This Regular Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Council was called to order by Mayor Charles McMullin in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

The Mayor announced this Regular Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate Notice was communicated to The Courier News and The Star Ledger on January 5, 2017 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Borough website and made available in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL
Present: Mayor McMullin, Councilman Bray, Council President Carra, Councilman Carra, Councilman Foohey, Councilman Giraldi
Absent: Councilman McGinley
Also Present: Borough Administrator Jaxel, Borough Attorney Wenner, Borough Engineer Schrek, Borough Clerk Colvin

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE
Councilman Carra led the Invocation and Flag Salute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Resolution No. 2017-05-83
Executive Session:
1. Personnel
2. Contract Negotiations
3. Attorney Client Privilege

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2017-05-83.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Reconvene in Regular Session.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

Council exited Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 7:01 p.m.
PROCLAMATION
Honoring Raritan Resident Victoria Carra – Member, 2017 UCA College National Cheerleading Championship Team, Indiana University

Mayor McMullin called Ms. Carra to the front of the Meeting Room and read the following Proclamation:

Proclamation

Victoria Carra

WHEREAS, Raritan resident Victoria Carra is a junior at Indiana University and a leader member of the University’s All-Girl Cheerleading Team; and

WHEREAS, through her contributions to the team and years long passion and dedication to her sport, Victoria and her teammates recently won the 2017 UCA College National Cheerleading Championship at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, this year’s accomplishment is the second time Ms. Carra and her squad at Indiana University have won the National Championship and marks the fifth time in the history of Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carra started cheerleading at the age of 9 for Bridgewater-Raritan Pop Warner and later became a four-year member of the Bridgewater Raritan High School varsity cheerleading team; and

WHEREAS, now, at Indiana University Ms. Carra plays a key role in promoting school spirit, leadership and sportsmanship, culminating in her being unanimously awarded the valued “Team Award” in 2017 by her peers; and

WHEREAS, as a biology major, who is studying to become a physician’s assistant, Ms. Carra also maintains a steadfast commitment to maintaining the highest academic standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles McMullin, Mayor of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, and on behalf of the entire Governing Body, do hereby recognize and honor Victoria Carra for her dedication, hard work and many accomplishments.

GO HOOSIERS!!!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal of the Borough of Raritan
This Twenty-fifth Day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.

Attest:

ERIC M. COLVIN
BOROUGH CLERK

CHARLES MCMULLIN
MAYOR
PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor McMullin opened the first Public Comment portion of the meeting for members of the public wishing to speak.

Seeing and hearing no one, the Mayor closed this Public Comment portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. April 25, 2017 – Executive Session
2. April 25, 2017 – Regular Session

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Approve the Executive and Regular Session Minutes listed above.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

WORK SESSION
1. Engineer’s Report (SS)
   David Stiles, an engineer representing Janssen Pharmaceutical, said he and representatives of the company, seated in the audience, are before Council to ask for permission to deviate from the noise ordinance to conduct work at the facility. The company is conducting a roof replacement project for the 920 Route 202 South Building. The project is estimated to take 75 days beginning around July 5 and ending at the end of November.
   The company would like an exception to the noise ordinance to permit work from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., six days per week (Monday through Saturday). Mr. Janssen said the nearest residential property is more than 400 feet away.
   Councilman Giraldi expressed reservations about beginning at 5 a.m. on Saturdays. Other council members agreed and the consensus was to make the hours 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Also, no holidays.
   Councilman Foohey added that, if residents complained, the hours would need to be adjusted.
   Mayor McMullin said Janssen and the Borough have a history of cooperative relations and communication would continue during the construction to adjust.

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Approve the Exception to the Noise Ordinance, with the hours specified above.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0
Engineer Schrek presented the following report:

**Bell & Sherman Avenue Improvements**
Bids were received on 4/25. Of 5 bids received, Top Line Construction is the lowest responsible bidder with a total base bid of $402,341.58 which compares, favorably, with the Engineer’s Estimate of $688,050.00. Accordingly, we recommend an award to Top Line Construction, Inc. This will be subject to final NJDOT approval.

**Ortho Drive Pump Station**
We have ordered two weeks of metering at the pump station. This data will confirm the sizing of the new pumps.

**CDBG Applications**
An application requesting funding for continued sidewalk/curb repairs within the Community Development area was submitted on March 31. This project will include installation of required ADA compliant ramps. Roadways recently resurfaced by NJAWC will be included. Presentation day is Wednesday, 5/10.

**2017 CBDG Project**
Bids were received on 4/25. Of 5 bids received, National Watermain Cleaning is the lowest responsible bidder with a total base bid of $43,850.00. This compares, favorably, with the Engineer's Estimate of $67,000. Accordingly, we recommend an award to National Water Main Cleaning, Inc.

**Raritan Redevelopment Urban Renewal (Block 81)**
This project received preliminary and final Planning Board approval on 4/26. One condition of approval is obtaining Treatment Works Authorization. The Borough must consent to application as owner of the conveyance system. I have reviewed all design calculation and recommend said consent.

**2017 Road Program**
We have prepared plans and specifications for the 2017 Road Program which includes Victoria Street, Southwick Street, Railroad Avenue and Richard Street (Rhine Blvd. to Elizabeth Street). This work is funded in the 2017 Capital Budget. With most favorable paving costs, as demonstrated in the just bid Bell/Sherman project, we recommend that the project be advertised for bid at this time.

Councilman Giraldi read a proposed paving schedule.

In addition, Engineer Schrek said he has two change orders. One is for the Riverside Drainage Project, with PIM Corporation, for $5,000.00. The second change order was inaudible.

2. **St. Ann’s Festa Request (DJ)**
Administrator Jaxel said St. Ann’s is requesting road blockage of Second Avenue in conjunction with the annual Festa, June 14 through 17.
No member expressed opposition.

3. **Banners: Bike Race and St. Ann’s Festa (DC)**
All members of Council agreed to have the Festa Banner placed after the conclusion of the Bike Race, which would be any time after May 29.

4. **Trash Bags (JF)**

Councilman Foohey expressed concern over the thickness of the garbage bags specified in the Ordinance on for Introduction this evening. 3 millimeters is too thick, the Councilman said. The only bags that would reach that thickness would be contractor bags purchased at Home Depot for about $17 per box. That is too expensive, he said.

The Councilman suggested lessening the thickness requirement.

Attorney Wenner said the thickness could be adjusted.

Mayor McMullin encouraged Councilman Bray to orchestrate a conversation between Mike McCarty at the Health Department and Acting Superintendent of Public Works Robert Fulminante.

**ORDINANCE – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance No. 2017-10**

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Acceptance of Donation of Land from the Duke Farms Foundation

Mayor McMullin opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting to any members of the Public wishing to heard concerning Ordinance No. 2017-10. Seeing and hearing no one, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-10.

**Recorded Vote:**

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Passed: 5-0

**ORDINANCE – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance No. 2017-11**

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 305 Solid Waste Section 4 Proper Care of the Code of the Borough of Raritan in Order to Set Forth Requirements for the Proper Maintenance of Garbage Receptacles

Mayor McMullin announced Ordinance No. 2017-11 was being tabled.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution No. 2017-05-84 Refunding Railroad Parking

Resolution No. 2017-05-85 Awarding Contract for Rehabilitation of Twelve (12) Manholes

Resolution No. 2017-05-86 Authorizing Participation in the Federal Surplus Program
Resolution No. 2017-05-87  Authorizing Trade In of Fire Vehicle for Training at County Academy
Resolution No. 2017-05-88  Authorizing Consent of TWA for Raritan Urban Renewal, Block 81
Resolution No. 2017-05-89  Authorizing Lien Redemption
Resolution No. 2017-05-90  Hold Harmless – Somerset County – Bike Race

Mayor McMullin asked whether any member of Council would like to remove an item from the Consent Agenda in order to discuss and consider that item separately. No member of Council wished to do so.

On motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote:
Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Passed: 5-0

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS
Police Department – 2017 Police Interceptor SUV – Lease Payment 1 of 3 – Ford Financial Department – $9,608.54

Mayor McMullin said the Purchase Order was being held. He previously spoke with Administrator Jaxel and Police Chief Nolte. Additional information is needed.

OLD BUSINESS
None

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS
Councilman Foohey – Councilman Foohey said the water is fine at JFK School. The Councilman reported all the fountains have filters on them. Reports of higher lead levels involved sinks, not the fountains. The drinking water is safe, the Councilman said he spoke with JFK Principal Walsh.

Councilman Carra – The school contribution from Raritan (tax) dropped to 11.65 percent for the 2017-2018 school year from 12.06 percent for the 2016-2017 school year.

Council President Carra – The Borough now has a Facebook page for Events and Sports. Borough Clerk Colvin will be putting a link to the page from the Borough’s website tomorrow. A family fun run bike race will happen in Raritan during Memorial Day Weekend. Also, the County maintains a weekend Top 10 list, things to do in Somerset County. Property Maintenance Committee met recently and things are moving forward.

Councilman Bray – The Planning Board and the Board of Health both meet tomorrow here in Borough Hall. The Steering Committee has finalized some goals and objectives and will be presented to the Board of Education on May 23. The Councilman will attend that meeting.
Councilman Giraldi – Basilone Committee met, but nothing to report at this time.
Councilman Foohey added that trees will be planted in Canal Street Park, most likely this coming weekend, eight Dogwoods. These seedlings were leftover from the recent tree giveaway by the Environmental Commission. Somerset County provided approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor McMullin opened the second Public Comment portion of the meeting for members of the public wishing to speak.

Seeing and hearing no one, the Mayor closed this Public Comment portion.

ADJOURNMENT
On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Recorded Vote
All in Favor

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Eric M. Colvin
Borough Clerk

Approved: ________________