

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – March 1, 2010**

Mayor Shamey *calls the meeting to order at 5:30 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 G. Shamey, Mrs. B Muir, Mr. F. Gatti, Mrs. J. Allen  
Mr. T. Auriemma

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

| <b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>   | <b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b> | <b><u>Date Anticipate When Disclosed to Public</u></b>  |
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| Tax Collector's Office.....  | Personnel.....                          | Certain information at the discretion of Township Committee tonight...other information will remain |
| Professional Services.....   | Contract Negotiations.....              | “ “ “   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parker McCay (Special Litigation Counsel)</li> <li>• AEIS (Inspection Services for Lake Cushetunk Dam)</li> </ul> |   |   |
| Executive Session Minutes.....<br>(February 16, 2009)  | Attorney-Client Privilege.....          | “ “ “   |
| Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33,<br>Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block<br>Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2<br>(Solberg Aviation/Hromoho)                       | Litigation.....                         | “ “ “   |
| Police.....  | Personnel.....                          | “ “ “   |
| Land Auction.....<br>(Block 94, Lots 11, 17, 19; Block 80, Lot 1)  | Contract Negotiations.....              | “ “ “   |
| 114 Main Street (Block 34, Lot 8)...   | Contract Negotiations.....              | “ “ “   |

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. Muir to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

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

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

***Personnel/Tax Collector’s Office***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to accept the resignation notice of retirement of the Tax Collector, Bonnie Holborow, and send a letter of appreciation for her service, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Contract Negotiations/Parker McCay (Special Litigation Counsel)***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2010-46***

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR  
SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL SERVICES***

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Special Litigation Counsel Services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

**WHEREAS**, the term Anon-fair and open contract,@ for the purposes of the law, refers to a Professional Services Contract awarded to a contractor who has not made a political contribution as described in *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.* or in *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8, et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services may exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay, PA has submitted a proposal indicating he will act as Special Litigation Counsel at the following rates: Attorney – \$275 per hour; Associates - \$200 per hour; for a total amount not to exceed the amount appropriated for this service in the approved/adopted budget.

**WHEREAS**, Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay, PA has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay & Criscuolo, PA has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Readington in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay, PA from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer=s Certification of the availability of funds is on file - *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*) and will be amended to reflect the final approved funds for this purpose upon adoption/approval of the 2010 budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Howard D. Cohen, Esq. of Parker, McCay, PA as described herein; and

**Resolution #R-2010-46 cont'd:**

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said contract shall expire on December 31, 2010; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Professional Service are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection; and

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

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

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

**Contract Negotiations/AEIS (Inspection Services for Lake Cushetunk)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2010-47**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE LAKE CUSHETUNK DAM**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services with competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer=s Certification of the availability of funds is on file - *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*) and will be amended to reflect the final approved funds for this purpose upon adoption/approval of the 2010 budget.

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

1. That the following contract has been awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)* of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:

- AEIS (Advanced Engineering & Inspection Services) for inspection services for the Lake Cushetunk Dam at a cost of \$13,200

2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2010.

3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

***Attorney –Client Privilege/Executive Session Minutes (February 16, 2010)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 16, 2010 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Allen 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 Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Personnel/Police***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to accept the resignation of Patrolman Joseph Reilly, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Contract Negotiations/Land Auction (Block 94, Lots 11, 17, 19; Block 80, Lot 1)***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Gatti to reject the bid in the amount of \$350,000 for these properties without deed restriction, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to accept the bid on Block 94, Lot 11, with a sale of the property to a buyer named Salamon in the amount of \$300,000, subject to a 1.3 acre exception area, seconded by Mrs. Allen and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to accept the bid on Block 94, Lot 17, with a sale of the property to a buyer named Elbert in the amount of \$290,000, subject to a 2 acre exception area, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to accept the bid on Block 94, Lot 19, with a sale of the property to a buyer named Bugasch in the amount of \$800,000, subject to a 2 acre exception area, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma to accept the bid on Block 80, Lot 1, with a sale of the property to a buyer named Verdi in the amount of \$445,000, subject to a 2 acre exception area, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to authorize Mayor Shamey to sign contracts on the properties, once they are in proper order to the satisfaction of the Township Attorney, seconded by Mr. Gatti and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

***Contract Negotiations/114 Main Street (Block 34, Lot 8)***

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Shamey 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 February 16, 2010
- \* 2. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into a Stipulation of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeal Captioned Jason & Kelley P. Dameo vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 009388-2009***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2010-48**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO ENTER INTO A STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT RELATIVE TO THE TAX APPEAL CAPTIONED JASON & KELLY P. DAMEO VS. READINGTON TOWNSHIP, TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY, DOCKET NO. 009388-2009**

**Resolution # R-2010-48 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, Jason & Kelly P. Dameo ("Taxpayers"), the owners of Block 66, Lot 49.04 on the Township of Readington's Tax Assessment Maps, commonly known as 3 Smith Road ("Property"), filed an appeal of their 2009 tax assessment in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 009388-2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington met and discussed the aforesaid tax appeals and the recommendations of its Township Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assessor has inspected the property and reviewed the relevant market and has determined that the assessment on the Property should be reduced; and

**WHEREAS**, an acceptable settlement of the aforesaid tax appeal has been negotiated which reduces the total tax assessment levied upon Taxpayers' Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 total tax assessment, based upon said reduction will be \$900,000 instead of \$1,021,100 for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayers have agreed to waive interest on any refunds; and

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayers agree that the Freeze Act not apply to the Judgment to be entered by the Tax Court pursuant to the Stipulation of Settlement for the 2010 tax year; and

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayers, their successors and assigns have further agreed to waive any right it may have to file an appeal of the 2010 assessment if it is further reduced to a total tax assessment of \$817,500, except to obtain a judgment to implement, enforce and/or confirm that agreed upon assessment; and acknowledge that the Township has entered into this Settlement in part in consideration for this waiver, and that Taxpayers agree to affirmatively notify any successors and assigns of the terms of this settlement and the waiver contained in this paragraph; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor has already adjusted the 2010 tax assessment to a total tax assessment of \$817,500 on the tax assessing books; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee leaves the allocation between land and improvements of the aforesaid tax assessment reductions to the Township of Readington's Tax Assessor's discretion with the direction that the same be set so as to be most beneficial to the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid reductions have no general application to other properties within the Township of Readington as a result of the aforesaid specific facts situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee makes this settlement with Taxpayers without prejudice to its dealing with any other Readington Township's taxpayers' request for tax assessment reduction.

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed a copy of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement, which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**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 of Readington's Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish allocation between land and improvements of a \$121,100 total tax assessment reduction for the 2009 tax year which is most beneficial to the Township of Readington and advise the Special Tax Counsel of that allocation, and the Tax Assessor's revision of the 2010 total tax assessment of \$817,500, for Block 66, Lot 49.04 is confirmed.

**Resolution #R-2010-48 cont'd:**

2. The Special Tax Counsel is hereby authorized to execute a Stipulation of Settlement relative to the tax appeal of Jason & Kelly P. Dameo, Docket NO.009388-2009 which reduces the total tax assessment on Block 66, Lot 49.04 from \$1,021,100 to a reduced total tax assessment of \$900,000 for the 2009 tax year, and required the Township Tax Assessor to set the 2010 total tax assessment on said property at \$817,500; which further provides that Mr. and Ms. Dameo waive interest on any refunds; and which further provides that the Freeze Act shall not be applicable to the 2009 Judgment for the 2010 tax year; and provides that Mr. and Ms. Dameo, their successors and assigns further agree to waive any right it may have to file an appeal of the 2010 assessment, except to obtain a judgment to implement, enforce and/or confirm that agreed upon assessment; and acknowledge that the Township has entered into this Settlement in part in consideration for this waiver, and they agree to affirmatively notify any successors and assigns of the terms of this settlement and the waiver; and that the allocations between land and improvements as established by the Township Tax Assessor shall be set forth in said Stipulation of Settlement.
  3. The settlement outlined above shall be without prejudice to the Township of Readington's dealings with any other Township taxpayers' request for tax assessment reductions.
- \* 3. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into a Stipulation of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeal Captioned Federal Insurance Company vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 004784-2009***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2010-49**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO ENTER INTO A STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT RELATIVE TO THE TAX APPEAL CAPTIONED FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY VS. READINGTON TOWNSHIP, TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY, DOCKET NO. 004784-2009**

**WHEREAS**, Federal Insurance Company ("Taxpayers"), the owner of Block 3.01, Lot 5.01 on the Township of Readington's Tax Assessment Maps, commonly known as 202 Halls Mill Road ("Property"), filed an appeal of their 2009 tax assessment in the Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 004784-2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington met and discussed the aforesaid tax appeals and the recommendations of its Township Tax Assessor and Special Tax Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assessor has reviewed the relevant market data and has determined that the assessment on the Property should be reduced; and

**WHEREAS**, an acceptable settlement of the aforesaid tax appeal has been negotiated which reduces the total tax assessment levied upon Taxpayers' Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 total tax assessment, based upon said reduction will be \$60,780,000 instead of \$63,285,000 for the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayers have agreed to waive interest and accept credits in lieu of refunds; and

**Resolution #R-2010-49 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayers agree that the Freeze Act not apply to the Judgment to be entered by the Tax Court pursuant to the Stipulation of Settlement for the 2000 tax year; and

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayer, its successors and assigns have further agreed to waive any right it may have to file an appeal of the 2010 assessment if it is further reduced to a total tax assessment of \$55,507,800, except to obtain a judgment to implement, enforce and/or confirm that agreed upon assessment; and acknowledge that the Township has entered into this Settlement in part in consideration for this waiver, and that Taxpayer agrees to affirmatively notify any successors and assigns of the terms of this settlement and the waiver contained in this paragraph; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor has already adjusted the 2010 tax assessment to a total tax assessment of \$817,500 on the tax assessing books; and

**WHEREAS**, Taxpayer, its successors and assigns have further agreed to waive any right it may have to file an appeal of the 2011 assessment, except to obtain a judgment to implement, enforce and/or confirm the following agreed upon assessment, which, subject to the conditions more specifically set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto and incorporated herein, will be calculated as follows: \$71,000,000 multiplied by the 2011 ratio of assessed to true value set by the New Jersey Division of Taxation for Readington Township, and the Taxpayer acknowledges that the Township has entered into this Settlement in part in consideration for this waiver, and Taxpayer agrees to affirmatively notify any successors and assigns of the terms of this settlement and the waiver contained in this paragraph; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee leaves the allocation between land and improvements of the aforesaid tax assessment reductions to the Township of Readington's Tax Assessor's discretion with the direction that the same be set so as to be most beneficial to the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid reductions have no general application to other properties within the Township of Readington as a result of the aforesaid specific facts situation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee makes this settlement with Taxpayers without prejudice to its dealing with any other Readington Township's taxpayers' request for tax assessment reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed a copy of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement, which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**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 of Readington's Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish allocation between land and improvements of a \$2,505,000 total tax assessment reduction for the 2009 tax year which is most beneficial to the Township of Readington and advise the Special Tax Counsel of that allocation, and the Tax Assessor's revision of the 2010 total tax assessment of \$55,507,800, for Block 3.01, Lot 5.01 is confirmed. The Tax Assessor is hereby directed to establish allocation between land and improvements of the 2011 total tax assessment which, subject to the conditions contained in the Stipulation of Settlement, will be calculated as follows: \$71,000,000 multiplied by the 2011 ratio of assessed to true value set by the New Jersey Division of Taxation for Readington Township.
2. The Special Tax Counsel is hereby authorized to execute a Stipulation of Settlement relative to the tax appeal of Federal Insurance Company, Docket No.004784-2009 which reduces the total tax assessment on Block 3.01, Lot 5.01 from \$63,285,000 to a reduced total tax assessment of \$60,780,000 for the 2009 tax year, and required the Township Tax Assessor to set the 2010 total tax assessment on said property at \$55,507,800; which



**Resolution #R-2010-49 cont'd:**

further provides that Federal Insurance Company waive interest and will accept credits in lieu of any refunds; and which further provides that the Freeze Act shall not be applicable to the 2009 Judgment for the 2010 or 2011 tax years; and provides that Federal Insurance Company, their successors and assigns further agree to waive any right it may have to file an appeal of the 2010 and 2011 assessments, except to obtain judgments to implement, enforce and/or confirm those agreed upon assessments of \$55,507,800 for the 2010 tax year and, subject to the conditions detailed in the Stipulation of Settlement annexed hereto, will be calculated as follows for the 2011 tax year: \$71,000,000 multiplied by the 2011 ratio of assessed to true value set by the New Jersey Division of Taxation for Readington Township; which further provides that Federal Insurance Company acknowledges that the Township has entered into this Settlement in part in consideration for these waivers, and they agree to affirmatively notify any successors and assigns of the terms of this settlement and these waivers; and that the allocations between land and improvements as established by the Township Tax Assessor shall be set forth in said Stipulation of Settlement.

3. The settlement outlined above shall be without prejudice to the Township of Readington's dealings with any other Township taxpayers' request for tax assessment reductions.

\* 4. **Resolution in Recognition of Trevor Hoffman Attaining Rank of Eagle Scout**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2010-50**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Trevor Hoffman, a valued member of Boy Scout Troop 1969, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Candidate Trevor Hoffman's Eagle Project was to construct and install thirty (30) bluebird houses for the Hunterdon County Department of Parks and Recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the bluebird houses were installed at the following parks: The Arboretum, Deer Path Park, Melick's Bridge, Point Mountain Reservation and Tower Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining bluebird houses were delivered to the Hunterdon County Department of Parks and Recreation for future use; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will benefit the people who walk the trails to bird watch and enjoy the bluebirds that will be residing in those homes, as well as providing a warm and safe place for the birds to lay and hatch their eggs; ensuring that they are protected until they are ready to leave; and

**WHEREAS**, Trevor's project was dedicated to the memory of his aunt, Patricia N. Spindler, who herself was an avid animal and nature lover.

**WHEREAS**, the Eagle Scout is the highest rank of recognition offered in Scouting; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2010 Trevor Hoffman will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

**Resolution #R-2010-50 cont'd:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Trevor Hoffman for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

- \* 5. **Firemen's Membership Application** – Richard D. Addresso
- \* 6. **Firemen's Membership Application** – John H. Hennings III
- \* 7. **Blue Light Permit** – Jason Adams
- \* 8. **Blue Light Permit** – Arpad Salopek
- \* 9. **Blue Light Permit** – Bruce Evans
- \* 10. **Payment of Bills** – (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk's Office)

| Fund Description                  | Fund No. | Received Total         |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| CURRENT FUND                      | 0-01     | \$1,066,001.77         |
| SEWER APPROPRIATIONS              | 0-02     | \$ 100,170.92          |
| CURRENT FUND                      | 9-01     | \$ 19,959.25           |
| SEWER APPROPRIATIONS              | 9-02     | \$ 44,861.25           |
| TRUST FUNDS                       | X-03     | \$ 28,841.49           |
| MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX,<br>LIENS | X-05     | \$ 754,671.00          |
| PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS                | X-06     | \$ 192,948.15          |
| REG. & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX           | X-09     | <u>\$ 5,543,551.55</u> |
| <b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>         |          | <b>\$ 7,751,005.38</b> |

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Clerk read by Title:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE #21-99 ESTABLISHING PROHIBITED PARKING ZONES ON PORTIONS OF WHITEHOUSE AVENUE AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF**

**ORDINANCE #02-2010**

Mayor Shamey stated that this ordinance was carried from the previous meeting of February 16, 2010. Engineer O'Brien stated that the standard *No Parking* distance from an intersection at a stop sign is twenty five (25) feet. Engineer O'Brien stated that currently there is a *No Parking Any Time* sign located there, pointing in both easterly and westerly directions. Engineer O'Brien stated that a property owner requested to restrict parking in the vicinity of his driveway.

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

Mrs. Allen stated that she felt there seemed to be enough room to park on Whitehouse Avenue and was not in favor of eliminating parking for the businesses in Whitehouse Village.

Mayor Shamey stated that possibly a better solution for the property owner would be to take down the *No Parking* signs and replace it with *Do Not Block Driveway*. The Committee supported this recommendation rather than establish prohibited parking on Whitehouse Avenue.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE #21-99 ESTABLISHING PROHIBITED PARKING ZONES ON PORTIONS OF WHITEHOUSE AVENUE AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF*

*ORDINANCE #02-2010*

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

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

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

Clerk read by Title:

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF MAIN STREET (ALSO KNOWN AS COUNTY ROUTE 523) LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF*

*ORDINANCE # 03-2010*

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

Mrs. Muir asked about the necessity of a *No Parking* zone from High Street to Mountain Road. Mayor Shamey stated that the particular section of the roadway is very narrow.

Mr. Gatti stated that he was in favor of limiting parking to one side of the street and would like to see the yellow line more skewed towards the other side to allow parking one side of the road.

Engineer O'Brien stated that this would involve the County and he would speak with directly with them if the ordinance were to be adopted.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF MAIN STREET (ALSO KNOWN AS COUNTY ROUTE 523) LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF*

*ORDINANCE # 03-2010*

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Letter dated February 17, 2010 from Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, County of Hunterdon regarding a **Resolution Supporting Governor Christie in his Efforts to Reduce State Spending and the Burden on every Taxpayer in New Jersey**. No action taken.
2. Transmittal Form dated February 4, 2010 from Tiffany Bates, Environmental Specialist, Buchart Horn, Inc. regarding **Copy of Flood Hazard and Freshwater Wetlands individual permit applications for South Branch Rockaway Creek Tributary Sediment Removal**. (Entire File Available in Clerk's Office for Review) No action taken.
3. Memorandum dated February 19, 2010 from Judith A. Sullivan, Municipal Clerk, Township of Bedminster regarding **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 Entitled "Comprehensive Land Management Code" to Amend the Definition of Farm to Explicitly Include Equestrian Ownership, Boarding and Training Facilities and to Amend the Definitions and the Code to Authorize Facilities to Support Agriculture as Conditional Uses in the V-N Zone and R-10 Rural Residential Zone**. No action taken.
4. Memorandum dated February 19, 2010 from Judith A. Sullivan, Municipal Clerk, Township of Bedminster regarding **An Ordinance Amending Section 13-522 Entitled "Wireless Telecommunications Equipment and Facilities" of Chapter XIII Entitled "Land Management" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bedminster, to Update and Revise the Township's Regulation of the Location and Construction of Wireless Telecommunication Equipment and Facilities within the Township**. No action taken.

5. Letter dated February 19, 2010 from John L. Boyce, Environmental Specialist, Malick & Scherer, P.C. regarding ***Freshwater Wetlands General Permit and Individual Flood Hazard Area Permit Application, Route 600/Route 612 Intersection Improvements, Township of Readington.*** (Entire File Available in Clerk’s Office for Review) No action taken.
6. Letter dated February 23, 2010 from Linda A. Jacukowicz, Planning/Zoning Coordinator regarding ***Resolution Opposing Legislation Amending the Time of Decision Rule.***

Mrs. Allen requested that the Committee pass a similar resolution.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2010-51***

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION AMENDING THE TIME OF DECISION  
RULE**

**WHEREAS**, S-82 and A-437 are intended to modify the “time of decision” rule, which currently allows municipalities to change the zoning regulations during the pendency of an application for development; and

**WHEREAS**, these legislative bills would deem as applicable, or binding, the ordinances in effect at the time an application is “filed” and shall govern the review of that application, and any decision made following upon that review;

**WHEREAS**, the “time of decision rule” is a judicially recognized principal that decisions are to be made on the basis of laws, ordinances and regulations in effect at the time the decision is rendered not upon application; and

**WHEREAS**, courts have applied the “time of decision rule” to correct errors in zoning ordinances, thus giving local legislators the opportunity to correct legislative policy that had been found to be imperfectly expressed; and

**WHEREAS**, the “time of decision rule” has permitted a municipality to give additional legislative consideration to serious and substantial land use planning concerns that, for whatever reason, had not been previously addressed in the ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, application and zoning changes require public discussion and hearings, and S-82/A-437 would permit developers to “beat the clock” by filing applications and freezing the ability of local officials to act: moreover the Municipal Land Use Law already addresses the “vesting” date at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-49.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2010 by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon, the State of New Jersey hereby urges our State Legislators to oppose A-4 and S-82, and any legislation which would eliminate the “time of decision” rule at the local level, and which would “vest” development applications from changes in zoning ordinances before the date of Preliminary Approval, which is already addressed in the Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-49; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Bill Sponsors, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Office of the Governor, Senator Michael Doherty, Assemblyman John DiMaio, Assemblyman Erik Petersen and adjoining municipalities.

7. Memorandum dated February 23, 2010 from Sharon L. Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Township of Branchburg regarding “***An Ordinance Amending the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Branchburg by Amending Subsection 3-23.7 and Establishing Conditions for Extraordinarily Hazardous Substances Facilities in Industrial Zones***”. No action taken.
8. Letter dated February 22, 2010 from William B. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, New Jersey State League of Municipalities regarding ***Interest Arbitration Reform Sample Resolution***.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2010-52**

***Township of Readington***

***Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Reform Interest Arbitration***

**WHEREAS**, the interest arbitration process was intended to fairly and adequately give all due consideration to the interest and welfare of the taxpaying public and support local government aims by arriving at award decisions that are equitable to all involved parties, including municipalities and Police and Fire Department personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act, adopted in 1968, was amended in 1977 to provide for interest arbitration as the statutorily imposed terminal step in the collective bargaining process for police and fire personnel as defined by the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police and Fire Interest Arbitration Reform Act (L.1995, c. 425) was signed into law by Governor Christine Todd Whitman and became effective on January 10, 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the League of Municipalities’ Arbitration Reform Committee suggested a number of Legislative reforms to the Interest Arbitration Process among the changes proposed by the Reform Committee were that: (1) the Arbitrator may not award salary increases in excess of the expenditure cap (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45 et seq.); (2) the Arbitrator’s Award may provide for salary increases limited to the budget cap imposed by the State of New Jersey and/or any lawful adjustment adopted by the public employer; and (3) the Arbitrator’s award may provide for salary increases limited to the percentage established by the State or the lawful adjustment adopted by the public employer, as may be appropriate, on a department line basis; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 the Police and Fire Interest Arbitration statute was amended to add a new ninth factor of the 4% Tax Levy Cap which resulted in 4 of the 9 statutory factors in Interest Arbitration addresses the employer’s fiscal situation; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are bound by strict fiscal controls embodied in the expenditure limit and tax levy caps and it is the norm rather than the exception for state approved arbitrators to award raises for police salaries at rates that exceed the annual caps; and

**WHEREAS**, binding arbitration awards in excess of the caps forces municipalities to cut other critically needed municipal services, in order to fund salary increases, compounded by pension increases, to police and fire personnel, and cost for police and fire services continue to spiral at an unacceptable rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the state approved interest binding arbitration process is inconsistent with the State cap laws and is unfair to municipalities attempting to control property taxes through fiscal responsibility; and

**Resolution #R-2010-52 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, interest arbitration should be reform to provide that the cost of living and the employer's ability to pay should be given greater weight and the total costs of the arbitrator's award, including steps and cost of living (COLA) increases, should not exceed the cost of living; and

**WHEREAS**, arbitrators should be required to evaluate and analyze the total cost of the salaries and benefits, including step increases, and must provide a detailed line item analysis and explanation of the costs in the award; and

**WHEREAS**, arbitrators must also evaluate and analyze the overall compensation received by the bargaining unit, including vacations, longevity, holidays, excused leave, medical and pension benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, arbitrators should be required to live in New Jersey and the process of selecting the arbitrators and the length of time the Arbitration process takes needs to be reviewed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the county of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby urges the New Jersey State Legislature to pass legislation containing substantial reforms to the binding arbitration process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Legislative Representatives, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Office of the Governor, Hunterdon County and adjoining municipalities.

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

9. Letter dated February 22, 2010 from William B. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, New Jersey State League of Municipalities regarding **S-1352 *New OPRA Mandates Would Increase Local Costs and Decrease Local Revenues***. No action taken.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2010-53**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, after many years of discussion and debate, the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) was approved by the Legislature and signed into law, as P.L. 2001, making significant changes in the law governing public records; and

**WHEREAS**, a new bill, S-1352, would increase local OPRA burdens and decrease the opportunity to adequately recoup compliance costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the new bill proposes changes such as requiring that documents containing certain information concerning criminal investigations be made available to the public within 24 hours or as soon as practical, change the copying cost fee structure to a flat \$0.10 cents per page for each letter size and \$0.15 cents per page for each legal size sheet, provide that a personnel record containing certain disciplinary actions and settlement information on lawsuits or claims is not exempt from OPRA requests; and

**WHEREAS**, S-1352 would define "immediate access" to mean "within three hours for any request made before 2 p.m. and by 10:00 a.m. of the next business day for an request after 2 p.m.," and

***Resolution #R-2010-53 cont'd:***

**WHEREAS**, the bill does not account for the fact that different records requests have very different “degrees of difficulty,” which could require the custodian to go through years of records on various matters, or which could be vague and confusing; nor does it respect the need to ensure appropriate redaction of information, in order to protect the privacy rights of citizens and public employees; and

**WHEREAS**, at a time of fiscal stress, when the state policy makers counsel local officials to decrease spending, this bill would force a greater investment in records keeping and dissemination, by requiring the custodian to do more and to do it all faster.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that for all these reasons, the bill appears to constitute an unconstitutional “unfunded mandated” and opposes S-1352.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the members of the State Legislature and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. ***Traffic Safety Issue in Whitehouse Village*** – discussion

Mayor Shamey recused himself from this discussion. Mr. Gatti stated that he drove by the intersection and the road which parallels Juniper Drive is in very close proximity to the turn and recommended putting up a sign. Engineer O’Brien stated that the embankment along the road blocks the visibility for drivers turning off Morning Glory Court as well and stated the Condominium Association would need to do something about the embankment to improve visibility. The Committee requested that Administrator Mekovetz draft a letter to the Association expressing the safety concerns along with the suggested recommendations to improve visibility.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to request that the Condominium Association rectify the situation with regard to the embankment, with the condition that once it is rectified, a sign will be installed identifying the approaching intersection, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

2. ***“In-Street” Yield to Pedestrian Signs*** – Main Street (County Road 523)

Engineer O’Brien stated that Hunterdon County did not approve the use of “in-street” signs in any municipality due to the fact that the county roads do not meet the criteria set forth by the NJDOT. Mrs. Muir suggested that a sign be placed with a warning of a *Targeted Enforcement Area Patrolled By Police*. Mr. Gatti suggested the possibility of a speed recording device. The Committee requested Engineer O’Brien to speak with the County about these two suggestions and respond back with their recommendations.

3. ***Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Amending the Code of the Township of Readington to Authorize the Township and Volunteer Emergency Services to Clean Up or Abate Discharges of Hazardous Substances and to Obtain Reimbursement for Time and Materials Expended in Cleaning Up or Abating Such Discharges from Owners of Non-Residential Real and Business Personal Property (Ordinance #33-2008)*** – discussion / introduction



Administrator Mekovetz stated that this ordinance was being reviewed again due to the language of paying for volunteer's time. Mrs. Allen stated that she thought the language in the amended ordinance was still not clear enough. Attorney Dragan suggested modifying the language to read "Township paid personnel."

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #33-2008 AND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AND VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES TO CLEAN UP OR ABATE DISCHARGES OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FOR TIME AND MATERIALS EXPENDED IN CLEANING UP OR ABATING ANY SUCH DISCHARGES FROM OWNERS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**ORDINANCE #07-2010**

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon; State of New Jersey that Ordinance #33-2008 adopted by the Township Committee on December 1, 2008 and the Code of the Township of Readington adopted on October 4, 1999, and thereafter amended, be amended to clarify certain language therein (additions are underlined thus \_\_\_\_\_), as follows.

Section 1. The definition of "Costs" as appears in Section One of Ordinance #33-2008 and the corresponding section in the Code entitled "Clean up or Abatement or Hazardous Discharges" is hereby amended to read:

"Costs" shall mean all costs incurred by the Township or a volunteer emergency services company, as may be applicable, including but not limited to the following: actual labor costs of Township paid personnel, including worker's compensation benefits, fringe benefits and administrative overhead; cost of equipment operation, cost of materials; and the cost of any outside contract for labor and materials. A schedule of costs and fees shall be established by resolution of the Township Committee and amended from time to time.

Section 2. REPEALER. This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of Ordinance #33-2008 and the corresponding provisions of the Readington Township Code or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith.

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

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and final publication according to law.

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

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

A Public Hearing was scheduled for March 15, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. ***Mimosa Drive and Pulaski Road/Sewer Main Connection*** – Recommendation from the Sewer Advisory Committee

Engineer O'Brien stated these two roads are in the sewer service area and that due to the failed septic systems, along with the likelihood of more septic failing in the area, it would be best to hook up to the sewer main connection. Engineer O'Brien stated the intent is to do a global fix as opposed to each property owner running a separate force main up the road to a manhole. Mrs. Muir questioned the limited sewer capacity that is left in the Township. Mrs. Allen stated there is a reserved amount of capacity for emergency situations and this is a reasonable use.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen to approve the sewer main connection for Mimosa Drive and Pulaski Road to be bonded by the Sewer Utility, seconded by Mrs. Muir and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

2. ***Whitehouse First Aid & Rescue Squad Coin Toss Fundraiser*** – Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (Rain date: May 15<sup>th</sup>)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Muir to approve this request, seconded by Mrs. Allen with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

3. ***Whitehouse Fire Company No. 1 Coin Toss Fundraiser*** – Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> (Rain dates: June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>)

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

4. ***Acceptance of Guarantee*** – Wilmark Building Contractors, Inc. Stanton Place, Phase IV/Block 25, Lot 38.01

Mayor Shamey stated that this matter needs to be carried.

- \* 5. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into a Stipulation of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeal Captioned Jason & Kelley P. Dameo vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 009388-2009***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 6. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into a Stipulation of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeal Captioned Federal Insurance Company vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket No. 004784-2009***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 7. ***Resolution in Recognition of Trevor Hoffman Attaining Rank of Eagle Scout***

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 8. ***Firemen's Membership Application*** – Richard D. Addesso

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 9. ***Firemen's Membership Application*** – John H. Hennings III

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 10. ***Blue Light Permit*** – Jason Adams

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 11. ***Blue Light Permit*** – Arpad Salopek

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 12. ***Blue Light Permit*** – Bruce Evans

This item was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

#### ***ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT***

Administrator Mekovetz requested that the Committee clarify the proposed signage on Whitehouse Avenue. Engineer O'Brien recommended a *No Parking Here to Corner* sign, 25 feet back from the intersection and a *Do Not Block Driveway* sign by the driveway of the resident.

A ***MOTION*** was by Mrs. Allen approve the two signs to be installed on Whitehouse Avenue, seconded by Mrs. Muir with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Administrator Mekovetz reported that Kenneth Garvey resigned from the Lebanon Sewer Authority.

#### ***ATTORNEY'S REPORT***

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

#### ***ENGINEER'S REPORT***

Engineer O'Brien stated that the CAD drawings were sent over to Branchburg regarding County Line Road for the State Aid project. Engineer O'Brien stated that he was working on the Road Reclamation jobs and updating the cost estimates.

Mayor Shamey requested that Engineer O'Brien continue to oversee Spring Meadow Estates.

#### ***COMMITTEE REPORT***

##### **Gerard Shamey**

Mayor Shamey stated that he received an invitation, along with the other Committee members, to speak to a Political Science Class at Hunterdon Central on Monday and asked if anyone from the Committee would be able to attend. Mrs. Allen stated that she would be able to speak to the class and would respond accordingly.

Mayor Shamey stated that he remains opposed to the Board of Education's proposal to build a school bus depot, in addition to the misuse of precious property and will continue to look into it further.

**Julia Allen**

Mrs. Allen stated that the Township has an opportunity to utilize labor this spring from the Raritan Valley Community College volunteers who would be installing posts for the trail signs. Mrs. Allen asked the Committee if they would provide funding for the posts.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Allen for the Township to provide the funding in the amount of \$617 for the posts, seconded by Mr. Auriemma and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded;

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

**Thomas Auriemma**

Mr. Auriemma requested that Engineer O'Brien to take care of the permits for the Memorial Day Parade.

**Frank Gatti**

Mr. Gatti stated that he had nothing to report.

**Beatrice Muir**

Mrs. Muir stated that she had nothing to report.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Mr. Helfman, of Pulaski Road, thanked the Committee for their thoughtfulness in regards to the sewer main connection on Pulaski Road.

As there was no further business, **A MOTION** was made by Mr. Auriemma at 9:35 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