

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – August 6, 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, 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, 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>
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Administration.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Municipal Court.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
PBA / 317 Lieutenants.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Consent & Hold Harmless Agreement.. / Tolls NJ, LLC	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Saums (Block 74, Lot 4).....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Lorenzen (Block 44, p/o Lot 4.02).....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• July 16, 2018		
Affordable Housing.....	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
◦ Contract Negotiations / SAR		
◦ Contract Negotiations / Readington Commons		
Ryland Developers.....	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 7:42 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the hiring of Jarrod Gaskill for the position of Laborer, at salary pursuant to the bargaining unit contract for Public Works, Laborer 1, effective August 27, 2018, 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 / Administration***

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the hiring of Carol Radziewicz as a full-time Secretarial Floater at a salary of \$45,500 (inclusive of Board of Health monthly meetings), effective August 13, 2018, 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 / Municipal Court***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / PBA 317 / Lieutenants***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement / Toll NJ, LLC***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Saums (Block 74, Lot 4)***

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 / July 16, 2018***

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Albanese to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 16, 2018 for content only, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded. Mrs. Duffy abstained since she was not present at that meeting.

***Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing***

- ***Contract Negotiations / SAR***
- ***Contract Negotiations / Readington Commons***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2018-89***

***A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING  
BODY AT THEIR AUGUST 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
AMENDMENTS TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TOWNSHIP, READINGTON  
COMMONS II AND SAR I***

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington (“Township”) Readington Commons II and SAR I entered into Settlement Agreements with the Township to resolve their respective intervention into the Township’s affordable housing Declaratory Judgment Action;

**WHEREAS**, the representatives of the parties have negotiated amendments to those agreements in forms attached hereto and the parties wish to amend their agreements accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amended Agreements are subject to approval after a duly noticed “fairness hearing”; and

**WHEREAS**, the township wishes its Affordable Housing counsel to seek approval of the Amended Agreements at a duly notice fairness hearing; and

***THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*** as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Readington authorized the Township’s Mayor to execute the Settlement Agreement Amendments in the forms attached hereto; and
2. The Township Committee directs its Affordable Housing counsel to seek approval of the Amended Agreements from the Trial Court after a duly notice “fairness hearing.”

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

Mayor Smith stated that the following matter was added to the Executive Session:

***Contract Negotiations / ARC of Hunterdon County Inc.***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2018-90***

***A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY MEMORIALIZING THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNING BODY AT THEIR AUGUST 6, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND ARC OF HUNTERDON COUNTY INC.***

***WHEREAS***, the Township of Readington (“Township”), wishes to enter an agreement for the procurement of affordable units with ARC of Hunterdon County Inc.; and

***WHEREAS***, the representatives of the parties have negotiated agreements in forms attached hereto and the parties wish to enter the agreement; and

***WHEREAS***, the Agreement is subject to approval after a duly noticed “fairness hearing”; and

***WHEREAS***, the Township wishes its Affordable Housing counsel to seek approval of the Agreement at a duly notice fairness hearing; and

***THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED*** as follows:

1. The Township Committee of the Township of Readington authorized the Township’s Mayor to execute the Agreement in the forms attached hereto; and
2. The Township Council directs its Affordable Housing counsel to seek approval of the Agreements from the Trial Court after a duly notice “fairness hearing.”

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

***Litigation / Ryland Developers***

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 remains in Executive Session.

***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 July 16, 2018
- \* 2. **Release of Police Escrow / TMB Racing** (Jersey Man Triathlon)
- \* 3. **Release of Police Escrow / Morris Freewheelers Association**  
(Revolutionary Ramble)
- \* 4. **Release of Escrow / AOG Real Estate** (Block 15, Lot 19)
- \* 5. **Resolution to Appoint Frank Veneziale to the Position of EOM Coordinator**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-87**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**APPOINTMENT - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington is currently in need of and Emergency Management Coordinator for the replacement of Joel Kerwin, recently retired.; and

**WHEREAS**, Frank Veneziale is qualified for this position; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of Readington Township to appoint Frank Veneziale to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator to fill the unexpired term ending 12/31/2018.

- \* 6. **Resolution to Extend Grace Period for Payment of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018 Taxes**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-88**

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP**

**HUNTERDON COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 tax rate was received by Readington Township on July 20, 2018 and,

**WHEREAS**, 2018 Final/2019 Preliminary Tax Bills were mailed to property owners on July 26, 2018 and,

**Resolution #R-2018-88 cont'd:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, the grace period for payment of taxes must not be less than 25 days from the date that the bills were mailed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the grace period for payment of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2018 property taxes be extended to August 23, 2018, with interest accruing from August 1, 2018 for any payments not made within the grace period.

- \* 7. ***NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award of State Project***

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF LOCAL AID  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD  
STATE AID PROJECT**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Readington hereby recommends to the

New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for

Van Horne Road Resurfacing

(Name of Project)

in the Township of Readington County of Hunterdon

(Name of Municipality)

be awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc

whose bid amounted to \$ 243,050.50 subject to the approval of the Department.

That the presiding officer of this body be and is hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said construction.

- \* 8. ***Request for Release of Security Deposit***
  - ◆ South Branch Sanctuary (Block 25 / Lot 19 & 20)
  
- \* 9. ***Blue Light Permit***
  - ◆ Nicholas Siani

\* 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	\$ 1,500.00
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$1,716,296.46
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	7-02	\$ 172,722.95
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 44,308.54
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$3,138,691.18
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 288,667.84
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	<u>\$2,606,149.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$7,968,335.97</b>

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

- Mr. Albanese - Aye
- Mrs. Duffy -Aye (*Mrs. Duffy abstained from the approval of the minutes of the July 16 meeting*)
- Mrs. Fort -Aye
- Mr. Heller -Aye
- Mayor Smith - Aye

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

John Broten, Dogwood Drive, commented on the continued negotiations on the Lorenzen property. Mr. Broten questioned the number of affordable housing units that would be included in the SAR and Readington Commons contracts.

**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 #11-2018**

Mayor Smith explained that this ordinance clarifies the language on solar and wind renewable energy resources.

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. Fort to close the Public Hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Heller 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 #11-2018***

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort 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. Notice of Public Hearings from Brian MacLean, President, Elizabethtown Gas Company regarding ***the Matter of the Petition of Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Elizabethtown Gas to Review its Periodic Basic Gas Supply Service Rate.*** No action taken.
2. Letter dated July 4, 2018 from James Burd, President of Citizens Improving Affordable Housing (COAH) and former Mayor of Hopewell Township, Mercer County regarding ***Modification of the Affordable Housing Law.*** No action taken.

***OLD BUSINESS***

1. ***Application for Special Events Permit / Silver Bit Spur Farm Inc. / Bull Riding Event***  
◆ August 19<sup>th</sup> (2018)

Mayor Smith stated that this matter was deferred from the previous meeting until more information regarding safety and traffic concerns could be obtained. Mr. Heller maintained that the greatest safety concern was the containment of the bulls.

Scott Lynch, Luck of the Draw Bull Riding, was present to address the safety concerns of the Committee. Mr. Lynch stated that the company has been in business for over fifteen (15) years without any incident, further explaining that the event is held in a high-level arena. Mrs. Fort added that the traffic was a concern and it was the recommendation of the Police Chief to hire a police officer to monitor the traffic situation at the entrance and exit and she also indicated that signage alerting drivers to slow down may be necessary. It was determined by the Committee that Mr. Lynch should meet with the Police Department for their traffic recommendations.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Special Events Permit Application *contingent upon meeting with the Police Department to satisfactorily accommodate their traffic recommendations at the entrance and exit of site*, seconded by Mr. Heller with a four (4) vote of ayes and one (1) nay.

2. ***Recommendation of Street Naming Committee / The Willows***

Mayor Smith stated that a voicemail was received from Stephanie Stevens, member of the Street Naming Committee, recommending that Cleveland Place, such that the entire street which connects to Nelson Street be renamed *Nelson Street* to avoid confusion for the residents, visitors and emergency services.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the recommendation to rename what is currently Cleveland Place as a continuation of Nelson Street, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.



**NEW BUSINESS**

1. ***An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Readington Township 2017 Salary Ordinance for Officers and Employees of the Township of Readington***

Mr. Heller pointed out a type on the ordinance which Administrator Mekovetz stated would be corrected.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE READINGTON TOWNSHIP 2017 SALARY ORDINANCE FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYESS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON***

***ORDINANCE #12-2018***

**SECTION 1**  
**GOVERNING BODY AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL**

MAYOR	per annum	\$1 -	\$9,388
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER	per annum	\$1 -	\$8,522
ADMINISTRATOR/MUNICIPAL CLERK/ DEPUTY REG. OF VITAL STATISTICS/TREASURER/QPA	per annum		\$169,096
ADMINISTRATOR	per annum	\$18,795	
Clerk/Deputy Reg. of Vital Stat/Treasurer/...per annum		\$150,301	
TAX COLLECTOR/TAX SEARCH OFFICER	per annum.		\$80,998
TAX ASSESSOR..(P/T/24/hrs per wk)	per annum.		\$88,958
CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL	per annum.		\$99,318
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	per annum	\$55,000 -	\$65,000
LIBRARIAN	per annum	\$2,024 -	\$54,770
HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR	per annum	\$60,000	\$70,000
CHIEF OF POLICE	per annum		\$139,060
RECREATION DIRECTOR	per annum	\$48,000 -	\$75,214
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	per annum		\$114,551
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & PARKS	per annum		\$115,751
ROAD SUPERINTENDENT, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & PARKS	per annum		\$105,976
FIRE OFFICIAL	per annum		\$60,000
ZONING OFFICER	per annum		\$64,000
SUPERVISOR OF ADMIN. SERVICES/ REGISTRAR		\$62,771	\$63,971
		\$1,200	

**SECTION 2**  
**CLERICAL (CONFIDENTIAL) & SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

RECEPTIONIST	per annum	\$31,998 -	\$35,492
SECRETARY TO TWP ADMINISTRATOR\DEPUTY REGISTRAR	per annum	\$34,727 -	\$44,990
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK/SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE SECRETARY (40 hrs/wk)	per annum	\$49,678 -	\$66,138
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	per annum	\$40,000 -	\$65,386
BOOKEEPER/PAYROLL CLERK	per annum	\$40,000 -	\$57,260
PLANNING BD/BD OF ADJUSTMENT SECRETARY PT 28 hrs/wk	per annum	\$45,000 -	\$54,254
BOARD SECRETARY	per annum	\$40,000 -	\$45,500
ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR	per annum	\$38,000 -	\$41,923
CLERK/TRANSCRIBER	per annum	\$35,189 -	\$46,923
OFFICE ASSISTANT/FLOATER	per annum	\$28,000 -	\$43,000
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	per annum	\$47,509 -	\$61,200
DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR	per annum	\$41,685 -	\$55,098

**Ordinance #12-2018 cont'd:**

**SECTION 3**

**TECHNICAL PERSONNEL**

SUB-CODE OFFICIAL PLUMBING & MECH (PART TIME)	per hour	\$30.00 -	\$46.36
ELECTRICAL SUB-CODE OFFICIAL (PART TIME)	per hour	\$30.00 -	\$35.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR (PART TIME)	per hour	\$30.00 -	\$36.22
FIRE SUB-CODE OFFICIAL (PART TIME)	per hour	\$30.00 -	\$41.44

**SECTION 4**

**ROAD, UTILITY AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL**

**RATES FOR TITLES HELD LONGER THAN ONE YEAR:**

DRIVER – LABORER 6	per hour		\$30.75
SR. DRIVER – LABORER 3	per hour		\$33.70
JR. MECHANIC	per hour		\$28.31
MECHANIC	per hour		\$36.10
SR. MECHANIC	per hour		\$39.63
CREW LEADER	per hour		\$38.31
OPERATOR	per hour		\$36.10
WORKING FOREMAN	per hour		\$41.79
SEWER OPERATORS:			
C-1 LICENSE (HOURLY ADDITIONS)	per hour		\$1.00
C-2 LICENSE (HOURLY ADDITIONS)	per hour		\$1.25

**RATES FOR GRADES WITHIN TITLES:**

LABORER – 1	per hour		\$21.39
LABORER – 2	per hour		\$22.29
DRIVER-LABORER – 1	per hour		\$23.19
DRIVER – LABORER – 2	per hour		\$24.07
DRIVER – LABORER – 3	per hour		\$24.97
DRIVER – LABORER – 4	per hour		\$25.86
DRIVER – LABORER – 5	per hour		\$26.73
DRIVER – LABORER – 6	per hour		\$27.63

**CONTRACT PENDING**

**SECTION 5**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER	per hour	\$10.00 -	\$20.00
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER	per hour	\$23.00 -	\$28.00
RECRUIT	per annum	\$20,000 -	\$41,700
PATROLMAN (FIRST YEAR) Certified/Probationary.	per annum		\$63,262
PATROLMAN (SECOND YEAR)	per annum		\$68,341
PATROLMAN (THIRD YEAR)	per annum		\$73,416
PATROLMAN (FOURTH YEAR)	per annum		\$78,496
PATROLMAN (FIFTH YEAR)	per annum		\$83,570
PATROLMAN (SIXTH YEAR)	per annum		\$87,452
PATROLMAN (SEVENTH YEAR)	per annum		\$92,922
PATROLMAN FIRST CLASS	per annum		\$98,385
CORPORAL	per annum		\$100,356
INVESTIGATOR - OVER GRADE	per annum		\$600
PROBATIONARY SERGEANT	per annum		\$103,026
SERGEANT'S BASE SALARY	per annum		\$108,627
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS	per annum		\$111,944
PROBATIONARY LIEUTENANT	per annum		\$112,444
LIEUTENANT	per annum		\$130,114
<b>LIEUTENANT CONTRACT PENDING</b>			

**Ordinance #12-2018 cont'd:**

**SECTION 6**  
**PART-TIME PERSONNEL**

MUNICIPAL JUDGE	per annum		\$32,400
SUBSTITUTE MUNICIPAL JUDGE	per hour		\$158.63
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASE WORKER/ FILING CLERK (33 hrs)	per annum		\$33,037
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK (20 hrs)	per hour		\$22.57
MUSEUM ADMINISTRATOR	per hour		\$22.13
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS	per annum	\$3,778 -	\$8,500
LIBRARY ASSISTANT	per hour	\$8.60 -	\$18.93
VIOLATIONS CLERK	per hour	\$13.00 -	\$16.68
EXERCISE PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR	per hour	\$13.00 -	\$30.00
COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING ASSISTANT	per hour		\$18.40
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	per annum	\$8,000 -	\$13,200
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORD.	per annum	\$1,000 -	\$2,500

**SECTION 7**  
**SUMMER RECREATION PERSONNEL**

SUPERVISOR & ASS'T SUP'V SUMMER PROG	per hour	\$8.60 -	\$25.00
SUMMER PROG. & SPECIAL PROG. COUNSELOR	per hour	\$8.60 -	\$14.00
CONCESSION STAND ATTENDANT	per hour	\$8.60 -	\$11.23
SUMMER PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINT. LABORER	per hour	\$8.60 -	\$15.61

**SECTION 8**  
**BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND RECYCLING**

PUBLIC FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LABORER	per hour	\$16.41 -	\$29.24
<b>CONTRACT PENDING</b>			
RECYCLING WORKER	per hour		\$24.55

**SECTION 9**

Rates of compensation provided herein are retroactive to January 1, 2018

**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 September 4, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.*

2. ***An Ordinance Amending the Chapter 168 of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey to Create a New Sub-Chapter Entitled “Wildlife Management”***

Attorney Dragan stated that she drafted this ordinance for discussion since the ordinance needs to be in place prior to beginning the permit program. Mr. Albanese proposed that the section regarding the discharge of firearms within the Township limits be eliminated. Mayor Smith added that the safety zones within 450 feet of an active trails should be addressed and suggested adding the 150 feet for bow in tree stands. Administrator Mekovetz offered that the Committee review the ordinance and provide comments.

3. ***An Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Nelson Street Located in the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey***

Mrs. Duffy stated that she had some questions regarding where this ordinance originated from. Attorney Dragan stated that this ordinance was provided by Ingerman (Whitehouse Urban Renewal Associates, LLC), maintaining that this is a condition of their approval that they need to vacate the portions that they are requesting to be vacated, further surmising that it must be part of their plans. Attorney Dragan stated that she did not have the resolution of approval from the Planning Board and suggested tabling the ordinance until the Planning Board has discussed this and more explanation can be provided. This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

4. ***Special Events Permit Application / Salem Family Associates LLC***  
♦ October 25<sup>th</sup> → 28<sup>th</sup> (2018)

A **MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Special Even Permit Application, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

5. ***Special Events Permit Application / Pelican Swim & Ski***  
♦ August 7<sup>th</sup> → September 3<sup>rd</sup> (2018)

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Heller to approve the Special Even Permit Application, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of four (4) ayes all and one (1) nay.

\* 6. ***Release of Police Escrow / TMB Racing*** (Jersey Man Triathlon)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

\* 7. ***Release of Police Escrow / Morris Freewheelers Association***  
(Revolutionary Ramble)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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- \* 11. ***NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award of State Project***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 12. ***Request for Release of Security Deposit***
  - ◆ South Branch Sanctuary (Block 25 / Lot 19 & 20)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 13. ***Blue Light Permit***
  - ◆ Nicholas Siani

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

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

Administrator Mekovetz requested consideration from the Committee to review the tax rate pie chart and provide feedback on which one they prefer to be displayed.

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

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

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

##### **JOHN ALBANESE**

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Fort commended the Emergency Services for all their efforts in doing a wonderful job at the Balloon Festival this year.

##### **JONATHAN HELLER**

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

##### **BEN SMITH**

Mayor Smith also echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Fort in praising the work of Emergency Services during the Balloon Festival.

Mayor Smith stated that the Police Department will be hosting the *National Night Out* this Tuesday evening in Pickell Park.

#### ***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, asked if the public would be able to get a copy of the proposed wildlife management ordinance.

John Broten, Dogwood Drive, commented that about a year ago there was some discussion on the trails in the Round Mountain area being used by the trail riding association and asked if there was any update on that. Mr. Broten also commented that on the Silver Bit and Spur site they refer to sixty (60) acres of trail riding. Mr. Broten opined that the Silver Bit and Spur parcel is forty (40) acres and the adjacent parcel is twenty (20) acres, currently Readington Township Open Space, therefore questioned if Silver Bit and Spur is using the open space as trails for commercial purposes and if the property has accessibility to the public.

Jody Bettermann, Witherspoon Street, commented on an energy conservation project that she had worked on for Readington Schools.

Todd Terricone, Lamington Road, thanked the Committee for addressing the overgrown brush on the speed limit sign on Old Highway 28. Mr. Terricone commented on busses parking at the rest stop area near the Ryland Inn.

***COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY***

Mr. Albanese stated that State Senator Bill Schluter passed away and lauded some of Senator Schluter's accomplishments.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort at 8:51 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Duffy with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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