

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – December 4, 2023**

Mayor Huelsebusch *calls the meeting to order at 4:30 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 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, Twp. Engineer R. O'Brien

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, that the Township Administrator Richard Sheola is hereby appointed Deputy Clerk for the purpose of taking minutes in connection with the Litigation / Bolarakis, DeVoe & Parker vs. Township of Readington agenda item listed under Executive Session. Exclusion of the public from this portion of the meeting is in accordance with the attorney client privilege, potential litigation and personnel exceptions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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.

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

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
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.”		
Request for Proposals (Interviews).....	Contract Negotiations	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other Information will remain confidential
Request for Proposals / Professional Services	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Finance	Personnel	” “ “
Police Department	Personnel	” “ “
Request for Proposals / (Professional Services)	Contract Negotiations	” “ “
Memorandum of Understanding / Public Safety Director	Contract Negotiations	” “ “
Agreement for Administration of Affordable Housing Units / Whitehouse Station Holdings LLC	Contract Negotiations	” “ “
Agreement for Administration of Affordable Housing Units / The Farm Property, LLC	Contract Negotiations	” “ “
Professional Services / Social Media	Contract Negotiations	”
Contract for Sale (Block 13, Lot 24).....	Contract Negotiations	” “ “
Mountain Road (Block 21, Lot 4)	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• November 20, 2023		
Attorney-Client Privilege	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
Solid Waste Disposal	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
Affordable Housing.....	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
Bolarakis, Devoe & Parker vs. Township of Readington	Litigation	“ “ “

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 7:35 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Contract Negotiations / Request for Proposals / Interviews

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Request for Proposals (Professional Services)

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel / Finance

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel / Police

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-188

***RESOLUTION APPOINTING DYLAN HOURIHAN
AS PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER***

WHEREAS, there exists a need to fill vacancies in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, following the review of resumes and interviewing viable candidates it is the recommendations of the Public Safety Director and Township Administrator to appoint Dylan Hourihan to the position of Probationary Police Officer at the current Academy contract rates; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of the Township Personnel Policies and the Collective Bargained Agreement with PBA Local No. 317 shall be afforded Dylan Hourihan during his employment, effective December 4, 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	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-189

***RESOLUTION APPOINTING SHIRLEY CORDOVA
AS PROBATIONARY PATROL OFFICER***

WHEREAS, there exists a need to fill vacancies in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, following the review of resumes and interviewing viable candidates it is the recommendations of the Public Safety Director and Township Administrator to appoint Shirley Cordova to the position of Probationary Police Officer at the current Academy contract rates; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of the Township Personnel Policies and the Collective Bargained Agreement with PBA Local No. 317 shall be afforded Shirley Cordova during her employment, effective December 4, 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	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Mueller	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch	- Aye

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-190

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRYCK CZYZ
AS PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, there exists a need to fill vacancies in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, following the review of resumes and interviewing viable candidates it is the recommendations of the Public Safety Director and Township Administrator to appoint Patryck Czyz to the position of Probationary Police Officer at the current Academy contract rates; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of the Township Personnel Policies and the Collective Bargained Agreement with PBA Local No. 317 shall be afforded Patryck Czyz during his employment, effective December 4, 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 -Aye
Mr. Heller - Aye
Mr. Mueller - Aye
Mr. Panico - Aye
Mayor Huelsebusch - Aye

Contract Negotiations / Memorandum of Understanding / Public Safety Director

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / PBA

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Agreement for Administration of Affordable Housing Units / Whitehouse Station Holdings, LLC

A MOTION was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the agreement for the administration of affordable housing units, 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

Contract Negotiations / Agreement for Administration of Affordable Housing Units / The Farm Property, LLC

A MOTION was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the agreement for the administration of affordable housing units, 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

Contract Negotiations / Professional Services / Social Media

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Contract for Sale (Block 13, Lot 24)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the amended form of contract for Block 13 Lot 24, 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

Contract Negotiations / Block 21, Lot 4 (Mountain Road)

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / November 20, 2023

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 20, 2023, for content only, seconded by Mr. Panico with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Attorney-Client Privilege

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Mueller to approve the contract for professional services, 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

Potential Litigation / Solid Waste Disposal

Administrator Sheola spoke to the buyback of the sticker program and reported that there will be no extension to the contract with Republic Services.

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Bolarakis, Devoe & Parker vs. Township of Readington

Mayor Huelsebusch stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

SWEARING IN OF NEW PATROL OFFICERS

Municipal Clerk Parker swore in Dylan Hourihan as Probationary Patrol Officer.

Municipal Clerk Parker swore in Shirley Cordova as Probationary Patrol Officer.

Municipal Clerk Parker swore in Patryck Czyz as Probationary Patrol Officer.

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.*

Jacqueline Hindle requested the removal of *Item #1* from the Consent Agenda.

1. * **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of November 20, 2023
2. * **Release of Police Escrow / Perimeter Properties**
3. * **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	3-01	\$ 3,349,508.58
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	3-02	\$ 11,641.63
OTHER TRUST	X-03	\$ 10,062.42
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 229,834.07
2021 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-21	\$ 279.98
2022-14 VARIOUS CAPITAL	X-22	\$ 5,325.19
2023 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-23	\$ 2,571.28
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 3,609,223.15

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Albanese to approve the Consent Agenda (*with the removal of Item #1*), 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

John Kalinich spoke to his written request to the Committee to ask the Solbergs for a more formal public hearing regarding the Airport Master Plan.

Laurie Fisher concurred with Mr. Kalinich’s comment and request for a more formal public hearing regarding the Airport Master Plan.

John Broten inquired about the contract for professional services listed on the agenda under executive session, attorney-client privilege / attorney-client privilege

Jacqueline Hindle spoke to the proposed Route 22 Corridor ordinance that is listed on the agenda for consideration and commented on Brian Armstrong’s outstanding eagle scout accomplishments.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS A PORTION OF BLOCK 13, LOT 24 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON***

ORDINANCE #29-2023

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 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS A PORTION OF BLOCK 13, LOT 24 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON***

ORDINANCE #29-2023

A MOTION was made by Mr. Mueller to adopt this ordinance, 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

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 138 OF THE CODE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON ENTITLED "HOUSING STANDARDS" TO PROVIDE
LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELOCATION OF TENANTS AND COSTS THEREOF***

Ordinance #30-2023

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. Panico 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 AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 138 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON ENTITLED “HOUSING STANDARDS” TO PROVIDE LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELOCATION OF TENANTS AND COSTS THEREOF

Ordinance #30-2023

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Mueller to adopt this ordinance, 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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Panico 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 AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 225 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AUTHORIZING THE POLICE TO ENFORCE TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE CODE IN THE RIDGE AT READINGTON

Ordinance #31-2023

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

Clerk read by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 225 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AUTHORIZING THE POLICE TO ENFORCE TITLE 39 OF THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE CODE IN THE RIDGE AT READINGTON

Ordinance #31-2023

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Heller to adopt this ordinance, 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

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Letter dated November 27, 2023 from John Kalinich, Jr. asking the *Township Committee to Request to the Airport Sponsors and NJ-DOT, for an Open Public Hearing in Readington Township regarding the Recently Announced Solberg Master Plan and Airport-Layout Plan Updates*. No action taken.
2. Notices of Public Hearings from Gary Akmentins, Rates Analyst Senior regarding the *Petition(s) of Elizabethtown Gas Company Filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to Effectuate Changes to the following rates: 1) Clean Energy Program and On-System Margin Sharing Credit, 2) Remediation Adjustment Clause and 3) Energy Efficiency Program*. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *An Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Volume II Chapter 148 Entitled "Land Development" of the Code of the Township of Readington, 2000 to Create the HVC Highway Village Commercial, B-I Business-I and HC Highway Commercial Zoning Districts, and to Provide Use Provisions, Site Standards, and Definitions Related thereto; to Remove the PO Professional Office District, and Amend the Zoning Map of the Township to Reflect the Amended Zoning District.*

Mr. Panico stated that they are working to set up a meeting with the Director of Land Use and Development to discuss some concerns with the existing ordinance as proposed and would not support the ordinance as is.

Mr. Albanese stated that the amendment to the zoning ordinance has been under discussion for many years and pointed out that there has been ample opportunity for comments on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Albanese urged the Committee to move forward with the introduction of the ordinance and noted that further amendments can be made at a later date.

Deputy Mayor Mueller reiterated Mr. Panico's comments and stated that this should be further discussed by the Planning Board next year.

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

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

The motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Resolution in Recognition of Brian Armstrong Attaining Eagle Scout***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-192

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Brian Armstrong a valued member of his Boy Scout Troop 90, 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 Brian Armstrong's Eagle Project involved multiple improvements to the LT. Dale Haver Whitehouse Greenway; and

WHEREAS, Brian built a 4 x16 bridge over a creek bed and rerouted the trail over the bridge with a cleared approached on both sides; and

WHEREAS, Brian also built a smaller 8-foot bridge over a muddy section of the trail and moved trail markers to better locate the trails; and

WHEREAS, Brian, as a scout earned the Triple Crown Award for high adventure having attended Philmont, SeaBase and Summit Bechtel Reserve for different high adventure experiences and also earned National Outdoor Achievement Awards for both hiking and camping; and

WHEREAS, Brian's love for hiking inspired him to improve the trail so that all members of the community could enjoy a safer experience for years to come; and

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

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2023, Brian Armstrong successfully completed his Eagle Board Review, meeting all requirements for the Eagle Scout and is well deserving of this recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Brian Armstrong 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.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Albanese to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Mueller 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. ***Special Event Permit Application / Solberg Airport Santa Fly In***

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to approve the special event permit application, 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

3. **Resolution to Authorize Budget Appropriation Transfers**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-193

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2023 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58* provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58* for transfer purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the Chief Financial Officer shall and is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriation accounts of the 2023 Municipal Budget as follows:

Current Fund	FROM	TO
Readington Fire Co. OE		\$7,500
Assessment S&W	\$2,500	
Consultant Fees – Planner	\$5,000	
TOTAL	\$7,500	\$7,500
Sewer Fund		
RLSA Fees		\$90,000
Capital Outlay	\$90,000	
TOTAL	\$90,000	\$90,000

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico 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

4. ***Grant Agreement between Readington Township and the State of NJ by and for the NJDEP (Readington Meadow Afforestation Project) – AMENDED***

Ms. Hindle requested clarification on the resolution.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2023-191

***GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
Readington Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey
AND
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BY AND FOR
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION***

GRANT IDENTIFIER: [NCS-2022-REC-00059](#)

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Readington Township desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$250,000 to fund the following project:

Any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

WHEREAS, the governing body resolves that Richard J. Sheola or the successor of the office of the Township Administrator is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the state for a grant in an amount not more than \$250,000), and (c) to execute the following:

WHEREAS, The authorized resolution certifier shall be Karin Parker, Municipal Clerk of Township of Readington or the successor for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Natural Climate Solutions Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee authorizes and approves the submission of an electronic grant agreement to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Natural Climate Solutions Grant - [NCS-2022-REC-00059](#) Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative on behalf of the Township Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee authorizes and hereby agrees to match 24.92% of the Total Project Amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified Up To 100% of the match will be made up of in-kind services and cash services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement). The Township of Readington agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Heller 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

5. * ***Release of Police Escrow / Perimeter Properties***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Sheola stated that he had nothing further to report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer O'Brien reported that the PSE&G gas main work will begin tomorrow on Rockaway Road and will last about 8 weeks. Mr. O'Brien continued that he is waiting to hear back as to when they will be doing the gas main work on Pulaski Road.

Mr. O'Brien further reported that authorization for additional surveying and engineering work is required for work on Pulaski Road - Section 2 to seek approval from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and send out to bid for State Aid by next year.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Heller to approve the additional expenditures required for the project, 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOHN ALBANESE

Mr. Albanese reported that travel basketball season has begun.

JONATHAN HELLER

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

JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH

Mayor Huelsebusch reported on the upcoming Open Space hikes.

ADAM MUELLER

Mr. Mueller reported that hunting firearm season started.

VINCENT PANICO

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Laurie Fisher commented on the garbage disposal and recycling sticker program. Ms. Fisher spoke to climate change and questioned whether a better solution was available,

John Broten commended the Committee on the police department appointments.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mr. Heller requested the Committee to consider sending a letter to the Solbergs requesting a public hearing regarding the Airport Master Plan. Several members of the Committee opined that they would like to attend the Solberg Informational Meeting on Wednesday first.

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Heller to send a letter to the Solbergs to request a public hearing on the Airport Master Plan. There was not a second, therefore the motion died.

Mr. Heller spoke to the former Readington News and missed opportunities to get information out to the community.

As there was no further business, A ***MOTION*** was made by Mr. Panico at 8:45 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