

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING – October 1, 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, 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:

- 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>
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight... other information will remain confidential
Department of Public Works.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Municipal Court.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Planning Board / Board of Adjustment..	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Local No. 317 / Lieutenants.....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Professional Services / ..... Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Development Agreement / ..... Whitehouse Urban Renewal Associates, LLC	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Right of Way Agreement / ..... Crown Castle NG East LLC	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes.....	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
• September 17, 2018		

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 7:43 p.m.

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

***Executive Session:***

***Personnel / Police Department***

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to promote Lieutenant Christopher DeWire to permanent position of Lieutenant salary grade as per Article XIV of the Lieutenant Contract, effective October 4, 2018, seconded 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 / Department of Public Works***

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to promote Jamie Reynolds to the full-time position of Administrative Assistant to the Director of Public Works, Parks, Building and Grounds at an annual salary of \$36,500 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.

***Personnel / Planning Board / Board of Adjustment***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Local No. 317 / Lieutenants***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Contract Negotiations / Professional Services / Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-96**

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need in the Township of Readington for Professional Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contract Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*) requires that the Resolution hiring a professional for professional services without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

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

1. That the following contract has been awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a)* of the Local Public Contract Law because the services rendered or to be performed are by persons authorized by law to practice their profession:
  - Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H) to represent the Township on Affordable Housing Administration as relating to the Township's affordable housing plan at hourly rates, \$120 per hour for senior staff and \$60 per hour for all other staff, not to exceed \$37,000 per year.
2. Said contract shall expire on December 31, 2018.
3. Copies of this Professional Service Contract are on file with the Municipal Clerk and are available there for public inspection.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort 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

***Contract Negotiations / Development Agreement / Whitehouse Urban Renewal Associates, LLC***

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the form of agreement with Whitehouse Urban Renewal Associates LLC, 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 / Right-of-Way Agreement / Crown Castle ND East LLC***

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

***Attorney-Client Privilege / Executive Session Minutes / September 17, 2018***

A ***MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 17, 2018 for content only, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded. Mr. Heller abstained since he was not present at that meeting.

***Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing***

Mayor Smith stated that nothing was discussed.

***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.

Mr. Broten requested to remove the *Payment of Bills* from the Consent Agenda.

- \* 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of September 17, 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 69, Lot 13.22 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 \$51,299.75, plus a premium paid in the amount of \$70,600.00, known as Tax Sale Certificate #2017-015, to the lienholder, US Bank – Custodian for BV002 Trust & Creditors.

- \* 3. ***Release of Escrow / Reading Holdings LP*** (Block 14, Lot 49)

- \* 4. **Blue Light Permit**
  - ◆ Evan Fimiani
  - ◆ Justin Pickett

- \* 5. **Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

**#R-2018-97**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Readington is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

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

1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract #A83453/T-2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Township of Readington.
2. The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com
3. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-09.
4. A list of the surplus property to be sold is as follows:

<b>Year of Equip</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Serial # or VIN</b>	<b>Item description</b>
2004	Fleetwood	Morgan	1EB1F322654008413	Travel Trailer

5. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
6. The Township of Readington reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Consent Agenda (*with the removal of the Payment of Bills*), 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 (*with the exception of the minutes since he was not present at the meeting*)
- Mayor Smith - Aye

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

Mr. Broten, Dogwood Drive, questioned if there has been any scheduling with the respect to the appeal of Solberg litigation. Mr. Broten commented on the proposed ordinance regarding the Gallo donation listed on the agenda.

**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 to Provide for the Vacation of a Portion of a Paper Street Known as Nelson Street Located Between Block 34, Lots 10 and 11 in the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, Previously Dedicated for Roadway Purposes***

◆ **Ordinance #13-2018**

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.

Mary Boyle, Aster Court, requested clarification on the paper street extension of Nelson Street.

**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 Vacation of a Portion of a Paper Street Known as Nelson Street Located Between Block 34, Lots 10 and 11 in the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, Previously Dedicated for Roadway Purposes***

◆ **Ordinance #13-2018**

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

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fort to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of a Road Right-of-Way Easement Dedicated on a Portion of Block 93, Lot 90 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey for the Extension of Case Avenue***

◆ **Ordinance #14-2018**

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

Mrs. Fort stated she was in favor of this ordinance.

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 Acceptance of a Road Right-of-Way Easement Dedicated on a Portion of Block 93, Lot 90 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey for the Extension of Case Avenue***

◆ ***Ordinance #14-2018***

*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

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to adjourn the regular meeting to hold a Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Clerk read by Title:

***An Ordinance to Provide for the Vacation of Certain Right of Way Easements Located on Block 46, Lot 24.08 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, Previously Dedicated for the Future Extension of the Public Roadway Known as Kinney's Saw Mill Road***

◆ ***Ordinance #15-2018***

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

Mrs. Duffy pointed out that the owners of the Reno property had no objection to the vacation of the easement.

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 to Provide for the Acceptance of a Road Right-of-Way Easement Dedicated on a Portion of Block 93, Lot 90 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey for the Extension of Case Avenue***

◆ ***Ordinance #15-2018***

*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***

There was none.

***OLD BUSINESS***

1. ***Proposed K9 Training Field*** – memorandum dated August 27, 2018 from Sgt. Heycock

Sergeant Christopher Heycock, K9 Trainer, stated that a K9 training field is necessary and they are requesting to use a portion of Township property to setup an agility and box field course for training. Sergeant Heycock presented the proposed layout of the training field. Mr. Heller requested that, for the record, Sergeant Heycock state that there would be no danger to the public when the dogs are left unsupervised on the course. Mrs. Fort inquired if this would be open to K9 dogs and officers in the other counties, since this property is open space that is available for public use as well. Sergeant Heycock confirmed that the field would be accessible to other officers in Hunterdon and Somerset counties. Mr. Heller stressed that since this is Readington property, he would like to see someone from Readington present at all times during training sessions. Chief Greco added that when any training is in session, there would be signs to alert residents and redirect them to another trail. Mrs. Duffy voiced concern about the additional maintenance required by the Department of Public Works to mow the field and trim around the structures. Administrator Mekovetz asked if the other entities using the field would provide insurance certificates to cover any liability. The Committee concurred that they could approve the location, but the remaining details would still need to be worked out.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the request to use location for K9 training, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***NEW BUSINESS***

1. ***Jersey Central Power & Light Proposed Four-Year Infrastructure Plan*** – presentation by Stan Prater

Stan Prater, Area Manager, Jersey Central Power & Light, was present to outline the company's four-year infrastructure plan to invest \$400 million in new equipment and system enhancements. Mr. Prater stated that the major enhancements include 1) greater clearance for tree trimming, 2) enhanced smart technology on the distribution lines; specifically, smart fusing and trip savers to assist pinpointing and minimizing outages and 3) replace substation equipment. Mr. Prater maintained that the proposed Reliability Plan will involve a rate increase of 700-800 kilowatt/month which would translate to 25¢ increase for the first six (6) months and up to \$1.87 by the end of the four-year construction plan. Mr. Prater continued that they are working with the municipalities that they service to discuss the improvements, capital investment and the impact on the municipality, along with seeking support from the municipality in the form of a resolution to be provided to the Board of Public Utilities.

Mrs. Duffy requested clarification on the JCP&L's definition of clear-cutting trees and the scope of the work to be done. Mr. Heller expressed concern about randomly clear-cutting trees and lack of communication with the residents. Mrs. Fort voiced support for the enhanced technology improvements; however, opined that the Township would need to wait until more information can be obtained on the clear-cutting of the trees prior to considering a resolution of support.

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, questioned if any clear-cutting would be done on private property.



2. ***An Ordinance to Provide for the Acceptance of Property Known as Block 39, Lot 10 in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey from Estate of Gene Gallo, et als.***

Juergen Huelsebusch, Open Space Advisory Board, stated this is a donation fully endorsed by the Open Space Advisory Board as an ideal addition to preserve.

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

***AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 39, LOT 10 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FROM ESTATE OF GENE GALLO, ET ALS.***

***Ordinance #16-2018***

***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, for open space conservation purposes, the acquisition and acceptance of property known as Block 39, Lot 10 on the official Township Tax Map, consisting of approximately 36+/- acres of vacant lands and located at 26 Ridge Road in the Township, which property has been offered as a charitable donation to the Township by the Estate of Gene Gallo, and/or the heirs, beneficiaries and/or assigns of his estate. Acceptance of the property is subject to the Township's receipt of clear and marketable title, an acceptable survey and satisfactory environmental inspection, to be obtained by the Township at its own cost and expense. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Township Administrator/Clerk and/or Township Attorney, as applicable, are authorized to prepare and/or execute all documents necessary to complete the donation transaction. A copy of the tax map showing the proposed property is attached hereto as Schedule A. Said tax map depicting the property to be donated, together with the donor's offer letter, shall be available for further inspection in the office of the Readington Township Clerk at the municipal building, 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, N.J. prior to the public hearing.

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.

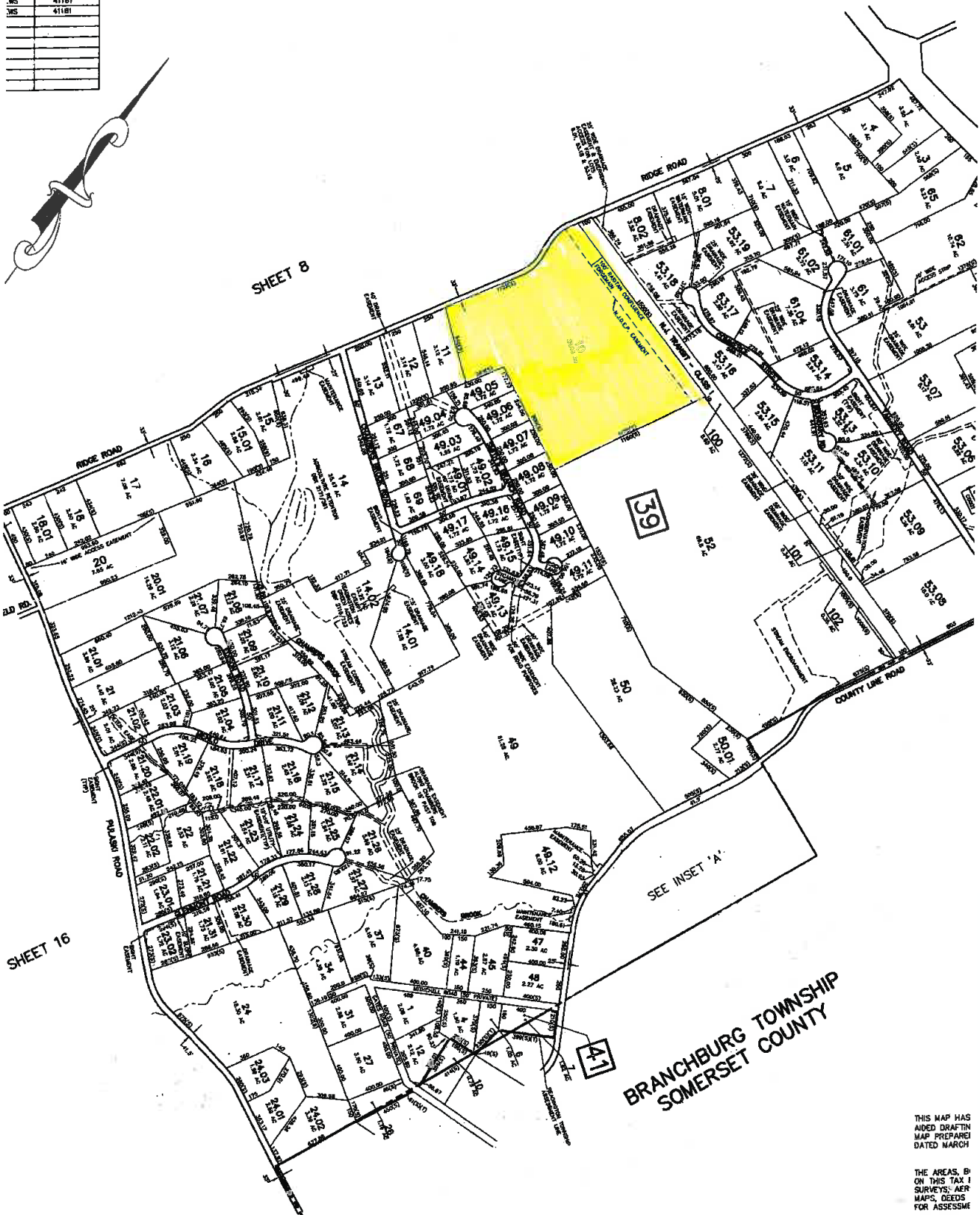
Section 3. Effective Date.

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

Section 4. Evidence of Transaction.

Upon closing of title, the Deed and this Ordinance shall be recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office.

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for October 15, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.

3. ***Resolution in Recognition of Zachary Ferreira Attaining Eagle Scout***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2018-98***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, Zachary Ferreira a valued member of his Boy Scout Troop 1969, 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 Zachary Ferreira’s Eagle Project involved giving new life to the Black River and Western train station with the construction of two wheel-set benches; and

***WHEREAS***, Zachary led his team of volunteers to custom make two (2) benches in addition to sanding, priming and painting of the old wheel-sets; and

***WHEREAS***, the wheel-set benches provide a much-needed addition for extra seating for waiting passengers at the station; and

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

***WHEREAS***, on October 27, 2018 Zachary Ferreira 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 Zachary Ferreira 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. Duffy to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

4. ***Resolution in Recognition of Kyle Stansbury Attaining Eagle Scout***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

***#R-2018-99***

***TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON  
RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, Kyle Stansbury a valued member of his Boy Scout Troop 1969, 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 Kyle Stansbury’s Eagle Project involved enhancing the landscape of the front and most visible side of the Readington Reformed Church in preparation of their 300<sup>th</sup> year milestone celebration; and

***WHEREAS***, Kyle achieved his goal to completely rejuvenate and enhance the landscaping and hardscaping in place, as well as installing new plants and solar lights; and

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

***WHEREAS***, on October 27, 2018 Kyle Stansbury will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

**Resolution #R-2018-99 cont'd:**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Readington hereby commends Eagle Scout Kyle Stansbury 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. Duffy to adopt this resolution, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

- \* 5. **Release of Escrow / Reading Holdings LP** (Block 14, Lot 49)

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 6. **Blue Light Permit**
  - ◆ Evan Fimiani
  - ◆ Justin Pickett

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

- \* 7. **Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property**

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** – (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk’s Office)

John Broten, Dogwood Drive, inquired on a specific vendor listed on the bill list and why the Township was using them.

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, questioned a line item for the housing of a police K9..

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	7-01	\$ 8,401.31
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$ 455,562.68
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	8-02	\$ 99,510.89
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 69,547.68
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 184,713.96
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 176,122.48
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$2,606,149.00
2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	X-16	\$ 115.50
2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	X-17	\$ 7,320.75
2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	X-18	<u>\$ 16,117.72</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$3,623,561.97</b>

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Duffy to approve the payment of the bills, 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

***ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT***

Administrator Mekovetz reported that she had received a request from the Chief of Police for the officers to participate in the *No Shave for November* fundraising event, benefitting the Scott Oldenburg Foundation. Administrator Mekovetz continued that the police officers wish to participate in this event and the PBA would donate \$100 per participating officer, raising approximately \$2,500 for the foundation. Administrator Mekovetz stated that since the Township officers ordinarily are very well groomed, she requested consideration from Committee to approve their request and added that the Chief of Police would issue a special order addressing the temporary *No Shave November* to ensure there would be no precedent set within the department. Mrs. Duffy expressed concern that not being clean shaven could present a safety issue if an event occurred where gas masks would be necessary.

***A MOTION*** was made by Mrs. Fort that the Township support the police officers in this fundraising event, seconded by Mr. Heller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

***ATTORNEY'S REPORT***

Attorney Dragan stated that she had nothing further to report.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

**JOHN ALBANESE**

Mr. Albanese reported that the new recreation playground equipment has been installed in Summer Road Park.

**M. ELIZABETH DUFFY**

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

**BETTY ANN FORT**

Mrs. Fort reported the Museums are hosting an Open House this Sunday at Cold Brook School on Potterstown Road.

**JONATHAN HELLER**

Mr. Heller reported that the Freeholders are proposing a County Open Space Master Plan which is currently open to Public Comment. Mr. Heller asked for a status update on the plan to remove the Winnebago on Township property.

**BEN SMITH**

Mr. Smith reported that after the certain roads have been paved, residents are complaining about drivers speeding down the roads and the police are attempting to address these concerns.

***COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC***

Jerry Cook, Railroad Avenue, commented on the possibility of a four-way stop at the intersection of School and Pulaski Roads. Mr. Cook questioned the Township's position on the legalization of marijuana.

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, thanked the Mayor for his article in the Readington News regarding the 388 Readington Holdings litigation. Mr. Scammell asked for a status update on the Lorenzen property and the Merck/Unicom property.

Mr. Broten, Dogwood Drive, commented on the purchase and funding of the Silver Bit and Spur property. Mr. Broten also questioned if the additional 20 acres that Silver Bit and Spur advertises is allowed for commercial use.

**COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY**

Mayor Smith announced that Unicom closed on the Merck site, now known as Unicom Science/Technology Park.

Mrs. Fort reported that she and Mr. Albanese met with Juanita Haddock, Readington News, to discuss Readington Township having a page in the newspaper every month as an additional venue to communicate with the residents. Mrs. Fort continued that the cost would be \$800 per month for eleven (11) issues a year.

*A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Fort to move forward with a full-page publication in the Readington News for December and all of 2019, 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

Mrs. Duffy reminded everyone at well testing is currently ongoing and it is available online at [TestMyWell.org](http://TestMyWell.org).

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made by Mrs. Duffy at 9:32 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Albanese with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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