

READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 17, 2023 AGENDA

A. Mayor Huelsebusch *calls the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised. The Township Committee aims to begin the public portion of its meeting at 7:30 p.m.; however, there are times when the Executive Session may run longer than anticipated. We ask for the public's patience as the Committee completes its work prior to the public meetings.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Resolution

Personnel / Administration

Personnel / Appointment of Municipal Magistrate

Personnel / Construction Code Department

Personnel / Fire Official

Personnel / Police Department

Contract Negotiations / Professional Services

- Sharon A. Dragan, Esq. / Mason, Griffin & Pierson (Township Attorney)
- Martin Allen, Esq. / DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum (Tax Attorney)
- PKF O'Connor Davis LLP (Municipal Auditors)
- Fisher & Phillips, LLP (Labor Counsel)
- Matthew Giacobbe, Esq. / Clearly Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, LLC (Labor Counsel)
- Richard Cushing, Esq. / Gebhardt & Kiefer, PC (Special Litigation Counsel)
- McManimon & Scotland LLC (Bond Counsel)
- Jeffrey Surenian, Esq. / Surenian, Edwards and Nolan, LLC (Special Litigation Counsel)
- Clarke Caton Hintz (Township Planners)
- Van Cleef Engineering (Township Engineer)
- Finelli Consulting Engineers, Inc. (Backup Conflict Engineer)
- Ferriero Engineering, Inc. (Backup Conflict Engineer)
- AEIS (Advanced Engineering & Inspection Services (Lake Cushetunk Dam)
- Brian Davis & Stephen Davis, Esq. / DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum (Prosecutor)
- Robert Ballard III, Esq. / O'Connor, Parsons, Lane, Noble LLC (Alternate Municipal Prosecutor)
- Scott Mitnzer, Esq. (Municipal Public Defender)
- Anthony Rotunno, Esq. / Kuchinsky & Rotunno PC (Alternate Public Defender)
- JEC Computers, LLC (Computer and Printer Maintenance)
- Princeton Public Affairs Group (Governmental Relations Matters)
- Animal Control Solutions (Animal Control Services)
- Phoenix Advisors (Municipal Advisor Services)

Contract Negotiations / PBA

Contract Negotiations / Block 73, Lots 25 & 23.01 (Beitz)

Contract Negotiations / Proposal for Open Space Stewardship

Contract Negotiations / Stream Corridor Conservation Easement / Stormwater Maintenance Agreement (Readington Commons)

Contract Negotiations / Block 74, Lot 4 (Saums)

Contract Negotiations / Block 73, Lot 15 (Darts Mill)

Contract Negotiations / Transfer of Construction Board of Appeals Case (Tewksbury Township)

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / December 19, 2022

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / December 28, 2022

Attorney-Client Privilege / Attorney-Client Privilege

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

Litigation / 388 Readington Realty Holdings vs. Township of Readington

C. SALUTE TO FLAG

D. REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

E. SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER

F. CONSENT AGENDA

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. * *Board of Adjustment 2021 Annual Report*
2. * *New Jersey State Firemen's Association Application for Membership*
 - ~ Scott Barton
 - ~ Charles Todd Quintard
3. * *Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 67.01, Lot 19.35 (14 Weavers Lane)*

4. * *Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 36, Lot 6 (37 School Road)*
5. * *Release of Police Escrow / Traffic Plan*

G. * APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 19, 2022 meeting

Minutes of December 28, 2022 meeting

Minutes of January 3, 2023 meeting

H. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

I. CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Resolution received from Mayor Kovach, Town of Clinton, regarding Support of *Proposed Senate Bill No. 861 Allowing Municipalities to Conduct Annual Tree Event for Open Burning of Christmas Trees.*
2. Letter dated December 21, 2022 from Matthew Kolodziej, PSE&G - Licensing and Permitting, regarding *An Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Resource Protection for Surveying and Investigating Right of Way Across Block 4, Lot 41 for Bridge Replacement.* (Entire Application on File in Clerk's Office)
3. Letter dated January 9, 2023 from Nibras Mir, Environmental Engineer, Bureau of Station Sources, NJDEP, Air, Energy and Materials Sustainability, Division of Air Quality, regarding *Air Pollution Control Permit to Construct and Certificate to Operate Cannabis Processing at Verano New Jersey Facility.*
4. Letter dated January 6, 2023 from Jennifer Ader, Municipal Clerk, Township of Tewksbury regarding *An Ordinance of the Township of Tewksbury, Hunterdon County, New Jersey Repealing and Replacing Title 2, Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.32, Board of Health, of the Township Code of Ordinances.*

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. *An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of Certain Easements on Portions of Block 4, Lot 51 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey for Stormwater Maintenance Inspection and Stream Corridor Conservation Purposes, from Readington Commons, LLC*

2. ***Resolution Authorizing the Special Tax Counsel for the Township of Readington to Enter into a Stipulation of Settlement Relative to the Tax Appeals Captioned: Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 004383-2016, 001157-2017, and 002560-2018; Unicom Science and Technology Park, Inc. vs. Readington Township, Tax Court of New Jersey, Docket Nos. 002755-2019, 000934-2020, 005115-2021, and 005699-2022; and Unicom Science and Technology Park, Inc. by Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. vs. Readington Township, Docket Nos. 005359-2019, 001531-2020 and 005269-2021***
3. ***2023 Sewer Rate*** - memorandum dated January 9, 2023 from Michael Balogh, Tax Collector
4. ***Application for Special Events Permit / Varre Pre-Hindu Wedding Events***

K. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

L. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

M. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **John Albanese**
Affordable Housing
Recreation
Social Services
2. **Jonathan Heller**
Finance
 - * ***Tax Lien Redemption Refund***
 - * ***Tax Overpayments***
 - * ***Sewer Overpayments***
 - * ***Tax Exempt Refund***
 - * ***Payment of Bills***
 Emergency Services / Fire Official
Sewer Advisory Board
Environmental Commission / Water Watch Advisory Board
3. **Juergen Huelsebusch**
Police Department / Traffic Safety
Agricultural Advisory Committee
Farmland / Open Space Advisory Board
4. **Adam Mueller**
Planning Board
Engineering / Roads/ Building & Grounds / Recycling
Construction & Code Enforcement
Municipal Court

5. Vincent Panico

Historic Preservation / Museums

Zoning

Board of Health

Library Services

N. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(Note: In consideration of allowing all members of the public an opportunity to speak, please limit public comments to five (5) minutes)

O. COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

P. ADJOURNMENT