shamey suggested that the Board of Health send a memo to Joel Kerwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, regarding this matter.

b. Public Assistance

Mrs. Muir said the Social Services Committee/Local Assistance Board met last week.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Gatti asked for comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – continued:

Mr. George Dilts, Esq. appeared before the Committee. He asked about an item on the Executive Session agenda:

Contract Negotiations - Block 14, Lots 29.02 & 29.03 (Black/Maxwell).

Mayor Gatti said the Committee wants a little more time to research the matter before making any decision.

Ms. Ingelore Krug referred to the discussion of resurfacing Dreahook Road. She said work was started on Old Readington Road but was never completed.

Engineer McEldowney said he will look into this matter.

Mr. George Vitureira and Mr. Mark Whalen from Oaks Developers said they are the contract purchasers of 2 Railroad Avenue in Whitehouse Station. Mr. Vitureira said the Planning Board is considering the Third Round COAH Plan, however their project is not being included. They had proposed that 20% of their units be COAH units. They also met with the Historic Preservation Commission, who approved the project, and the Smart Growth Committee. He asked what they need to do to make their project part of the Plan.

Mrs. Allen said there are two (2) ways to approach this, as it is non-conforming. They can either request a zoning change from the Planning Board, or go before the Board of Adjustment. She said they may benefit from an informal discussion with the Planning Board.

Mayor Gatti said the COAH Plan can be amended, if necessary.

Engineer McEldowney said there is also the issue of sewer capacity that needs to be resolved.

Ms. Renay Salomon appeared before the Committee regarding the rejection of the bid for Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 earlier in the meeting. She asked why.

Attorney Dragan said the matter was just discussed tonight. She said the way the contract is written, the Committee has the ability to reject or accept the bid. They have decided they would like to put the property in farmland preservation and get County funding first.

Attorney Dragan said that if the bidder wants to put in writing that this property will be put into farmland preservation in perpetuity and that they are willing to wait for a closing until the County closes with the Township she can ask the Committee if they wish to reconsider this matter.

Ms. Salomon said that her attorney will be in contact with the Township attorney tomorrow regarding this matter.

Mr. Geoffrey Gwizdz said that the Anderson House facility is adjacent to his property. In the past the facility requested and received approval to expand to accommodate additional clients. However, since then they have not followed any of the Board of Adjustment's guidelines. Mr. Gwizdz said that the Board of Adjustment did adopt a resolution, however there was no one to enforce it. Anderson House has since purchased a house across the street, which they now use for parking.

A violation was issued and the case was scheduled before the Municipal Court. Mr. Gwizdz said that he and his neighbors came to court and the attorney for Anderson House requested that the case be dismissed because the Township has no jurisdiction to put any guidelines on the facility through the Board of Adjustment because it's a group home. The judge dismissed the case.

Mr. Shamey said he does not understand why the Zoning Officer was not present at the hearing.

Mayor Gatti asked that Mr. Gwizdz contact him to discuss this matter further.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY:

Mayor Gatti asked for comments from the Governing Body. There were 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 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>
Toll Brothers, Inc. vs. the Township of Readington, <i>et al.</i> - Docket No. 3:04-cv-6043..	Litigation.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential.
Disposition of MacArthur/Ditmars House.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Awarding of Hunting Bids.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
NJDEP - Amendment to Grant A#WQ05-290.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Dobozynski Farm Apartment Rental.....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Executive Session Minutes - Oct. 17, 2005.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	" " "
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation - Hromoho).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "
Block 80, Lots 1 & 2 (Readington Township).....	Contract Negotiations.....	" " "

A MOTION was made at 9:20 p.m. by Mr. Shamey to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

Mr. Auriemma left the meeting at this time.

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

Litigation - Toll Brothers, Inc. vs. the Township of Readington, et al. - Docket No. 3:04-cv-6043

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

Contract Negotiations - Disposition of MacArthur/Ditmars House

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

Contract Negotiations - Awarding of Hunting Bids

Mrs. Allen recused herself at this time.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to award the bid for hunting on Block 66, Lots 2 & 3 to the Indian Valley Rod & Gun Club for \$2,600.00, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to award the bid for hunting on Block 66, Lot 13 to the KJS Hunting Club for \$4,201.00, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to reject the bid received from the Double O Rod & Gun Club, Inc. for Block 25, Lots 19 & 20 due to the fact that their insurance certificate was deficient and that the Township Committee, after further consideration, considered this to be an unsafe situation for hunting. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Contract Negotiations - NJDEP - Amendment to Grant A#WQ05-290

The following Resolution was offered for consideration:

**GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
READINGTON TOWNSHIP
AND
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BY AND FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GRANT IDENTIFIER: WQ04-290**

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION #R-2005-126***

The governing body of Readington Township, in the County of Hunterdon desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$12,029.00 to fund the following project: Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program.

Therefore, the governing body resolves that Vita Mekovetz, Administrator/Municipal Clerk, is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$12,029.00 and not more than \$12,029.00, and (c) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

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

Amendment to Grant A#WQ05-290 – continued:

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

Contract Negotiations - Dobozyński Farm Apartment Rental

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

Attorney-Client Privilege - Executive Session Minutes (October 17, 2005)

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Shamey to approve the Executive Session minutes of the meeting October 17, 2005 for content. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Contract Negotiations - Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6, & 8 & Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation - Hromoho)

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

Contract Negotiations – Block 80, Lots 1 & 2

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Allen to authorize Attorney Dragan to prepare a resolution stating that the Committee would agree to re-open this discussion and accept the bid conditioned on the purchaser/bidder agreeing and intending to use the property as a preserved farm in perpetuity under the Agriculture Preservation Program, that the contract would be amended to close simultaneously with Hunterdon County's purchase of the easement from Readington and, if the purchaser/bidder does not agree then the bid will be rejected. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Shamey at 11:10 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC\CMC
Administrator\Municipal Clerk