

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
AGENDA-WORKSHOP MEETING**

The Agenda-Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Council was held on September 11, 2012 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 7:00 pm.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

This 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. 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

Denise Carra, Stefanie Gara, Paul Giraldi, Greg Lobell, Anthony Soriano and Donald Tozzi

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak; Daniel Jaxel, Borough Administrator; Stanley J. Schrek, Borough Engineer; Mark Anderson, Borough Attorney; Jolanta Maziarz, Alternate Borough Attorney and Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak led the flag salute and observed a moment of silence.

9/11 REMEMBRANCE

Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak read a poem called On Monday We Emailed Jokes, for the observance of 9/11.

Council President Gara read a prepared statement.

Council Member Tozzi commented the song friends by James Taylor, still makes him very emotional.

Council Member Lobell thanked all the troops, Police, Fire Departments and the EMS for going beyond the call of duty.

Council Member Soriano commented we should thank the Fireman, Police and the Troops each and every day for their services.

Council Member Carra commented she watched as they read the names and it seemed like this tragedy took place yesterday. She added her heart goes out to all those that lost someone.

Council Member Giraldi commented he and coworkers watched as the second plane hit the tower and the buildings collapsed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Liptak asked if anyone wanted to speak in remembrance of 9/11.

Jerry Cicero, 5 Woodmere Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Commented these were tragic days and weeks that followed. She added there were no political differences between people, we were all Americans.

Steven Weinman EMS Chief Somerville Rescue Squad, commended there were nine EMS agencies from Somerset County on the scene in Liberty State Park. He added Bound Brook, Somerville, and Raritan Rescue Squad were among those from Somerset County and they were there for four days.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2012-09-127

Council Member Lobell moved to approve Resolution 2012-09-127 seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**REQUIREMENTS OF PRELIMINARY COSTS
16 ANDERSON STREET FIREHOUSE**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan hereby acknowledges the requirement of preliminary costs to determine the scope and cost of a proposed undertaking; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these preliminary costs are for preparation of an application for the interior restoration and rehabilitation of the 16 Anderson Street firehouse and seeking funding through the New Jersey Historic Preservation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the amount to be charged is for the purpose for which bonds may be issued under Chapter 2 of Title 40A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amount appropriated for preliminary costs shall not exceed \$5,000 and the Chief Finance Officer is authorized to setup a reserve for preliminary expenses out of the Capital Improvement fund of the General Capital Fund.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-09-128

Council Member Carra moved to approve Resolution 2012-09-128 seconded by Council Member Giraldi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR A PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan desires to hire a professional architectural firm for the preparation of an application for the interior restoration and rehabilitation of the 16 Anderson Street Firehouse; and

WHEREAS, said application seeks funding through the 2012 New Jersey Historic Preservation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan has appropriated funds for said services through its Capital Improvement Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan that it enter into a professional services agreement with Mills and Schnoering Architects, 200 Forrestal Road, Princeton, NJ 08540 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to conduct said service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall publish this resolution as a professional services agreement without competitive bid within ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution, as required by law.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-09-129

Council Member Lobell moved to approve Resolution 2012-09-129 seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

2012 NEW JERSEY HISTORIC TRUST GRANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan would like to submit an application for a 2012 New Jersey Historic Trust Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Restoration of the 16 Anderson Street Firehouse, and

WHEREAS, by stipulation of this grant, the Borough of Raritan must appropriate matching funds not to exceed \$16,667.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor and Borough Administrator to file an application for 2012 New Jersey Historic Trust Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 and such other documents which may be required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that matching funds not to exceed \$16,667.00 will be available in the CY 2013 Municipal Budget for this commitment.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-09-130

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve Resolution 2012-09-130 seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License Renewal Application from Ye Olde York Inn Inc. is complete in all respects; and

WHEREAS, the special ruling to permit renewal of inactive license to pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 has been issued; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, that the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License of Ye Olde York Inn Inc. License No. 1816-33-020-004 is renewed for the year beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue and deliver such renewal license, upon proper receipt therefore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified true copy of this resolution to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-09-131

Council Member Lobell moved to approve the following Resolution 2012-09-131 seconded by Council President Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

PERSON-TO-PERSON PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a person-to-person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License, No. 1816-44-004-007, heretofore issued to La Jam Inc., Trade Name: Jim’s Boro Liquors; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority and Police Department have reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey does hereby approve effective September 11, 2012, the transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution License, No. 1816-44-004-008 to Clinton Mill Liquor, Inc. and does hereby direct the Borough Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Clinton Mill Liquor, Inc. effective September 11, 2012."

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		Carra	X			
	X	Gara	X			
		Giraldi	X			
X		Lobell	X			
		Soriano	X			
		Tozzi	X			

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

Administration: Access Locksmiths Inc. in the amount of \$1,737.50

Council President Gara made a motion to approve the above purchase order request seconded by Council Member Giraldi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

DISCUSSION**Pending EMS Legislation**

Chief Steve Weinman commented New Jersey is one of two States in the Country that has no regulation in the practice of emergency medical services at the basic life support level. He stated this is a problem that has been recognized well over 15 years. He added the practice of pre-hospital medical care in New Jersey is regulated by legislation. He advised you cannot handle medical practice in this matter because medical practices and emergency care changes quickly. He commented the Bills in question are A-2463 and S-1650 they have been through two rounds of review and are in appropriation. He noted there was a previous conditional veto by the Governor because of some funding issues and were dealt with. He added we are optimistic this will be passed by the Governor and taken to the next level.

Mayor Liptak commented on an incident that happened in St. Ann's Church, the Somerville Rescue Squad was called and she was very impressed with the care that was given.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Stanley J. Schrek offered the Engineer's Report below:

Johnson Drive Improvements

The bonding company and their attorney have sent us, finally, a request for documents which we are assembling now.

Orlando Drive Improvements

The project is currently advertised for bid. Bids will be received on September 20. We have applied for a State Highway Occupancy permit to enable the placement of traffic control signage on Route 206.

Earlier this year, NJDEP promulgated new regulatory rules whereby, in defined linear construction projects that may encounter known contaminated material, the project owner must engage the services of a Licensed Soil Remediation Professional (LSRP). The purpose being that any excavated material must be disposed of properly and properly manifested. I have received two proposals from LSRPs that I have worked with on other projects. A.V. Agovino Associates submitted a proposal at \$18,000. RT Environmental Services submitted a proposal at a not to exceed cost of \$8205.

Route 28 Pump Station

We are presently working on an alternate design to reduce the cost of the reconstructed pump station.

2012 County Planning Grant

A planning grant was prepared and submitted for the design of the Basilone Park. This will be located on County owned property across Canal Road from the present statue. The statue will be relocated.

2011 Sanitary Sewer Project

This CBDG funded project is advertised for bid. Bids will be received on September 20.

Sewer Repair at 31 Woodmere

We have had complaints of sewer backup at 31 Woodmere. This is an isolated problem and does not affect neighboring properties. Video inspection, of the sewer main indicates, that the line is clear and free flowing. The video inspection also indicated that the lateral, connecting 31 Woodmere, had been constructed improperly with the connection occurring at the invert of the main. In other words, the connection is underwater in normal flows and completely blocked at high flows.

The Borough normally accepts responsibility to repair laterals that are broken within the street. What is needed, in this case, is to excavate the street and construct a new line, at a higher elevation, extending back to the dwelling to a point intersecting a higher grade. I expect to have two quotes for this work for review at the Council meeting. The Council needs to provide direction as this situation is not addressed by ordinance.

Discussion on the above Engineer's report followed.

Mayor Liptak asked if the residents in the area of Johnson Drive could be informed of the progress.

Stanley Schrek commented he would stop and speak to residents. He added we have applied for the permit for signs on Orlando Drive there is a new program with new rules. He advised since we are going through a land fill we need the services of a licensed Site Remediation professional. He added in my report are the names of two companies that I have worked with on different projects. He expressed his recommendation for council to go with RT Environmental Services, which gave a bid not to exceed \$8205. He added we will need a professional services contract.

Mark Anderson replied if this is a professional service contract a license would be needed.

Daniel Jaxel commented the necessary paper work will be needed so a purchase order can be done.

Mayor Liptak asked why such a discrepancy between the two prices.

Stanley Schrek replied one company will take the test results from Van Cleef and the other wanted to conduct their own testing.

Council Member Lobell asked if the bidding on the Route 28 pump project had started.

Stanley Schrek replied bidding should begin in the next week or two. He added the TWA application has been signed.

Council President Gara recused herself @7:29 p.m. and sat in the audience.

Stanley Schrek commented there have been complaints of sewer backup on 31 Woodmere Street. He added he and DPW ran a camera into the line on that property and the results were a six inch line instead of a four. He added the Borough has maintained a policy to except the responsibility

of repair to lateral lines. He added this line is not broken it is just improperly designed and was installed back in the 1960's. He noted two contractors have been called for the two phases of this project. He commented the first would be the road way to the connection and the second is the work behind the curbing. He added John Calo Construction came in at a total of \$10,620 and Dulane Construction came in at \$11,546. He advised both are competent companies which he has worked with on projects in and around Raritan. He expressed the need for direction from the Council on to how to proceed with this, because it is not defined in Ordinance.

Council Member Carra asked if the prices are for both phases of the project.

Mr. Schrek answered yes, they would be for both phases.

Council Member Carra asked if the Borough would be responsible for construction done improperly.

Mayor Liptak asked are there any other homes in the area with the same problem.

Mr. Schrek commented we had a surge with a discharge all the way back to Ortho.

Council Member Soriano advised from the main to the minimum of the curb line would be the responsibility of the Borough.

Council Member Lobell commented this is the failure of our inspector because the lateral was in the wrong position and we are seeing the repercussions from it.

Mr. Jaxel expressed this could be considered a practice and may cause problems in the future. He added other Towns do not even make the repairs past the main.

Council Member Tozzi stated we should do the repairs no matter what.

Council Member Soriano commented technically the Borough right-of-way is extends beyond the curb line. He added if there is a sidewalk it would then be past that.

Council Member Lobell commented we are paying for past practices. He expressed we can't always go with the cheapest thing or the short cuts which could cause improper passage of inspections. He noted so happy this is not the practice now.

Council Member Carra asked if there was a breakdown of the phases to this project.

Mr. Schrek read Calo Constructions proposed contract.

Council Member Giraldi asked does this proposed cost cover eventualities

Mr. Schrek replied we can always renegotiate.

Mr Jaxel asked could a certification of funds for an emergency be done due to the urgency.

Mr. Anderson replied there are two options if Council acts, a certification of funds would be needed. He added but if someone else would declare this as an emergency no certification of funds would be needed.

Mr. Jaxel asked Borough Engineer to declare this an emergency.

Mr. Schrek replied we would need to look at the policies with sewer billing too.

Council President Gara returned to the dais at 7:44pm.

Mr. Schrek commented he would like to apply for phase II on Orlando Drive. He added he would need a Resolution for this.

Best Practices Checklist

Rayna Harris commented it is the Borough Clerks responsibility to certify this checklist was reviewed. She added the Borough Administer and Borough Chief Financial Officer reviewed the checklist and copies were e-mailed to each member of the Council for review. She advised this will need to be discussed in open meeting.

Bicycle Race - May 2013

Mayor Liptak expressed she would like to bring back the bicycle races to the Raritan Borough. She added this would be on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. There was general agreement to discuss this further.

Raritan River Greenway Bikeway-Raritan Connection

Mayor Liptak commented there is a preliminary sketch of the map where the bikeway will go. She added it will go underneath Route 206 through the greenway and will come out at DPW.

Council President Gara asked would it go between Woodmere Street and the Basilone Statute.

Mayor Liptak replied there is a problem they don't know where to place the rest of the path.

Council President Gara asked wasn't this going from the new bridge on Woodmere Street to the Basilone Statute. She asked weren't we going to have a hob way on Orlando Drive.

Council Member Soriano replied he does not like the path near DPW.

Mayor Liptak replied there is already a path near DPW. She added but this is just a concept.

Mr. Schrek offered there is a county right-of-way in there as well.

Mayor Liptak added this is from the Parks Commission.

Council President Gara expressed she would like to send another request for the completion of the connection at Woodmere Street and the Basilone Statue.

Mayor Liptak replied this can't run along the river.

Council Member Lobell asked what is east of 206.

Mayor Liptak replied there is a path under construction in this area already.

Library Surplus Update

Council President Gara commented the Library Board has provided us with two current funds, and they have two different bottom lines. She added to the best of my knowledge the Borough owns and maintains the building.

Mr. Jaxel replied after speaking with the Library Board President, Fred Mountjoy he was told the Board would get back to him.

Council President Gara commented being tired with the lack of cooperation from the Library Board. She added this is tax payer money that is involved here and we need answers.

Mr. Anderson advised further discussion in Executive Session.

Crack Sealing Program

Council Member Soriano asked if DPW has crack sealing equipment in their inventory. He added Micro-pave is a low cost material solution and a high-strength band aid. He added he spoke with the Borough engineer to implement a program.

Mr. Schrek replied DPW did a demonstration project on Church Street and the Municipal lot. He added this vendor is with the state contract for the micro-pave.

Daniel Jaxel replied that Somerset County may have a program to contract out

Mr. Schrek commented Micro-pave is about \$0.40 per foot.

Council Member Soriano added usually tar sealing is done every year but my street which has micro pave on it is sealed every three years.

Mr. Schrek advised works best with roads that are decently maintained.

Council Member Lobell requested having DPW Superintendent getting a few quotes.

Council President Gara replied we have the equipment and it's just a matter of scheduling with DPW and Mr. Schrek.

Mr. Schrek replied this could be done in the early spring.

Council Member Soriano commented could we budget some money to take care of the roads.

Mr. Jaxel replied an estimate is important and I always say a 2% levy cap is always acceptable.

Mr. Schrek added crack sealing should start the second year for better results.

Council President Gara commented we need to get a schedule and a game plan started.

Mr. Schrek advised we need to put some money into road maintenance not repairs or reconstruction.

Planning Board Escrow Deficiencies

Mr. Jaxel commented use variances have escrows to pay certain professionals. He added Mark Anderson has suggested passing an ordinance to place liens for lack of payment.

Mr. Anderson replied the problem is worse with applicants that are nonresidents and those that are out of state. He added any property owner that submits an application would have to agree that the property owner is responsible if the applicant has to pay or a lien would be imposed.

Fire Aerial Scope Truck

There was general consent this subject would be discussed in Executive Session.

Police Cars

Mr. Jaxel commented it is recommended that two vehicles be sold at the next County auction, a 2001 Chevy Blazer which needs new tires, has exhausts issues and would cost about \$2,500 to repair. He added also a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria which has a blown transmission. There was General Consent.

Reorganization Meeting Date

Mr. Jaxel commented the Reorganization Meeting would be January 6, 2013 which is the 1st Sunday of the Month. There was General Consent.

CORRESPONDENCE DISCUSSION

No correspondence was discussed

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Liptak read the following: 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 written copy and email a copy to the Borough Clerk's Office after making your comments.

Richard Yadlowsky, 267 Weiss Terrace, Raritan, New Jersey 08869; Commented the Library Board is supposed to be autonomous, what does that mean. He added for the first time I noticed a library tax on my Tax Bill which was \$100.00. He added always thought the Library ran on endowments and contributions. He commented the tax was hidden but always there. He added what else is hidden and by whom. He asked why were these members picked for the Library Board. He added the County is building the empire of Libraries which would cost \$185 per year to be a member of that Library in Bridgewater. He added are you looking for rebates from the Library to aid you in the appearance of lower taxes. He noted that when Mr. Anderson was asked a question he would not comment only in secret (Executive Session). He commented he is

against secrecy because someone always benefits with every secret. He asserted his disgust about this whole situation and the fact he has been paying a hidden tax the whole time.

Mayor Liptak responded by saying the Library has endowments for refurbishing, this money is in a separate account. She added the Borough is responsible for the capital improvements of the Library because the Borough of Raritan owns the building.

Council Member Lobell commented there are counters on the doors of the Library and the number of patrons using the Library is staggering.

Council Member Giraldi replied it's very simple; we want to know about tax payers' money.

Council Member Tozzi added we just want to know where tax money is going and how much we are getting back.

David Reyes, 14 Loomis Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Commented on the River Fest, questioning the charge for the food. He added Meet Your Neighbor Day was free, this doesn't seem fair. Mr. Reyes added the food should be free, selling t-shirts is understandable.

Council Member Tozzi replied this is a new event and we want a big turnout. He added also the vendors should be able to make a small profit.

Council Member Lobell replied there is a lot more than hot dogs and soda.

Council President Gara replied a lot of businesses and vendors are unable to make the large donations they did in the past.

Mayor Liptak commented this event was moved to the river front to Raritan's advantage. She added Duke Farms being opened on the other side is also an advantage.

Council Member Lobell commented this event is not political this event is run by the economic development committee.

James Sibilis, 10 Loomis Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Commented one year ago there was bad flooding along the river. For the very first time houses on Canal Street were flooded. Flood control projects that have happened between here and Raritan Bay are the reason for this. Another issue is the removal of the dams which we have been told is fish migration this is a crock of baloney. They are taking the habitat away from the fish there is nothing beneficial to the Borough. He added doing more recreation on the river will not stop this it will add to the problems. He asked if there are fishermen fishing at night will they be chased out, and will there be something written in the law.

Mayor Liptak replied the dams coming down are a complicated matter. She added down at the mouth of the river there was a corporation that seriously polluted the river. She noted they have cleaned up a lot of the river but still need to clean further up the river.

Council Member Soriano advised many studies are being done in this area and it is illegal to make any negative effects either up or down stream.

Mr. Schrek commented the water shed was saturated and there was no place for the water to go and that was the effect.

Enzo Padovani 904 Farrand Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Commented on Council Member Carra taking health care benefits and also inquired about property owned by her husband. He asked has the DEP been notified of the flooding due to the brook on Quick Ave and Raritan Ave. He added the houses in that area have flooding in their basements. Enzo Padovani asked can we keep control of the money we give our Library. He questioned why this money is not returned directly to the residents who paid it.

Council Member Carra replied that property does not belong to my husband it is his brother's property.

Mayor Liptak replied it's a mess because the Borough feels this is owned by the railroad and the railroad feels this is owned by the Borough.

Mayor Liptak explained the formula of the State Library is used and any money that exceeds that amount should be returned to the Borough.

Council President Gara responded this money goes to the Borough and is used to offset taxes for the following year.

Thomas Brown, 18 Elmer Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Commented the Library is a state controlled entity, they submit their budget to the state not the municipality. He added there was a surplus in excess of \$700.00, and each year the Borough tries to make an effort to get back money. He asked how long is the appointment of the Library Board members and who appoints them.

Mayor Liptak replied the term is five years and the Library Board members are appointed by the Council.

Mr. Brown commented it seems like the same people serve for many years. He added this is worse than the School Board. He remarked if there is money available then why are they not opened 24/7. He added they never seem to be opened, with all the kids around they should be opened more.

Mayor Liptak responded we have previously asked for expanded hours and we were told no one came in on Saturdays. She added the employees at the Borough have been under a wage freeze for three years but the Library employees have received raises each year by the Library Board even the director has received a substantial raise.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In public, Mayor Liptak read the following resolution to enter an Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2012-09-132

Council President Gara moved to approve the following Resolution 2012-09-132 seconded by Council Member Tozzi. 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. Personnel – Administration and Police
2. Contract Negotiations
3. Litigation
4. 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 President Gara motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and to return to the normal order of business, seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-09-133

Council Member Lobell moved to approve the following Resolution 2012-09-133 seconded by Council Member Giraldi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

APPOINTMENT OF A PROBATIONARY PATROL OFFICER

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the Raritan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan wishes to employ a full-time Patrolman in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police recommends that Andrew Harry Ragati be appointed to the position of Probationary Patrol Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan that Andrew Harry Ragati of 9 Inlet Drive, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742 be appointed to the position of Probationary Patrol Officer at an annual base salary of \$35,000, effective as soon as possible and contingent upon passing all requirements.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Gara made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion was carried at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk

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