

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – June 19, 2023**

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.

- PRESENT:** Mayor J. Huelsebusch, Deputy Mayor A. Mueller, Mr. J. Albanese, Mr. J. Heller, and Mr. V. Panico
- ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator R. Sheola, Municipal Clerk K. Parker, Attorney S. Dragan
- ABSENT:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

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

- 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 Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Affordable Housing .....	Potential Litigation .....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other Information will remain confidential
Recreation / Summer Camp.....	Personnel .....	“ “ “
Recreation .....	Personnel .....	“ “ “
Personnel .....	Personnel .....	“ “ “
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel .....	“ “ “
Shared Services / Twp of Raritan..... (Fire Sub-code Official)	Contract Negotiations .....	“ “ “
Memorandum of Understanding / ..... Block 73, Lots 23.01 & 25 (Readington) and Block 37, Lot 1 and Block 28 (Raritan Twp)	Contract Negotiations .....	“ “ “
Professional Services / Conflict Planner ... (Block 81, Lot 1 Redevelopment)	Contract Negotiations .....	“ “ “
Fire Companies .....	Attorney-Client Privilege ...	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “

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

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Executive Session:**

**Potential Litigation / Affordable**

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Personnel / Recreation / Summer Camp**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-96**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the Recreation Department runs the Summer Recreation Camp Program at Summer Road Park from June 24 through August 4, 2023; and; and

**WHEREAS** the Recreation Department relies on “summer camp counselors” to assist with running the program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent to hire the following individuals with the rate of pay indicated:

Barckholtz	Daniel	Sr. Counselor	\$17.00
Fasinelli	Lauren	Jr. Counselor	\$14.13
Gale	Carliegh	Sr. Counselor	\$17.00
Komosinski	Victoria	Sr. Counselor	\$17.00
Nichols	Sarah	Sr. Counselor	\$17.00
Reynolds	Danielle	Sr. Counselor	\$17.00
Sherry	Ian	Sr. Counselor	\$17.00
Szanto	Erik	Sr. Counselor	\$17.00

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby approves the employment of the above for the summer of 2023.

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

Mr. Albanese -Aye  
Mr. Heller - Aye  
Mr. Mueller - Aye  
Mr. Panico - Aye  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

**Personnel / Recreation**

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Personnel / Personnel***

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Personnel / Department of Public Works***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2022-97***

***RESOLUTION APPOINTING LABORER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS -  
BLAMPIED***

***WHEREAS***, the Department of Public Works – Roads has a vacancy for a Laborer position; and

***WHEREAS***, the Department has advertised and posted the vacancy internally; and

***WHEREAS***, there were a number of applications and after interviews with the Director of Public Works and Road Supervisor of Public Works, it is the recommendation to hire Allister Blampied as Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works in accordance with the contract in place at this time.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, by the Township Committee of the Readington Township to hire Allister Blampied as Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works contingent upon successful completion of the requisite pre-employment physical.

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

Mr. Albanese	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2023-98***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, Steven DeBray has been a valued member of the Township Department of Public Works; and

***WHEREAS***, Steven DeBray has served as a Mechanic and after a review by the Department leadership, a recommendation was made to the Township Administrator to promote Steve DeBray to Senior Mechanic; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township Committee has reviewed the recommendation and endorses the promotion as outlined; and

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, by the Township Committee, that Steven DeBray is hereby promoted to Senior Mechanic in the Department of Public Works effective immediately in accordance with the Teamsters contract in place.

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

Mr. Albanese -Aye  
Mr. Heller - Aye  
Mr. Mueller - Aye  
Mr. Panico - Aye  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-99**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Troy Helbing has been a valued member of the Township Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, Troy Helbing has served as a Mechanic and after a review by the Department leadership, a recommendation was made to the Township Administrator to promote Troy Helbing to Senior Mechanic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed the recommendation and endorses the promotion as outlined; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee that Troy Helbing is hereby promoted to Senior Mechanic in the Department of Public Works effective immediately in accordance with the Teamsters contract in place.

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

Mr. Albanese -Aye  
Mr. Heller - Aye  
Mr. Mueller - Aye  
Mr. Panico - Aye  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

***Contract Negotiations / Shared Services / Township of Raritan (Fire Sub-code Official)***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-100**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
TEMPORARY SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT – TOWNSHIP OF  
RARITAN – FIRE PREVENTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Raritan, through a temporary shared service agreement, has been providing Fire Prevention Services to Readington Township since December 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Raritan and the Township of Readington, in anticipation of entering a permanent shared service agreement, have discussed and negotiated new terms upon which the Township of Raritan will provide the necessary Fire Prevention Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Raritan and Township of Readington agree that their mutual public purposes and best interests will be promoted and that it makes financial sense for the parties to enter into a new agreement for these services in anticipation of approval of the proposed shared service agreement by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**Resolution #R-2023-100 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee finds it to be in the best interest of the Township of Readington to enter into the revised temporary shared service agreement with the Township of Raritan to provide Fire Prevention Services as required and set forth in the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.) and Uniform Fire Safety Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq.)

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

1. The Township is authorized to enter into a new temporary Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Raritan for the provision of Fire Prevention Services, as required and set forth in the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.) and Uniform Fire Safety Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq.) according to the terms in the draft version of the proposed Shared Service Agreement (Exhibit A).
2. The monthly fee for Fire Prevention Services shall be Seven Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,200.00). Payments are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
3. The Township Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Township of Raritan.
4. The Raritan Township Fire Official, Fire Inspector(s) and other appropriate officials are authorized to take the necessary action to effectuate the temporary Shared Service Agreement authorized in this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect July 1, 2023 and remain in effect until the proposed shared service agreement is approved by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, at which time the approved shared service agreement will be executed and authorized by resolution.

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

Mr. Albanese	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-101**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION  
TEMPORARY SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT – TOWNSHIP OF  
READINGTON – FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Raritan, through a temporary shared service agreement, has been providing Fire Subcode Official services to Readington Township since December 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Raritan and the Township of Readington, in anticipation of entering a permanent shared service agreement, have discussed and negotiated new terms upon which the Township of Raritan will provide the necessary Fire Subcode Official services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Raritan and Township of Readington agree that their mutual public purposes and best interests will be promoted and that it makes financial sense for the parties to enter into a new agreement for these services in anticipation of approval of the proposed shared service agreement by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee finds it to be in the best interest of the Township of Readington to enter into the revised temporary shared service agreement with the Township of Raritan to provide Fire Subcode Official services and related duties as required and set forth in the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code (N.J.A.C. 5:23 et seq.)

**Resolution #R-2023-101 cont'd:**

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

1. The Township is authorized to enter into a new temporary Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Raritan for the provision of Fire Subcode Official Services, and related duties as required and set forth in the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code (N.J.A.C. 5:23 et seq.) according to the terms in the draft version of the proposed Shared Service Agreement (Exhibit A).
2. The monthly fee for Fire Subcode Official Services shall be Three Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,900.00). Payments are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
3. The Township Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Township of Raritan.
4. The Raritan Township Fire Official, Fire Inspector(s) and other appropriate officials are authorized to take the necessary action to effectuate the temporary Shared Service Agreement authorized in this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect July 1, 2023 and remain in effect until the proposed shared service agreement is approved by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, at which time the approved shared service agreement will be executed and authorized by resolution.

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

Mr. Albanese -Aye  
Mr. Heller - Aye  
Mr. Mueller - Aye  
Mr. Panico - Aye  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

**Contract Negotiations / Memorandum of Understanding / Block 73, Lots 23.01 & 25 (Readington Twp) and Block 37, Lot 1 and Block 28, Lot 1 (Raritan Township)**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the memorandum of understanding, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese -Aye  
Mr. Heller - Aye  
Mr. Mueller - Aye  
Mr. Panico - Aye  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

**Contract Negotiations / Professional Services / Conflict Planner (Block 81, Lot 1 Redevelopment)**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-102**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONFLICT MUNICIPAL PLANNING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire the services for a conflict Professional Planner relating to Block 81, Lot 1 Redevelopment as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provision of *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.5* and

**WHEREAS**, the term “non-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

**Resolution #R-2023-102 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, Burgis Associates, Inc., has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Professional Planning Services for rates as detailed in the contract for a total amount not to exceed the amount appropriated for this service in the approved/adopted budget.

**WHEREAS**, Burgis Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Burgis Associates, Inc., 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 Burgis Associates, Inc., 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).

**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 Burgis Associates, Inc., as described herein; and

**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, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Professional Service Contract including the rate schedule 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. Mueller to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

**Attorney-Client Privilege / Fire Companies**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to authorize Administrator Sheola to update the box alarms with Hunterdon County Communications, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

**Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / June 5, 2023**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 5, 2023, for content only, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Huelsebusch 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.*

Mr. Heller requested to remove *Items # 1* and *2* and Deputy Mayor Mueller requested to remove *Item #5* from the Consent Agenda

1. \* **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of June 5, 2023
2. \* ***New Jersey State Firemen's Application for Membership***  
 ~ ***Robert Linz***  
 ~ ***Matthew Byrum***
3. \* ***Release of Police Escrow (Somerset Wheelman)***
4. \* ***Payment of Bills*** – (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk’s Office)

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
GENERAL	2-01	\$ 6,552.08
GENERAL	3-01	\$ 856,039.61
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	3-02	\$ 6,134.87
OTHER TRUST	X-03	\$ 18,386.91
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX		
LIENS	X-05	\$ 41,690.55
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 179,727.18
2014 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-14	\$ 5,770.34
2015 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-15	\$ 784.81
2016 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-16	\$ 17,996.00
2017 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-17	\$ 3,888.52
2018 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-18	\$ 1,172.12
2019 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-19	\$ 1,730.07
2020 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-20	\$ 3,337.80
2021 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-21	\$ 10,025.52
202-14 VARIOUS CAPITAL	X-22	\$ 12,570.37
2023 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-23	<u>\$ 128.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 1,165,934.75</b>

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Albanese to approve the Consent Agenda (*with the removal of items #1, 2 & 5*), seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

- Mr. Albanese -Aye
- Mr. Heller - Aye
- Mr. Mueller - Aye
- Mr. Panico - Aye
- Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** for items listed on the agenda only

John Broten inquired as to the need for the conflict planner.



**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Clerk read by Title:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 204, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS," AND CHAPTER 103, "DISORDERLY CONDUCT," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**ORDINANCE #14-2023**

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

There were none.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 204, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS," AND CHAPTER 103, "DISORDERLY CONDUCT," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON**

**ORDINANCE #14-2023**

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

Mr. Albanese	-Nay
Mr. Heller	- Nay
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Nay

*The ordinance was defeated.*

**CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Township of Readington Zoning Board of Adjustment Notice of Public Hearing from Sara Werner, Esq., Prime & Tuval, in the matter of ***JW Congregation Support, Inc. Seeking Application for a Conditional Use Variance and Preliminary and Final Major Site Plan Approval.*** No action taken.
2. Letter dated May 26, 2023 from James Meehan, Counsel for Jersey Central Power & Light Company, in the matter of ***JCP&L seeking the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' for Review and Approval of the Deferred Balances Accumulated with Respect to the Solar Renewable Energy Certificate Financing Component, Transition Renewable Incentive Program Component, Solar Successor Incentive Program, and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program Component of its Rider RRC-RGGI Recovery Charge through December 31, 2022.*** No action taken.

3. Letter dated June 1, 2023 from Allison Wheelan, NBJ Watershed Ambassador, AmeriCorps, regarding ***Requesting Permission to Conduct an Assessment on a Portion of Pleasant Run.***

The Committee granted permission to Allison Wheelan, NBJ Watershed Ambassador, to conduct an assessment on a portion of Pleasant Run.

4. Letter dated June 12, 2023 from Janine DeLeon, Land Use Board Secretary, Township of Bedminster, regarding ***Notice of Public Hearing on an Amendment to the Bedminster Township Land Use Board's Master Plan to Amend the Office Research Village (ORV) Section of the Bedminster Township Land Use Board's Master Plan.*** No action taken.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

1. ***Presentation of the Readington Township School District Budget***

Jonathan Hart, Ph.D., Superintendent of Readington Township Schools, and Jason Bohm, Business Administrator, gave a slide presentation on the 2023-2024 school district budget. Dr. Hart highlighted the budget goals, the enrollment forecast, curriculum and pupil services. Mr. Bohm briefly reviewed the proposed capital projects and overall tax impact.

Mr. Panico inquired as to healthcare costs, current outstanding debt, and the five-year capital improvement plan.

Mayor Huelsebusch inquired as to the cost savings from the solar installation.

Mr. Albanese inquired about the two-way radio communication issues for the police officers at the schools and requested Administrator Sheola to continue to pursue a resolution to fund this.

Deputy Mayor Mueller commented on the well thought out budget planning process.

2. ***Request from Ken Staats, VP Operations, Festival of Ballooning to have two (2) temporary/portable cell towers during the three (3) days of the Balloon Festival***

***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the request for the two (2) temporary portable cell towers, seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Abstain
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

3. ***Application for Special Events Permit / NJ Lottery Festival of Ballooning***

***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the special event permit for the 5K Run, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Abstain
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

4. *Application for Special Events Permit / St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Picnic*

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Heller to approve the special event permit, seconded by Mr. Panico and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese -Aye  
Mr. Heller - Aye  
Mr. Mueller - Aye  
Mr. Panico - Aye  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

5. *Request for Reduction in Performance Bond / Ryland Developers (Block 14, Lots 29.02 & 29.03)*

The Committee was not in favor of reducing the performance bond until the water runoff issues are resolved from the Ryland Developers subdivision.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Albanese to reduce the performance bond for Ryland Developers, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese -Nay  
Mr. Heller - Nay  
Mr. Mueller - Nay  
Mr. Panico - Nay  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Nay

6. *Resolution in Recognition of Myia Sanz Designing a Logo for the Environmental Commission*

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-106**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Myia Sanz , an eighth-grade student at the Readington Middle School, is an exceptionally talented and creative young person; and

**WHEREAS**, Myia. Sanz happily volunteered to design a logo for the Environmental Commission and offered a number of suitable and attractive designs for the Environmental Commission members to choose from; and

**WHEREAS**, the logo will be used to increase the visibility of the Environmental Commission by adopting it as our official logo and applying it to banners, items of clothing, gift items; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Myia Sanz for her creativity, effort and ability to capture the essence of the Environmental Commission in such a practical, attractive and effective design.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Albanese to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese -Aye  
Mr. Heller - Aye  
Mr. Mueller - Aye  
Mr. Panico - Aye  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

- 7. ***Request to Recognize Readington with a Follow-up Feature in the August 2023 issue of Business View: Civil & Municipal / A series focusing on Growth and Development in New Jersey – discussion***

The Committee agreed to a follow up feature in the August 2023 issue of Business View.

- 8. ***Resolution Authorizing Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2023/24***

Mr. Heller inquired as to the business names of some of the licenses being approved.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-103**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the following Readington Township Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2023-2024 be approved:

**PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION:**

<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL FEE</u>	<u>STATE FEE</u>
1022-44-008-006	Bishop & Bishop Bar & Liquors	\$2,500.00	\$200.00
1022-44-015-004	Readington Wine & Spirits LLC	\$2,500.00	\$200.00

**PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION:**

<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL FEE</u>	<u>STATE FEE</u>
1022-33-001-005	HGC Stanton Ridge, LLC	\$2,500.00	\$200.00
1022-33-005-009	Adventure Duo, Inc.	\$2,500.00	\$200.00
1022-33-006-010	Ryland Manor LLC	\$2,500.00	\$200.00
1022-33-007-006	Bensi of Whitehouse	\$2,500.00	\$200.00
1022-33-003-007	215 White Liquors LLC	\$2,500.00	\$200.00
1022-33-009-008	Kalli 2 LLC	\$2,500.00	\$200.00
1022-33-002-013	Brass Knob, LLC	\$2,500.00	\$200.00

**CLUB:**

<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL FEE</u>	<u>STATE FEE</u>
1022-31-012-001	Polish American Citizens Club	\$ 150.00	\$200.00
1022-31-014-001	Three Bridges Volunteer Fire Co 1 Inc.	\$ 150.00	\$200.00
1022-31-010-002	Whitehouse American Legion Post 284	\$ 150.00	\$200.00

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

- Mr. Albanese -Aye
- Mr. Heller - Aye
- Mr. Mueller - Aye
- Mr. Panico - Aye
- Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

9. \* *Resolution to Cancel an Existing Check Not Cashed by Vendor*

Mr. Heller inquired as to the reason for the cancellation of the check.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-104**

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP**

**HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a check issued by Readington Township that has not been cashed by a vendor, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer recommends that the following check be voided:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Capital Fund	8/01/2022	1719	\$ 11,442.09

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel a check in the amount of \$11,442.09 that is outstanding in the General Capital Fund.

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

Mr. Albanese -Aye  
Mr. Heller - Aye  
Mr. Mueller - Aye  
Mr. Panico - Aye  
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

10. \* *New Jersey State Firemen's Application for Membership*  
~ *Robert Linz*  
~ *Matthew Byrum*

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

11. \* *Release of Police Escrow (Somerset Wheelman)*

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

12. *Resolution Certifying Availability of Funds Upon Adoption of Budget*

Deputy Mayor Mueller inquired about the certification of funds for Princeton Public Affairs.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2023-105**

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that funds are available for the following professional contracts for the year 2023: (All are provided for in the 2023 municipal budget unless otherwise noted)  
This Resolution replaces the following Resolutions adopted during the Temporary Budget term:

- #2023-20 PKF O'Connor Davies, Municipal Auditors
- #2023-24 McManimon and Scotland, Bond Counsel
- #2023-37 Phoenix Advisors, Municipal Advisory Services
- #2023-19 Martin Allen, Tax Attorney
- #2023-21 Fischer and Phillips, Labor Attorney
- #2023-22 Matthew Giacobbe, Labor Attorney
- #2023-53 Ronald Mondello, Esq., Cannabis Attorney
- #2023-54 Point Consulting, Social Media
- #2023-56 Max Spann, Auction Marketing Services
- #2023-33 Scott Mitzner, Public Defender
- #2023-34 Anthony Rotunno, Esq., Alt. Public Defender
- #2023-22 Jennifer Toth, Esq., Alt. Public Defender
- #2023-26 Clarke♦Caton♦Hintz, Professional Planners
- #2023-30 Advanced Engineering Inspections (AEIS) Services
- #2023-25 Jeffrey Surenian Associates, Special Counsel
- #2023-35 JEC Computers LLC, Computers/Maintenance
- #2023-31 Stephen Davis, Esq. & Brian Davis, Esq., Municipal Prosecutor
- #2023-32 Robert Ballard III, Alternate Prosecutor
- #2023-23 Gebhardt & Kiefer, Special Counsel
- #2023-27 Van Cleef Engineering and Associates
- #2023-28 Finelli Consulting, Conflict Engineer
- #2023-29 Ferreiro, Conflict Engineer
- #2023-36 Animal Control Solutions
- #2023-18 Sharon Dragan, Esq., Township Attorney
- #2023-47 Princeton Public Affairs Group, Governmental Relations Matters
- #2023-64 Stephen Falanga, Esq (Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP), Special Legal Counsel
- #2023-65 Newark Valuation and Advisory, Appraisal Consulting Services

Certified by: *Thomas Ferry, CMFO*

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

Mr. Albanese	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Sheola spoke to the use of drones and offered a public apology to Larry Lelah who had flown the drones over the Memorial Day Parade. Administrator Sheola further noted that he is working with the Director of Land Use and Development to draft an ordinance regarding drones.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**JOHN ALBANESE**

Mr. Albanese reported that the Summer Spectacular will be held tomorrow at Summer Road Park.

**JONATHAN HELLER**

Mr. Heller reported that Raritan Headwaters and Township volunteers will be testing Township waterways over the next few weeks.

**JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH**

Mayor Huelsebusch reported that he and Deputy Mayor Mueller met with the Mayors of Branchburg and Raritan Township to discuss preserving land, watersheds, and traffic programs on Route 202. Mayor Huelsebusch also provided an update on recent traffic meetings and Open Space walks.

**ADAM MUELLER**

Mr. Mueller reported that a meeting has been scheduled at the Ryland Developers project and Department of Public Works is nearing completion of the new trailhead at the Lachenmayer property.

**VINCENT PANICO**

Mr. Panico provided an update on resident questions regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Energy Powerline Infrastructure Resiliency Program along Route 202. Mr. Panico also spoke to the recent amendments to the Limited Brewery ordinance.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Betty Ann Fort commented on FAA regulations regarding drones and the video footage on drones.

Officer John Harris offered his expertise as a drone pilot.

John Broten spoke about the potential for economic development at the former Merck property.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Panico at 8:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Submitted by:

Karin M Parker, *RMC*  
Municipal Clerk