

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Special Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Council was held on October 18, 2011 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak presided and stated: This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were sent to The Courier News and the Star Ledger on October 14, 2011. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Raritan Borough website and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk on aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper notice having been given, the Borough Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Denise Carra, Stefanie Gara, Paul Giraldi, Victor Laggini, Greg Lobell and Anthony Soriano

Also Present: Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak and Daniel Jaxel, Borough Administrator

CAPITAL BUDGET

Borough Administrator Daniel Jaxel reviewed projected 2012 capital budget recommendations to date as follows:

Fire Department:

- A. Fire Pumper (to replace 1983 Mack Pumper and/or 1989 E-One Pumper) - \$300,000
- B. Emergency generator - \$60,000

Police Department:

- A. Traffic diversion equipment - \$20,250
- B. Server back-up system - \$10,000
- C. MDT laptop computer for police vehicles - \$56,000

Recreation:

None

Public Works Department:

- A. Pick-Up truck - \$32,618
- B. Bobcat lawn mower - \$3,500
- C. Public Works Garage electric system reconstruction - \$42,000

Somerville Rescue Squad:

New ambulance shared with Borough of Somerville - \$40,000, Raritan's share of total cost??

Other Roads/Public Works, Borough Engineer:

Supplement to Transportation Trust Grant for reconstruction of Orlando Drive – depends upon amount of the \$600,000 grant request that is approved

The Mayor and Borough Council discussed the submitted proposals for the 2012 capital budget.

Raritan Fire Department

2012 Capital Budget Proposal

Request	Explanation	Proposal
<p>1) Emergency Generator For The North Thompson St. Firehouse</p>	<p>In accordance with Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP), the fire department is an essential public safety provider that must be prepared to continue operations regardless of the emergency. Like the Police Department, it must be capable of standing alone. To this end, it is imperative that an emergency electric generator be purchased and installed at the North Thompson Street firehouse. The recent experience with Hurricane Irene clearly illustrated the need when the Fire Department operated with no power for days. The amount of this proposal includes the estimated costs of the generator (\$20,000), natural gas service (\$5,000), required equipment (\$10,000), installation (\$15,000), and a design engineer (\$10,000). An accurate assessment of costs by a design engineer is required before the amount of this proposal can be finalized.</p>	<p>\$ 60,000.00</p>
<p>2) Purchase a New Pumper to Replace Aging Existing Apparatus</p>	<p>Purchase a new pumper to replace aging existing apparatus. The new pumper would meet current NFPA standards and contain some or all of the following features: diesel engine; 1500gpm (or larger) pump; booster tank; foam proportioner; CAFS, 6-man climate controlled cab; electric generator; Stang nozzle; scene lighting; full-depth body compartmentation; standard NFPA-required firefighting equipment (in addition to existing equipment); striping and lettering; emergency warning lights, siren and air horn; UHF radio and scanner, traffic control lighting; and power windows.</p>	<p>\$300,000.00</p>
	<p>Total 2012 Capital Proposal</p>	<p>\$360,000.00</p>

Daniel Jaxel advised the Governing Body of the current options available and requests submitted by the department heads. The following list is a summary of the general consensus reach.

Fire Department:

Emergency generator - \$60,000 – to be investigated

Police Department:

D. Server back-up system - \$10,000 – to be investigated

E. MDT laptop computer for police vehicles - \$56,000 – to be investigated

Recreation:

- A. Tennis Court reconstruction – unknown
- B. Wading Pool reconstruction - unknown

Public Works Department:

Public Works Garage electric system reconstruction - \$42,000 – to be investigated

Somerville Rescue Squad:

New ambulance shared with Borough of Somerville - \$40,000, Raritan's share of total cost – to be investigated

Other Roads/Public Works, Borough Engineer:

- A. Supplement to Transportation Trust Grant for reconstruction of Orlando Drive – depends upon amount of the \$600,000 grant request that is approved
- B. Construction of mezzanine level around one side of the Public Works garage perimeter - \$30,000 – Yes to consider after Transportation Trust Grant is known
- C. Miscellaneous road reconstruction – Yes to consider after Transportation Trust Grant is known

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Liptak read the following statement: At this point the Borough Council welcomes comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to 5 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a copy and email a copy to the Clerk's Office after making your comments.

No one spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Carra made a motion to adjourn seconded by Council President Lobell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk