

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – August 5, 2024**

Mayor Mueller *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 A. Mueller, Deputy Mayor V. Panico, Mr. J. Heller and Mr. J. Huelsebusch

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator R. Sheola, Municipal Clerk K. Parker, Attorney C. Corsini

ABSENT: Mr. J. Albanese

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

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
Mackiewicz vs. Twp of Readington, et al.	Litigation.....	Certain information at the discretion of Twp tonight shall remain confidential
Administration.....	Personnel	“ “ “
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel	“ “ “
Local Union No. 469	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Portion of Approved SSA (Cook)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Agriculture Maintenance Contract (Gunther)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Agriculture Maintenance Contract (Doyle)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Agriculture Maintenance Contract (Quick)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• July 23, 2024		
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. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Litigation / Mackiewicz vs. Township of Readington and Township of Readington Police Department

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel / Administration

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2024-139

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES - PREBLICK

WHEREAS, the Administrative Offices, due to a retirement, has a vacancy for a Confidential Administrative Assistant position; and

WHEREAS, the position has been advertised and posted the vacancy internally; and

WHEREAS, there were a number of applications and after interviews with the Township Clerk, Assistant Administrator and Township Administrator, it is the recommendation to hire Tracey Preblich for the Confidential Administrative Assistant position in the Administrative Offices in accordance with the offer letter of August 1, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Readington Township to hire Tracey Preblich for the Confidential Administrative Assistant for the Administrative Offices contingent upon successful completion of the requisite pre-employment physical.

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

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

Personnel / Department of Public Works

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2024-140

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOSEPH LAU AS LABORER – ROADS DIVISION

WHEREAS, there exists a need to fill a vacancy in the Roads Division of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, following the review of resumes and interviewing viable candidates it is the recommendation of the Public Works Director and Township Administrator to appointment of Joseph Lau; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of the Township Personnel Policies and the collective bargained agreement with Teamsters Local #469 shall be afforded Joseph Lau during his employment.

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

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

Contract Negotiations / Local Union No. 469

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Portion of Approved SSA (Cook)

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Agriculture Maintenance Contract (Gunther)

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Agriculture Maintenance Contract (Doyle)

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Agriculture Maintenance Contract (Quick)

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / July 23, 2024

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 23, 2024 for content only, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

Nothing discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Mueller 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 meetings of July 23, 2024
2. * **Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 39, Lot 54**
3. * **Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2024-141

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

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

1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through Municibid pursuant to State Contract #19-GNSV1-00696 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with Municibid are available online at municibid.com and also available from the Township of Readington.
2. The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is municibid.com
3. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-09.
4. A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

Year of Equip	Make	Model	Serial # or VIN	Item description
2006	Case	DV-204	DDD001421	3.85 Ton Roller
1998	Jet Max	3625KG	N/A	Sewer Jetter
2009	Envirosight	Verisight	10402050195	Sewer Push Camera

5. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
6. The Township of Readington reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.
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	3-01	\$ 1,250.00
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	3-02	\$ 1,745.00
GENERAL	4-01	\$ 8,447,105.62
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	4-02	\$ 194,842.15
GENERAL	G-01	\$ 64,045.10
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	G-02	\$ 4,187.78
OTHER TRUST	X-03	\$ 160,268.13
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 543,049.90
2023 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-23	\$ 4,300.75
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 9,420,794.43

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only
There were none.

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. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AMENDING SECTION 121
(ENFORCEMENT) OF CHAPTER 148 (LAND DEVELOPMENT) TO DELEGATE
ENFORCEMENT POWER TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS***

ORDINANCE #22-2024

Mayor Mueller asked if there were any comments from the governing body

There were none.

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

Betty Ann Fort inquired how many more individuals would be delegated with enforcement powers and the necessary qualifications.

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

Clerk read by Title:

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON AMENDING SECTION 121
(ENFORCEMENT) OF CHAPTER 148 (LAND DEVELOPMENT) TO DELEGATE
ENFORCEMENT POWER TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS***

ORDINANCE #22-2024

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Bond Ordinance Reappropriating \$251,080.67, Including \$99,669.85 in Bond and Bond Anticipation Note Proceeds, \$146,899.21 in Capital Improvement Funds and \$4,511.61 in Capital Fund Balance, All No Longer Needed for their Respective Original Purposes, in Order to Provide for Various Capital Improvement in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$251,080.67, INCLUDING \$99,669.85 IN BOND AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE PROCEEDS, \$146,899.21 IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS AND \$4,511.61 IN CAPITAL FUND BALANCE, ALL NO LONGER NEEDED FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE ORIGINAL PURPOSES, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

Ordinance # 24-2024

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the “Township”), hereby determines that \$99,669.85 in bond and bond anticipation note proceeds, as applicable, originally made available pursuant to the following sections of the following bond ordinances listed below, are no longer necessary for the respective purposes for which such bonds and bond anticipation notes previously were authorized:

<u>Section/Bond Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Improvement Description and Date of Adoption</u>	<u>Amount to be Reappropriated</u>
Sections 3(a)-3(e) of Bond Ordinance #05-2018	Various capital improvements, finally adopted April 16, 2018.	\$1,000.03
Section 3(c) of Bond Ordinance #09-2019	Permanent road flooded grates for flood prone roads, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted May 6, 2019.	\$12,340.40
Bond Ordinance #23-2019	The acquisition of property located at 124 Rockafellow’s Mill Road for Parkland/Open Space/Farmland purposes, also known as Block 74, Lot 4 (Owners: Estate of Marie Saums (60%) and Floyd Saums, Jr. (40%)) on the tax maps of the Township, including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto, finally adopted December 2, 2019.	\$63,900.67
Section 3(2)(a) of Bond Ordinance #13-2023	Acquisition of a fire truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted June 5, 2023.	\$1,711.92

Section 3(3)(a) of Bond Ordinance #13-2023	Acquisition of a response pick-up truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted June 5, 2023.	\$2,217.00
Section 3(4)(a) of Bond Ordinance #13-2023	Acquisition of a roadside mower, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted June 5, 2023.	\$4,696.97
Section 3(4)(b) of Bond Ordinance #13-2023	Acquisition of a brush hog attachment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted June 5, 2023.	\$1,621.35
Section 3(4)(d) of Bond Ordinance #13-2023	Acquisition of an aerator, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted June 5, 2023.	\$309.76
Section 3(6)(a) of Bond Ordinance #13-2023	Acquisition of a spray patcher, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto, finally adopted June 5, 2023.	\$10,000.00
Section 3(7)(a) of Bond Ordinance #13-2023	Installation of a safety hatch at Cushetunk Pump Station, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto, finally adopted June 5, 2023.	\$1,871.75
Total:		<u>\$99,669.85</u>

Section 2. (a) The Township hereby further determines that \$146,899.21 in Capital Improvement Funds originally made available pursuant to the following capital ordinances listed below, are no longer necessary for the respective purposes for which such Capital Improvement Funds previously were appropriated:

Capital Ordinance Number	Improvement Description and Date of Adoption	Amount to be Reappropriated
Section 1 of Ordinance #08-2021	Purchase of a generator, finally adopted May 3, 2021.	\$70,000.00
Section 1 of Ordinance #08-2021	Acquisition of police body cameras, finally adopted May 3, 2021.	\$15,862.13
Section 1 of Ordinance #08-2021	Acquisition of technology equipment, finally adopted May 3, 2021.	\$299.54
Section 1(ii) of Ordinance #14-2022	Acquisition of vehicles for the Public Works Department, finally adopted May 2, 2022.	\$464.06
Section 1(iii) of Ordinance #14-2022	Improvements to Hillcrest Park, finally adopted May 2, 2022.	\$3,490.05

Section 1(iv) of Ordinance #14-2022	Acquisition of technology equipment, finally adopted May 2, 2022.	\$56,783.43
Total:		<u>\$146,899.21</u>

(b) The above capital ordinances of the Township are hereby amended to the extent necessary to provide that the amounts set forth above shall be re-appropriated for the purposes or improvements set forth in Section 4 hereof.

Section 3. (a) The Township hereby further determines that \$4,511.61 in General Capital Fund Balance originally made available pursuant to the following capital ordinances listed below, are no longer necessary for the respective purposes for which such General Capital Fund Balance amounts previously were appropriated:

<u>Capital Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Improvement Description and Date of Adoption</u>	<u>Amount to be Reappropriated</u>
Ordinance #29-2022	Purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus, finally adopted November 7, 2022.	\$3,188.30
Ordinance #35-2022	Purchase of a Department of Public Works administrative vehicle, finally adopted December 19, 2022.	\$1,323.31
Total:		<u>\$4,511.61</u>

(b) The above capital ordinances of the Township are hereby amended to the extent necessary to provide that the amounts set forth above shall be re-appropriated for the purposes or improvements set forth in Section 4 hereof.

Section 4. The amounts described in Sections 1 through 3 hereof, in the aggregate amount of \$251,080.67 are hereby reappropriated in the amounts set forth below to provide for the following purposes or improvements described below:

<u>New Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The acquisition of a first aid truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$130,000.00
The acquisition of bullet proof vests, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$36,250.00
Repairs to heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system at the Police Department, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$84,830.67
Total:	<u>\$251,080.67</u>

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for August 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

2. **Resolution Requesting Change in Title, Text, or Amount of Appropriation Pursuant to NJS 40A:4-85**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2024-142

RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT, OR AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO NJS 40A:4-85

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-85 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may, at the request of, or with the consent of, the governing body of any county or municipality, make such correction of the title, text, or amount of any appropriation appearing in the budget as may be necessary to make said item of appropriation available for the purpose or purposes required for the needs of any county or municipality,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4- 85, the Township of Readington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to make the following correction in the 2024 budget:

INSERT FULL DETAILS HERE

<u>Budget Line</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Financial Administration Salaries & Wages	\$106,614.00	\$134,114.00
Financial Administration – Other Expenses	\$198,390.00	\$170,890.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing correction is, in the opinion of the governing body, warranted and authorized by the statute referred to above, and is necessary for the orderly operation of the Township of Readington, Hunterdon County for the reasons set forth:

GIVE FULL DETAILS OF THE REASONS FOR THE REQUESTED CHANGE HERE

When the 2024 Budget was Adopted, the Township had a Chief Financial Officer who was paid via a Contractual arrangement. It was anticipated that arrangement would last all of 2024 calendar year. Unfortunately, there was a separation of employment and since that time, an existing employee – who is a Certified Municipal Finance Officer – has assumed the title and the compensation is now paid via normal payroll. Additionally, the Township has employed a part-time finance assistant to help with the some of the tasks of the office due to the lack of a full-time CFO. Given the change of circumstances, there would be insufficient funds in the 2024 Salary & Wage line item for the Finance Office without the approval of the title and Text Resolution.

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

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

3. **Request for Approval Relating to Proposed Grading on Public Lands or Extension of Sidewalk Easements** - Whitehouse Mall, LLC (Block 34, Lot 33)

Attorney Steven Gruenberg was present on behalf of Whitehouse Mall LLC and explained that the applicant received approval from the Board of Adjustment to relocate the Starbucks in the Whitehouse Mall to the vacant bank location with a drive-thru. Attorney Gruenberg continued that approval is needed from the Committee for temporary easements to allow the applicant to complete the grading and site improvements.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to approve the applicant’s temporary easements and authorize the Attorney Corsini to prepare an easement agreement, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

4. **Special Items of Revenue and Appropriations in the 2024 Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2024-143

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
IN THE 2024 BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington received the sum of \$11,206.04 from the grant as listed below and wishes to amend its 2024 budget to include that amount as revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$11,206.04, which items are now available as a revenue from the following sources pursuant to the provision of statute:

National Opioid Settlements	\$ 11,206.04
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$11,206.04 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of the following:

National Opioid Settlements	\$ 11,206.04
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A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

5. **Special Items of Revenue and Appropriations in the 2024 Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2024-144

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
IN THE 2024 BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington received the sum of 3,379.38 from the grant as listed below and wishes to amend its 2024 budget to include that amount as revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$2,871.58, which items are now available as a revenue from the following sources pursuant to the provision of statute:

National Opioid Settlements	\$2,871.58
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,871.58 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of the following:

National Opioid Settlements	\$2,871.58
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A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

6. *Special Items of Revenue and Appropriations in the 2024 Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87*

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2024-145

***SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
IN THE 2024 BUDGET
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87***

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington received the sum of \$3,379.38 from the grant as listed below and wishes to amend its 2024 budget to include that amount as revenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$3,379.38, which items are now available as a revenue from the following sources pursuant to the provision of statute:

National Opioid Settlements	\$3,379.38
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of 3,379.38 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of the following:

National Opioid Settlements	\$3,379.38
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A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

7. *NJ Firefighter's Association Application for Membership*

- ~ Dante Brancato
- ~ Daniel Smith

A MOTION was made by Mr. Panico to approve the applications for membership, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

8. * *Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 39, Lot 54*

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

9. * *Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property*

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Sheola reported that a decision regarding whether *National Night Out* would need to be cancelled due to the weather would be made in the morning and posted to the Township website and Facebook.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Corsini stated that he had nothing further to report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer O’Brien reported that the bid for the 2024 road improvements will be advertised on August 8th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JONATHAN HELLER

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

JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH

Mr. Huelsebusch reported that there will be an open space walk on River Trail next Sunday and the update to the trail and open space maps will be available on the website.

VINCENT PANICO

Mr. Panico reiterated the comments by Administrator Sheola regarding *National Night Out* and reviewed the upcoming museum events.

ADAM MUELLER

Mayor Mueller reported that he, Deputy Mayor and County officials attended a meeting with JCP&L regarding their plans to improve technology to address the recent outages. Mayor Mueller stated that their program called Energize NJ would result in an increase of an average of \$4.00 per month for residential customers.

A MOTION was made by Mayor Mueller to appoint Joseph Giallorenzo to the Board of Adjustment, filling the Alternate #1 vacancy expiring December 31, 2024, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Mayor Mueller appointed David Somonski to the Planning Board to fill the Alternate #2 vacancy expiring December 31, 2024 effective September 1st.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Betty Ann Fort inquired about PSE&G prioritizing locations in the Township where outages frequently occur.

Ken Becker asked if the Township was in communication with Unicom regarding the sale of the property.

Karen Mittleman, the Chair of the Board of Adjustment, expressed disappointment about the appointment process for new members. Ms. Mittleman specifically noted her concern over being excluded from making recommendations for potential candidates.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mr. Heller asked the Administrator if the cost was determined for the roof replacement at Cold Brook School and repairs at Dart's Mill.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Panico at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Submitted by:

Karin M Parker, *RMC*
Municipal Clerk