

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – June 19, 2017**

Mayor Smith *calls the meeting to order at 6:30 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 B. Smith, Deputy Mayor B. Fort, Mr. J. Broten, Mrs. M.E. Duffy
Mr. S. Tropello

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan

ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

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>
Tax Assessor.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other information will remain confidential
Administration.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Recreation.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Personnel.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Award of 2017-18 Hunting Bids	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Award of M & R Bids	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Block 81, Lot 1.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Block 61, Lot 5.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Block 73, Lot 15.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Teamsters Local Union No. 469..... (White Collar)	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “

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Affordable Housing.....	Potential Litigation.....	“	“	“
Sight & Sound Ministries Inc. et al. v.....	Litigation.....	“	“	“
NJDOT, Twp of Readington, et al.				
Mid-American Salt, LLC v.....	Litigation.....	“	“	“
Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, et al.				
Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lots 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 67, Lot 2 (Solberg Aviation).....	Litigation.....	“	“	“
388 Route 22 Readington Realty.....	Litigation.....	“	“	“
Holdings, LLC v. Twp of Readington				

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. Broten to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

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

Executive Session:

Personnel / Tax Assessor

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-55

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington is in need of a licensed Tax Assessor as per N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-146 states that every municipal Tax Assessor hold office for a term of four (4) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Readington Township to appoint Laura Whitaker to the position of Municipal Tax Assessor for a four (4) year term beginning 07/01/2017 ending 06/30/2021.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to adopt this resolution and to hire Laura Whitaker as the Tax Assessor for a minimum of three (3) days in the office at an annual salary of \$87,000, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

- Mr. Broten - Aye
- Mrs. Duffy -Aye
- Mrs. Fort -Aye
- Mr. Tropello - Aye
- Mayor Smith - Aye

Personnel / Administration

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Broten to increase the hours of Karin Parker to one (1) hour per day, for a total of 5 (five) hours per week, prorated at her current salary, seconded Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

- Mr. Broten - Aye
- Mrs. Duffy -Aye
- Mrs. Fort -Aye
- Mr. Tropello - Aye
- Mayor Smith - Aye

Personnel / Recreation

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the following counselors for the summer recreation program effective June 22nd through August 4th, held at Whitehouse School, Holland Brook and Readington Middle School:

<i>NAME</i>	<i>HOURLY RATE</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>HOURLY RATE</i>
Zach Amster	\$9.00	Jason Monastersky	\$9.36
Aedan Boyle	\$9.18	Amy Napoli	\$9.18
Allie Brembt	\$9.18	Christine Pierson	\$9.00
Xavier Brooks	\$13.00	Kristin Polito	\$17.58
Bill Campi	\$12.00	Jonathan Roberts	\$9.18
Bailey Cooper	\$8.50	Kyle Sidebottom	\$8.50
Hannah D'Amico	\$10.00	Casey Smith	\$9.00
Gwen Dayton	\$9.00	Kristin Sorrentino	\$9.69
Danielle Doran	\$8.50	Emily Sutphen	\$9.18
Kathy Ebert	\$12.24	Elisabeth Sutphen	\$8.50
Elizabeth Eckel	\$9.18	Daniel Szallai	\$9.00
Mary Pat Gibble	\$10.20	Justin Weber	\$9.00
Rebecca Gibble	\$9.00	Ryan Wyckoff	\$8.67
Denise Hawkins	\$16.32	Emily Higgins	\$9.00
Melissa Heintz	\$9.36		
Jared Hernandez	\$9.00		
Madison Hill	\$9.36		
Suzanne Hlinka	\$9.00		
Madison Hunt	\$9.00		
Amanda Izzo	\$10.00		
Faraz Khan	\$9.00	Denise Hawkins	Director
Julie Kreutzer	\$9.18	Hannah D'Amico	Assistant Art
Emily LaMorte	\$9.18	Amanda Izzo	Assistant Art
David Leshik	\$9.18	Xavier Brooks	Teen Director
Alexandra Livesey	\$9.36	Kathy Ebert	Trip Director
Nicholas Luciano	\$9.00	Ryan McCarthy	Trip Director
Vicki Marcine	\$18.59	Vicki Marcine	Art Director
Ryan McCarthy	\$10.00	Kristin Polito	Director

This Motion was seconded by Mr. Broten on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

- Mr. Broten - Aye
- Mrs. Duffy -Aye
- Mrs. Fort -Aye
- Mr. Tropello - Aye
- Mayor Smith - Aye

Personnel / Personnel

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Cole Road (Block 52.01 / Lot 14.06)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-56

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 52.01, Lot 14.06 (Cole Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bidder offered, \$5,004.99, was from Kodiak Rod and Gun Club (hereinafter “Kodiak”) ; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Kodiak, the only bidder in the amount of \$5,004.99 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the only bidder, Kodiak, in the amount of \$5,004.99 for hunting game on Block 52.01, Lot 14.06 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Broten to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Duffy and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Cole Road (Block 66 / Lots 2 & 3)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-57

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 66 Lots 2 and 3 (Cole Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

Resolution #R-2017-57 cont'd:

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$2,000.00, was from Pinebank Road Hunting Association (hereinafter "Pinebank Road") ; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Pinebank Road, the only bidder in the amount of \$2,000.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid from the only bidder, Pinebank Road, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for hunting game on Block 66, Lots 2 and 3 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / County Road (Block 25 / Lots 19 & 20)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-58

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 25 Lot 19 & 20 (County Road 523) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as "the Property"); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property were three (3); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$2,017.99, was from Cranford Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter "Cranford"); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Cranford, the highest bidder in the amount of \$2,017.99 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accept the bid of the highest bidder, Cranford in the amount of \$2,017.99 for hunting game on Block 25, Lot 19 & 20 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.

Resolution #R-2017-58 cont'd:

2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Dreahook Road (Block 25 / Lot 50)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-59

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 25, Lot 50 (Dreahook Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property were three (3); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$4,250.00, was from Triple “A” Rod and Gun Club (hereinafter “Triple A ”) ; and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Triple A, the highest bidder in the amount of \$4,250.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the highest bidder, Kodiak, in the amount of \$4,250.00 for hunting game on Block 25, Lot 50 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Pinebank Road (Block 55 / Lot 13.51)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-60

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 55 Lot 13.51 (Pinebank Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017 the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was three (3); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$1,500.00, was from Jeff’s Hunting Club (hereinafter “Jeff’s”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Jeff’s, the highest bidder in the amount of \$1,500.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the highest bidder, Jeff’s in the amount of \$1,500.00 for hunting game on Block 55, Lots 13.51 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Pleasant Run Road (Block 66 / Lot 13)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-61

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 66 Lot 13 (Pleasant Run Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

Resolution #R-2017-61 cont'd:

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$2,000.00, was from Pinebank Road Hunting Association (hereinafter “Pinebank Road”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Pinebank Road, the only bidder in the amount of \$2,000.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Pinebank Road, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for hunting game on Block 66, Lot 13 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Pleasant Run Road (Block 75 / Lot 19.01)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-62

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 75 Lot 19.01 (Pleasant Run Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$906.00, was from 7 Point Pines Hunting Club (hereinafter “7 Point Pines”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from 7 Point Pines, the only bidder in the amount of \$906.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, 7 Point Pines in the amount of \$906.00 for hunting game on Block 75, Lot 19.01 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Summer Road (Block 75 / Lots 15.01, 16.02)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-63

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 75 Lots 15.01 & 16.02 (Summer Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property were two (2); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$1,900.00, was from Woods & Water Hunting Club (hereinafter “Woods & Water”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the highest bid from Woods & Water, the highest bidder in the amount of \$1,900.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the highest bidder, Woods & Water in the amount of \$1,900.00 for hunting game on Block 75, Lots 15.01 & 16.02 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Summer Road (Block 94 / Lot 8)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-64

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 94 Lot 8 (Summer Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$2,169.00, was from Pines Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter “Pines Rod & Gun”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Pines, the only bidder in the amount of \$2,169.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Pines Rod & Gun in the amount of \$2,169.00 for hunting game on Block 94, Lot 8 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Broten to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Thor Solberg Road (Block 57 / Lot 2)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-65

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 57, Lot 2 (Thor Solberg Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017 the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was two (2); and

Resolution #R-2017-65 cont'd:

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$1,304.99, was from Cranford Rod & Gun Club (hereinafter “Cranford Rod & Gun”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Cranford Rod & Gun, the highest bidder in the amount of \$1,304.99 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the highest bidder, Cranford Rod & Gun in the amount of \$1,304.99 for hunting game on Block 57, Lot 2 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / US Highway 22 East (Block 21 / Lot 30)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-66

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 21 Lot 30 (US Highway 22 East) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property were four (4); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the highest bid offered, \$2,110.00, was from Whitetail Acres Hunting Club (hereinafter “Whitetail”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Whitetail, the highest bidder in the amount of \$2,110.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the highest bidder, Whitetail, in the amount of \$2,110.00 for hunting game on Block 21, Lot 30 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Broten to adopt this resolution, contingent upon Whitetail Acres Hunting Club providing an updated *Certificate of Good Standing* prior to receiving the contract, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Woodschurch Road (Block 63 / Lots 19 & 64)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-67

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION***

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 63 Lot 19 and 64 (Woodschurch Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$1,800.00, was from Woods & Water Sportsmen (hereinafter “Woods & Water”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Woods & Water, the only bidder in the amount of \$1,800.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Woods & Water, in the amount of \$1,800.00 for hunting game on Block 63, Lot 19 & 64 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	-Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Award of Hunting Bid / Woodschurch Road (Block 63 / Lots 24, 27, 66, 68)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-68

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Committee (Committee) publically advertised for hunting bids during the 2017-2018 season on Block 63 Lots 24, 27, 66 and 68 (Woodschurch Road) in the Township, which property is a Green Acres assisted, publicly assessed property owned by the Township (hereinafter referred to as “the Property”); and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2017, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk conducted the bid opening whereupon the total number of bidders for hunting on the Property was one (1); and

WHEREAS, upon review of the bids, the Administrator/Municipal Clerk determined that the only bid offered, \$600.00, was from Woods & Water Sportsmen (hereinafter “Woods & Water”); and

WHEREAS, upon review, the Township Attorney found that the bid from Woods & Water, the only bidder in the amount of \$600.00 was found to be complete and it is recommended that it be accepted.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Attorney and accepts the bid of the only bidder, Woods & Water, in the amount of \$600.00 for hunting game on Block 63, Lots 24, 27, 66 and 68 during the 2017-2018 hunting season.
2. The Administrator/Municipal Clerk is authorized to notify all those who bid on the Property of this decision.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Broten to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Contract Negotiations / Maintenance & Repair Materials Bid

Mayor Smith stated that this matter was not discussed.

Contract Negotiations / Block 81, Lot 1

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Block 61, Lot 5

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Block 73, Lot 15

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Teamsters Local Union No. 469 (White Collar)

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize Administrator Mekovetz to commence negotiations, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / June 5, 2017

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the minutes for content only, seconded by Mr. Tropello with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Sight & Sound Ministries Inc., et al. vs. NJDOT, Twp. of Readington, et. al

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Mid-American Salt, LLC v. Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, et al.

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Solberg Aviation / Block 48, Lot 23; Block 55, Lot 33; Block 56, Lot 1, 3, 6 & 8; Block 39, Lot 24 and Block 67, Lot 2

Mayor Smith stated that this matter was not discussed.

Litigation / 388 Route 22 Readington Realty Holdings, LLC vs. Twp. of Readington

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Smith 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 the June 5, 2017 meeting
- * 2. ***Tax Lien Redemption***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

READINGTON TOWNSHIP

HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an interested party has paid to the Tax Collector the amount necessary to redeem the lien on Block 17, Lot 3 and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Tax Collector to refund to the lienholder the redemption amount.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to refund the redemption amount of \$1,407.84, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$1,300.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2016-002, to the lienholder, FWDSL & Associates, LP.

* 3. ***Resolution Authorizing Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2017-2018***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-69

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the following Readington Township Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2017-2018 be approved:

PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION:

<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL FEE</u>	<u>STATE FEE</u>
1022-44-008-005	Bishop & Bishop Bar & Liquors	\$2,214.60	\$200.00
1022-44-015-004	Readington Wine & Spirits LLC	\$2,214.60	\$200.00

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION:

<u>LICENSE NUMBER</u>	<u>LICENSE HOLDER</u>	<u>MUNICIPAL FEE</u>	<u>STATE FEE</u>
1022-33-001-004	Stanton Ridge Hospitality Corporation	\$2,214.60	\$200.00
1022-33-005-007	Readington Diner, Inc.	\$2,214.60	\$200.00
1022-33-006-010	Ryland Manor LLC	\$2,214.60	\$200.00
1022-33-002-010	McPhail Melinda M	\$2,214.60	\$200.00
1022-33-007-006	Bensi of Whitehouse	\$2,214.60	\$200.00

CLUB:

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

* 4. ***Resolution Authorizing Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Purchases*** (Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. / Roofing Repair & Maintenance Services)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-70

***RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF NEW JERSEY
 COOPERATIVE PURCHASES***

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase Roofing Repair & Maintenance Services for the Township Department of Public Works Building from an authorized vendor under the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey is a New Jersey State approved cooperative pricing system #65MCESCCPS.

WHEREAS, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program, Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. has been awarded Contract ESCNJ/AEPA IFB #017-F, effective dates 1/20/17 through 2/28/18.

Resolution #R-2017-70 cont'd:

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available, not to exceed \$110,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., be awarded a contract for Roofing Repair & Maintenance Services to perform roof maintenance at the Township Department of Public Works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- * 5. **Resolution Authorizing State Contract Cooperative Purchase** (Bucks County International, Inc. / International Dump Truck Cab/Chassis

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-71

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STATE CONTRACT COOPERATIVE PURCHASES

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase one (1) International Truck Cab/Chassis from an authorized vendor under the State Contract Purchasing Program and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, Bucks County International, Inc., 134 Old Oxford Valley Road, Langhorne, PA, 19047 has been awarded a State Contract for a Dump Truck 39,000 lb GVRW, Cab/Chassis, Index # T-2787, Contract # 79123 for the period of June 15, 2011 through December 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; and

WHEREAS, the actual cost for the purchase of (1) Cab/Chassis is expected not to exceed \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Bucks County International, Inc. be awarded a contract for the International Truck Cab/Chassis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

- * 6. **Resolution Authorizing Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2017-72

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (“NJPA”)

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 (b) P.L. 2011, c.139 was enacted into law permitting agencies to use national purchasing cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington desires to participate in National Cooperative established by National Joint Powers Alliance "NJPA" in order to effect substantial economies in the purchase of materials, supplies and services; and

WHEREAS, it is the Township of Readington intent to utilize these contracts on as needed basis during the “ NJPA” Contract terms; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington may enter into contractual agreements with the above referenced “ NJPA” Vendors through this resolution and properly executed contracts/purchase orders, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current New Jersey Local State Public Contracts Law; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, New Jersey authorizes the Administrator/Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from various approved “ NJPA” Vendors pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts and in compliance with New Jersey State Public Contracts Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “ NJPA” vendors and their corresponding contracts may change during the timeframe indicated below and that the Administrator/Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to make the necessary adjustments as may be required for the Township to continue its routine procurement practices throughout the indicated timeframe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duration of the contracts between the Township of Readington and “ NJPA” Vendors shall be for the time period reference in the “ NJPA” Contract.

- * 7. **Release of Board of Health Escrow / Maczynski** (Block 43, Lot 34)
- * 8. **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>
CURRENT FUND	6-01	\$ 3,412.64
CURRENT FUND	7-01	\$ 795,660.50
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	7-02	\$ 412.50
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 49,087.50
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 36,969.57
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 154,528.83
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 11,626.55
2015 CAP. IMPROVEMENTS	X-15	\$ 29,860.00
2016 CAP. IMPROVEMENTS	X-16	\$ 598.06
2006 CAPTIAL	X-66	<u>\$ 273.45</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$ 1,082,429.60

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

Mr. Broten	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	- Aye
Mr. Tropello	-Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, commented on the Solberg Prerogative Writ litigation.

Suzy Nagel, High Ridge Court, commented on a line item on the bill list.

PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION PLAQUE TO READINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph Lang, Grand Knight from the Knights of Columbus Council, was present to recognize the Readington Township Police Department with a trophy for their truly outstanding service to the citizens of the Township.

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Memorandum dated June 6 2017 from Rose Sollena, RMC, Township of Raritan regarding *An Ordinance Amending a “Redevelopment Plan” for Block 16.02, Lot 41 and Amendments and Supplements to Title 16 of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan” with specific References to Section 16.22.010, “Establishment of Zones”, to Existing Section 16.22.020, “Zoning Map”, and to Section 16.28c which includes Zoning Provisions for a new “RJR” Raritan Junction Redevelopment District Governing the Redevelopment of a “Raritan Junction” and An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Entitled “Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan”, and More Specifically to Amend Chapter 16.02 – Purpose, Administration and Definitions, Chapter 16.22 - Zoning Districts Established, Chapter 16.64 – General Design and Use Regulations, Chapter 16.68 – Conditional Uses and Section 16.26F – Planned Commercial – Office Service District.* No action taken.
2. Letter dated June 14, 2016 from Heather Suarez, Esq. regarding *Nelson Street Development Plan Petition.* No action taken.
3. Letter dated June 7, 2017 from Colleen Mahr, Brough of Fanwood regarding *Gateway Project.* No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Readington Township School District Budget Presentation 2017-18***

Dr. Barbara Sargent, Superintendent of Readington Township School District, gave a power point slide presentation on the proposed 2017-18 school district budget. Dr. Sargent highlighted the budget goals for the year which included 1) presenting a budget at or below the 2% state-imposed cap tax levy without negatively impacting student’s academic experience, 2) balancing class size with scheduling efficiencies, 3) enriching students’ academic experiences and 4) continuing to implement the district’s Strategic Plan. Dr. Sargent also discussed the impact of the declining enrollment.

2. ***NJ Festival of Ballooning 5K Run / July 30, 2017*** – letter dated June 6th, from Ken Staats, VP Operations, requesting permission to hold run on sections of Lightfield and Pulaski Roads

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to grant permission to hold the 5K Run on sections of Lightfield and Pulaski Roads, seconded by Mr. Broten with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- * 3. ***Resolution Authorizing Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2017-2018***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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Mrs. Duffy left the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Township received a voucher today for the Schley property from the County Open Space Trust fund.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOHN BROTEN

Mr. Broten reported that he drove on Potterstown Road and it is much improved.

BETTY ANN FORT

Mrs. Fort stated that she had nothing further to report.

BEN SMITH

Mayor Smith stated that he had nothing further to report.

SAM TROPELLO

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Suzy Nagle, High Ridge Court, asked a question on the presentation made earlier in the meeting by Dr. Sargent.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mr. Broten asked about the status on providing meeting materials prior to a Committee meeting.

Mr. Broten also asked about status of the creation of the economic development committee in response to the presentation made by Marc Sulak, Hunterdon County Economic Development Director.

Mr. Tropello commented on getting more information to the public through the list serve.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Broten to return to the Public Comment section for purposes of Mrs. Baumgaertner's comments, seconded Mr. Tropello with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Maureen Baumgaertner, Blue Flag Court, commented the procedural timing of the meetings relative to other towns.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 9:37 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Broten with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, *RMC/MMC/QPA*
Municipal Clerk