

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MEETING – April 2, 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 and Mr. J. Heller

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Mekovetz, Attorney S. Dragan

ABSENT: Mrs. M.E. Duffy

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Clerk read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter as set forth in the following Exhibit “A.”

EXHIBIT A

<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Basis Of Public Exclusion</u>	<u>Date Anticipated When Disclosed to Public</u>
Police Department.....	Personnel.....	Certain information at the discretion of the Township Committee tonight...other
Zoning.....	Personnel.....	“ “ “
Block 73, Lot 21 & 18 (Brokaw).....	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Engineering & Land Planning..... Associates	Contract Negotiations.....	“ “ “
Executive Session Minutes..... • March 19, 2018	Attorney-Client Privilege.....	“ “ “
Affordable Housing.....	Potential Litigation.....	“ “ “
Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper v. Laura DeDreu, husband of Laura DeDrue; Readington Township Housing Committee; Township of Readington; and Bank of America, N.A.	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 Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

The meeting reconvened at 8:02 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 appoint David Bodine as a permanent Patrolman upon successful completion of his one year probationary period, seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

A **MOTION** to approve Lieutenant Dewire’s salary increase pursuant to the Lieutenant’s contract based on his successful completion of the required six (6) month probationary period, seconded by Mr. Albanese and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

Personnel / Zoning

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Block 73, Lot 18 & 21 (Brokaw)

Mayor Fort stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Contract Negotiations / Professional Services / Engineering & Land Planning Associates

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2018-50

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL,
ENGINEERING AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington has a need to acquire the services for a backup/conflict Professional Engineer on an as needed basis 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 exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, John Hansen (Engineering and Land Planning Associates), has submitted a proposal indicating they will provide Professional Engineering and Professional Land Surveying Services for rates as detailed in the contract for a total amount not to exceed the amount appropriated for this service in the approved/adopted budget.

WHEREAS, John Hansen (Engineering and Land Planning Associates), has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that John Hansen (Engineering and Land Planning 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 John Hansen (Engineering and Land Planning 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*) and will be amended to reflect the final approved funds for this purpose upon adoption/approval of the 2018 budget.

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 John Hansen (Engineering and Land Planning 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. Fort	-Aye
Mr. Heller	- Aye
Mayor Smith	- Aye

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

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Fort to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2018 for content only, seconded by Mr. Albanese with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Potential Litigation / Affordable Housing

Mayor Smith stated that this matter remains in Executive Session.

Litigation / Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper v. Laura DeDreu, husband of Laura DeDreu; Readington Township Housing Committee; Township of Readington; and Bank of America, N.A.

Mayor Smith stated that as a result of the Township having an affordable housing agreement on the property the foreclosing agent is claiming primacy.

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.

- * 1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of meeting of March 19, 2018
- * 2. ***Duplicate Tax Payments***

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 refunds of a duplicate property tax payments for the 1st Quarter of 2018:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
55/7.06	Jared & Lisa Beatrice	\$4,345.02
72/34.06	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage	4,527.13

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

* 3. ***Duplicate Tax Payments***

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 1st Quarter of 2018:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
94/16	Serhan Gokmen	\$3,287.45

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

* 4. ***Resolution to Appoint Alternate Municipal Prosecutors***

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2018-51

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTORS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:25-1 et seq. every municipal court must have at least one Municipal Prosecutor, approved and appointed by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, alternate Municipal Prosecutors should be appointed by the governing body in the event the primary prosecutor is unable to appear; and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2018 Stephen Davis, Member of the Law Firm of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C., was appointed Municipal Prosecutor of the Township of Readington for a one year term to expire December 31, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Readington that the following alternate prosecutors are hereby appointed to serve in the absence of Stephen Davis for one year term to expire December 31, 2018:

- *Nichols Pompelio, Esq.* (DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.)
- *Christopher Bateman, Esq.* (DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.)
- *Brian Davis, Esq.* (DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.)
- *Brian Glicos, Esq.* (DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C.)

* 5. ***NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application***

- ◆ Michael A. Scotti

* 6. ***Blue Light Permit Application***

- ◆ Martin Hirschhorn

* 7. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 38, Lot 63 (Garcia)***

* 8. *Payment of Bills* – (Complete bill list is on file in Clerk’s Office)

<u>Fund Description</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Received Total</u>
CURRENT FUND	7-01	\$ 15,126.27
CURRENT FUND	8-01	\$1,704,255.15
SEWER APPROPRIATIONS	8-02	\$ 104,868.89
TRUST FUNDS	X-03	\$ 46,236.64
MISC REFUND, COUNTY TAX, LIENS	X-05	\$ 26,104.37
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	X-06	\$ 155,097.79
REG & LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	X-07	\$2,429,319.00
2017 CAP. IMPROVEMENTS	X-17	<u>\$ 381,459.82</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS		\$4,862.467.93

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

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC for items listed on the agenda only

John Broten, Dogwood Drive, questioned an item on the Executive Session agenda and wanted to know if the property was being considered as an open space prospect.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Clerk read by Title:

An Ordinance Amending Article III of Chapter III of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Pertaining to Refund Requests from the Township’s Recreation Department

◆ **Ordinance 03-2018**

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

There were none.

Mayor Smith asked if there were comments from the Public.

Scott Scammell, Dreahook Road, questioned what brought about this amendment to the refund policy.

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

Clerk read by Title:

An Ordinance Amending Article III of Chapter III of the Code of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Pertaining to Refund Requests from the Township’s Recreation Department

◆ Ordinance 03-2018

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE / OTHER INFORMATION

1. Letter dated March 15, 2018 from Mark Mader, Director, Rates & Regulatory Affairs – NJ regarding ***the Matter of the Verified Petition of Jersey Central Power & Light Company for the Review and Approval of Costs Incurred for Environmental Remediation of Manufactured Gas Plant Sites Pursuant to the Remediation Adjustment Clause of its Filed Tariff.*** No action taken.

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***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 148 OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY PERTAINING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES

Ordinance #04-2018

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 148 of the Code of the Township of Readington entitled "Land Use Ordinance". Additions are indicated thus and deletions are indicated [thus].

SECTION 1. Article II “Definitions of Terms”, Section 148-9 Definitions shall be amended to as follows:

RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY - A facility that engages in the production of electric energy from solar, photovoltaic, wind or biofuel technologies.

SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, ACCESSORY - A solar energy facility which is accessory to and provides power to a permitted principal use on the lot and that cannot be classified as [an "integrated] a "building-mounted solar energy facility". This includes solar parking canopies. [Major site plan approval is required prior to the issuance of a zoning permit or construction permit.]

SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, [INTEGRATED] BUILDING-MOUNTED - A solar energy facility [which is accessory to and provides power to a permitted principal use and is either] that is attached to a building [a ground mounted, solar energy facility that does not exceed 500 square feet in size or is mounted to a building that is conforming as to use and bulk requirements. Site plan approval is not required, but a zoning permit and construction permit are required].

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, STAND-ALONE - A ground-mounted solar energy facility that is a principal use on a site.[Major site plan approval is required prior to the issuance of a zoning permit or construction permit.]

SOLAR PARKING CANOPY. An accessory solar energy facility mounted above a surface parking lot or the top level of a parking structure such that vehicles may park and/or drive beneath. [Major site plan approval is required prior to the issuance of a zoning permit or construction permit].

WIND ENERGY FACILITY [,STAND ALONE] - A wind generator and all associated equipment, including any base, blade, foundation, nacelle, rotor, tower, transformer, vane, wire, inverter, battery or other component necessary to fully utilize the wind generator. [Major site plan approval is required prior to the issuance of a zoning permit or construction permit.]

SECTION 2. Article VI “General Provisions”, Section 148-60.2 Renewable energy facilities is hereby amended as follows:

B. Building mounted [integrated] solar energy facilities [and structure mounted accessory solar facilities] shall meet the following requirements:

[(1) The facility shall provide net metering for a principal use located on the tract].

[(2)(1) The facility's maximum offset/height above a roof plane upon which it is mounted shall be 12 inches, unless it is visually screened by another architectural element, such as a parapet.

[(3) The solar panels shall be mounted parallel to the roof plane upon which they are mounted on a pitched roof].

[(4) The portion of the roof plane covered by solar panels shall be regulated by the most current applicable State Uniform Construction Code].

[(5)2 The facility shall not exceed the applicable (principal or accessory) maximum permitted building height.

[(6) Removal of trees larger than six inches dbh for the purpose of installation or solar access is prohibited].

[(7) Additional lighting is prohibited.]

[(8) They shall not be mounted on fences.]

(3) Facilities on property located within local or State/National Historic Districts shall not be mounted on roofs or exterior building elevations that face public streets.

C. Ground-mounted [integrated] solar energy facilities shall meet the following requirements:

[(1) The area of the facility shall be measured by the aggregate horizontal area of all photovoltaic panels constructed on a lot, including space between panels, but excluding transmission lines and subterranean elements. (See diagram entitled "Area Measurement of Solar Facilities") 56]

[56. Editor's Note: Said diagram is included as an attachment to this chapter].

[(2) The facility shall provide net metering for a principal use located on the tract].

[(3)(1) The facility shall not be located in a stream corridor, wetland transition area or areas with slopes of 15% or greater.

[(4) (2) The maximum height of the facility shall be eight feet.

[(5) (3) The facility shall not be located in a front yard (between the front facade of the principal building and a street).

[(6) (4) The facility shall conform to the minimum required side and rear yard setbacks for accessory buildings.

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

[(7) Removal of trees larger than six inches' dbh for the purpose of installation or solar access is prohibited].

[8](5) The site shall meet the buffer standards of the zone district in which the facility is located and those in Sec. 148-63, Buffers. Additionally, the site shall meet the standards in Sec. 148-66, landscaping.

[(9) Additional lighting is prohibited].

[D. Ground- mounted accessory solar energy facilities shall meet the following requirements:]

[(1) The area of the facility shall be measured by the aggregate of all horizontal facilities constructed on a lot, excluding the transmission lines and subterranean elements. (See diagram entitled "Area Measurement of Solar Facilities") 57]

[57. Editor's Note: Said diagram is included as an attachment to this chapter].

[(2) The total horizontal area occupied by the facility shall contribute toward floor area and shall be included in the calculation of total floor area ratio].

[(3) The facility shall provide net metering for a principal use located on the tract].

[(4) The facility shall not be located in a stream corridor, wetland transition area or areas with slopes of 15% or greater].

[(5) The maximum height of the facility shall be eight feet].

[(6) The facility shall not be located in a front yard (between the front facade of the principal building and a street)].

[(7) The facility shall conform to the minimum required side and rear yard setbacks for principal buildings in the zone in which it is located].

[(8)](6) The facility shall provide one or more of the following beneath the structures: lawn, meadow grasses or an agricultural area for crops or grazing farm animals. Meadow grass plantings shall include wildflowers in addition to appropriate grass species.

[(9)] (7) Where the prior use of a facility site consists of agriculture, the facility shall be installed such that it can be returned to active agricultural production after the useful life and removal of the facility. As such, site disturbance, including but not limited to grading, cut and fill, excavation, and soil compaction, shall be minimized; soil removal is prohibited.

(8) Ground-mounted solar energy facilities that are not accessory to a single-family or two-family residential use shall require major site plan approval and shall submit the following as part of the documentation for site plan approval:

(a) Location of proposed and existing underground or overhead utility or transmission lines.

(b) Location of any proposed or existing substations, inverters or transformers.

(c) Description of any necessary upgrades or modifications to existing substations and utility lines, both on and off site.

(d) Description of any new substations and utility lines, both on and off site.

(e) Description of how the energy generated by the facility will be connected to the electrical distribution or transmission facility or the electrical facility of the intended energy user.

(f) Location of existing hedgerows and vegetated windbreaks. Trees on the site that have a caliper of eight inches (dbh) or greater shall be identified by species and overall condition. An accurate canopy depiction shall be included.

(g) Photographic simulations of the views of the proposed facility from ground level from all public roads abutting the property and from adjacent residential uses.

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

(h) Maintenance plan which describes the applicant's approach to maintaining the facility after construction, including the panels and associated supporting structures, as well as the property on which the facility is installed.

(i) A decommissioning plan, pursuant to Sec. 148-60.2J.

[(10) Removal of more than two trees larger than six inches' dbh for the purpose of installation or solar access shall be prohibited].

[(11) Additional lighting shall be prohibited].

[E]D. Solar parking canopies shall require major site plan approval and shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The horizontal area occupied by the facility shall be measured by the aggregate of all facilities constructed on a lot, including space between panels, excluding transmission lines and subterranean elements. (See diagram entitled "Area Measurement of Solar Facilities.")^[58] 56

^[58]56. Editor's Note: Said diagram is included as an attachment to this chapter.

(2) The horizontal area occupied by the facility shall contribute toward floor area and shall be included in the calculation of total floor area ratio. (See diagram entitled "Area Measurement of Solar Facilities").

[(3) The facility shall provide net metering for a principal use located on the tract].

[(4)](3) The maximum permitted height of the facility shall be 20 feet.

[(5)](4) The facility shall not be located in a front yard (not located between the front facade of a principal building and a street).

[(6)](5) The facility shall conform to the minimum required side and rear yard setbacks for principal buildings in the zone in which it is located.

[(7) Removal of trees larger than six inches' dbh for the purpose of installation or solar access shall be prohibited].

[(8) Facilities shall provide adequate space for access by emergency vehicles].

[(9)](6) [Limited encroachments upon preexisting or standard parking space sizes to accommodate the facility are permitted, provided that safe and convenient accessibility to and from all parking spaces is maintained. Nevertheless, this provision does not authorize] The installation of the canopy shall not result in a reduction in the minimum required dimensions of parking stalls. [without consent of the approving authority.]

[(10)](7) The facility shall meet the lighting and landscape standards of the Land Development Code, with the exception of Sec. 148-70A(3).

[(11) The facility shall be designed in such a manner that neither water nor snow accumulates and has concentrated flow off the structure.]

[F. Stand alone solar energy facilities shall meet the following requirements:]

(1) The horizontal area of the facility shall be measured by the aggregate of all facilities constructed on a lot, including space between panels, excluding transmission lines and subterranean elements. (See diagram entitled "Area Measurement of Solar Facilities")^[57]

^[57]. Editor's Note. Said diagram is included at the end of this chapter].

(2) The horizontal area occupied by the facility shall contribute toward total floor area and shall be included in the calculation of total floor area ratio].

(3) The facility shall not be located in a stream corridor, wetland transition area or areas with slopes of 15% or greater.]

(4) The maximum height of the facility shall be 12 feet.]

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

[(5) The facility shall conform to the minimum required front, side and rear yard setbacks for principal buildings in the zone in which it is located]

[(6) Substations (excluding switchgear stations) shall be set back a minimum of 150 feet, or not less than 200 feet from a residential use or district].

[(7) Substations and other associated aboveground transmission structures shall be screened with a double row of evergreen plantings with a minimum height of 8 feet at planting].

[(8) The extent of roads and driveways shall be minimized to the extent possible and shall be constructed so as to minimize soil compaction.]

[(9) Tree removal for the purpose of installation or solar access shall be prohibited, except to the extent required for site access from a public road.]

[(10) Visual screening of the site shall include an opaque fence or wall with a minimum height of six feet and a fifty foot screening buffer pursuant to Sec. 148-63].

[(11) The facility shall provide one or more of the following beneath the structures: lawn, meadow grasses or an agricultural area for crops or grazing farm animals. Meadow grass plantings shall include wildflowers in addition to appropriate grass species.]

[(12) Where the prior use of a facility site consists of agriculture, the facility shall be installed such that it can be returned to active agricultural production after the useful life and removal of the facility. As such, site disturbance, including but not limited to grading, cut and fill, excavation and soil compaction, shall be minimized; soil removal is prohibited.]

[(13) There shall be no increase in illumination levels at property lines and no visible light source from adjacent properties or public streets/rights of way, except for security/emergency lighting.]

(8) Solar parking canopies shall submit the following as part of the documentation for major site plan approval: [(14) In addition to those checklist items required for an application to be deemed complete, a site plan application for a stand alone solar energy facility shall include the following elements in order to be considered a complete application]

(a) Location of proposed and existing underground or overhead utility or transmission lines.

(b) Location of any proposed or existing substations, inverters or transformers.

(c) Description of any necessary upgrades or modifications to existing substations and utility lines, both on and off site.

(d) Description of any new substations and utility lines, both on and off site.

(e) Description of how the energy generated by the facility will be connected to the electrical distribution or transmission facility or the electrical facility of the intended energy user.

[(f) Location of existing hedgerows and vegetated windbreaks. Trees on the site that have a caliper of eight inches (dbh) or greater shall be identified by species and overall condition. An accurate canopy depiction shall be included.]

[(g)] (f) Photographic simulations of the views of the proposed facility from ground level from all public roads abutting the property and from adjacent residential users.

[(h)](g) Maintenance plan which describes the applicant's approach to maintaining the facility after construction, including the panels and associated supporting structures, as well as the property on which the facility is installed.

[(g)](h) A decommissioning plan, pursuant to Sec. 148-60.2[J]H.

[G]E. Additional standards for all solar energy facilities.

(1) Sound-pressure levels generated by facilities at a property line shall not exceed 40 dba.

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

(2) Solar panels shall not be counted in the calculation of maximum impervious cover unless the area under the panels (excluding any footings) consists of an impervious material. The design of the facilities shall comply with all N.J. D.E.P. and Township stormwater, grading and soil disturbance regulations, whichever is more restrictive.

[(3) Ground mounted solar energy facilities shall avoid prime farmland soils and soils of statewide significance to the maximum extent possible].

[(4) Existing hedgerows or vegetated windbreaks that provide screening of the subject site from neighboring properties shall be retained and augmented as necessary.]

[(5) Ground mounted solar energy facilities shall be located to minimize views of the facilities from public roadways and from existing residences not located on site and from neighboring undeveloped residentially zoned property by utilizing existing required visual barriers, including but not limited to buildings, trees, hedgerows and natural topography, to the maximum extent possible, in addition to visual screening].

[(6)](3) The use of concrete, asphalt or other impervious surface, including gravel, is prohibited on the site of ground-mounted facilities, except in the following locations:

(a) The mounting of inverters, transformers, power conditioning units, control boxes, pumps and other such facility components;

(b) The mounting of solar panels, films and arrays when used as ballast;

(c) Driveway aprons; and

(d) Portions of roads and driveways where necessary to provide stability for vehicles.

[(7) Applicants are encouraged to enter into solar easements with neighboring property owners in order to ensure continuing access to sunlight for a solar energy facility. Site plan approval or the issuance of a zoning permit for a solar energy facility does not imply the existence of a solar easement].

[(8)]4. All electrical and control equipment shall be labeled and secured to prevent unauthorized access.
[(9)]5. Transmission lines shall be underground.

[(10)] 6. The only signs permitted on a solar energy facility or any associated building or structure are those depicting the manufacturer's or installer's identification, or appropriate warning signs, or owner identification.

[(H) F. [Stand alone w]Wind energy facilities.

(1) The minimum lot are upon which a wind energy facility is located shall be 20 acres.

(2) Sound-pressure levels at a property line shall not exceed 40 dba.

[(2)](3) Height of a wind energy facility shall be measured by the vertical distance from the ground to the tip of a wind generator blade when the tip is at its highest point.

[(3)](4) The maximum permitted height of the facility shall be the maximum permitted building height in the zone district in which it is located.

[(4)](5) The facility shall be set back from all property lines and utility lines a horizontal distance equal to 150% of the facility height. However, the minimum setback to a residential use or zone shall be 300 feet.

[(5)](6) [Substations] Electrical distribution equipment (excluding switchgear stations) shall be set back a minimum of 150 feet, or not less than 200 feet from a residential use or district.

(7) Electrical distribution equipment shall be enclosed and secured with a fence or wall.

(8) Facilities shall not be located within a front yard.

[(6)](9) No portion of the wind generator shall extend into any public right-of-way, unless written permission is granted by the government entity with jurisdiction over the right-of-way, or any overhead utility lines, unless written permission is granted by the utility that owns and/or controls the lines.

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

[(7)](10) The facility shall be designed and installed so as not to provide step bolts, a ladder, or other publicly accessible means of climbing the tower, for a minimum height of 8 feet above the ground.

[(8)](11) All electrical and control equipment shall be labeled and secured to prevent unauthorized access.

[(9)](12) The only signs permitted on a facility or any associated building or structure are those depicting the manufacturer's or installer's identification, appropriate warning signs, or owner identification.

[(10)](13) Transmission lines shall be underground.

[(11)](14) The extent of roads and driveways shall be minimized to the extent possible and shall be constructed so as to minimize soil compaction.]

[(12)](15) Tree removal shall be prohibited, except to the extent required for site access from a public road].

[(13)](16) Visual screening of the site shall include an opaque fence or wall with a minimum height of six feet and a fifty-foot screening buffer pursuant to Sec. 148-63].

[(14)](17) There shall be no increase in illumination levels at property lines and no visible light source from adjacent properties or public streets/rights -of-way, except for security/emergency lighting.

[(15)](18) Lighting of the wind generators shall be prohibited unless such lighting is required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

[(16)](19) The facility shall be a neutral color that is appropriate for its location and will allow the tower to be as unobtrusive as possible, unless otherwise required by the FAA.

[(17)](20) Facilities shall comply with the applicable Federal Aviation Administration regulations and must receive any necessary Federal Aviation Administration permits.

[(18)](21) Facilities [must] shall comply with the applicable Department of Environmental Protection regulations and must receive any necessary permits from the Department of Environmental Protection.

[(19)](22) Wind energy facilities shall require major site plan approval and shall submit the following as part of the documentation for site plan approval: [In addition to those items required for an application to be deemed complete, a site plan application for a stand alone wind energy facility shall include the following:]

- (a) Location of proposed and existing underground or overhead utility or transmission lines.
- (b) Location of any proposed or existing substations, inverters or transformers.
- (c) Description of any necessary upgrades or modifications to existing substations and utility lines, both on and off site.
- (d) Description of any new substations and utility lines, both on and off site.
- (e) Description of how the energy generated by the facility will be connected to the electrical distribution or transmission facility or the electrical facility of the intended energy user.
- (f) Location of existing hedgerows and vegetated windbreaks. Trees on the site that have a caliper of eight inches (dbh) or greater shall be identified by species and overall condition. An accurate canopy depiction shall be included].

[(g)](23) Photographic simulations of the views of the proposed facility from ground level from all public roads abutting the property and from adjacent residential uses.

[(h)](24) Maintenance plan which describes the applicant's approach to maintaining the facility after construction, including the wind generator and associated supporting structures, as well as the property on which the facility is installed.

[(i)](25) A decommissioning plan, pursuant to Sec. 148-60.2[J]H.

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

SECTION 3. Renumber and/or name, as applicable, the following sub-sections of Sec. 148-60.2 as follows:

[I] G. Abandonment

[J] H. Decommissioning Plan.

SECTION 4. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-14 SRR Special Resource Residential Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - SRR Zone is amended to delete the following;

[(10) Integrated solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2].

SECTION 5. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-15 AR Agricultural Residential Zone , subsection B, Accessory Uses - AR Zone is amended as follows:

(12) [Integrated] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2

SECTION 6. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-16 RR Rural Residential Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - RR Zone is amended as follows:

(12) [Integrated] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 7. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-16.1 HR Hamlet Residential Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - HR Zone is amended as follows:

(12) [Integrated] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 8. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-17 R-1 Residential One-Acre Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - R-1 Zone is amended as follows:

(12) [Integrated] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 9. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-18 VR Village Residential Zone, subsection B Accessory Uses for single family homes in VR Zone is amended as follows:

(12) [Integrated] Building-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 10. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-19 PND Planned Neighborhood Development Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - PND Zone is amended as follows:

(9) [Integrated] Building-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 11. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-20 PND-1 Planned Neighborhood Development Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - PND-1 Zone is amended as follows :

(9) [Integrated] Building-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 12. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-21 B Business Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - B Zone is amended as follows:

(8) [Integrated] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

(9) [Accessory solar energy facilities] Solar parking canopies as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 13. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-22 VC Village Commercial Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - VC Zone is amended as follows:

(8) [Integrated] Building-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2

[(9) Accessory solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2].

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

SECTION 14. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-22.1 PO Professional Office Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses- PO Zone is amended as follows:

(4) [Integrated] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

(5) [Accessory solar energy facilities] Solar parking canopies as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 15. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-22.2 VH Village Hospitality Commercial Zone, subsection B, Accessory Uses - VH Zone, is amended as follows:

[(5) [Integrated solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.]

[(6) Accessory solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.]

[(7)](5) Other uses and structures customarily incidental to a principal permitted use.

SECTION 16. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-23 ROM-1 Research Office and Manufacturing Zone, subsection B, Principal Permitted uses - ROM-1 Zone, is amended as follows:

(1) On lots less than 10 acres. One or more of the following uses:

[(e) Stand alone renewable energy facilities.]

[(f)] (e) Product assembly.

[(g)] (f) Wholesaling.

(3) On a parcel or parcels of land comprising 20 or more contiguous acres that are in common ownership, the following uses shall be permitted:

(a) [Stand alone solar] Solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2

(b) [Stand alone wind] Wind energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 17. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-23 ROM-1 Research Office and Manufacturing Zone, subsection C, Accessory uses - ROM-1 Zone, is amended as follows:

(9) [Integrated]Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2

(10) [Accessory solar energy facilities] Solar parking canopies as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2

(11) Wind energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2

SECTION 18. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-24 ROM-2 Research Office and Manufacturing Park Zone, subsection B, Permitted Principal Uses - ROM-2 Zone, is amended as follows:

(10) Renewable energy facilities. [O]n a parcel or parcels of land comprising 20 or more contiguous acres that are in common ownership, as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2 [the following uses shall be permitted].

[(a) Stand alone solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.]

[(b) Stand alone wind energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.]

SECTION 19. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-24 ROM-2 Research Office and Manufacturing Park Zone, subsection C, Accessory Uses - ROM-2 Zone, is amended as follows:

(9) [Accessory] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

(10) [Integrated solar energy facilities] Solar parking canopies as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

Ordinance #04-2018 cont'd:

SECTION 20. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-25 RO Research Office Zone, subsection C, Accessory Uses - RO Zone, is amended as follows:

(12) [Integrated] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2

(13) [Accessory solar energy facilities] Solar parking canopies as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 21. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-26 RO-1 Research Office Zone, subsection C, Accessory Uses - RO-1 Zone, is amended as follows:

(9)[Integrated] Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

(10) [Accessory solar energy facilities] Solar parking canopies as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 22. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-27 PND-2 Planned Neighborhood Development Zone, subsection C, Permitted Accessory Uses - PND-2 Zone, is amended to delete the following:

[(9) Integrated solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.]

SECTION 23. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-27.1 SC-2 Senior Citizen Zone -2 Zone, subsection D, Accessory Uses is amended as follows:

(14) [Integrated] Building-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 24. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-27.3 SC-4 Senior Citizen - 4 Overlay Zone, subsection D, Bulk Requirements (12) Accessory Uses, is amended as follows:

(l) [Integrated] Building-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 25. Article IV “District Regulations”, Section 148-27.4 Solberg-Hunterdon Air Safety and Historic Airport District (overlay district), subsection F, Permitted accessory uses within the historic airport subarea, is amended to add the following:

(17) Building-mounted and ground-mounted solar energy facilities as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

(18) Solar parking canopies as regulated in Sec. 148-60.2.

SECTION 26. All other language not specifically changed by this ordinance amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 27. This ordinance supersedes any ordinances, sections or portion(s) of the Land Use or any other Township ordinance inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 28. If the provision of any article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of any such article, section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 29. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and upon filing with the Hunterdon County Planning Board.

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements in and by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,816,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,725,200 Bonds or Notes of the Township to Finance Part of the Cost thereof***

The following ordinance was offered for introduction:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,816,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,725,200 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

ORDINANCE #05-2018

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 several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$1,816,000, and further including the aggregate sum of \$90,800 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made 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 several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,725,200 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. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Ordinance #05-2018 cont'd:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation & Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
a) <u>Various road improvements including, but not limited to:</u> - Lake Cushetunk Development, Holland Brook Road (CR620 to Conover Road) and School Road (Rt. 22 to 50' North of Rail Road Track) – reclamation, milling and paving, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$1,104,091	\$1,048,887	10 years
b) <u>DPW Equipment:</u> Acquisition of Department of Public Works equipment, including a backhoe and pick-up trucks with plows, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$204,717	\$194,481	5 years
c) <u>Municipal Building Improvements:</u> Improvements to the Department of Public Works building, the Whitehouse Library and the Bouman Stickney Museum, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$146,062	\$138,759	15 years
d) <u>Recreation Improvements:</u> Improvements to Summer Road Park, including repairs to the basketball courts, walkway paving and playground renovations, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$322,027	\$305,925	10 years
e) <u>Police Department:</u> Building security upgrades, including screening controls, panic buttons, new door system and wiring, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$ <u>39,103</u>	\$ <u>37,148</u>	10 years
TOTALS:	<u>\$1,816,000</u>	<u>\$1,725,200</u>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Ordinance #05-2018 cont'd:

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.

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

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 9.83 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 \$1,725,200, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$237,000 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 purposes or improvements.

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 or improvements described in Section 3 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 purposes or improvements described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements 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.

Ordinance #05-2018 cont'd:

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 Mr. Heller and on Roll Call vote the following was recorded:

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

The Public Hearing was scheduled for April 16, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.

2. **Jersey Man Triathlon Request to Utilize Township Roads (May 20, 2018)** – letter from Raymond Campeau, Jersey Man Triathlon Race Director

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

3. **Resolution in Recognition of Zachary Brembt Attaining Eagle Scout Award**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2018-52

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Zachary Brembt 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 Brembt’s Eagle Project involved building a decorative rock garden around the Whitehouse Rescue Squad entrance sign on Route 523; and

WHEREAS, Zachary and volunteers planted approximately twelve (12) decorative low growing grasses and six pot-in pots throughout the garden area, allowing seasonal flowers to be swapped out during various seasons with minimal effort and spread small river rock throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, the enhanced decorative rock garden will be enjoyed by all those that pass by the entrance sign as they travel through Whitehouse Station; and

Resolution #R-2018-52 cont'd:

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

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2018 Zachary Brembt will be presented with the coveted Eagle Scout Award and is well deserving of this recognition.

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

4. **Resolution in Recognition of Ryan Kennedy Attaining Eagle Scout Award**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2018-53

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Ryan Kennedy 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 Ryan Kennedy's Eagle Project involved creating an outdoor classroom and vegetable garden for the Three Bridges School; and

WHEREAS, Ryan worked on the upkeep of the outdoor garden by weeding the area and placing down weed barrier and redistributing the gravel to create defined borders; and

WHEREAS, Ryan led a group of seventeen (17) volunteers to remove old fencing, install sturdy wood posts and dig a nine-inch trench to bury the small holed wire fence and redo the gate to the garden to prevent animals from entering through any gaps; and

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

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2018 Ryan Kennedy 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 Ryan Kennedy for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

5. **Resolution in Recognition of William Wallace Attaining Eagle Scout Award**

The following resolution was offered for consideration:

#R-2018-54

**TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, William M. Wallace 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

Resolution #R-2018-54 cont'd:

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Candidate William Wallace's Eagle Project involved creating a formal walkway to the Jeff Scheuerer memorial monument in the Round Valley State Park; and

WHEREAS, William created the pathway, consisting of millings and topped with quarry, from the road across the park office to the memorial paver area based on plans approved by the State Park for the Forest Fire Service project; and

WHEREAS, William installed a kiosk to provide the public, information on the Park and Fire Service information; and

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

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2018 William M. Wallace 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 William M. Wallace for his diligence, determination, and dedication in pursuing the highest honor awarded by the Boy Scouts of America and congratulates him on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

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

* 6. ***Resolution to Appoint Alternate Municipal Prosecutors***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 7. ***NJ State Firemen's Association Membership Application***

◆ Michael A. Scotti

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 8. ***Blue Light Permit Application***

◆ Martin Hirschhorn

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

* 9. ***Release of Board of Health Escrow / Block 38, Lot 63 (Garcia)***

This matter was addressed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Mekovetz thanked the members of the Committee for taking time out to review the capital recommendations with the respective department heads.

Administrator Mekovetz stated that pursuant to a discussion with Mr. Heller, she received a quote in the amount of \$2,500 to remove an abandoned Winnebago from the Township property and requested permission from the Committee to move forward.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Dragan reported that the Township closed on the Block 81, Lot 1, Blue Sky, Inc. Properties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOHN ALBANESE

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

BETTY ANN FORT

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

JONATHAN HELLER

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

BEN SMITH

Mayor Smith reported that he attended a Mark Cleary Memorial basketball game.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Paul Taenzelar, Ditmar Boulevard, questioned if the violations were issued to the Hunterdon Brewing Company and commented on his continued frustration with the noise levels.

John Broten, Dogwood Drive, commented on the Winnebago that is proposed to be removed from Township property. Mr. Broten commented on the introduced bond ordinance and asked about the status of the Brookview Road project. Mr. Broten also commented on the Township's debt and expressed concern on whether some of the proposed expenditures are essential.

COMMENTS FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Smith stated that he attended Grace Peter's 100th Birthday celebration.

Mr. Heller reminded everyone about the April 14th stream cleanup for Raritan Headwaters Association and the Township Open Space Advisory Board is having the free tree giveaway April 27th along with a tree planting on April 28th along the Pleasant Run Greenway.

As there was no further business, ***A MOTION*** was made by Mr. Heller at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Fort with vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

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