

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – May 5, 2025**

Mayor Mueller ***calls the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Mr. J. Albanese, Mr. J. Heller, Mr. J. Huelsebusch and Deputy Mayor V. Panico

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Administrator J. Curry, Acting Municipal Clerk A. Lehberger and Attorney C. Corsini

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION
May 5, 2025**

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</u> <u>When Discussion Will</u> <u>Be Disclosed to Public</u>
Police Interviews.....	Personnel	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight shall remain confidential.
Police.....	Personnel	“ “ “
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel	“ “ “
Board of Health.....	Personnel	“ “ “
Shared Service QPA... ..	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Verano LLC (Cannabis License Renewal)...	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Proposed WQMP Amendment.....	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Block 36 Lot 27 (Cook)		
Block 95 Lot 12.235....	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Open Space Update....	Contract Negotiations	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• April 21, 2025		
Housing and Social Services.....	Litigation.....	“ “ “

Affordable Housing.....Potential Litigation..... “ “ “

- 2. 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”.
- 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to amend the executive session agenda to add Attorney Client Privilege/Attorney Client Privilege, seconded by Mayor Mueller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Personnel / Police Interviews

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel / Police

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Personnel / Department of Public Works

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-96

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, there due to a resignation there exists a vacancy in the Department of Public Works for the position of Mechanic; and

WHEREAS, after interviews and due consideration, it is the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Acting Township Administrator to hire Ross Holtham to the position of Mechanic with compensation in accordance with the current Teamsters contract; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Readington Township to hire Ross Holtham as Mechanic contingent upon successful completion of the requisite background investigation and pre-employment physical effective May 12, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of the Township Personnel Policies shall be afforded Ross Holtham 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. Albanese -Aye
- Mr. Heller - Aye
- Mr. Huelsebusch - Aye
- Mr. Panico - Aye
- Mayor Mueller - Aye

Personnel/Board of Health

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

R-2025-97

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of Board of Health Secretary due to the promotion of Danielle Monaghan to Deputy Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, there also exists a need for a floater to assist the other departments in the Township; 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 Acting Township Administrator, Acting Township Clerk and Deputy Township Clerk, it is the recommendation to hire Courtney Gramiccioni as Board of Health Secretary/Floater at a salary of \$55,000 per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Readington Township to hire Courtney Gramiccioni as Board of Health Secretary/Floater contingent upon successful completion of the requisite background investigation and pre-employment physical effective May 12, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all provisions of the Township Personnel Policies shall be afforded Courtney Gramiccioni during her 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. Albanese	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mr. Huelsebusch	- Aye
Mr. Panico	- Aye
Mayor Mueller	- Aye

Contract Negotiations/Shared Service QPA

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Verano, LLC (Cannabis License Renewal)

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations/Proposed WQMP Amendment Block 36 Lot 27 (Cook)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-98

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON RESOLUTION
CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED UPPER RARITAN WATER QUALITY
MANAGEMENT (WQM) PLAN AMENDMENT***

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities for the township and single-family structures therein; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, conform with an approved WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure through the WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, a proposed WQM plan amendment publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on May 5, 2025 for “Walter & Kathleen Cook/Evergreen Farm”, Block 36, Lot 27 (portion), Readington Township, Hunterdon County, Program Interest No. 435434, Activity No. AMD210003 has been prepared by the applicant’s consulting engineer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 5th day of May 2025, by the governing body of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Township Committee hereby consents to the “Walter & Kathleen Cook/Evergreen Farm” amendment, publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on May 5, 2025, prepared by Liberty Environmental, Inc., for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan(s).
2. This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)6.

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

Contract Negotiations/Block 95 Lot 12.235 (235 Nuthatch Court)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to authorize the mayor to sign the deed, 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

Contract Negotiations/Open Space Update

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes/April 21, 2025

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 21, 2025 for content only, seconded by Mr. Huelsebusch with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded and one abstention.

Litigation / Housing and Social Services

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Attorney Client Privilege/Attorney Client Privilege

Mayor Mueller stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

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. * **Application for Blue Light Permit (Aaron Dobkin)**
- 2. * **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of April 21, 2025
- 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	4-01	\$ 13,809.77
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	4-02	\$ 3.16
GENERAL	5-01	\$ 10,710,364.01
SEWER UTILITY OP FUND	5-02	\$ 204,038.52
GENERAL	G-01	\$ 2,554.24
OTHER TRUST	X-03	\$ 21,529.57
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 272,789.78
2021 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-21	\$ 16,161.67
2023 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-23	\$ 6,660.83
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 11,247,911.55

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Albanese to approve the Consent Agenda, 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 (abstain from approval of April 21, 2025 minutes)
- Mayor Mueller - Aye

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

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. **Bond Ordinance of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Reappropriating \$84,830.67 No Longer Needed for its Existing Purpose in Order to Provide for the Remediation of Fuel Storage Tanks and Municipal Building Repairs - Ordinance #08-2025**

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:

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, REAPPROPRIATING \$84,830.67 NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ITS EXISTING PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMEDIATION OF FUEL STORAGE TANKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING REPAIRS

Ordinance #08-2025

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.

Neil Hendrickson inquired as to what the funds were no longer needed for.

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

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

1. **Letter from Jersey Central Power and Light dated April 22, 2025** – Notice of Virtual Public Hearing May 15, 2025 regarding JCP&L’s PY3 initial period rider LRAM filing.
No action taken.
2. **Letter from New Jersey American Water dated April 18, 2025** – Notice of Virtual Public Hearing on May 8, 2025 regarding filing for approval of proposed cost recovery of Lead Service Line Replacement Plan - No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2025 Budget Presentation**

Township Chief Financial Officer Alicia Noon presented a PowerPoint presentation overview of the 2025 budget. She explained that is scheduled for introduction on May 19, 2025 with adoption on June 16, 2025. She highlighted the following items:

- Tax Rate
 - Sources of 2025 Revenue
 - 2025 Municipal Budget Appropriations
 - Grant Summary
 - Property Tax Overview
 - What Residents get for their Tax Dollar
2. **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 43-108 Et Seq. to Provide for Rates of Compensation for Police Officers Working Special Events in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey - Ordinance #09-2025**

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 43-108 ET SEQ. TO PROVIDE FOR
RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR POLICE OFFICERS WORKING SPECIAL EVENTS
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #09-2025

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the rate of compensation to reflect amended contractual hourly rates; and

WHEREAS, the following amendments are hereby approved [any addition is shown as thus, and any deletion is shown as ~~thus~~.]

§43-108 Authority to employ.

The Township of Readington through the Chief of Police, *or* his/her designee, of Readington Township, when requested by an organizer to take place within the township, shall have the authority to employ or assign sworn police officers from Readington Township or utilize a secondary service.

§43-109 Request for off-duty police services.

All requests for off-duty police services shall be made to the Chief of Police of Readington Township. Readington Township may choose to utilize a secondary service to administrate and perform actions related to the off-duty employment process. These actions include but are not limited to communicating with an entity or individual to schedule off-duty assignments, scheduling the officers for said jobs, invoicing the entity or individual, and receiving escrow and or payments from the entity or individual in a manner set forth by the secondary service provider. The secondary service provider may charge an additional fee for services that is above and in addition to the fee structure stated below and shall utilize business type collection rules as set forth in the contract between the Township of Readington and the secondary service provider. The secondary service provider will reimburse The Township of Readington via ACH or other funds transfer methods, according to the fees set forth below, due to the Township and officer in a timely manner, usually coinciding with payroll periods for assignments the officers have performed or were scheduled for, in accordance with the above listed rules of employment between the Township and entity or individual seeking services.

§43-110 Fee schedule.

The organizers and/or vendor of the above-stated events who request off-duty police officers shall pay the Township of Readington in accordance with the following schedule:

- A. All police officers of the Readington Township Police Department shall be paid at the rate of Sergeant First Class-at one and one-half times the hourly rate. ~~In the event a secondary service is not utilized, an additional surcharge of 15% on that amount will be retained~~

~~by the Township of Readington to cover fringe benefits and administrative costs incurred by the Township.~~
- B. There shall be an administrative fee of \$20.00 per officer for each assignment for payroll and processing when a secondary service is utilized to cover administrative costs incurred by the Township.
- C. ~~If the special event requires the use of a police vehicle, then notwithstanding the fee set forth in Subsection A above, a vehicle usage fee in the amount of \$20.00 per hour per police vehicle shall be imposed and retained by the Township of Readington to cover the wear and tear on the police vehicles.~~ In the event a secondary service is not utilized, an additional surcharge of 15% on that amount will be retained by the Township of Readington to cover fringe benefits and administrative costs incurred by the Township.

D. If the special event requires the use of a police vehicle, then notwithstanding the fee set forth in subsections B and C above, a vehicle usage fee in the amount of \$20.00 per hour per police vehicle shall be imposed and retained by the Township of Readington to cover the wear and tear on the police vehicles.

§43-110.1 Cancellation Policy

Should the entity or individual hiring off-duty police officers cancel an assignment for any reason with less than two (2) hours-notice to the police department or secondary service before the scheduled start of the assignment, the entity or individual will be assessed a minimum of 4 hours of compensation per officer. Those scheduled officers shall not be required to be on-site during those paid hours. Additionally, the administrative fee set forth in **§43-110 B or C** shall apply to cancelled assignments necessitating police officer pay.

Section 2. All other provisions, sections and language contained in Chapter 43 of the Township Code shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication according to law.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Albanese to introduce 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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for May 19, 2025 at 7:45 p.m.

3. Resolution Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations Prior to Adoption of 2025 Budget

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-99

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025 Budget has not been adopted and additional temporary appropriations are required in order to provide township services until the 2025 Budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 of the Local Budget Law authorizes the governing body by resolution adopted by a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof to make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following emergency temporary appropriations be made for the year 2025:

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	1/7/2025		3/3/2025		3/17/2025		4/7/2025		5/5/2025		Modified	
	Temporary Budget		Amendment		Amendment		Amendment		Amendment		Temporary Budget	
Division Title	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary
CURRENT FUND												
Administrative & Executive	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 40,000.00					\$ 163,000.00			\$ 50,000.00	\$ 268,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Mayor & Committee	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 750.00					\$ 12,000.00				\$ 24,000.00	\$ 750.00
Elections		\$ 3,000.00									\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Financial Administration	\$ 61,625.00	\$ 20,000.00					\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 10,500.00	\$ 96,625.00	\$ 70,500.00
Audit Services		\$ 5,000.00						\$ -			\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 1,625.00				\$ 2,375.00	\$ 25,500.00				\$ 54,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Revision of Tax Map		\$ 250.00				\$ 3,750.00					\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Collection of Taxes	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 6,700.00					\$ 27,620.00			\$ 5,025.00	\$ 55,120.00	\$ 11,725.00
Legal Services		\$ 200,000.00									\$ -	\$ 200,000.00
Prosecutor		\$ 11,250.00						\$ 20,000.00			\$ -	\$ 31,250.00
Engineering		\$ 40,000.00						\$ 35,000.00			\$ -	\$ 75,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 30,500.00			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 76,010.00	\$ 40,000.00			\$ 176,010.00	\$ 90,000.00
Planning Board	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 2,400.00					\$ 6,850.00				\$ 11,250.00	\$ 2,400.00
Board of Adjustment	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 2,400.00					\$ 6,850.00				\$ 11,250.00	\$ 2,400.00
Land Use & Development	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 3,000.00				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 83,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Environmental Commission	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -								\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Consultants		\$ 25,000.00									\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
General Liability Insurance		\$ 340,000.00						\$ 6,500.00			\$ -	\$ 346,500.00
Employee Group Health		\$ 800,000.00				\$ 600,000.00		\$ 500,000.00			\$ -	\$ 1,900,000.00
Workers Compensation		\$ 171,800.00						\$ 2,000.00			\$ -	\$ 173,800.00
Waste Collection/Recycling		\$ 5,000.00						\$ 20,000.00			\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Companies/Rescue Squad		\$ 60,000.00									\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
Police	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 60,000.00			\$ 250,000.00		\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 40,000.00			\$ 2,300,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Streets and Roads	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 85,000.00					\$ 375,000.00	\$ 90,000.00			\$ 775,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 60,000.00			\$ 25,000.00		\$ 90,000.00	\$ 45,000.00			\$ 190,000.00	\$ 105,000.00
Snow Removal		\$ 10,000.00		\$ 125,000.00		\$ 65,000.00		\$ 15,000.00			\$ -	\$ 215,000.00
Tree Care		\$ 5,000.00						\$ 10,000.00			\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Board of Health	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 9,000.00					\$ 16,000.00	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 32,200.00	\$ 11,000.00
Emergency Management	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00					\$ 2,000.00				\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Animal Control		\$ 500.00									\$ -	\$ 500.00

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	Temporary Budget		Amendment		Amendment		Amendment		Amendment		Temporary Budget	
Division Title	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary	Salary	Non-Salary
CURRENT FUND												
Public Assistance/Housing	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 40,000.00				\$ 77,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Recreation	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 13,500.00					\$ 55,700.00	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 125,700.00	\$ 33,500.00
Free Library	\$ 37,700.00	\$ 1,000.00					\$ 32,000.00	\$ 1,700.00			\$ 69,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
Senior Services		\$ 1,000.00									\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Museum Committee	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 3,300.00			\$ 5,800.00		\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 20,500.00	\$ 5,300.00
Historic Preservation Commission		\$ 200.00									\$ -	\$ 200.00
Construction Code Official	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 5,000.00				\$ 15,000.00	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 25,000.00			\$ 170,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Celebration of Public Events		\$ 500.00						\$ 13,500.00			\$ -	\$ 14,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service		\$ 28,000.00						\$ 30,000.00			\$ -	\$ 58,000.00
Electricity		\$ 35,000.00						\$ 20,000.00			\$ -	\$ 55,000.00
Telephone		\$ 20,000.00						\$ 20,000.00			\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
Street Lighting		\$ 12,000.00								\$ 18,750.00	\$ -	\$ 30,750.00
Fuel Oil		\$ 2,500.00									\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Gasoline		\$ 37,500.00				\$ 52,500.00					\$ -	\$ 90,000.00
Natural Gas		\$ -		\$ 20,000.00				\$ 5,000.00			\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
General Serial Bonds		\$ -						\$ 1,710,000.00			\$ -	\$ 1,710,000.00
Interest on Bonds		\$ -						\$ 510,000.00			\$ -	\$ 510,000.00
Social Security		\$ 185,000.00						\$ 180,000.00			\$ -	\$ 365,000.00
PERS		\$ 150,000.00						\$ 378,604.00			\$ -	\$ 528,604.00
PFRS		\$ 300,000.00						\$ 618,360.00			\$ -	\$ 918,360.00
SUI		\$ 2,500.00						\$ 2,500.00			\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
DCRP		\$ 4,000.00									\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Municipal Court	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 3,800.00			\$ 15,000.00		\$ 34,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 9,800.00
Uniform Fire Safety – Shared Service											\$ -	\$ -
Fire Sub-code		\$ 13,000.00									\$ -	\$ 13,000.00
Fire Official		\$ 24,000.00									\$ -	\$ 24,000.00
Public Defender		\$ 2,500.00						\$ 2,500.00		\$ 3,750.00	\$ -	\$ 8,750.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	\$ 2,066,525.00	\$ 2,846,475.00	\$ -	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 315,800.00	\$ 763,125.00	\$ 2,246,030.00	\$ 4,410,664.00	\$ -	\$ 89,025.00	\$ 4,628,355.00	\$ 8,165,264.00
												\$ 12,793,619.00
SEWER UTILITY												
Salaries & Wages	\$ 50,000.00										\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Other Expenses		\$ 60,000.00						\$ 55,000.00			\$ -	\$ 115,000.00
Service Fees		\$ 425,000.00				\$ 140,000.00		\$ 370,000.00			\$ -	\$ 935,000.00
Capital Improvements		\$ 10,000.00									\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus to General Budget		\$ 37,500.00									\$ -	\$ 37,500.00
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 532,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000.00	\$ -	\$ 425,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,097,500.00

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

4. *Request to Hold 2025 Annual Coin Toss Fundraiser/Whitehouse Fire Company*
June 13th & 14th (Rain Dates: June 27th & 28th)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Panico to approve the 2025 Annual Coin Toss Fundraiser for Whitehouse Fire Company, 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

5. *Application for Special Events Permit / Gemini Antiques*
September 12-13

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

6. *Release of Performance Bond / Quick Chek Office Expansion (Block 9, Lot 13.02)*

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2025-100

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, QuickChek did on January 22, 2025 file a written request with the Township of Readington for a release of Cash Performance Guarantee Check #278772 in the amount of \$1,944.22 and Performance Bond #CMS0323463 in the amount of \$17,497.94 for work completed on Block 9, Lot 13.02; and

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has confirmed that a certain amount of work has been done by QuickChek on said property; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law the Township may retain up to 30% of a Performance Bond to assure the completion of site work;

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has released the bond amount for Cash Performance Guarantee Check #278772 and Performance Bond #CMS0323463 as indicated in his memorandum dated April 25, 2025 based upon the Municipal Land Use Law requirement:

BOND OR CHECK	ORIGINAL BONDED AMOUNT	RECOMMEND REDUCTION FOR WORK COMPLETED	REMAINING PERFORM. GUARANTEE
RLI Insurance Company #CMS0323463	\$17,497.94	100%	0
Check #278772	\$1,944.22	100%	0
Total	\$19,442.16	100%	0

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that authorization is hereby given to release Cash Performance Guarantee Check #278772 and Performance Bond#CMS0323463, as recommended by the Township Engineer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorization is given to the Township Clerk to forward copies of this Resolution approving these released amounts to the applicant.

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

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Acting Administrator Curry stated that he had nothing further to report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Corsini stated that he had nothing further to report.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Engineer O’Brien reported that 2026 State Aid applications are due July 1st and that the DPW got quotes for portable flow meters. He also reported that the wetlands specialist from his office will be on site this week on Block 46 Lot 5.07 to delineate the wetlands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOHN ALBANESE

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

JONATHAN HELLER

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

JUERGEN HUELSEBUSCH

Mr. Huelsebusch reported that the next Open Space Walk will be on Lazy Brook on May 18th, which is also the location where the kestrel boxes are.

ADAM MUELLER

Mayor Mueller commended the emergency services and neighboring towns for their work this past Thursday when there were multiple motor vehicle accidents and a structure fire.

VINCENT PANICO

Deputy Mayor Panico stated that he attended a County shared service meeting over the weekend and reported on recent and upcoming museum events. He also commended the Community Outreach Team and the police department for the outstanding work they do for the community.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Peter Deloria spoke to the condition of South Honeyman Road and the urgent need for it to be repaved.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mr. Heller inquired as to how the contracts for the Memorial Day Parade were approved and Mr. Albanese commented on transparency of the process.

Deputy Mayor Panico confirmed that no action is taken in executive session and reminded the Committee that Clarke Caton Hintz was engaged in March to start work on the facilities project.

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

Submitted by:

Ann Marie Lehberger, *RMC*
Acting Municipal Clerk