

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – June 18, 2018**

Mayor Smith *calls the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Engineer R. Clerico

**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**

<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u></b>	<b><u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u></b>
Construction Code.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Municipal Court .....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Police Department .....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Housing Social Services.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Office of Emergency Management.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Block 13, Lot 24 (Telleri).....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• June 4, 2018		
Affordable Housing.....	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
Readington Commons & SR		
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v.....	Litigation.....	“ “ “
Karen Malta and Mr. Karen Malta, Her Husband; State of New Jersey; Township of Readington		

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.....  
Holdings, LLC v. Twp of Readington

Litigation..... “ “ “

It is anticipated at this time that the stated subject matter will be made public on or about the time set forth in Exhibit “A.”

2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

***Personnel / Construction Code***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to hire on a temporary basis, Michael Wright, as acting Plumbing Sub-Code Official for two (2) hours per week, 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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to hire on a temporary basis, Dan Niro, as a Plumbing Inspector on an interim basis, three (3) days per week for (3) hours per day, 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 / Municipal Court***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the appointment of Kim Marino as acting Municipal Court Administrator, 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 / Police Department***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Personnel / Housing Social Services***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session

***Personnel / Department of Public Works***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the hiring of Steve Tsopelas to fill the position of Laborer in the Public Works Department at the salary pursuant to the bargaining unit contract, currently \$21.39 per hour, contingent upon passing a background check, 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

***Personnel / Office of Emergency Management***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Block 13, Lot 24 (Telleri)***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / June 4, 2018***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 4, 2018 for content only, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing / Readington Commons & SAR***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Litigation / Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. vs. Karen Malta and Mr. Karen Malta, Her Husband; State of New Jersey Township of Readington***

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 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.

Mayor Smith request to remove *Item #9 and #10 under New Business*. Mrs. Duffy requested to remove the *Approval of the minutes of the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting* from the Consent Agenda.

\* 1. ***Tax Lien Redemption***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

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

***WHEREAS***, the Readington Township Tax Collector has recommended the following refund of a duplicate property tax payment for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2017:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
75/2 Q0550	Douglas & Jana Curry	\$ 59.51

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the Township Committee that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund the amount recommended.

\* 2. ***Resolution Authorizing Educational Services Commission*** (Beyer Ford / Pickup Trucks with Snow Plows)

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2018-64***

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

***WHEREAS***, the Township of Readington wishes to purchase two pick-up trucks with snow plows 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 #65MCESSCCPS.

***WHEREAS***, Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave, Morristown, NJ 07960 has been awarded Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract #ESCNJ 17/18-21 for Pick-up Trucks for a period of 9/15/17 – 9/14/18, extended to 9/14/19; 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 the two trucks and snow plows are not expected to exceed \$70,000; 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 Beyer Ford be awarded a contract for the pick-up trucks with snow plows; and

**Resolution #R-2018-64 cont'd:**

**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.

- \* 3. **Release of Hunting Security Deposit / Kodiak Rod and Gun Club**
  - ◆ Cole Road (Block 52.01, Lot 14.06)
- \* 4. **Release of Hunting Security Deposit / Pinebank Hunting Association**
  - ◆ Cole Road (Block 66, Lots 2-3)
  - ◆ Pleasant Run Road (Block 66, Lot 13)
- \* 5. **Release of Board of Health Escrow / Hatchard (Block 73, Lot 3.28)**
- \* 6. **Release of Board of Health Escrow / Mackinson (Block 73, Lot 44)**
- \* 7. **Release of Board of Health Escrow / Werner (Block 4, Lot 30)**
- \* 8. **Release of Developers Escrow / Crimson (Block 28, Lot 13.01)**
- \* 9. **Application for Special Events Permit / Stephen & Kathy Bugglin**
  - ◆ July 20<sup>th</sup> → July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- \* 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	\$ 35,148.24
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	7-02	\$ 14,915.00
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$ 490,742.36
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 100,773.37
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 2,211.85
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 194,111.19
2016 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-16	\$ 6,288.00
2017 CAP IMPROVEMENTS	X-17	\$ 4,982.04
	X-18	<u>\$ 15,262.90</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 864,435.05</b>

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Consent Agenda (*with the removal of Item #9, 10 and Approval of Minutes*), 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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of June 4, 2018

Mrs. Duffy requested to amend the minutes, adding language to the portion of the minutes regarding the Application of the Special Events Permit for the Fireworks Tent Sale. Mrs. Duffy opined that the minutes were not specific enough to address the testimony of Mr. Dorf stating the Legion would be receiving \$2,000 to rent the parking lot and the 50% of the proceeds would be distributed to the PBA and 50% to American Legion Baseball.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the minutes as amended, 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

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

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, requested clarification on the Cooperative Purchasing Program, listed as Item #7 Under New Business.

**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 Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

*An Ordinance to Provide for the Conveyance of an Easement on a Portion of Block 34, Lot 8 (County 523) in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey to the County of Hunterdon for Road Right of Way Purposes*

◆ **Ordinance #08-2018**

Mayor Smith stated that this is Township property located on County Road 523 for the Nelson Street Project and the County is requiring us to deed to them approximately 7' along the frontage for a road right of way.

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

There were none.

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 to Provide for the Conveyance of an Easement on a Portion of Block 34, Lot 8 (County 523) in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey to the County of Hunterdon for Road Right of Way Purposes*

◆ **Ordinance #08-2018**

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to adopt 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

**CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION**

1. Memorandum dated June 6, 2018 from Denise Doolan, Clerk of Board, Board of Chosen Freeholders, regarding ***Resolution in Support of Proposed Senate Bill S-233, to Improve School Bus Safety.***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Albanese to request Administrator Mekovetz draft a letter in support of Senate Bill S-233 to improve school bus safety, seconded by Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. ***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***

This matter will be deferred to the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. ***Request for \$500 Donation for Project Lifesaver*** – letter dated May 30, 2018 from Fred W. Brown, Sheriff of Hunterdon County

Mayor Smith stated that Sheriff Brown operates a program called *Project Lifesaver* which uses tracking bracelets to track people who tend to wander and is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$500 annually from municipalities to continue funding the project. Mrs. Duffy stated although this is a positive project she is uncertain as to why the County is not providing the funding, in addition to the amount of funding being sought from each municipality annually to continue the project.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort requesting Administrator Mekovetz to write a response letter to Sheriff Brown with a copy to the County Freeholders, although in support of the project, there is confusion as to why as a County program it is not being adequately funded by the County, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

2. ***Municipal-Wide Revaluation for the 2020 Tax Year / Tax Map Update / Award of Contract***

Administrator Mekovetz stated that a letter was received from Tony Porto, Hunterdon County Tax Board Administrator, ordering the Township to complete a municipal-wide revaluation, for the 2020 tax year. Administrator Mekovetz continued that before the Committee is a proposal from Van Cleef Engineering to update the tax maps to begin the revaluation process. Administrator Administrator Mekovetz gave a brief overview of the revaluation process, maintaining that funds would need to be appropriated in the budget and since the cost is quite high, a special emergency appropriation is usually done, spreading the cost over a five-year period.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-65**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire Professional Land Surveying Services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provision of *N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.5* and

**WHEREAS**, the term “non-fair and open contract,” for the purposes of the law, refers to a Professional Services Contract awarded to a contractor who has not made a political contribution as described in *N.J.S.A. 19.44A-20.5 et seq.* or in *N.J.S.A. 19.44a-8, et. seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the services may not exceed \$54,900; and

**WHEREAS**, Van Cleef Engineering Associates, has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Professional Land Surveying Services to update the tax map pursuant to a municipal-wide Revaluation for the 2020 tax year; and

**WHEREAS**, Van Cleef Engineering Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Van Cleef Engineering Associates, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Readington in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Van Cleef Engineering Associates, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer’s Certification of the availability of funds is on file – *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4*).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Van Cleef Engineering Associates as described herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said contract shall expire on December 31, 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Professional Service Contract including the rate schedule are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection; and

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

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to adopt this resolution, 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

3. ***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of Construction Materials for Use on Parkland Improvement Projects Located in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS FOR USE ON PARKLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY***

***ORDINANCE #09-2018***

***BE IT ORDAINED*** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township of Readington authorizes and accepts the donation of excess personal property consisting of joist girders and joists to be used for future pedestrian trail improvement projects on Township-owned open space as offered by WBE Steel Services, Inc. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and/or Township Attorney, as may be applicable, are authorized to prepare and/or execute any documents needed to complete the donation transaction.

Section 2. This property is being acquired pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12- 5, et seq., and any other applicable law. 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 or 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 3. Effective Date.

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

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	- Abstain
Mayor Smith	- Aye

*The Public Hearing was scheduled for July 2, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.*

4. ***Bond Ordinance Providing for a Market to Affordable Program in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$800,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$760,000 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost thereof***

Deputy Mayor Fort explained that this ordinance will provide the funds to allow the Township to buy units to deed restrict and resell them as affordable housing to meet our affordable housing obligations. Mrs. Duffy added that by buying these units to resell will minimize the number of additional units that must be created.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A MARKET TO AFFORDABLE PROGRAM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$760,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF***

***ORDINANCE #10-2018***

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

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$800,000, including the sum of \$40,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$760,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is to provide for a Market to Affordable Program pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.9, including all related costs and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

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

**Ordinance #10-2018 cont'd:**

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Township may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$760,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$80,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to introduce this ordinance, 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

*The Public Hearing was scheduled for July 2, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.*

5. ***Resolution in Recognition of Carter Risse Attaining Eagle Scout***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-66**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Carter Risse 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 Carter Risse’s Eagle Project involved collecting over 200 bicycles for the nonprofit charity known as *The Trenton Boys and Girls Bike Exchange*; and

**WHEREAS**, Carter and his team of volunteers collected the bicycles throughout Hunterdon County and worked on minor repairs included tightening bolts, blowing up tires and greasing chains; and

**WHEREAS**, the refurbished bicycles were sold to low income families and the Bike Exchange estimated that the project earned \$10,000 for the charity and provided many children and adults bicycles; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2018 Carter Risse 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 Carter Risse 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 Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

6. ***Request for Township to Vacate Easement / Block 46, Lot 24.08 (6 Kinney’s Saw Mill Road)***

Deputy Mayor Fort stated that this matter has gone before the Planning Board and it was established that this easement does not go to the building lot. Mr. Heller stated that they are trying to sell the property by splitting the properties into two properties, one with the existing house and one which is farmland preserved, allowing the building of one house. Mr. Heller stated that if there is an easement, this would prevent them from using the access to Kinney’s Saw Mill, which could potentially reduce the value of that property.

Attorney Dragan stated that she reviewed this as well and the property that was originally subdivided, belonging to Reno, is not in close proximity to the Kinney's Saw Mill easement. In addition, Attorney Dragan stated that property is preserved by an agricultural easement, further maintaining that it would be difficult to remove that agricultural preserved area in order to create an access to Kinney's Saw Mill Road and they would be required to go through the State Agriculture Development Committee. Attorney Dragan confirmed that the easement that is on the Rutledge property is wholly on that property, so if the Committee determines that they wish to vacate the easement, the property must be vacated via an ordinance and it would then be deeded back to the Rutledges to accomplish the vacation. Attorney Dragan stated that the Planning Board Engineer recommended that the Township notify the property owners that have the benefit of the easement, currently the Renos, to see if there was any reason they may want to try to retain it. Deputy Mayor Fort stated that the Planning Board members researched this and realized there was sufficient frontage if access was needed to the other property. Mr. Heller maintained that they would have to build a bridge to get across the stream, further opining that the Renos should be made aware if there were changes to access to their property.

Mrs. Duffy stated that her objection was that the Committee gets these requests to vacate roads/easements on a frequent basis and we almost universally deny these requests because the Township is uncertain what type of connection they may need for future use.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to request Administrator to reach out to the Renos and inquire as to their interest in this request for the Township to vacate the easement, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- \* 7. **Resolution Authorizing Educational Services Commission** (Beyer Ford / Pickup Trucks with Snow Plows)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 8. **Release of Hunting Security Deposit / Kodiak Rod and Gun Club**
  - ◆ Cole Road (Block 52.01, Lot 14.06)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- 9. **Release of Hunting Security Deposit / Pinebank Hunting Association**
  - ◆ Cole Road (Block 66, Lots 2-3)
  - ◆ Pleasant Run Road (Block 66, Lot 13)

Mayor Smith recused himself from this matter and Deputy Mayor Fort took over the meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the release of the hunting security deposit, 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

- 10. **Resolution to Renew 2018/19 Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses**

Mayor Smith requested to clarify the names of two licenses up for renewal.

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-67**

***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 2018-2019 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
1022-33-007-006	Bensi of Whitehouse	\$2,214.60	\$200.00
1022-33-003-007	215 White Liquors LLC	\$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

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Duffy to adopt this resolution, 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

- \* 11. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Hatchard (Block 73, Lot 3.28)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 12. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Mackinson (Block 73, Lot 44)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 13. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Werner (Block 4, Lot 30)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 14. ***Release of Developers Escrow / Crimson (Block 28, Lot 13.01)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 15. *NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application*
  - ◆ Noah Motz

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 16. *Application for Special Events Permit / Stephen & Kathy Bugglin*
  - ◆ July 20<sup>th</sup> → July 23<sup>rd</sup>

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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

Administrator Mekovetz reported that the Rosedale/Rosehill Cemetery applicants requested to return to the August meeting. The Committee concurred that September would be a better time since most residents will be back from any summer vacations to attend the hearing.

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

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

#### ***ENGINEER'S REPORT***

Engineer Clerico reported that the road reclamation bid opening is next week and the recommendation to award should be ready for the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

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

##### **JOHN ALBANESE**

Mr. Albanese reminded everyone that Recreation is hosting the Summer Spectacular in Summer Road Park on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

##### **M. ELIZABETH DUFFY**

Mrs. Duffy reported that they had the inaugural gathering to start the Readington Business Association last Wednesday and it was very well attended. Mrs. Duffy added that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Black River Roasters.

##### **BETTY ANN FORT**

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

##### **JONATHAN HELLER**

Mr. Heller reported that the Open Space Hike took place on Lazy Brook Trail this past Sunday.

Mr. Heller asked about the status on investigating the legal aspects of insurance with regard to the *Plan B Deer Hunting Program*. Administrator Mekovetz advised that an ordinance should be prepared to implement the program.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Heller to authorize Attorney Dragan to draft an ordinance to develop the *Plan B Hunting Program*, seconded Mrs. Fort with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Mr. Heller also asked about the status of Darts Mill.

##### **BEN SMITH**

Mayor Smith reported that the PBA hosted their 3-D Archery last Saturday in Pickell Park.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, asked about the status of the Unicom purchase of Merck.

Karen Mittleman, Glenmont Road, commented on a recent bicycling event and expressed safety concerns with the roads.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

There were none.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Duffy at 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