

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
SPECIAL MEETING: CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Special Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Council was held on June 11, 2013 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 6:30pm.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak read the following notice: 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 June 5, 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, Gregory Lobell, Anthony Soriano, and Donald Tozzi

Absent: Paul Giraldi

Also Present: Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak, Daniel Jaxel; Borough Administer, Stanley Schrek, Borough Engineer; and Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak led the flag salute

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL REQUESTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Generator- \$60,000

Replacement Pumper- \$335,000

Mayor Liptak suggested shared services with Somerville for the pumper.

Council Member Gara asked why the Fire Department needs such as expensive generator.

Daniel Jaxel replied not just the generator but a lot of electrical work as well. He added this would also be the second emergency location so they would need a good generator.

Council Member Lobell noted it also includes construction costs.

General consent to appropriate \$60,000 for emergency generator only

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Server Back-up System \$10,000

Council Member Lobell commented speaking with Mark Ciesla, Borough Chief of Police; this request was withdrawn

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Utility Pickup Truck \$40,000

Council Member Gara noted the bottom of the truck is rusted through and unsafe. She read the estimate from Daniel La Verde, Director of DPW.

Council Member Lobell suggested purchasing a cherry picker over a plow.

Mayor Liptak noted a cherry picker could be used to hang banners and a lot of other uses. She added perhaps these are things that could be added on at a later time.

General consent to appropriate \$40,000 for the pickup truck

Other Roads/Public Works: 2013

Construction of mezzanine level around one side of the Public Works garage perimeter \$30,000

Daniel Jaxel noted we asked for FEMA money but this is unlikely.

Stanley Schrek replied FEMA pays for damages it's a long shot for upgrades or improvements. He added this is just to get some of their equipment out of harms way.

General Consent to table

Miscellaneous sanitary sewer reconstruction \$100,000

Stanley Schrek commented there is a need for sewer work all over town. He added we have been receiving grants for areas between the river and 202/206 to First. He noted the rest of the Town has been ignored and there have been letters from the Sewer Authority looking for us to do something about our Inflow and Infiltration.

Daniel Jaxel added this is not unusual for Council to put in some money for miscellaneous.

Council Member Gara asked if any of this money could be used for the miscellaneous sewer work on Orlando Drive.

Stanley Schrek replied some of it yes and maybe DOT grants.

General consent to appropriate \$100,000 for miscellaneous sanitary sewer reconstruction

Supplement for Orlando Drive Reconstruction \$158,000

Stanley Schrek commented the projected construction number for Orlando Drive is under budget and the remainder could be used for the next phase.

Council Member Gara asked we need to appropriate another \$58,000 for Phase II.

Stanley Schrek suggested moving \$100,000 left from Phase I and use it for Phase II.

Council Member Lobell suggested \$60,000 to be careful.

General consent to appropriate \$60,000 for Phase II on Orlando Drive

Lighting for the Nevius Street Bridge \$10,000

Council Members Lobell commented we are waiting to hear from Somerset County Historical Preservation Association.

Stanley Schrek commented the County is fine with this project.

Council Member Gara asked what will it cover and include.

Council Member Lobell replied the lights, an electrician, and the meter.

Council Member Gara suggested if the Borough provides the materials the County may provide the electrician for free.

General consent to appropriate \$10,000 for lighting on Nevius Street Bridge

Library flat roof replacement \$6,000 non-insurance portion, from one estimate

Mayor Liptak asked if there should be more than just the one estimate.

Stanley Schrek asked if this is a repair or replacement. He suggested this seems light.

Council President Tozzi added the Insurance is paying for a portion of the cost.

Council Member Gara suggested getting more quotes for this project.

General consent to solicit at least three additional quotes

Miscellaneous curb and sidewalk construction \$45,000

Stanley Schrek noted the Water Company is working on resurfacing a number of streets it is the Borough's responsibility to make ramps as per the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) rules. He added these rules have been in effect since 1991. He noted the DOT rules changed since the stimulus money came from the federal government.

General consent to appropriate \$45,000 for miscellaneous curb and sidewalk construction

Stanley Schrek added Daniel La Verde may need to replace some of the sheeting on the salt shed. He added is this Capital.

Daniel Jaxel replied we will need to get quotes. He added as far as Capital it depends on the price.

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 copy and email a copy to the Clerk's Office after making your comments.

Thomas Brown, 18 Elmer Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Asked what type of generator is the Fire Department asking for. He added would there be testing for noise issues.

Mayor Liptak replied this generator would be natural gas and yes testing would be done for noise issues.

Richard Yadowski, 267 Weiss Terrace, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Asked if these comments were for the Special Meeting only.

Mayor Liptak answered yes there will an Agenda-Workshop Meeting at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Gara motioned to adjourn seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried at 6:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rayna E. Harris, Borough Clerk

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