

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – May 7, 2018**

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. Albanese, Mrs. M.E. Duffy and Mr. J. Heller

**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, 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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Recreation.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other
Zoning.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Personnel Matters.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Personnel / PBA Grievance.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Joint Services Agreement / ..... Improvements to Harlan School Road	Contract Negotiations .....	“ “ “
Block 81, Lot 2 (710 Route 202 North) ...	Contract Negotiations .....	“ “ “
Lorenzen (Block 44, p/o Lot 4.02).....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• April 16, 2018		

Executive Session Minutes /..... .. Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“	“	“
March 19, 2018 (For Redaction)			
Executive Session Minutes /..... .. Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“	“	“
April 2, 2018 (For Redaction)			
Affordable Housing..... .. Potential Litigation.....	“	“	“
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 Mrs. Fort to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

***Personnel / Recreation***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the following counselors for the summer recreation program effective June 25<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, held at Whitehouse School, Holland Brook and Readington Middle School:

<i>NAME</i>	<i>HOURLY RATE</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>HOURLY RATE</i>
Zachary Amster	\$9.18	Vicki Marcine	\$18.96
Allison Brembt	\$9.36	Ryan McCarthy	\$10.50
Xavier Brooks	\$18.00	Jason Monastersky	\$9.54
Bailey Cooper	\$8.75	Amy Napoli	\$9.36
Hannah D’ Amico	\$10.50	Kristin Politio	\$17.93
Gwen Dayton	\$9.18	Kyle Sidebottom	\$9.00
Danielle Doran	\$8.75	Emily Supthen	\$9.36
Kathy Ebert	\$12.60	Elisabeth Supthen	\$8.75
Julia Fasano	\$9.00	Justin Weber	\$9.18
Paul Handel	\$8.75	William Wyckoff	\$9.00
Denise Hawkins	\$16.64	Patricia Marcine	\$25.00
Melissa Heintz	\$9.54		
Megan Heintz	\$8.75	<b>POSITIONS:</b>	
Jared Hernandez	\$9.18	Patti Marcine	Supervisor
Madison Hill	\$9.54	Denise Hawkins	Asst. Supervisor
Emily Higgins	\$9.18	Kristin Polito	Asst. Supervisor
Suzanne Hlinka	\$9.18	Xavier Brooks	Teen Supervisor
Madison Hunt	\$9.18	Vicki Marcine	Art Supervisor
Amanda Izzo	\$10.50	Kathy Ebert	Asst. Art/Supervisor
Michaela Koep	\$9.00	Amanda Izzo	Assistant Art
Julia Kreutzer	\$9.36	Hannah D’ Amico	Assistant Art
David Leshik	\$9.36	Alexandra Livesey	Trip Supervisor for WH
Alexandra Livesey	\$10.5 0	Ryan McCarthy	Trip Supervisor for HB
<i>Salary for Assistant Art and Trip Supervisor start at \$10.50 per hour</i>			

**This Motion** was seconded by Mrs. Duffy and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

- Mr. Albanese - Aye
- Mrs. Duffy -Aye
- Mrs. Fort -Aye
- Mr. Heller - Aye
- Mayor Smith - Aye

**Personnel / Zoning**

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Personnel / Police Department**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve an hourly increase to \$23.50 per hour for Vincent Corsentino, Special Officer, when filling in for School Security, seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

- Mr. Albanese - Aye
- Mrs. Duffy -Aye
- Mrs. Fort -Aye
- Mr. Heller - Aye
- Mayor Smith - Aye

**Personnel / Personnel Matters**

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

**Personnel / PBA Grievance**

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Joint Services Agreement / Improvements to Harlan School Road***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the agreement, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

***Contract Negotiations / Block 81, Lot 2 (710 Route 202 North)***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Lorenzen (Block 44, p/o Lot 4.02)***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / April 16, 2018***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 16, 2018 for content only, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / For Redaction / March 19, 2018***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve for the Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2018 for release as redacted, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / For Redaction / April 2, 2018***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve for the Executive Session Minutes of April 2, 2018 for release as redacted, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded. Mrs. Duffy recused herself since she was not present at that meeting.

***Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing***

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 nothing was 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 meeting of April 16, 2018
- \* 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 36, Lot 117 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 \$1,824.62, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$1,000.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2015-013, to the lienholder, FWDSL & Associates, LP.

- \* 3. ***Application for Special Events Permit / 3 Jennings Lane***
  - ◆ ***September 22<sup>nd</sup> (2018)***
- \* 4. ***Application for Special Events Permit / 122 Kosciuszko Road***
  - ◆ ***May 12<sup>th</sup> (2018)***
- \* 5. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Lamington Holdings LLC (Block 14, Lot 7.06)***
- \* 6. ***Release of Hunting Security Deposits / Woods and Water Sportsman Club***
  - ◆ ***Summer Road (Block 75, Lots 15.01, 16.02)***
  - ◆ ***Woodschurch Road (Block 63, Lots 19, 64)***
  - ◆ ***Woodschurch Road (Block 63, Lots 24,27,66 68)***
- \* 7. ***Resolution to Approve the 2017 LOSAP Contribution List***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-57**

**APPROVAL OF LOSAP LISTS FOR Y2017**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington created a Public Safety Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) through Ordinance #08-99 (amended in its entirety 8-5-2002 by Ordinance #31-2002) and voted upon via referendum on November 2, 1999 and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with NJAC 5:30-14.10, the Governing Body must annually approve the LOSAP contribution list; and

**WHEREAS**, said attached list has been reviewed and found to be accurate; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of payment for both the Volunteer Fire Company members and the Rescue Squad members is \$70,400.00.

**Resolution #R-2018-57 cont'd:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington does hereby approve the 2017 LOSAP contribution list in the amount of \$70,400.00.

- \* 8. **Certificate Making Award of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2018 of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey**

<i>Purchaser:</i>	<i>Roosevelt &amp; Cross</i>
<i>Purchase Price:</i>	<i>\$6,331,337.99</i>
<i>Amount of Bonds Bid:</i>	<i>\$6,278,000.00</i>

- \* 9. **2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application Resolution**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-58**

**2017 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs, and to continue and expand existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Township Committee of the Township of Readington to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Director of Public Works/Municipal Recycling Coordinator Scott Jesseman to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

\* 10. **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	7-01	\$ 6,493.35
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$1,002,445.93
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	8-02	\$ 99,510.89
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 126,724.54
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$3,009,986.09
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 295,450.79
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$5,611,810.82
DUE TO STATE OF NJ	X-09	\$ 375.00
2006 CAPITAL	X-66	\$ 18,500.00
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$10,171,297.41</b>

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

- Mr. Albanese - Aye
- Mrs. Duffy -Aye
- Mrs. Fort -Aye
- Mr. Heller - Aye
- Mayor Smith - Aye

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

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, questioned is there was a name associated with the matter listed on the Executive Session Agenda under Contract Negotiations.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

Clerk read by Title:

*An Ordinance Amending Chapter 148 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Renewable Energy Facilities*

◆ **Ordinance #04-2018**

Mayor Smith asked if there were any comments from the governing body.

Mayor Smith stated that pursuant to the memo from the Planning Board, this ordinance will be returned to the Planning Board in order for them to make some changes.

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

There were none.

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

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance Amending Chapter 148 of the Land Use Ordinance of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey Pertaining to Renewable Energy Facilities***

◆ ***Ordinance #04-2018***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Duffy to *disapprove* the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Fort and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

***CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION***

1. Legal Notice from Karen Romano, Lebanon Borough Secretary, ***regarding Lebanon Borough Planning Board Conducting a Public Hearing to adopt the 2018 Amendment to the 2016 Master Plan Reexamination Report, dated March 2018.*** No action taken.
2. Legal Notice from Denise Filardo, Clinton Township Planning Board, ***regarding Public Hearing for the Purpose of Consideration of a Proposed Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan for Adoption as part of the Clinton Township Master Plan.*** No action taken.

***OLD BUSINESS***

1. ***Hunting on Township Properties***

Administrator Mekovetz summarized the proposed plan recommended by the Open Space Committee at the previous meeting. Administrator Mekovetz reported that she researched several hunting programs including Bernards Township, High Bridge, Hunterdon County along with a private vendor managed deer hunting program and briefly outlined the various programs. Attorney Dragan added that Princeton has a very well developed and successful deer management program.

Adam Mueller emphasized that the priority is to regenerate the forest, pointing out Readington's significant deer population per square mile, and to improve the effectiveness of the deer hunting program.

Mrs. Fort stated that she met with Administrator Mekovetz and Mr. Albanese to incorporate several different objectives into the program; deer management and forestry, provide an opportunity for local residents to hunt and continue to derive revenue from the leased bid properties. Mrs. Fort continued that the properties were divided into four categories 1) bid out leased properties as done in previous years, 2) pilot the County program on two township properties already adjacent to County property, 3) four properties would be proposed for deer management bow only (plan B) properties and 4) the possibility of allowing the police to hunt one property which they have been requesting for a long time. Mrs. Fort stressed that Administrator Mekovetz must do more research into the insurance liability for the Township, especially with the four properties proposed for the deer management plan (Plan B). Administrator Mekovetz added that the Township will need to draft an ordinance as related to the deer management plan recommended by the Open Space Advisory Board.

Mr. Heller also requested to address the diversity on *No Hunting* signs and suggested that a standardized form for simplified identification purposes. Mr. Heller also commented on the tree stands that are left on properties year-round.



A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to authorize Administrator Mekovetz to draft a letter to the County offering two (2) properties, *Woodschurch Road* (Block 63, Lot 24, 27, 66 and 68) and the *River Trail* (Block 72, Lot 36.99) to be incorporated into the Hunterdon County Hunting Program, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. ***Request for Township to Assume Responsibility to Maintain Planters Along Main Street*** – email from Mary Ann Lacamera, Beautification Committee President, dated April 18, 2018

Mr. Heller stated that the Beautification Committee is asking for the planters to be donated and the Township to pick up the cost for replacing, maintaining and watering the plants moving forward, thus becoming the Township’s responsibility. Mrs. Duffy thought the idea was that the businesses who had the planters established in front of the property would maintain the planters. Mr. Heller stated that although the some of the businesses would be willing to contribute towards some of the donation, they did not want to assume the responsibility of maintaining the plants. Mrs. Fort stated that the initial plan was for five (5) planters to be replaced with seasonal plantings twice a year, for an approximate cost of \$250 per planting season. Mrs. Duffy stated that she had no objection for the Township to pay for the plant replacement; however, was not in favor if the merchants were not willing to water those plantings.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to request the Township to donate \$250 to the Main Street Beautification Committee, seconded by Mrs. Duffy and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

2. ***Amendment to the Uniform Construction Code Fee Schedule*** – email dated May 2, 2018 from Mike Kovonuk

The following ordinance was offered for consideration:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 96 (UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODES) SECTION 4 (CONSTRUCTION CODE FEE SCHEDULE) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY***

***ORDINANCE #06-2018***

***BE IT ORDAINED***, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 96 of the Code of the Township of Readington entitled “Construction Code, Uniform” is hereby amended with respect to Subsection 96-4 “Fees of the Municipal Code” as follows (fee changes are highlighted in bold, deletions are shown ~~thus~~ and new language is underlined thus):

***SECTION 1. Chapter 96, “Construction Code, Uniform”***

**Ordinance #06-2018 cont'd:**

**Sec 96-4. Fees.**

**SCHEDULE "A"**

Readington Township  
 Uniform Construction Codes

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**Construction Codes Fee Schedule**

**Building Subcode Fees:**

New Construction and additions.....

Use Groups R-3, R-5	\$.045 per cubic foot
Minimum fee for additions	\$200.00
Pre-fab sheds	<del>No fee</del>
0-100 sq.ft.	<del>No fee</del>
101-200 sq.ft.	<del>\$50.00</del>
Over 200 sq.ft.	<del>\$75.00</del> <b>\$100.00</b>
All other use groups	
Up to and including the first 100,000 cu.ft.	\$ .045
Over 100,000 cu.ft.	\$.03
Minimum fee	\$400.00
Bonafide Farm per N.J.A.C. 5:23-3.2(d)	\$ .01 per cu.ft.

Renovations, Alterations and Repairs

Groups R-3, R-5 – Actual cost of work per \$1,000.00 or portion thereof;	
First <del>\$20,000</del> <b>\$50,000</b> @ \$30.00/ Next <del>\$20,000</del> <b>\$20,000</b> @ <del>\$25.00</del> <b>\$25.00</b> / Over <b>\$50,000</b> @ \$25.00	
Minimum fee	\$75.00
All Other Use Groups - Actual cost of work per \$1000.00 or portion thereof;	
First <del>\$20,000</del> <b>\$50,000</b> @ \$35.00 / Next <del>\$20,000</del> <b>\$20,000</b> @ <del>\$30.00</del> <b>\$30.00</b> / Over <b>\$50,000</b> @ \$30.00	
Minimum fee	\$ 200.00
Maximum fee for Roofing	<del>\$2,000.00</del> <b>\$1,000.00</b>

Swimming Pools

In-ground	<del>\$200.00</del> <b>\$250.00</b>
Above-ground	\$ 75.00
Spa/Hot Tub	<del>\$ 50.00</del>

Decks

\$30.00 per thousand of estimated cost of work ... minimum fee \$ 100.00

Roofing – Siding – Fences greater than 6 feet and Replacement Pool Barriers for Groups R-3, R-5

Flat fee	\$75.00
Deer Fencing	No fee

**Ordinance #06-2018 cont'd:**

Demolition

One- and two-family structures	\$ <del>200.00</del> \$100.00
Structures accessory to above and/or on bonafide farms	\$65.00
All other Use Groups	\$ <del>300.00</del> \$175.00
<del>Non-regulated fuel tanks</del>	<del>\$ 50.00</del>

Signs

\$3.00 per sq.ft. .... minimum fee \$ 75.00

Temporary Structures including but not limited to tents and site trailers

\$ 200.00 each

Building Moved or Relocated

Flat fee \$300.00 .. covers moving, foundation and necessary work for completion

Site construction associated with pre-engineered systems of commercial farm buildings, pre-manufactured construction and external utility connections

\$30.00 per thousand of estimated cost of work

Retaining Walls

Class 3 Residential structures with a surface area greater than 550 square feet .. \$200.00

Class 3 Residential structures with a surface area equal to or less than 550 square feet .. \$ 125.00

For all other Use Groups the fee shall be \$25.00 times the estimated cost of construction

Photovoltaic Systems

Groups R-3, R-5 ..	\$150.00 flat fee
All other Groups	1 – 100 kilowatts \$ 400.00
	Greater than 100 kilowatts \$ 800.00

**Plumbing Subcode Fees**

- a. The fee shall be computed per fixture, piece of equipment or appliance connected to the plumbing system, and for each appliance connected to the gas piping or oil piping system except as indicated in b.thru d. below;

<del>Groups R-3, R-5</del>	<del>\$ 15.00</del>
All <del>other</del> Groups	\$ 20.00

- b. The fee shall be per device for the following special devices: grease traps, oil separators, refrigeration units, utility service connections, backflow preventers with test ports, steam boilers, hot water boilers (excluding those for domestic water heating), active solar systems, sewer pumps and interceptors, **roof-top and prepackaged HVAC units and chillers.**

Groups R-3, R-5	\$ 85.00
All other Groups	\$ 120.00

**Ordinance #06-2018 cont'd:**

c. The fee for all gas and oil piping, including provisions for the installation of up to four appliances shall be:

Groups R-3, R-5	\$ 65.00
All other Groups	\$ 95.00

The fifth and each additional appliance shall be an additional \$ 20.00 each.

d. The fee shall be \$60.00 for single-boiler hydronic piping for a single family residence. For all other structures, the fee shall be \$90.00 per floor of each structure or tenant.

e. The minimum plumbing subcode fee shall be ~~\$75.00~~ ~~\$55.00 for R-3 and R-5 structures and~~ ~~\$75.00 for all other~~ Use Groups.

**Electrical Subcode Fees**

1. 1- ~~1050~~ receptacles, fixtures or devices rated 20 amperes or less and motors and equipment rated less than one horsepower (hp) or one kilowatt (kw). This shall include lighting fixtures, wall switches, convenience receptacles, sensors, dimmers, alarm devices, smoke and heat detectors, communications outlets, light standards eight feet or less in height, emergency lights, electric signs, exit lights and similar electric devices, floor heat to 5kw ..... \$75.00  
 Each Additional ~~25~~ ~~20~~ Units ..... \$25.00
2. For each motor or electrical device rated from one hp or one kw to 5 hp or 5 kw: for each transformer or generator rated from one kw or one kva to 10 kw or 10 kva: for each replacement of wiring involving one branch circuit: each storable pool or hydro massage bath tub, for each household electric cooking equipment rated up to 16 kw, each security or burglar alarm control unit, each receptacle rated from 21 amperes to 50 amperes, each light standard greater than eight feet in height, each communications closet and each panel board up to 99 amperes ..... ea ~~\$75.00~~ ~~\$50.00~~
3. For each motor or electrical device rated from greater than 5 hp or 5 kw to 35 hp or 35 kw, each service equipment, panel board, switch board, switch gear, motor-control-center or disconnecting means rated 225 amperes or less, each transformer or generator rated from greater than 10 kw or 10 kva to 45 kw or 45 kva, each electric sign rated from greater than 20 amperes to 225 amperes including associated disconnecting means, each receptacle rated greater than 50 amperes ..... ea. ~~\$125.00~~ ~~\$100.00~~
4. For each motor or electrical device rated from greater than 35 hp or 35 kw to 100 hp or 100 kw, each service equipment, panel board, switch board, switch gear, motor-control-center or disconnecting means rated greater than 225 amperes to 600 amperes and for each transformer or generator rated from greater than 45 kw or 45 kva to 112.5 kw or 112.5 kva ..... ea. \$200.00
5. For each motor or electrical device rated greater than 100 hp or 100 kw to 200 hp or 200 kw, each service equipment, panel board, switch board, switch gear, motor-control-center or disconnecting means rated greater than 600 amperes to 1000 amperes and for each transformer or generator rated greater than 112.5 kw or 112.5 kva ..... ea. \$500.00
6. For each motor or electrical device rated greater than 200 hp or 200 kw, each service equipment, panel board, switch board, switch gear, motor-control-center or disconnecting means rated greater than 1000 amperes ..... ea. \$750.00
7. Fee for each permanently installed private swimming pool , spa, hot tub or fountain including any required bonding, and associated equipment such as filter pumps, motors, disconnecting means, switches, required receptacles and underwater lighting fixtures, except panelboards ..... ea. \$100
8. Fee for public swimming pool shall be charged on the number of electrical fixtures and rating of electrical devices involved in accordance with 1 through 5 above.....  
 Minimum Fee..... \$300.00

**Ordinance #06-2018 cont'd:**

- 9. Fee for the installation of single and multiple station smoke or heat detectors and fire, burglar or security systems in any one- or two-family dwelling .....ea unit \$50.00  
  
 For fire, burglar and security alarm systems and detectors in buildings other than one- and two-family dwellings the fee shall be charged in accordance with 1 and 2 above  
 .....Minimum Fee \$75.00
- 10. For installations of multimeter stacks, the fee shall be based on the ampere rating of the main bus . Individual loadside panel boards shall be charged in accordance with 2 through 6 above.
- 11. For electrical work requiring replacement of service entrance conductors or feeder conductors only, the fee shall be charged in accordance with 2 through 6 above based on the rating of the overcurrent device of the service or feeder.
- 12. The fee for process equipment shall be based on the ampere rating of the overcurrent device protecting the conductor feeding the process equipment or the cutoff device.
- 13. For the purpose of computing these fees, all electrical and communication devices, utilization equipment and motors which are part of the premises wiring, except those which are portable plug-in type, shall be counted.
- 14. Demolition of electrical system , meter socket replacement and service re-connection.....\$75.00
- 15. Each Utility Load Management system .....\$46.00
- 16. Photovoltaic Solar System: The fee shall be based on the designated kilowatt rating of the photovoltaic system as follows:
  - 1. One to 50 kilowatts the fee shall be ~~\$200.00~~ ~~\$150.00~~
  - 2. Fifty-one to 100 kilowatts, the fee shall be ~~\$300.00~~ ~~\$250.00~~
  - 3. One hundred-one to 999 kilowatts, the fee shall be ~~\$ 750.00~~ ~~\$650.00~~
  - 4. 1,000 kilowatts and greater, the fee shall be ~~\$1,500.00~~ ~~\$1,100.00~~
- 17. New residential installation of generator and transfer switch rated 20kw and 200 ampres or less  
 .....~~\$200.00~~ ~~\$150.00~~
- 18. Electrical re-connection of appliances/equipment 20 ampres or less under the Mechanical Subcode  
 ..... \$25.00 ea.**

**Fire Subcode Fees**

Fire Suppression:

- (a)Automatic Sprinklers
  - 1 to 20 heads ..... \$100.00
  - 21 to 100 heads ..... \$200.00
  - 101 to 1000 heads ..... \$ 2.00 per head
  - Over 1000 heads ..... \$ 1.50 per head
- (b)Sprinkler valves ..... \$150.00 ea
- (c)Standpipe Riser ..... \$225.00 ea
- (d)Fire Pump ..... \$300.00 ea
- (e)Private Hydrants ..... \$150.00 ea
- (f)Fire Tanks ..... \$300.00 ea
- (g)Underground Piping ..... \$100.00 ea
- (h)Pre-Engineered Systems ..... \$200.00 ea

Alarm Systems:

- (a)Group R-3 & R-5 ..... \$ 60.00 Flat Fee
- (b)All Other Use Group (per device) ..... \$ 5.00 ea
- (c)Smoke Control Systems ..... \$250.00 ea
- (d)Fire Alarm Control Panel ..... \$100.00 ea**



**Ordinance #06-2018 cont'd:**

**Certificate and Other Permit Fees**

Certificate of Occupancy .....	10% of Total Permit Fee
Certificate of Occupancy pursuant to a Change of Use .....	\$200.00
Certificate of Continued Occupancy - .....	\$200.00
Temporary certificate of Occupancy	
First issuance and renewal.....	\$30.00
Exception: There shall be no fee for the first issuance provided the certificate of occupancy fee is paid at that time.	
Reinstatement of Lapsed Permit .....	\$30.00
<b>Change of Contractor update .....</b>	<b>\$30.00 per subcode</b>
Application for a Variation	
Class I Structures.....	\$400.00
Resubmission for Class I Structures .....	\$125.00
Class II and III Structures .....	\$150.00
Resubmission for Class II and III Structures .....	\$100.00
Lead Hazard Abatement Permit / Clearance Certificate .....	\$100.00 / \$45.00

**The fee for recording the inspection and annual re-testing of equipment listed in N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.23(1)1 thru 4 that requires an annual Certificate of Compliance shall be \$85.00 for the first device and \$25.00 for each additional device in the same building or structure.**

~~Annual Inspection of Cross Connections and Backflow Preventors..... \$100.00~~

Annual Electrical Inspection of Public Pools, Spas or Hot Tubs..... \$100.00

Plan review fee shall be 5% of the amount charged for the permit for all prototype releases. The fee shall be 20% for all other reviews. This fee shall be paid before the before the plans are reviewed

The fee for review of any amendment or change to a plan that has already been released and does not require a subcode submittal shall be charged an hourly rate of ~~\$70.00~~ **\$100.00** per hour. A minimum review time of one-half hour will be charged. Review times will be rounded to the nearest quarter hour.

**Elevators**

Plan review, acceptance inspections and tests and semi-annual inspections ..... Per State Fee Schedule

(1) No person shall be charged a construction permit surcharge fee or enforcing agency fee for any construction, reconstruction, alteration or improvement designed and undertaken solely to promote accessibility by disabled persons to an existing private structure or any of the facilities contained herein.

(2) A disabled person, or a parent or sibling of a disabled person, shall not be required to pay any municipal fee or charge in order to secure a construction permit for any construction, reconstruction, alteration or improvement which promotes accessibility to his or her own living unit.

***Ordinance #06-2018 cont'd:***

(3) "Disabled person" means a person who has the total and permanent inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment, including blindness, and shall include but not be limited to any resident of this state who is disabled pursuant to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 416), or the federal Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. § 231 et seq.) or is rated as having a 60% disability or higher pursuant to any federal law administered by the United States Veterans' Act. For purposes of this subsection "blindness" means central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens. An eye which is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20° shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 27:D-126e, and any amendments thereto.

**SECTION 3. Repealer.**

All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

**SECTION 4. Severability.**

If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such Order of Judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to the law of the State of New Jersey.

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

Mr. Albanese	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

*The Public Hearing was scheduled for May 21, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.*

3. ***Resolution in Recognition of Joseph Rottner Attaining Eagle Scout Award***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2018-59***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Rottner a valued member of his Boy Scout Troop 186, is a dedicated young man who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow scouts through his active participation in the many programs sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout Candidate Joseph Rottner's Eagle Project involved constructing a stone fire pit for St. Paul Lutheran Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph created the fire pit from a circular stone stack grounded with a concrete slab and reinforced with rebar to ensure the pit's longevity; and



**Resolution #R-2018-59 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, the fire pit will serve to provide a place for the community to gather in reflection, and create a venue for youth events and Bible studies; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2018 Joseph Rottner will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Joseph Rottner for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

4. **Request to Hold Coin Toss Fundraiser / East Whitehouse Fire Company**
  - ◆ Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> → Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> (2018)

Mrs. Duffy wanted to point out that in the request letter it was mentioned twice, the necessity of fundraising to offset budget cuts although the Township Committee has not cut their budget, therefore requested clarification from East Whitehouse Fire Company as to what they were referring to prior to approving the request.

5. **Request to Hold 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Revolutionary Ramble Bicycle Tour** – letter dated March 21, 2018 from Jim Nielsen, Assistant Ride Director, Morris Area Freewheelers Foundation

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve this request contingent upon stationing two (2) uniformed Readington Police Officers at the intersection of Route 523, Pleasant Run and Springtown Road, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

6. **Open Space Budget Requests**

Mr. Heller stated that this is a recommendation from the Open Space Advisory Board to allocate \$12,000 for five (5) acre deer exclosures to allow for rejuvenation of the forest, researching to determine how long it would take to regenerate without deer eating the saplings. Mr. Heller explained that it is a proposed plan over three (3) years and they are requesting approximately \$6,000 from the Open Space Trust Fund for the first year.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to withdraw \$6,000 from the Open Space Trust to be used for deer exclosures, seconded by Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

Mr. Albanese	- Aye
Mrs. Duffy	-Aye
Mrs. Fort	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

Mr. Heller added that recently 500 trees were planted and there was a discussion with Public Works to water the trees; however, the acquisition of a water buffalo would be required.

7. ***Application for Special Events Permit / Bishops Plaza***  
♦ ***Seasonal Open Air Market / July 1<sup>th</sup> →October 28<sup>th</sup> (2018)***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve this request, seconded Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- \* 8. ***Application for Special Events Permit / 3 Jennings Lane***  
♦ ***September 22<sup>nd</sup> (2018)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 9. ***Application for Special Events Permit / 122 Koscuiszko Road***  
♦ ***May 12<sup>th</sup> (2018)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 10. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Lamington Holdings LLC (Block 14, Lot 7.06)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 11. ***Release of Hunting Security Deposits / Woods and Water Sportsman Club***  
♦ Summer Road (Block 75, Lots 15.01, 16.02)  
♦ Woodschurch Road (Block 63, Lots 19, 64)  
♦ Woodschurch Road (Block 63, Lots 24,27,66 68)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 12. ***Resolution to Approve the 2017 LOSAP Contribution List***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 13. ***Certificate Making Award of General Improvement Bonds, Series 2018 of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 14. ***2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant Application Resolution***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

#### ***ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT***

Adminstrator Mekovetz stated that she had nothing further to report.

#### ***ATTORNEY'S REPORT***

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

#### ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

##### **JOHN ALBANESE**

Mr. Albanese reported that a 50% discount on recreation programs was being offered to LOSAP qualifiers.

**M. ELIZABETH DUFFY**

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

**BETTY ANN FORT**

Mrs. Fort reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Museum Program has started and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program will begin next week at the Bouman Stickney.

Mrs. Fort also reported that they *18<sup>th</sup> Century Ice Cream Making* Program was well attended at the Bouman Stickney.

Mrs. Fort commended Emergency Services for responding to the recent fire in Whitehouse Village.

Mrs. Fort announced the Barn Dance will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bouman Stickney.

**JONATHAN HELLER**

Mr. Heller commended the Open Space for giving away 500 free trees on Saturday and stated that the surplus was offered to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grades at Whitehouse and Three Bridges Elementary School, with the remainder going to the Township's tree nursery for planting along the trail. Mr. Heller added that Raritan Headwaters Association and NJ Conservancy Fund donated 250 trees for both Dreahook Headwaters and Pleasant Run Road.

**BEN SMITH**

Mayor Smith stated that he had nothing further to report.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Judy Serra, owner of Whitehouse Prep School, provided a brief summary of the proposed Monarch Waystation to be sponsored at Cornhuskers. Mr. Heller added that there are other areas in the Township which are identifiable as milkweed centers that sometimes get cut down at the wrong time of the season so it was discussed that the Township could provide approximately six (6) signs to designate those locations as milkweed areas to support the butterfly population. Mrs. Duffy thanked Ms. Serra for this positive project benefitting the children, the Township and the butterflies.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to give permission to Judy Serra to begin the Monarch Waystation project, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Linda Taylor, High Street, commented on the property sold to the Township for affordable housing and questioned what is being proposed for that property.

Bob Schoenfeld, Oldwick Road, asked if hunting bow and arrow also included cross bow. Mr. Schoenfeld commented on the LOSAP qualifications and the upcoming vacancy of the Office of Emergency Management Coordinator.

Douglas Orr, member of HOA Board, commented that they are looking for reimbursement for snow plowing and street lighting at Regency of Readington.

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, questioned why the flags were flying at half staff today and also asked if there was any update on the status of Unicom purchasing the Merck property.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Duffy at 10:09 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heller with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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