

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,172,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND PURPOSES FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,113,400 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Raritan, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$1,172,000, such sum includes the sum of \$58,600 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey Statutes, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments or capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,113,400 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,113,400 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purposes for which obligations 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:

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Average Period of Usefulness
1. Acquisition of various equipment for the Department of Public Works, including but not limited to stand on snow removal machine, mower, combustion hot box, micro surfacing, crack seal and brine sprayer system, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	\$262,000	\$248,900	10.80 Year
2. Reconstruction of various roads, including but not limited to Alpine Way, Normandy Lane, Barbieri Court, Roderer Drive, Esposito Lane and Buskey Lane, including all necessary curbing and sidewalks improvements, and including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	550,000	522,500	10 Years
3. Various improvements for the Department of Engineering, including but not limited to Phase I of the Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) required by the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, New Jersey Department of Transportation local aid design project and other various design projects, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	165,000	156,750	15 Years
4. Acquisition of turn-out gear for the Fire Department, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	75,000	71,250	5 Years
5. Acquisition of sport utility vehicle the Police Department, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	70,000	66,500	5 Years

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6. Document scanning digitalization for the Administration Department, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on file in the office of the Clerk and hereby approved.	50,000	47,500	5 Years
<b>TOTAL ALL PURPOSES</b>	<b>\$1,172,000</b>	<b>\$1,113,400</b>	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$1,113,400.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$1,172,000, which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment for each purpose.

#### SECTION 4:

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The 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 Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the 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 Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

#### SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital programs as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

## SECTION 6:

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

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10.05 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,113,400 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$350,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

## SECTION 7:

Any funds or grant monies received for the purpose described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvement by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvement or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvement shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

## SECTION 8:

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

## SECTION 9.

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough 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 Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough 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 Borough 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 Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

#### SECTION 10:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$1,113,400.

#### 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.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARIES

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of Raritan, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey on May 20, 2025 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation of \$1,172,000 For Various Improvements And Purposes For and By The Borough of Raritan, In The County Of Somerset, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,113,400 Thereof and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof.

Purpose(s): Acquisition of various equipment for the Department of Public Works, including but not limited to stand on snow removal machine, mower, combustion hot box, micro surfacing, crack seal and brine sprayer system; Reconstruction of various roads, including but not limited to Alpine Way, Normandy Lane, Barbieri Court, Roderer Drive, Esposito Lane and Buskey Lane, including all necessary curbing and sidewalks improvements;

Various improvements for the Department of Engineering, including but not limited to Phase I of the Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) required by the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, New Jersey Department of Transportation local aid design project and other various design projects; Acquisition of turn-out gear for the Fire Department; Acquisition of sport utility vehicle the Police Department; Document scanning digitalization for the Administration Department.

Appropriation: \$1,172,000  
 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,113,400  
 Grants (if any) Appropriated: None  
 Section 20 Costs: \$350,000  
 Useful Life: 10.05 Years

Kimberly Mathewson,  
 Acting Municipal Clerk

ADOPTION:

MOTION	SECOND	MEMBER	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
✓		Agrawal	✓			
		Armahizer	✓			
	✓	DiGraziano	✓			
		Fritzinger	✓			
		Patente				✓
		Tozzi	✓			

ATTEST:

  
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 Kimberly Mathewson  
 Acting Borough Clerk

  
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 Nicolas J. Carra  
 Mayor

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, at a Regular Meeting held in Borough Hall, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

  
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 Kimberly Mathewson  
 Acting Borough Clerk