

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Raritan was held on February 25, 2014 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 7:00pm.

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 January 15, 2014. 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, Paul Giraldi, Greg Lobell, Andrew Sibilgia and Donald Tozzi

Absent: None

Also Present: Mayor Jo-Ann Liptak, Daniel Jaxel; Stanley Schrek, Borough Engineer; Richard Wenner, Borough Attorney; Kenneth McCormick, Chief of Police and Constance M. Del Rocco, Deputy Borough Clerk

FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION

Council President Tozzi led the invocation and flag salute

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Liptak administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Raymond Nolte

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

In public Mayor Liptak read the following Resolution to enter into an Executive Session

RESOLUTION 2014-02-57

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-057, seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

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 the meeting shall be resumed at the end of the 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-Police

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			
		Gara	X			
		Giraldi	X			
X		Lobell	X			
		Sibilia	X			
	X	Tozzi	X			

Council Member Gara motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular order of business, seconded by Council President Tozzi. Motion carried at 7:07 pm.

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. Please direct all questions or comments to the Mayor. Impertinent, specious, or personal remarks are inappropriate and anyone who cannot follow common rules of courtesy or who becomes boisterous may be asked to leave the meeting room. 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 Yalowsky, 267 Weiss Terrace, Raritan, New Jersey: Commented the addition to the public comment statement needs to be removed it is unacceptable.

Anthony De Cicco, 10 Anderson Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Asked for permission to use the Municipal Building Court Room to perform Marriages ceremonies’.

Mayor Liptak replied this issue will be discussed later in the meeting.

MINUTES

1. January 5, 2014-Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Council Member Gara motioned to approve January 5, 2014- Reorganization Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Lobell. Motioned carried by the following roll call vote.

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

2. January 23, 2014-Special Meeting (Budget)

Council Member Gara motioned to approve January 23, 2014-Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Lobell. 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			
		Sibilia	X			
		Tozzi	X			

3. January 28, 2014-Regular Meeting

Council Member Gara motioned to approve January 28, 2014-Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Sibilia. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

4. January 30, 2014-Special Meeting (Lieutenant Promotion)

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve January 30, 2014-Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Carra. 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			
		Sibilia	X			
		Tozzi	X			

5. January 30, 2014-Executive Session

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve January 30, 2014- Executive Session Minutes, seconded by Council Member 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			
		Sibilia	X			
		Tozzi	X			

6. February 10, 2014-Special Meeting (Borough Attorney)

Council Member Gara motioned to approve February 10, 2014-Special 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			
		Sibilia			X	
	X	Tozzi	X			

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2014-02-045

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-045, seconded by Council Member Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

2014 AMENDED ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset; State of New Jersey that the amended meeting schedule for the period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 will be Agenda-Workshop Meetings at 7:00 PM with an Executive (Closed) Session listed on the meeting agenda on the 2nd Tuesday of the month or as designated; and the Regular Meetings at 7:00 PM with an Executive (Closed) Session listed on the meeting agenda will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month or as designated, official action will be taken. All meetings shall be held at 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 on the following dates:

AGENDA-WORKSHOP MEETING	REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2014	January 28, 2014
February 11, 2014	February 25, 2014
March 11, 2014	March 25, 2014
April 8, 2014	April 22, 2014
May 13, 2014	May 27, 2014
June 10, 2014	June 24, 2014
July 8, 2014	July 22, 2014
August 12, 2014	August 26, 2014
September 9, 2014	September 23, 2014

October 14, 2014	October 28, 2014
November 25, 2014 at 6:00 PM*	November 25, 2014
December 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM*	December 16, 2014*

The Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this appointment in the Courier News or Star Ledger within ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution as required by law.

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-046

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-046, seconded by Council Member Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2013 SOMERSET COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.

WHEREAS, all of Somerset County has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment and the County’s economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to like and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Somerset County jurisdictions and its school district with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluation and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Raritan:

- 1) Adopt in its entirety, the 2013 Somerset County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update (the “Plan”) as the jurisdiction’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre-and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.

- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
- 4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this plan.
- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
- 7) Will provide and update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-047

Council Member Gara motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-047, seconded by Council Member Sibilia. 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:

Holly Cannon, PO Box 82, Flagtown, NJ 08821
 February 2014 - \$40

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-048

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-048, seconded by Council President Tozzi. 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 Damian Chromowsky, of Hillsborough, N.J. be appointed to the position of Probationary Patrol Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that Damian Chromowsky is appointed to the position of Probationary Patrol Officer at an annual base salary of \$35,612.00, effective as soon as possible and contingent upon passing all requirements.

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-049

Council Member Gara motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-049, seconded by Council Member Sibilia. 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 December 3, 2013 a lien was sold on Block 45 Lot 14 also known as 8 Bell Ave. in Raritan, for 2012 delinquent taxes charges and,

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate #1300006 was sold to US Bank Custodian-for Phoenix at 0% interest; and \$ 23,200.00 premium; and,

WHEREAS, the redemption of Certificate #1300006 in the amount of \$9,853.95

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to, issue one check for the amount of \$33,053.95 which includes the premium, payable to US Bank Custodian for Phoenix of tax sale certificate # 1300006

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-050

Council Member Gara motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-050, seconded by Council Member Lobell. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION 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 current year through the first three months of the subsequent year; and

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

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

<u>From Account</u>	<u>Account No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sanitation, OE	3-01-26-305-001-292	\$5,884.36
<u>To Account</u>	<u>Account No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Legal Services	3-01-20-155-001-299	\$4,000.00
PERS	3-01-36-471-001-276	\$1,884.36
	Total	\$5,884.36

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-051

Council Member Sibilia motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-051, seconded by Council Member Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

REFUND PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the Building Department advises there is a voided permit; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor who made the payments have requested a refund;

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 directed to pay the following:

\$139 to Builders Unlimited-702 Buena Vista Road, Forked River, NJ 08731

Re: Permit # 14-011/Roofing Permit/\$139

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-052

Council Member Sibilia motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-052, seconded by Council Member Carra. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

REFUND PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, the Building Department advises there is a voided permit; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor who made the payments have requested a refund;

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 directed to pay the following:

\$85.00 to RAdata, Inc.-27 Ironia Road, Unit 2 Flanders, New Jersey 07836

Re: Permit #13-476 Water Treatment
Plumbing fee-\$85.00

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-053

Council Member Carra motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-053, seconded by Council Member Gara. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR 809 COLUMBUS AVENUE

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

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

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

1. \$ 2,499.90 to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service LLC, P.O. Box 14506, Des Moines, IA 50306 for 809 Columbus Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869 Block 6 Lot 5

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-054

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-054, seconded by Council Member Carra. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

PROMOTION OF POLICE OFFICER CRAIG M. MONDA TO SERGEANT

WHEREAS, there is a vacant Police Sergeant position in the Raritan Borough Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan that Craig M. Monda Police Patrolman be promoted to Police Sergeant at an annual base salary of \$96,075, effective March 3, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-055

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-055, seconded by Council Member 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 December 3, 2013 a lien was sold on Block 2 Lot 30 also known as 54 Vones Lane, Raritan, for 2012 delinquent tax charges and,

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate #1300001 was sold to US Bank Custodian-for Pro Cap III, LLC at 0% interest; and \$30,000.00 premium; and,

WHEREAS, the redemption of Certificate 1300001 in the amount of \$11,383.15

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Finance Officer be authorized to, issued one check in the amount of \$41,383.15 payable to US Bank Custodian for Pro Cap III, LLC on tax sale certificate # 1300001

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

RESOLUTON 2014-02-056

Council Member Gara motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-056, seconded by Council Member Lobell. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CHANGE ORDERS #5A AND 7 WITH NORTHEAST ROOF MAINTENANCE, INC. FOR THE PHASE 4 REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE RARITAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2013, the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan adopted Resolution 2013-06-86 awarding a contract for the Phase 4 Repair and Restoration of the Raritan Public Library to Northeast Roof Maintenance, Inc., in the amount of \$96,950.00 and on November 26, 2013 increased with Change Orders #1, 4, 5 and 6, totaling an additional \$12,853 with allowance deductions; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in receipt of a proposals and Change Order requests #5A and 7, totaling \$11,038; and

WHEREAS, the Change Orders are recommended by the Borough’s project architects, Mills + Schnoering Architects, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Change Orders cost has been approved by the State of New Jersey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute Change Orders #5A and 7, totaling \$11,038 with allowance deductions, on behalf of the Borough of Raritan.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

BE IT RESOLVED that claims in the amount of \$2,017,197.06 having been listed on the Bill List and recorded in the files of the Borough Hall, and are hereby approved to be paid.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

1. General Code in the amount of \$4,460.00

Council Member Gara motioned to approve the above purchase order in the amount of \$4,460.00, seconded by Council Member Lobell. 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			
		Sibilia	X			
		Tozzi	X			

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Council President Tozzi gave the following report:

Basilone Parade Committee

The Committee is working on fund raising projects.

Public Works

The snow removal on Somerset Street was done badly there are a lot of safety issues as well.

Council Member Sabilia gave the following report:

Board of Education

There is a discussion for full-time Kindergarten and the Superintendent position is still vacant and the search continues.

Recreation Committee

Responses are good for Cheerleading and Zumba but are still down for softball.

Public Works

The department is doing a good job. The school buses are having problems getting through different streets because of all the snow, maybe one sided street parking might be concerned while there are large amounts of snow on the sides of the streets. The same complaints are coming from business owners on Somerset Street. We may have to look at a better snow removal plan looking forward.

Council Member Gara read the following report:

Environmental Commission

The Commission met on February 19th and had a presentation from Heather Desko with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority. The Commission will be holding a Rain Barrel Workshop on Saturday, March 29th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot of the Municipal Building. All residents are encouraged and welcomed to participate. The cost of a Rain Barrel will be \$40.00 and upon installation and inspection from the New Jersey Water Supply Authority can apply for refund for a Rain Barrel rebate.

The Annual Earth Day Canal Clean-up has been scheduled for Sunday, April 27th.

Finance

As of now, it looks like we will be meeting with the Borough Auditor sometime next week to review the 2014 Municipal Budget. Preliminary numbers shall be provided to the Mayor and Council shortly following that meeting.

Personnel

The personnel committee continues to be on hold. I will speak with the Borough Attorney next week to see when we can schedule a time to meet and begin going over the remainder job descriptions as well as the personnel handbook.

Council Member Lobell gave the following report:

Police

The Raritan Borough Police Department report is now on Twitter.

Historical and Cultural Committee

At the January 22 meeting it was discussed to have the four interviews of the senior residents of the Borough posted on the Borough's website. The disks are held at the Library.

Council Member Giraldi gave the following report:

Board of Health

The No Smoking signs for BH Ordinance 2013-02 are in. Photo op was done with the BOH and Mayor Liptak today at Frelinghuysen Park.

Council Member Carra gave the following report:

Planning Board

The first two meetings were cancelled the next meeting is on March 26, 2014. Thank you to Public Works for the great job with snow removal and also the Police Department.

Mayor Liptak noted the Library Board meeting was on February 20, 2014 and it was a good meeting. She added they have a new president and attorney. She commented on the fine job of snow removal Public works has been doing. She read a letter from New Jersey Courts pertaining to hardware and software replacement in the courts. She noted the League of Municipalities is sponsoring the Women in Government Day on March 19, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

An Ordinance amending and replacing Section 320-6 of the Code of Raritan Borough minimum width of snow removal from sidewalks

Mayor Liptak read the following Ordinance suggested from Frank Taddeo, Maintenance Officer.

Council President Tozzi suggested with all the ice on the sidewalks we really need to make some concessions.

Mayor Liptak asked Council their opinion on the width of the sidewalks.

Council Member Lobell suggested this should be a minimal due to the safety issues involved. He added the 24" would be enough room for two people to pass.

to be introduced March 25th Regular Meeting.

Car Fax RFP

Council Member Giraldi noted the Ordinance has been prepared and is being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Use of Municipal Building to Solemnize Marriages

Council President Tozzi noted there should be no problems with using the Court Room to perform Marriages.

Mayor Liptak asked if there were any issues with insurance.

Daniel Jaxel replied we would be covered and it is an approved activity.

Mayor Liptak asked what areas of the Municipal Building would be used.

Daniel Jaxel replied the Municipal Building, where ever need be.

Council President Tozzi motioned for past Mayors to use the Borough Municipal Building to perform marriages, seconded by Council Member Carra. Motion carried with the following roll call vote.

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

Acceptance of Replacement Vehicle from Somerset County

Council Member Lobell motioned to approve the acceptance of Replacement Vehicle Somerset County provided, seconded by Council Member 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			
		Sibilia	X			
		Tozzi	X			

Municipal Clerk

Council Member Carra noted the background check has not been done.

Daniel Jaxel replied we haven't made an offer to anyone yet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Liptak read the following:

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the meeting room. 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 he did not approve of any Mayor in Raritan Borough performing same sex marriages.

Mayor Liptak read R.S.:37:13 Concerning Marriages and Civil Unions. She noted it is legal for former Mayor's to perform Marriages.

Anthony DeCicco, 10 Anderson Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Thanked Council for allowing him to perform marriages in the Municipal Building. He added he would be using any money offered to him for this service to the Fire Department, Rescue Squad or the Library.

Jennifer Capici, 111 Woodmere Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Noted the snow on Woodmere Street is piled so high the children are walking to school in the street and waiting for buses in the street. She suggested this is certainly a safety issue. She added the cars on this street do not follow the speed limit, they are always going so fast down this street and now with the children in the street walking it's very scary.

Mayor Liptak replied the Borough will be getting speed signs on Woodmere Street in the very near future.

Michael Patente, 30 Glaser Ave, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Agreed with the snow removal on Somerset Street. He added 2nd Street may be another street to think about making one sided or alternate side of the street parking.

Thomas Brown, 18 Elmer Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869: Commented the width of the sidewalks should accommodate walkers and wheel chairs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION II

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

RESOLUTION 2014-02-058

Council Member Gara motioned to approve Resolution 2014-02-058, seconded by Council Member Tozzi. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION II

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 the meeting shall be resumed at the end of the 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. Administrative-Personnel
2. Contract Negotiation-Police
3. Personnel- Public Works

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			
		Sibilia	X			
	X	Tozzi	X			

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance M. Del Rocco, Deputy Borough Clerk