READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – September 18, 2023

Mayor Huelsebusch *calls the meeting to order at 6:00 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, THERFORE, 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

Subject Matter Basis O		te Anticip closed to		<u>hen</u>	
388 Readington Realty vs. Readington Twp	Litigation	of the Tow	formation vnship Com tion will rer	mittee to	nightother
Advisory Board Secretary	Personnel	"	"	"	
Police	Personnel		"	"	"
Police Lieutenants	. Contract Negotiations	•••••	"	"	"
Block 73, Lots 23.01 & 25	Contract Negotiations	•••••	"	"	"
Cooperative Purchase Agreement / Block 21, Lot 4	Contract Negotiations		"	"	"
ARC Properties of Hunterdon, LLC	Contract Negotiations	• • • • • • • • • • • • •		"	"
Block 42, Lot 24	. Contract Negotiations	•••••••••	"	"	"
James (Block 55, Lot 34)	Contract Negotiations		••	"	"
Agreement for Administration of Affordable Housing Units (Readington Comm	e		••	"	"

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Executive Session Minutes	Attorney-Client Privilege	"	"	"
• <i>September 5, 2023</i>				

Affordable Housing...... Potential Litigation...... " " "

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

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A MOTION was made by 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:

Personnel / Police

The following resolution was offered for introduction:

#R-2023-159

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Readington Police Department had a vacancy in the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, after completing a thorough evaluation process and several rounds of interviews, the Township Administrator as Appropriate Authority and the Director of Public Safety recommended the promotion of Patrick Brown to the rank of Sergeant - Probationary; and

BE IT RESOLVED, this Resolution shall confirm the appointment of Patrick Brown as Sergeant-Probationary effective September 18, 2023.

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-AyeMr. Heller- AyeMr. Mueller- AyeMr. Panico- AyeMayor Huelsebusch- Aye

SWEARING IN NEW POLICE SERGEANT

Municipal Clerk Parker swore in Detective Patrick Brown to the rank of Sergeant.

Litigation / 388 Readington Realty Holdings, LLC vs. Township of Readington

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

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Personnel / Advisory Board Secretary

The following resolution was offered for introduction:

#R-2023-158

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARY - MONAGHAN

WHEREAS, the position of Advisory Board Secretary has been vacant for some time; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has advertised twice and posted the vacancy internally;

and

WHEREAS, there were a number of applications and after interviews with the Township Clerk and Township Administrator, it is the recommendation to hire Danielle Monaghan as Advisory Board in accordance with the offer letter of September 8, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Readington Township to hire Danielle Monaghan as Advisory Board Secretary at the annual salary of \$52,500 with an increase to \$55,000 after six (6) months and a satisfactory review employment, effective September 25, 2023 contingent upon successful completion of the requisite pre-employment physical.

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

Contract Negotiations / Police Lieutenants

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Block 73, Lots 23.01 & 25

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Cooperative Purchase Agreement (Block 21, Lot 4)

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / ARC Properties of Hunterdon, LLC (Deed Restriction - 399 Ferncrest Court)

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Block 42, Lot 24

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / James (Block 55, Lot 34)

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

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Contract Negotiations / Agreement for Administration of Affordable Housing Units (Readington Commons, LLC)

A MOTION was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the agreement between the Township of Readington and Readington Commons LLC, 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

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / September 5, 2023

A MOTION was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 5, 2023, for content only, 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

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Award of Deer Exclusion Fencing Contract

The following resolution was offered for introduction:

#**R-2023-160**

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, bids were received on September 1, 2023 for the deer exclusion fencing for the and for the Natural Climate Solutions Grant project;

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Township Attorney and Purchasing Agent the bids are defective or exceed the budgetary amount as follows:

- 1) Diamond J Fencing, LLC \$45,372.76 did not provide Consent of Surety which states it's mandatory in specs.
- WBE Fence Co., Inc. \$98,680.00 exceeds budget; did not provide the required Iran Cert - has question marks on both boxes; also don't know if its surety company is authorized to do business in NJ
- 3) Senco Metals, LLC \$273,000.00 exceeds budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee rejects the bids received for the above project and authorizes a re-bid.

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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

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.

1. * APPROVAL OF MINUTES of meeting of September 5, 2023

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

Fund Description	Fund No.	Re	eceived Total
GENERAL	3-01	\$	795,495.78
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	3-02	\$	3,372.36
OTHER TRUST	X-03	\$	30,854.95
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$	175,979.12
2014 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-14	\$	8,172.50
2018 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-18	\$	192,793.86
2020 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-20	\$	18,988.14
202-14 VARIOUS CAPITAL	X-22	\$	99,880.00
2023 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-23	\$	96,904.38
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$	1,421,441.09

A MOTION was made by Mr. Albanese to approve the Consent Agenda, 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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution Establishing and Adopting the Readington Township Complete and Green Streets Policy - memorandum dated September 12, 2023 from Ann Marie Lehberger, Planning Board Secretary

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-161

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING THE READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMPLETE AND GREEN STREETS POLICY

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, accessible, equitable, healthy, and environmentally and economically beneficial non-vehicular modes of transportation for all users is a priority of the Township of Readington; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Model Complete Streets Policy defines a complete street as "a means to provide a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options through planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities along the entire right-of-way for all users of all ages and abilities;" and

WHEREAS, "all users" includes bicyclists, pedestrians, persons with disabilities, older adults, and children; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets allow for multiple modes of travel, aside from personal automobiles, so that those who are unable to drive, who cannot afford a car, or choose to reduce their car usage may travel by bicycle or on foot safely and conveniently; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets allow for walking and cycling to be a viable alternative to driving, thereby providing environmental benefits by reducing carbon emissions and air pollution, promoting exercise and healthy living, being less costly to the commuter, reducing traffic congestion, increasing the capacity and efficiency of the road network, and enhancing the general quality of life for community members; and

WHEREAS, Green Streets design elements, such as green stormwater infrastructure, traffic calming treatments, shade trees, and the use of recycled materials protect and create a healthier natural and social environment, improve air, and water quality, and reduce localized flooding; and

WHEREAS, Complete and Green Streets implementation promotes economic vitality and neighborhood livability by enhancing access to local businesses, schools, parks, transit, and jobs; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Complete and Green Streets Policy should not negatively impact the affordability of the neighborhood for current residents and should provide benefit to neighborhoods through procedures that ensure fair treatment, equitable funding and resource distribution, and meaningful involvement of community members in all phases from selection, planning, and design to construction and long-term maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Complete and Green Streets Policy applies to new, reconstruction, retrofit, and resurfacing projects, including design, planning, construction, maintenance, and operations, for the entire right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, all initial planning and concept and design studies of infrastructure projects consider design elements that improve public health, environment, economy, equity, and safety.

Resolution #R-2023-161 cont'd:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Township Committee of the Township of Readington adopts the Complete and Green Streets Policy attached hereto and makes it part of this Resolution subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall not be required where they are prohibited by law.
- 2) Significant adverse environmental impacts outweigh the positive effects of the infrastructure.
- 3) Character of the road shall be considered in the implementation of the Township Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that requests for all exceptions must be submitted in writing to the Township Committee, with supporting documentation, and made publicly available with a minimum of 30 days allowed for public comment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all Readington Township departments within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

Readington Township Complete and Green Streets Policy

Readington Township is committed to developing an integrated and connected multimodal transportation system of Complete and Green Streets that serve all neighborhoods and populations. Toward this end:

- 1. All transportation projects shall be designed and constructed as Complete and Green Streets, whenever feasible to do so, that allow safe, environmentally healthy, economically sound, equitable, accessible, and convenient travel along and across streets for users of all ages and abilities and for all modes of transportation, including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, public transportation vehicles and their passengers, delivery trucks and movers of commercial goods, drivers of agricultural vehicles, and emergency vehicles, and strive to meet the following goals:
 - a. <u>Environment</u>: Improve air and water quality; reduce flooding; mitigate traffic congestion.
 - b. <u>Safety</u>: Improve safety for people walking and bicycling.
 - c. <u>Economic</u>: Stimulate economic prosperity in business districts.
 - d. <u>Health</u>: Increase physical activity and social connectivity for residents and visitors.
 - e. <u>Equity</u>: Implement policies and distribute funding and other resources equitably and responsibly in all neighborhoods, particularly in neighborhoods with higher populations of transportation-dependent commuters.
- 2. This Policy shall apply to all public and/or private transportation projects, including those using funds awarded by federal, state, regional, county, municipal, or any other public agency. This shall include new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration, repaving, rehabilitation, private development projects, and maintenance of highways, roads, and streets. Bicycle and pedestrian ways shall be established, when appropriate, in such projects unless a condition of the resolution is met.
- 3. The Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and their respective planning and engineering professionals shall incorporate this Complete and Green Streets Policy into their reviews and recommendations of major site plan and development/redevelopment projects; that all initial planning, designing studies and review for projects requiring funding or approval by the Township should (a) evaluate the effect of the proposed project on safe travel by all users, and (b) identify measures to mitigate any adverse impacts on such travel that are identified.
- 4. This Complete and Green Streets Policy shall be incorporated into the next Reexamination, update, revision, amendment, or adoption of the Master Plan.
- 5. The design and construction of new roads and facilities shall anticipate future demand for biking, walking, and other alternative transportation facilities and not preclude the provision of future improvements.

Complete and Green Streets Policy cont'd:

- 6. The Readington Township Committee, Township Planner, and Township Engineer shall routinely work in coordination with each other and adjacent jurisdictions, and any relevant committees, to create Complete and Green Streets and to ensure consistency with the Township of Readington's Master Plan and Elements and any other existing Pedestrian/Bicycle/Multimodal Plans, Stormwater Management Plans, Pollution Prevention Plans, and Historic Preservation Plans.
- 7. Transportation projects and Master and Capital Plans shall include, when appropriate, sustainable design elements, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Green street stormwater infrastructure practices
 - b. Traffic calming
 - c. Shade trees and other vegetation
 - d. Rain gardens
 - e. Bioswales
 - f. Permeable pavements including those made from recycled materials such as rubber, concrete, glass, and plastic.
- 9. Transportation projects and Master and Capital Plans shall include, where appropriate, pedestrian and bicycle design elements and transit amenities, including but not limited to: curb extensions, sidewalks, paved pedestrian paths, radar feedback signs, pedestrian countdown signals, pedestrian refuge islands, road diets, lane width reductions, bike lanes, protected bike lanes, bike parking, lighting, wayfinding, seating, trash receptacles, transit amenities, etc.
- 10. The Readington Township Committee shall utilize the most current editions of guides, manuals, and best practices on street design, historic preservation, construction, operations, and maintenance that apply to bicycle, pedestrian, transit, stormwater, and highway facilities. All manuals, standards, and guidelines shall be made publicly available online.
- 11. The Township Administrator shall lead the implementation of this Policy and formally coordinate with the Township Planner and Township Engineer with advice and input from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and relevant committees to set benchmarks to ensure the successful implementation of the Complete and Green Streets Policy. Beginning with the planning stage, the Township of Readington shall identify an existing process or develop a new process that allows for public participation in decision-making concerning the planning, design, and use of streets and roadways covered by this Policy
- 12. One or more of the following implementation tools may be used in support of this Complete and Green Streets Policy:
 - a. Establishment of a checklist for project review.
 - b. Inventory, audit, and update of procedures, policies, plans, documents, training programs, performance measures and other guidance documents to be consistent with this Policy, including, but not limited to, funding, planning, designing, operating, and maintaining transportation infrastructure.
 - c. Establishment and reporting of benchmarks reflecting the ability of all users to travel safely and conveniently along highways, roads, and streets.
 - d. Collection and monitoring of data to assess benchmarks and evaluate how well the streets are serving all users.
 - e. Identification of capital improvements that expand the opportunities for safe roadway use by all users.

Key Terms & Definitions

Complete Streets: An integrated transportation network designed to enable safe and convenient travel and access along and across streets for all users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, movers of commercial goods, and transit riders.

Complete and Green Streets Policy cont'd:

Green Streets: Streets with landscaped features installed in the rights-of-way that capture and allow stormwater runoff to infiltrate into the ground, while still preserving the primary function of a street as a conduit for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders. Stormwater runoff is excess water generated from rain and snowmelt events that flow over impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, and does not infiltrate into the ground.

Green Street Stormwater Infrastructure Practices: Includes types of green infrastructure techniques used to manage stormwater, including but not limited to:

- 1. **Street tree trenches/boxes:** utilize soil, gravel, and plants to infiltrate and filter stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces
- 2. Bioswales: shallow channels that convey, slow down, and infiltrate stormwater runoff.
- 3. **Vegetated curb bump outs:** a vegetated curb extension that protrudes into the street either mid-block or at an intersection, creating a new curb some distance from the existing curb.
- 4. **Permeable pavement:** a stormwater drainage system that allows rainwater and runoff to move through the pavement's surface to a storage layer below, with water eventually seeping into underlying soil. Types of permeable pavement include pervious concrete, porous asphalt, interlocking concrete pavers, and grid pavers.

Green Stormwater Infrastructure: An approach to managing stormwater by infiltrating it in the ground where it is generated using vegetation or porous surfaces, or by capturing it for later reuse. Infiltration is when water falls to the earth as precipitation and seeps into the soil.

Road Diet: A lane reduction strategy to improve safety and multi-modal transportation on a roadway. It may include, but not be limited to, the removal of a road lane and/or reduction of a lane width to repurpose the roadway space for other uses and travel modes.

Traffic Calming: The combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users. Traffic calming objectives include:

- 1. Achieving slow speeds for motor vehicles
- 2. Reducing collision frequency and severity
- 3. Increasing the safety and the perception of safety for non-motorized users of the street(s)
- 4. Reducing the need for police enforcement
- 5. Enhancing the street environment (e.g., streetscaping)
- 6. Encouraging water infiltration into the ground using Green Street stormwater infrastructure practices
- 7. Increasing access for all modes of transportation, and reducing cut-through motor vehicle traffic

Transit Amenities: Include seating, shelter and shade, wayfinding signage, trash and recycling cans, lighting, route information, bike infrastructure (lockers, racks, fix-it stations, depots, bikeshare, etc.).

Transportation Project: Any public and/or private land development, project, program, or practice that affects the transportation network or occurs in the public right-of-way, including any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, signalization operations, resurfacing, restriping, rehabilitation, maintenance (excluding routine maintenance that does not change the roadway geometry or operations, such as mowing, sweeping, and spot repair), operations, alteration, and repair of any public street or roadway within a jurisdiction (including alleys, bridges, frontage roads, and other elements of the transportation system).

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A MOTION was made by Mr. Albanese 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

2. Resolution in Support of the Hunterdon County Transfer Station Sale

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-162

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington adopted Resolution 2023-90 on June 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington had been notified that the County of Hunterdon is considering the sale of the Hunterdon County Transfer Station/Materials Recovery Facility in Clinton Township; and

WHEREAS, the information originally provided has been clarified and updated; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington:

- 1) Does hereby rescind Resolution 2023-90;
- 2) The Township of Readington Township Committee hereby endorses the proposed sale of the assets of the transfer station.
- 3) A certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each of the Hunterdon County Commissioners and the Hunterdon County Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

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

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Polish American Citizens Club

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-163

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, heritage citizens clubs are integral for the residents of the Township of Readington to help bring the community together by promoting and preserving traditions and values; and

WHEREAS, the Polish American Citizens Club of Whitehouse Station is a fraternal organization incorporated on December 30, 1932; and

WHEREAS, there were 18 charter members of the Polish American Citizens Club, most of whom were immigrants, and there are currently 100 members who are mostly 2nd and 3rd generations; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Polish American Citizens Club is to foster polish traditions, language and culture through fellowship, education, and social interactions; and

WHEREAS, the Polish American Citizens Club also promotes respect for the Constitution of the United States and all federal and local government laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the leaders and members of Polish American Citizens Club are proud of its exemplary record of community service, including the hosting of events to provide awards and scholarships to students in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington gives special recognition to the members of the Polish American Citizens Club for their dedication and contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2023 the Polish American Citizens Club will be having a banquet celebrating their 90th Anniversary with traditional polish food and music.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Readington is proud to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Polish American Citizens Club and to honor the contributions the Polish American citizens have made to Readington Township and its surrounding communities throughout history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on behalf of all the residents of Readington Township, the Township Committee congratulates them on their 90th Anniversary.

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

2. Application for Special Events Permit / Readington River Farm Medieval Fair and Market (Stanton Reformed Church)

Mayor Huelsebusch was recused from the vote.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Albanese 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

3. *Request to Waive Permit Fees for Two Food Trucks* - letter from Jessica Lestuk, Executive Vice President, Readington Homeschool Association, Inc.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Albanese to approve the request to waive the permit fees, 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 stated that he had nothing further to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported the Township will be closing on three deed restricted units for affordable housing this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOHN ALBANESE

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

JONATHAN HELLER

Mr. Heller reported that the well testing, in partnership with Raritan Headwaters, will be in October and encouraged residents to get their well tested.

JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH

Mayor Huelsebusch reported a request was received from the County to draft a resolution to support their position in opposition to a bill in the House of Representatives establishing a 10 year pilot program for states to test 91,000-pound trucks. The resolution of support will be presented at the next meeting.

Mayor Huelsebusch also provided an update on the Township Facebook page.

ADAM MUELLER

Deputy Mayor Mueller inquired on the status of the garbage/recycling bids.

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VINCENT PANICO

Mr. Panico reported on upcoming museum events.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Betty Ann Fort inquired about a sign and dedication of the recently renamed Dale Haver Greenway.

Lisa Routel expressed concerns about the proposed lighting at Summer Road Park and the playing of pickleball after hours.

Stephanie Panico spoke to an influx of people at Summer Road Park, the lack of landscaping at the park and people playing there after sunset.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

There were none.

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mr. Panico at 8:15 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