

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Council was held on December 18, 2012 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 7:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak presided and stated: Notice of this meeting was made by advising The Courier News and the Star Ledger of the time, date and place of this Council Meeting, posting a notice on the official bulletin board, the official Borough website, filing a copy in the Borough's Clerk office and including this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Stefanie Gara, Paul Giraldi, Greg Lobell, Anthony Soriano and Donald Tozzi

Absent: Denise Carra

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

FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION

Council President Stefanie Gara led the flag salute

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 e-mail a copy to the Borough Clerk's Office after making your comments. Please sign in by printing your name and address.

Caleb Mason: He stated his attendance at the meeting was to earn a Boy Scout badge.

James Foohey, 710 Rhine Blvd., Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Expressed how upsetting the events of December 10, 2012 in Connecticut have been. He added he had an issue with the back driveway at JFK School. Mr. Foohey stated that he sent a letter to the newspaper expressing the need to ban assault rifles. He commented Congressman Lance received donation from the National Rifle Association.

Thomas Brown, 18 Elmer Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Asked about the scheduling of lawsuit against the Borough filed by the Library Trustees.

Mark Anderson replied a request has been made to dismiss this lawsuit and it will be heard in the next few weeks.

Council Member Tozzi added he has researched some of the allegations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Special Meeting May 24, 2011

Council President Gara motioned to approve May 24, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes seconded by Council Member Lobell. Motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

2. Special Meeting June 28, 2011

Council President Gara motioned to approve June 28, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes 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	

ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Ordinance 2012-15: An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Raritan by Amending Alcoholic Beverage License Fees in Article I of Chapter 83

Council Member Lobell motioned to open the public hearing seconded by Council President Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

1. George DeFino of Crown Liquors, 39 First Avenue, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Asserted he cannot afford to hire anyone to help in his business and can't afford the help he has now. He added he would have to lock up his doors if the license fees are increased.
2. Anthony DeCicco, 10 Anderson Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Voiced his opposition to increasing the license fees. He added it is a labor of love to remain in the tavern business.

Council President Gara motioned to close the Public hearing 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			

Council Member Giraldi motioned to adopt **Ordinance 2012-15** seconded by Council President Gara. Motion was not 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		

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2012-12-160

Council Member Tozzi motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-160** seconded by Council President Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 30,2008 a lien was sold on Block 106 Lot 19 also known as 9 Loomis St. in Raritan, for 2007 delinquent taxes charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate #08-00003 was sold to Crusader Lien Services at 18% interest; and no premium; and

WHEREAS, PNC bank has effected redemption of Certificate 08-00003 in the amount of \$ 27,029.14;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough Raritan, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue one check in the amount of \$ 27,029.14 payable to Crusader Lien Services, 179 Washington Lane, Jenkintown, PA 19046 for the redemption of tax sale certificate # 08-00003.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-161

Council President Gara motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-161** seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE
A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO
ORLANDO DRIVE PHASE 2**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough Raritan, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as SST-Raritan Borough-00099 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Raritan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Raritan and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-162

Council President Gara motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-162** seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING CANCELLATION OF
OUTSTANDING CHECKS**

WHEREAS, there exists on the books of various Borough accounts outstanding checks; and

WHEREAS, the following checks issued from Borough accounts have been outstanding for more than one year and are now stale-dated; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has requested the cancellation of outstanding checks which have not cleared the bank accounts in the Trust Operating Account and the Current Account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that the following outstanding checks issued from Borough of Raritan accounts in the amount of \$8,023.81 are cancelled:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>
04/2009	15560	97.90	Efinger's
10/2009	16250	100.00	Municipal Clerk's Association
1/2010	16537	100.00	Somerset County Fire Safety
2/2010	16632	50.00	Carl Memoli
4/2010	16829	158.67	Fastenal Co
4/2010	16834	713.59	Vespia's
8/2010	17250	26.98	Fastenal Co
9/2010	17357	17.88	Fastenal Co
12/2010	17746	49.99	Tractor Supply
7/2011	1466	500.00	Bound Brook Little League
7/2011	1529	39.99	Frank D'Amore
8/2011	1563	1,543.63	TD Bank
10/2011	1875	20.50	Daniel Jaxel

TRUST OPERATING ACCOUNT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>
05/2011	1016	70.00	Indhira Quizada
10/2011	1064	1,155.00	Brach Eichler, LLC
12/2011	1097	804.68	D&B Pools
12/2011	1100	2,575.00	Van Cleef Engineering

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds from these cancelled checks be returned to the appropriate accounts in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-163

Council President Gara motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-12-163 seconded by Council Member Giraldi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector advises that there exists a tax overpayments on various properties; and

WHEREAS, the Homeowners that made this payment have requested a refund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Raritan, Somerset County and State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is directed to pay the following:

\$1359.92 to Christopher and Meghan Kipila for 9A Frelinghuysen Ave, Raritan, NJ 08869; Block 45, Lot 7

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-164

Council President Gara motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-12-164 seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

BUDGET TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Law, N.J.S.A.40A:4 provides for the transfer of funds between current year budget appropriations, should it be deemed necessary, from November 1 of the prior year through the first three months of the current year; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for one such transfer to be made at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the amounts below, to and from the appropriations listed hereafter:

From:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sanitation, OE	02-01-26-305-001-292	\$19,000.00
	Total:	\$19,000.00

To:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sanitation, SW	02-01-26-305-001-109	\$17,000.00
Recreation, SW	02-01-28-370-001-109	\$ 500.00
Court, OE	02-01-43-490-001-292	\$1,500.00
	Total:	\$19,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-165

Council Member Lobell motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-165** seconded by Council President Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan (hereinafter “Local Unit”) has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Fund has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough of Raritan hereby appoints John M. Moore of Wills of New Jersey, Inc.as the local Risk Management Consultant.
2. The Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement for the fund year 2013.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-166

Council Member Lobell motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-166** seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan (hereinafter “Local Unit”) is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter “Fund”), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A.40A:10-36 *et seq*; and

WHEREAS, the Fund’s Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan that Daniel Jaxel is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rayna E. Harris is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit’s Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-167

Council President Gara motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-167** seconded by Council Member Giraldi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

RAILROAD MONTHLY PARKING REFUND

WHEREAS, the Administrator has informed the Chief Financial Officer that the purchasers of a monthly railroad parking decal sticker has returned the unused portion of the sticker; and

WHEREAS, the purchasers of monthly parking decal sticker has requested the balance of the payment be refunded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to refund monthly railroad decal sticker payment to the following purchasers:

1. Robert Colonna, 588 Cabot Hill Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807:
December 2012 in the amount of \$40.00
2. Xin Xin Huang, 9 Young Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807:
December 2012 in the amount of \$40.00
3. Mark Shoemaker, 911 Merritt Drive, Apt. 2E, Hillsborough, NJ 08844:

December 2012 in the amount of \$40.00

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-168

Council Member Soriano motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-168** seconded by Council President Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

WHEREAS, a Social Affair Permit application has been filed for a Monte Carlo Night to be held on the St. Ann School grounds at 29 Second Avenue, Raritan, NJ 08869 on March 13, 2013, from 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm to serve alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, that the Chief of Police has no objections to the filing of said application; and

WHRERAS, the Borough Clerk has certified that not more than 25 Social Permits have been authorized for these premises during this calendar year and the appropriate fee has been paid;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan that the Borough Clerk be authorized to sign said application and forward same to the Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Trenton, New Jersey.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-169

Council Member Tozzi motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-169** and seconded by Council Member Giraldi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN TO ENTER INTO A PAYROLL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan has a need for payroll services (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1.j. provides that a governing body may use competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding to contract for concessions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3(a), in order to initiate competitive contracting, the governing body must authorize the use of competitive contracting each time concessions are desired to be contracted; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan is aware and acknowledges that the Borough Administrator has evaluated proposals from payroll vendors and has recommended that Action Data Services, Inc. (“ADS”) be retained to provide the Services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Council authorizes the use of competitive contracting for the procurement of the Consulting Services and accepts the Borough Administrator’s recommendation to retain ADS to provide the Services to the Borough pursuant to the terms of ADS’ agreement, attached hereto (“Contract”).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to enter into the Contract with ADS on behalf of the Borough.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-170

Council Member Giraldi motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-170** seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN TO ENTER INTO AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH ANIMAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan has a need for animal control services (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 provides that a municipality shall award a contract that, in the aggregate, is less than the bid threshold but 15% or more of that amount without public advertising for bids if the municipality has solicited at least two competitive quotations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby acknowledges that the Administrator has received and evaluated quotations from vendors for the provision of the Services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby acknowledges that the quotation provided by Animal Control Solutions, LLC is below the bid threshold but more than 15% of that amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council deems the quotation provided by Animal Control Solutions, LLC to be the most advantageous to the Borough and desires to retain Animal Control Solutions, LLC to provide the Services pursuant to the service contract, attached hereto (“Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be available for payments due under the Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to enter into the Contract with Animal Control Solutions, LLC on behalf of the Borough.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-171

Council President Gara motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-12-171 seconded by Council Member Lobell. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN TO ENTER INTO A WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ALPHADOG SOLUTIONS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan has a need for technical services to develop and maintain the Borough’s website (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 provides that a municipality shall award a contract that, in the aggregate, is less than the bid threshold but 15% or more of that amount without public advertising for bids if the municipality has solicited at least two competitive quotations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby acknowledges that the Administrator has received and evaluated quotations from vendors for the provision of the Services to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby acknowledges that the quotation provided by Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc. is below the bid threshold but more than 15% of that amount; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council deems the quotation provided by Alpha Dog to be the most advantageous to the Borough and desires to retain Alpha Dog to provide the Services pursuant to the service contract, attached hereto (“Contract”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into the Contract with Alpha Dog Solutions, Inc. on behalf of the Borough.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-172

Council Member Soriano motioned to adopt **Resolution 2012-12-172** seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN TO ENTER INTO A RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders has offered to provide shared services for the residential curbside pick-up of recyclable materials on a biweekly basis pursuant to an “Agreement Between Somerset County and its Municipalities for Recycling” (“Agreement”), attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Raritan has a need for the collection of its recyclable materials and desires to retain the services of the County pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be available for payments due under the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into the Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-173

Council President Gara motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-12-173 seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

CHAPTER 159: 2012 REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP CHALLENGE GRANT AWARD

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

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any items 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 2012 in the sum of \$20,000.00, which is now available from the Somerset County, Regional Center Partnership, Improvements to the Sgt. John Basilone Memorial Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$20,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Regional Center Partnership Challenge Grant Award.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

Council President Gara motioned to approve the Bills List seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED that claims in the amount of \$2,212,636.40 having been listed on the Bills List and recorded in the files of the Borough Hall are hereby approved to be paid.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

1. Foley Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$3,245.00

Council Member Tozzi motioned to approve the above purchase order request for \$3,245.00 seconded by Council Member Giraldi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

2. Continental Fire & Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$1,906.20

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve the above purchase order request for \$1,906.20 seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

3. TASC Fire Apparatus, Inc. in the amount of \$3,619.00

Council Member Lobell motioned 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
		Gara	X			
	X	Giraldi	X			
X		Lobell	X			
		Soriano	X			
		Tozzi	X			

4. Zedowski Tree Service, Inc. not to exceed \$3,000.00

Council President Gara motioned to approve the above Purchase Order Request seconded by Council Member Giraldi. Motion carried with 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		

5. Paternoster Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$13,500.00

Council Member Soriano motioned to approve the above Purchase Order Request seconded by Council Member Lobell. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Carra				X
		Gara			X	

		Giraldi	X			
	X	Lobell	X			
X		Soriano	X			
		Tozzi	X			

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Council Member Soriano asked that all meeting dates be confirmed before the calendar goes into printing.

Council Member Giraldi gave the Police Report and thanked the Recreation Committee for all the decorations and the Santa Coming to Town event. He also gave the Police Report was given.

Council Member Lobell expressed it has been an honor to serve on the Basilone Parade Committee. He thanked the volunteers on the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He commented the schools here are great schools but he expressed disappointment with the contracts rate of increase.

Council Member Soriano gave the Board of Health Report and the Registrar of Vital Statistics Report. He offered the Department of Public Works report and expressed a need to send a letter of appreciation for all their hard work.

Mayor Liptak offered her condolences to the Pacifico Family and Bray Family. She added a Santa duck was given to Council Member Tozzi for all his hard work with the Duck Race. She reminded everyone the Reorganization Meeting will be on January 6, 2013 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Soriano commented on the Capital Christmas Tree came from Colorado this year and was decorated with homemade ornaments from school children. He suggested the Borough should do this.

Council President Gara responded this was a good idea and maybe this could be a Recreation Committee project for the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Gara offered the Municipal landscaping project will proceed when there is a break in the weather.

Council Member Lobell to Council Member Tozzi questioned the painting of the Fire House on Anderson Street. He suggested proceeding with painting when the weather breaks.

Daniel Jaxel replied no, this was not going to be done yet. He added the color will remain the current color.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Soriano commented he is on a nonprofit committee for bike safety and would like to discuss at a future meeting.

Council Member Tozzi remarked he will be meeting with the County after the holiday to discuss the flea market and concerts. He added the second week of January Steeple Chase will be sponsoring a climb fundraiser for the Raritan Fire Department.

Council Member Giraldi gave the report for the Library.

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 e-mail a copy to the Borough Clerk's Office after making your comments. Please sign in by printing your name and address.

Anthony De Cicco, 10 Anderson Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Thanked the Council for their decision on the ABC Licenses. He added he will encourage donations to the Fire Department.

Thomas Brown, 18 Elmer Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Expressed outrage for the beginning donations from the Somerville Rescue Squad.

Council Member Lobell replied it is the second oldest Rescue Squad in New Jersey and it does support and serve Raritan Borough.

Thomas Brown commented they do not keep the grounds at the building on the La Grange Street at all. He added this is still our property even if they own the building.

Mayor Liptak replied we will speak with them about the maintaining the grounds.

No additional comments this portion of the meeting was closed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLUTION 2012-12-174

Council member Lobell moved to approve the following Resolution 2012-12-174 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. Personnel: Administration, Finance, Municipal Court and Public Works
2. Contract Negotiations
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 President Gara motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and to return to the normal order of business, seconded by Council Member Soriano. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Soriano motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded Council Member Tozzi. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectful submitted,

Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk

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