

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Council was held on May 28, 2012 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 7:00pm.

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak presided and stated: This meeting is 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 January 6, 2013. 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. 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, Anthony Soriano and Donald Tozzi

Absent: Greg Lobell and Paul Giraldi

Also Present: Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak, Daniel Jaxel, Borough Administer; Mark Anderson, Borough Attorney; Jolanta Maziarz, Alternate Borough Attorney; Shelley Mc Gregor, Assistant to the Borough Engineer and Constance M. Del Rocco, Administrative Assistant

**FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION**

Council President Donald Tozzi led the invocation and flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Liptak read the following:

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 written copy and e-mail a copy to the Borough Clerk's Office after making your comments.

Robert Zederbaum, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08876: He thanked Raritan Borough for allowing the American Cancer Society Relay for life banner to be placed on Somerset Street which has helped us in rising over \$125,000. He added Raritan Borough is just wonderful and stands out. He added we have done a track sign for the all the Borough's help.

Richard Yadlosky, 267 Weiss Terrace, and Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Commented he heard that the Consumer Affairs Department will be closing. He noted they don't really have any bite at the County level. He added if there are any problems with consumers they will have to contact the State. He noted the office in Hunterdon County however will be continuing. He asked Mayor and Council to look into this situation.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Liptak read the following proclamations:

# Proclamation

## Huntington Disease Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, the fear of losing one's mind and the fear of losing control of one's body are among the most profound human fears, and

**WHEREAS**, both losses occur in Huntington disease, an inherited and fatal brain disorder that strikes in the prime of life, and

**WHEREAS**, every child of a parent with Huntington disease faces a 50 percent risk of inheriting this genetic disorder, and there is no effective treatment and no known cure — yet, and

**WHEREAS**, the Huntington Society of Canada has initiated and supported research into the cause and nature of this fatal disease, and the work of the Society has brought new hope to the people with Huntington disease and families who bear the burden of this affliction, and

**WHEREAS**, research continues to offer the promise of early diagnosis, treatment techniques and ultimately a cure for Huntington disease, and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May will be observed as Huntington Disease Awareness Month in communities across New Jersey

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Jo-Ann Liptak, Mayor of the Borough of Raritan, do hereby support *Huntington's Disease Awareness Month* on May 28, 2013 and the month of May 2013 as *Huntington's Disease Awareness Month* in the Borough of Raritan and urge all our citizens to lend their support to the Huntington Society of New Jersey in its efforts to unravel, not only the mystery of Huntington Disease, but also a wide range of other genetic, neurological and psychiatric disorders affecting the lives of so many in New Jersey.

# Proclamation

## MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

**WHEREAS**, today, tens of millions of Americans are living with the burden of a mental health problem. They shoulder conditions like depression and anxiety, post-traumatic stress and bipolar disorder -- debilitating illnesses that can strain every part of a person's life. And even though help is out there, less than half of children and adults with diagnosable mental health problems receive treatment. During National Mental Health Awareness Month, we shine a light on these issues, stand with men and women in need, and redouble our efforts to address mental health problems in America.

**WHEREAS**, for many, getting help starts with a conversation. People who believe they may be suffering from a mental health condition should talk about it with someone they trust and consult a health care provider. It is up to all of us to know the signs of mental health issues and lend a hand to those who are struggling. Shame and stigma too often leave people feeling like there is no place to turn. We need to make sure they know that asking for help is not a sign of weakness -- it is a sign of strength. To find treatment services nearby, call 1-800-662-HELP. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline offers immediate assistance for all Americans, including service members and veterans, at 1-800-273-TALK.

**WHEREAS**, our commitment cannot end there. We must ensure people have access to the care they need -- which is why the Affordable Care Act will expand mental health and substance use disorder benefits and Federal parity protections for 62 million Americans. For the first time, the health care law will prevent insurers from denying coverage because of a pre-existing condition. The Act already requires new health plans to cover recommended preventive services like depression screening and behavioral assessments for children at no extra cost to patients.

**WHEREAS**, Earlier this year, the President of the United States was proud to launch the BRAIN Initiative -- a new partnership between government, scientists, and leaders in the private sector to invest in research that could unlock new treatments for mental illness and drive growth throughout our economy. There have been unprecedented commitments made to improving mental health care for veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. And proposed new funding for mental health programs that will help teachers and other adults recognize the signs of mental illness in children, improve mental health outcomes for young people, and train 5,000 more mental health professionals to serve our youth.

**WHEREAS**, mental health problems remain a serious public health concern. This month, The President of the United States encouraged all Americans to advance this important work by raising awareness about mental health and lending strength to all who need it.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jo-Ann Liptak, Mayor of the Borough of Raritan, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as National Mental Health Awareness Month. I urge all our Residents to raise mental health awareness and continue helping all citizens live longer, healthier lives.

# Proclamation

## SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Malignant melanoma is a serious skin cancer characterized by the uncontrolled growth of pigment-producing cells; and

**WHEREAS**, While melanoma can be caused by genetic factors or immune deficiencies, the most common cause is excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation particularly through multiple sunburns during childhood or exposure to tanning devices at a young age; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanoma is the most common form of cancer among people 25 to 29 years old and its incidence has doubled in the past two decades with over 120,000 new cases occurring each year. The American Cancer Society estimates that 75 percent of skin cancer deaths are due to melanoma with one death occurring in the United States every hour; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanoma is highly curable if detected early with a five-year survival rate of 98 percent when detected before spreading to the lymph nodes. However, if melanoma is detected in the regional stage or distant stage, the five-year survival rate falls to 62 percent and 16 percent, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the most effective method of detection is visual self-inspection for changes in the appearance of existing moles or blemishes. For individuals with increased risk factors, such as the existence of more than 50 moles or a past personal or family history of melanoma, a Complete skin examination by a dermatologist is recommended at least annually; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Cancer Society and the American Academy of Dermatology Have consistently promoted melanoma awareness through the encouragement of prevention, early detection and annual screening for this potentially deadly disease

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jo-Ann Liptak, Mayor of the Borough of Raritan, declare May 2013 as **SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**. We call on all citizens to observe this momentous occasion.

### MINUTES

1. January 22, 2013: Regular Meeting Minutes  
Council Member Gara motioned to approve the January 22, 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra	X			
X		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
	X	Tozzi	X			

2. February 12, 2013: Agenda-Workshop Meeting Minutes

Council Member Carra motioned to approve the February 12, 2013, Agenda-Workshop Meeting Minutes seconded by Council Member Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Carra	X			
	X	Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
		Tozzi	X			

3. February 26, 2013: Special Meeting-Redevelopment Minutes

Council Member Gara motioned to approve the February 26, 2013, Special Meeting-Redevelopment Minutes seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra	X			
X		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
	X	Tozzi	X			

4. February 26, 2013: Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Carra motioned to approve the February 26, 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Carra	X			
		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
	X	Soriano	X			
		Tozzi	X			

5. March 12, 2013: Agenda-Workshop Meeting Minutes

Council Member Gara motioned to approve the March 12, 2013, Agenda-Workshop Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra	X			
X		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
	X	Tozzi	X			

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2013-06**

Council Member Soriano motioned open the public hearing for **Ordinance 2013-06** seconded by Council Member Gara. Motion carried.

No one spoke

Council President Tozzi moved to close the public hearing for **Ordinance 2013-06** seconded Council Member Gara. Motion carried.

Council Member Carra motioned to adopt **Ordinance 2013-06** seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RARITAN BOROUGH CODE OF 2012 BY REVISING SECTION 82-5 “PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan in the County of Somerset that the Code of the Borough of Raritan of 2012 as it may have been heretofore amended be further amended as follows:

SECTION ONE:

Chapter 82, Part 1, §82-5, entitled “Parking time limited on certain streets”, is hereby replaced in its entirety with the following:

§82-5. Parking time limited on certain streets.

No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown below on any of the streets or parts of streets, during the times, days and hours listed:

Name of Street Time Limit	Side	Location Days	Hours and
Anderson Street 2 hours		Both	From Somerset Street to Route 202 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Bell Avenue 2 hours	Both	From Anderson Street to Victoria	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
Church Street 2 hours	Both	From First Street to Second Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
Colfax Street	Both	From Thompson	8:00 a.m. through

Name of Street Time Limit	Side	Location	Hours and Days
2 hours			Street to Lincoln Street 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
Farrand Street 2 hours	Both	From North Second Avenue to North Gaston Avenue	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
Fifth Street 2 hours	Both	From Anderson Street to First Avenue	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
First Avenue 1 hour	West	From a point along the Westerly curbline of First Avenue 138 feet North of the North-westerly curbline of First Avenue and Somerset Street to a point 160 feet North of the North-westerly curbline of First Avenue and Somerset Street	7:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
First Street 2 hours	Both	From First Avenue to Anderson Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Time Limit	Name of Street	Side	Location	Hours and Days
2 hours	Gaston Avenue	Both	From Burns Street to Johnson Drive	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
15 minutes	John Street	West	Between a point 75 feet South of the Southerly curblineline of Somerset Street and a point 114 feet South of the Southerly curblineline Of Somerset Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
2 hours	LaGrange Street	Both	From Thompson Street to Coddington Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
	Mill Street	Both	Entire length	12:00 a.m. through 5:00 a.m. All days
2 hours	Nevius Street	Both	From Somerset Street to Orlando Drive	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	North Second Avenue	Both	From Route 202 to Railroad Tracks	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Railroad Avenue	North	From the Westerly curblineline of Thompson Street to a point 122 feet west of said curblineline, as Railroad Avenue enters and continues into Municipal Park-in Lot Number 2	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Railroad Avenue	North	From Thompson Street to Victoria Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Time Limit	Name of Street	Side Days	Location	Hours and Days
2 hours	Second Avenue	Both	From First Street to Second Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Second Avenue	East	From Third Street to Railroad Tracks	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Second Avenue	West	From Second Street to Railroad Tracks	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Second Street	Both	From Thompson Street to First Avenue	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Sherman Avenue	Both	From Anderson Street to Southwick Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Somerset Street	Both	From Frederick Street to Nevius Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Third Street	Both	From First Avenue to Second Avenue	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Thompson Street	Both	From Route 202 to Canal Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Thompson Street Boro Parking Lot	All	Entire Lot	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
2 hours	Tillman Street	Both	From First Avenue to North Gaston Avenue	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Victoria Street 2 hours	Both	From Railroad Avenue to Frelinghuysen Ave	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
Wall Street 2 hours	Both	From First Street to Somerset Street	8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

**SECTION TWO:**

Chapter 82, Article XVIII, §82-27, entitled “Schedule C: Time-Limit Parking”, is hereby replaced in its entirety with the following:§82-27. Reserved.

**SECTION THREE:**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication according to law.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Carra	X			
		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
	X	Tozzi	X			

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2013-07**

Council President Tozzi motioned to Introduce **Ordinance 2013-07** seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES, WAGES OR  
COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF  
THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN**

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra	X			
		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
	X	Soriano	X			
X		Tozzi	X			

This ordinance will be considered for final passage after public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey, on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM or at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinance shall be adjourned.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2013-05-068**

Council President Tozzi motioned to approve Resolution 2013-05-068 seconded by Council Member Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**RAILROAD MONTHLY PARKING REFUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Administrator has informed the CFO that the purchaser of a monthly railroad parking decal sticker has returned the unused portion of the sticker and

**WHEREAS**, the purchaser of monthly parking decal sticker has requested the balance of the payment be refunded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Raritan Borough Council that the CFO is hereby authorized to refund monthly railroad decal sticker payment to the following purchaser:

1. Gary Best, 12 Jockey Lane, Flemington, NJ 08822  
May to December - \$320.00
  
2. Gail Cash, 102 Orion Way, Neshanic Station, NJ 08853  
May to June - \$80.00

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra	X			
	X	Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
X		Tozzi	X			

**RESOLUTION 2013-05-069**

Council Member Gara motioned to approve Resolution 2013-05-069 seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**CHAPTER 159: 2013 NJDOT GRANT  
IMPROVEMENTS TO ORLANDO DRIVE, PHASE 2**

**WHEREAS**, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Raritan in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2013 in the sum

of \$200,000.00, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2013 Municipal Aid Program for Improvements to Orlando Drive, Phase 2.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$200,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption 2008 EDIP Program/Thompson St. Parking Lot; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of funds from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$\$200,000.00.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra	X			
X		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
	X	Tozzi	X			

**RESOLUTION 2013-05-070**

Council Member Carra motioned to approve Resolution 2013-05-070 seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**CHAPTER 159: CLEAN COMMUNITIES 2013**

**WHEREAS**, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Raritan in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2013 in the sum of \$11,973.11, which is now available from State of New Jersey DEF-Clean Communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of \$11,973.11 is hereby additionally appropriated under the caption Clean Communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above is the result of funds from Clean Communities.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Carra	X			
		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
	X	Soriano	X			
		Tozzi	X			

Mayor Liptak commented the single can recycle may be coming to Raritan Borough. She noted this was a subject discussed at the Mayor Round Table.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST**

Council Member Carra motioned to approve the Bills List seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried by the following roll call vote

**BE IT RESOLVED** that claims in the amount of \$2,072,999.18 having been listed on the Bills List and recorded in the files of the Borough Hall, and are hereby approved to be paid.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
X		Carra	X			
		Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
	X	Soriano	X			
		Tozzi	X			

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS**

Ben Shaffer & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,514.40

Council President Tozzi motioned to accept the above purchase order request for \$1,514.40 seconded by Council Member Gara. Motioned carried by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra	X			
	X	Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
X		Tozzi	X			

**COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

Council President Tozzi thanked the Department of Public Works for the great job they have been doing especially with the landscaping at the Municipal Building. He added communication is key in this department. He thanked everyone who helped with the bike races on May 27<sup>th</sup>. He added the Bike Races are here to stay in Raritan Borough.

Council Member Gara read the following report:

The EDC had a presentation at the Hillsborough Library on Friday, May 3rd and was very well received, with about 60 people viewing our PowerPoint show about Raritan's efforts to honor

and remediate the River, along with Dr. Judy Shaw's Raritan River film. In attendance from the Borough were Don Christensen, Greg Lobell and Ron Rispoli. Two environmentalists invited by Dr. Shaw, who reside in Hillsborough, attended as our water specialists, and fielded many tough questions, primarily related to fishing in local waters.

2) On June 5th Don Christensen and I will represent the EDC at Janssen Pharmaceutical's EH&S Fair.

3) On June 6th, Carlos Rodriguez and Don Christensen will make a joint presentation at the 2013 NJ History & Historic Preservation Conference being held at the Newark Museum. They will speak and present our respective PowerPoint shows during a segment that features positive riverfront development.

4) The morning of June 7th, Don Christensen and I are scheduled to represent the Borough at a Somerset County Economic Development Symposium held at Raritan Valley Community College.

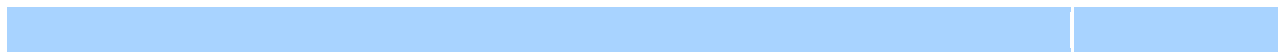
5) Loring Nagle, a new addition to EDC in 2013, has taken a strong lead in scheduling positive activity at the Nevius Street Bridge. Some of the featured activities are yoga sessions, and a Sunflower Growing Contest. This is consistent with our mission to draw positive attention to the Raritan Riverfront area. Ms. Nagle is currently working with Cindy Sullivan with the Somerset County Park Commission to obtain the necessary permit for yoga.

6) The EDC is attempting to pick up valuable information with local merchants since the Chamber of Commerce is currently inactive. As a first step they are drafting a letter to merchants advising them that we can be used as a sounding board for merchant issues, and that we plan to schedule activities that will allow them to meet one another in a casual setting and carry out an idea exchange for the common good.

**POLICE**

**Raritan Borough Police Department  
 Monthly Report May 28, 2013 Meeting  
 April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013**

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MV ACCIDENTS	63
COMP SUM/WAR	46
FIRE CALLS	23
FIRST AID CALLS	66
ALARMS	28
IR REPORTS	66
SUMMONS/MOVING	133
SUMMONS/PARKING	48
SUMMONS/RADAR	8
DUI REPORTS	4
ADULT ARRESTS	45
JUVENILE ARRESTS	1
WARRANT ARRESTS	4
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	272

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The Raritan Borough Police Department wishes to Recognize **Officer Kenneth Drews** for his participation in the “Unity Tour” bicycle ride from New Jersey to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC between May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>. Hundreds of Law Enforcement Officers set out on bicycles to honor police officers who have died in the line of duty and to raise funds and awareness for the memorial. Different groups left New Jersey for the Memorial with a three day or a four day ride to Washington. **Officer Drews** chose the three day tour to Washington and he should be recognized by all for his gallant effort and proud representation of the Raritan Borough Police Department.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

I would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to the entire Public Works department for all their hard work in helping me with the Landscaping at the Municipal Building. Everyone worked so hard and made sure that the building was complete prior to the Bike Race and Memorial Day Ceremony.

To date the Municipal Building landscaping as cost \$4,573.48, leaving \$426.52 left to complete a section next to the Police Department.

Mary Jane, the Borough Library Director has reached out to me and asked if the Council could make some “landscaping upgrades” at the Public Library. This is a Municipal property and I agree it is long overdue. I have walked the premises and the requests are as follows: Steel Edging (same as municipal building) removal of several bushes and trees, pruning of a few trees (which can be done by our Public Works Department) replacement of a few bushes and planting of perennial flowers, black mulch, fabric and some terra cotta colored stones to place under the two (2) benches. Since we did not need any additional funding to complete the Municipal Building I would like a \$1,000.00 budget to cover these expenses.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

On June 11, 2013 I will be attending the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Raritan River Regional Conference at Rutgers University with Mayor Liptak and Stan Schrek the Borough Engineer.

### **RIVER FEST**

I am very excited to announce that River Fest is taking off like crazy. We already have approximately 30 vendors and have added several large events. We are excited to welcome some new vendors like The New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum thanks to our friends at Ortho Clinical Diagnostics and The Branchburg Sports Complex.

Council Member Carra gave the Registrar's Report for the month of April 2013. She added the Board is still working on reviewing the codes for codification. She noted Mary Lou Cirianni, Administrative Assistant in the Property Maintenance Office tendered her resignation effective May 30, 2013.

Council Member Soriano reported Green List development into for Sustainable Jersey certification of the Borough. He noted there will be a meeting with a board member to receive additional information on the leaving of the Superintendent.

Mayor Liptak read correspondence.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Soriano commented the Nextel service was down so there was no notification of Orlando Drive being closed today. He noted receiving a few complaints regarding this.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Draft Ordinance amending Chapters 45 and 49 of the Code of the Borough of Raritan

Mayor Liptak asked Council to review the draft for Ordinance Amending Chapters 45 and 49 of the Code of the Borough of Raritan.

Discussion to follow on June 11, 2013 Workshop Meeting

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Liptak read the following:

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 written copy and e-mail a copy to the Borough Clerk's Office after making your comments.

Richard Yadlosky, 267 Weiss Terrace, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Commented on the third graders coming to the Municipal Building and the need for these children to know the truth about the real world. He added we need to get down to the basics and educate our children.

Thomas Brown, 18 Elmer Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Suggested the lighting outside the Library should also be changed while the landscaping project is being done because there is not

enough light. He also asked if the parking at the Post Office could be looked into. He noted he waited thirty minutes for a parking space and there was no one in the Post Office.

Mayor Liptak commented the two handicapped spaces on Anderson Street need to be outlined.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 2013-05-071**

Council President Tozzi motioned to approve Resolution 2013-05-071 seconded by Council Member Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7, et seq., commonly known as the “Sunshine Law”, requires that Borough Council meetings be open to the public except for the discussion of certain subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Sunshine Law” requires that a closed session be authorized by resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Raritan that the following portion of this meeting shall be closed to the public; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the meeting shall be resumed at the end of closed session; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the subjects to be discussed and the time of public release of the minutes of the closed session are indicated below:

SUBJECT MATTER

1. Litigation; Library Board of Trustees (2012) and Gannett
2. Personnel-Public Works
3. Attorney-Client Privilege

TIME WHEN AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE SUBJECT MATTER CAN BE DISCLOSED:

Upon authorization by the Borough Attorney

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra	X			
	X	Gara	X			
		Giraldi				X
		Lobell				X
		Soriano	X			
X		Tozzi	X			

Council Member Soriano motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and to return to the normal order of business seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried.

Council Member Gara asked for a Resolution to hire Frank Taddeo, Part-time Property Maintenance/Housing Inspector, to full time Property Maintenance/Housing Inspector. There was general consent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Gara motioned to adjourn seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk

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