

The Agenda-Workshop Meeting of the Raritan Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Liptak at 6:30p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Borough Municipal Building at 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869.

Mayor Liptak announced that the 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 on January 6, 2015. 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.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilwoman Carra, Councilman Foohy,  
Councilwoman Gara, Councilman Giraldi, Council  
President Lobell, Councilman Sibilgia  
Absent: XXX  
Also Present: Mayor Liptak, Borough Attorney Wenner, Borough  
Engineer Schrek (arrived 7:00p.m.), Borough  
Administrator Jaxel, Borough Clerk Schmitt,  
Police Chief McCormick

**FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION**

Councilwoman Gara led the invocation and flag salute.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution No. 2015-01-27 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:  
Police Personnel

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-27.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-27:

Aye: Carra, Foohy, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilgia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:33p.m.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to come out of Executive Session.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.  
NAY: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Council came out of Executive Session at 6:52p.m. and after a brief recess resumed in open session at 7:00p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Donald Tozzi of 38 Glaser Avenue, Raritan, New Jersey addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the agenda item on the Basilone 5K Race. Mr. Tozzi who is representing the Basilone Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization, requested Council's approval for the Foundation to organize and run the annual 5K race. Mr. Tozzi said the organization's goal is to close the gap on the town's expenses and to initiate fundraising for the Basilone Parade. Mr. Tozzi also stated that the Basilone Memorial Foundation is a registered 501C organization with a mission statement and State gaming registration.

Bruce Doorly of 807 Bound Brook Avenue, Raritan, New Jersey addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that the Wall of War Heroes is now complete. He thanked Council for their support with the project and also thanked Mark Gara for his assistance hanging the frames. Mr. Doorly requested Council's permission to hang blinds in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway to alleviate the glare on the pictures, the cost of which would be funded through donations.

Debra Thomas of 36 Canal Street, Raritan, New Jersey informed the Mayor and Council that every night a group of cars gather periodically throughout the night on Mill Street. Ms. Thomas is very concerned about the activities going on there and has called the Police several times about this situation. Ms. Thomas asked Council what can be done to put a stop to these activities. Chief McCormick stated that he would pass the information on to the Lieutenant.

Richard Yadlosky of 267 Weiss Terrace, Raritan, New Jersey stated that the potholes on Johnson and Orlando Drives should be filled and the town lot at Gaston and Johnson Drive is strewn with liquor bottles, medical syringes and property owner waste. Mr. Yadlosky also stated that this town is not the place for televising Council Meetings. Mr. Yadlosky inquired about Resolution No. 2015-01-35 - 2015 Temporary Appropriations Totaling over \$10,000,000. Borough Administrator Jaxel explained the purpose of this Resolution.

**WORK SESSION**

1. Video Taping of Council Meetings - Speaker (JF)

Herbert Hall of 22 Fairmount Avenue, Somerville, New Jersey addressed Mayor and Council and informed them on the process Somerville Borough implemented in 2004 to broadcast their Council Meetings. Mr. Hall stated that the Borough's mission was to bring the community into the homes of the elderly, disabled, and others who could not physically attend the meetings and that the feedback has been consistently positive. Mr. Hall stated that the station is staffed by volunteers and incurs a limited cost.

Council President Lobell inquired if broadcasting was via both cable and FIOS. Mr. Hall responded yes. Councilman Giraldi stated that upon doing some research he could not find any reports or surveys that outline the advantages to televising meetings; however, he did find a number of lawsuits regarding the subject. Mr. Giraldi also stated that he feels people do get intimidated by the camera.

A discussion ensued on different aspects of the televising process which included intimidation, editing, camera focusing and the purpose of keeping the public informed.

Council President Lobell requested that Work Session Item #7 be moved up since a Summer Camp representative was in the audience.

2. Summer Camp (GL)

Nicola, a representative from US Sports Institute in Bound Brook, addressed Council and outlined the summer sports camp that US Sports Institute would like to hold at Frelinghuysen Field. Nicola stated that US Sports would like to offer the Borough ten percent of the registration fees in return for use of the Borough facility. Borough Administrator Jaxel stated that this arrangement may require a concessions agreement.

Borough Attorney Wenner commented that in general any give back to the Borough would require a bidding process. Mr. Wenner stated that another option would be a facility use agreement which could be structured toward the use of the facility. Mr. Wenner stated that the Borough is not in the position to give permission to proceed at this time. This issue would require further research.

3. Engineer's Report (SS)

The Borough Engineer gave the following report:

**2014 Sanitary Sewer Billing**

We have finalized the Sanitary Sewer billing for 2014. The new data format allows us to correlate rainfall to sewer flow which will

provide an analysis of Inflow and Infiltration rates on our flow charges at the plant.

We had earlier discussed amending the Ordinance to enable billing heavy residential users and commercial users over 400 GPD. The discussions should be renewed.

**Orlando Drive, Phase 3**

Proceeding with design. Field survey work has been completed. Expect to bid the project in March.

**Tillman Street Improvements**

Stop signs have been placed at all roads intersecting Tillman Street Per our Ordinance Section 82-11, the stop intersections shall be designated by Resolution.

**Victoria Street Sidewalks**

A CDBG, in the amount of \$98,405, is in place for side improvements on Victoria Street extending from Frelinghuysen Ave. to Railroad Ave. The County has authorized commencement of work. We are proceeding with field work as weather permits. We expect to bid the project in March.

**Riverfront Land Use Ordinance**

The Mayor, Planning Board Attorney, Borough Planner and myself have received input from various developers with property interests along the Riverfront/Orlando Drive Corridor. Based on these discussions, we are suggesting conditional requirements as an amendment to the Ordinance. We can schedule Dave Maski to appear before a future work session to discuss.

**2015 CDBG Grants**

Grant applications are again due in March. I suggest that we continue the sidewalk/ADA project within the defined CD area. We have been successful in obtaining three grants for this work, completing sidewalks on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Sherman Avenue.

4. **Public Works Personnel (ML)**

Upon verifying with Borough Attorney Wenner that the employee in question did not need to be in attendance for purposes of this conversation, Mayor Liptak preceded with the discussion. Mayor Liptak reviewed the details of a minor motor vehicle accident and licensing issues involving Public Works Superintendent LaVerde. Discussion ensued on whether disciplinary action or disciplinary charges should be imposed. Borough Attorney reviewed the purpose of a rice notice and the proper course of action. Mayor Liptak conducted a straw poll.

On motion by Councilman Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to place a letter a reprimand in Superintendent LaVerde's personnel file for failure to keep licenses current.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilila

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

5. Indigent Fund (ML)

Mayor Liptak stated that the Borough at one time had an indigent fund which was administered by a welfare director which has since been taken over by the Board of Social Services. Mayor Liptak referenced N.J.S.A. 40A:9-49.1 which states that if an indigent person should die without survivors then their resident County is responsible for all reasonable burial expenses. Mayor Liptak informed Council that there is a very generous individual in town who assists residents with pro bono funeral services. Mayor Liptak said that she would inform the individual, who has requested support from the Borough for pro bono expenses, that the County is the responsibility party.

6. Train Station Pay Box (SG)

Councilwoman Gara stated that there has been an ongoing problem with the pay boxes at the train station which accept cash only. Ms. Gara stated that other towns have switched to a credit card system and explained the process. After a brief discussion there was Council consensus to explore the possibility to convert the current pay boxes to accept credit cards. Council directed Borough Administrator Jaxel to look into the conversion process.

7. Basilone 5K Race Fundraising (PG)

Councilman Giraldi stated that Mr. Tozzi and his organization have requested to take over the Basilone 5K race and donate all the funds to the Basilone Committee. Council agreed to this request.

8. Snow Shoveling List (JF)

Councilman Foohey raised the idea to compile a list of students who would be willing to shovel snow for residents. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of this idea and it was concluded that the best idea would be to institute this list through the Senior Citizens organization.

9. Street Signs (DC)

Councilwoman Carra brought up the issue of new street signs and reviewed the quote received for replacement. Borough

Administrator Jaxel stated that prior to ordering he would present Council with a Purchase Order request.

10. 2015 Appointments to the Raritan and Millstone River Flood Control Commission (SG)

2- Regular Members 2-Alternate Members

After a brief discussion, Council appointed Borough Administrator Dan Jaxel and Council President Greg Lobell as voting members to the Raritan and Millstone River Flood Control Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 16, 2014 - Agenda-Workshop/Regular Meeting

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to approve the December 16, 2014 Agenda-Workshop/Regular Meeting.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: Foohey

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

December 16, 2014 - Executive Session

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to approve the December 16, 2014 Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: Foohey

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

January 2, 2015 - Special Meeting

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve the January 2, 2015 Special Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX  
Abstain: Giraldi

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

January 2, 2015 - Executive Session

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to approve the January 2, 2015 Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: Giraldi

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

January 4, 2015 - Reorganization Meeting

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve the January 2, 2015 Reorganization Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: Giraldi

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

**ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

Ordinance No. 2015-01 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending, Revising and Supplementing the Code of the Borough of Raritan, Chapter 34, Entitled "Mutual Aid"

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 34, "Mutual Aid" of the Code of the Borough of Raritan is hereby deleted in its entirety and in its place and stead be replaced with the following:

**Section 1**

**§34-1 Participants**

This Mutual Aid Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, and each other participating municipality, as

hereinafter defined. In consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained therein, the parties agree as follows:

**§34-2 Definitions**

As used in the Chapter, the following phrases shall have the following meanings:

"Chief of Police" shall mean the Chief of Police, Director of Police, the County Prosecutor and the County Sheriff or that person's designee. As Millstone Borough and Rocky Hill Borough do not have police departments (and, therefore, no chiefs of police), preparations are addressed herein which designate an authorized personnel from the New Jersey State Police to request mutual police aid on behalf of said local units.

"Local Units" means a municipality, county or regional authority or district other than an interstate authority or district. See, N.J.S.A. 40:65-3.

"Mutual Police Aid" shall mean any situation or combination of situations which, in the opinion of the chief of police or requesting local unit, requires the assistance of police from one or more participating local units. This Agreement shall apply to any type of police or law enforcement assistants or service that is requested by the chief of police and one or more local unit(s) and accepted by the chief of police and the participating local unit or units. [N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7(1)]. Members of each police department supplying aid shall have the same powers, authority, rights and immunities of the members of the police department of the requesting local unit(s) all providing assistance to the requesting local unit(s).

"Participating Local Unit" shall mean any local unit which has, by ordinance or resolution, entered into this inter-local services agreement for mutual police aid.

"Police Power" shall mean that each police officer shall have all the powers of peace officers as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-152, while assisting a local unit and the sharing of services as permitted in N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4. Each police officer is acting under lawful authority beyond the territorial limits of his employing municipality or other appointed authority, and is conferred with all the powers in the officer appointed by the requesting local unit.

"Requesting Local Unit" shall mean a participating local unit which has requested assistance pursuant to this Agreement.

"Service" means any of the powers, duties and functions exercised or performed by a local unit by or pursuant to law.

"Police Officer" shall mean a police officer or other law enforcement officer as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-152.2.

"Emergency" for the purposes of this Chapter shall be defined but not limited to include situations in which the number of available police officers in a participating municipality is insufficient to meet the public need in a particular situation and/or situations where police aid involving special expertise, training or equipment is required in order to protect life and property or to assist in suppressing a riot or disorder. No formal declaration of emergency is required to implement the provisions of the Mutual Aid Agreement.

"Assisting Local Unit" shall mean a participating local unit which has provided assistance pursuant to the Mutual Aid Agreement.

"Local Unit" shall be defined as any municipality, county and/or authority that has by ordinance or resolution entered into an inter local services agreement for mutual police aid.

**§34-3 Purpose**

It is to the mutual advantage and benefit of participating local units that each agrees to, consistent with this Mutual Police Aid Agreement, render supplemental police or law enforcement assistance to any requesting local unit pursuant to this Agreement.

**§34-4 Authority**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:65-1, et seq., any local unit of the State may enter into a contract with any other local unit or units for the joint provisions, within their several jurisdictions, of any service, including services incidental to the primary purposes of the local unit, which any party to the Agreement is empowered to render within its owner jurisdiction.

**§34-5 Scope**

This Agreement shall apply to any type of police or law enforcement assistance or service that is requested by the chief of police in one of more local unit(s) and accepted by the chief of police in a participating local unit or units. [N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7(1)]

**§34-6 Inter Local Unit Assistance**

The chief of police of each participating local unit is authorized to provide mutual police aid to a requesting local unit and to request mutual police aid to a participating local unit to the extent possible without endangering the persons or property within the local unit rendering assistance. The members of each police department supplying aid shall have the same powers, authority, rights and immunities of the members of the police department of the requesting local unit while providing assistance to a requesting local unit. (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-8).

**§34-7 Expenses**

Aid will be provided at no cost for the first eight hours in each incidence, regardless of the numbers of persons sent. After eight hours of aid, the cost shall be as follows:

(a) Labor Force. Charges for labor force shall be in accordance with the prevailing rate of pay for the aiding local unit's standard practices. The requesting local unit shall be billed for each hour per person of the persons supplied beyond the first eight hours.

(b) Equipment. Charges for equipment, including but not limited to, vehicles, boats rescue equipment, flares, barricades and other special equipment used by the aiding local unit shall be billed at the reasonable and customary rates for such equipment in the requesting local unit's location.

(c) Transportation. The aiding local unit shall transport needed personnel and equipment by reasonable and customary means and shall charge reasonable and customary rates for such transportation and fuel related costs.

(d) Meals, Lodging and Other Related Expenses. Charges for meals, lodging and other expenses related to the provision of aid pursuant to this Agreement shall be at a reasonable and actual cost incurred by the assisting local unit.

(e) Somerset County Teams Exempt. Personnel assigned, on loan, or that participate on one of the Somerset County Teams (e.g. Narcotics Task Force, Emergency Response, etc.) are exempt from Section 7.

#### **§34-8 Senior Ranking Officer**

When police assistance is requested and that request is appropriate pursuant to this Agreement, the chief of police or his/her designee of the requesting local unit shall be the senior ranking officer. An officer responding to provide aid, regardless of their rank, shall take direction from the ranking officer of the requesting local unit.

#### **§34-9 Injury and Death Benefits**

Police officers shall be entitled to any and all pension, relief, disability, workers compensation, insurance and/or other benefits for which they are entitled and/or provided by or through their existing employer while performing duties within the "requesting local unit" as provided under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-152.2.

#### **§34-10 Tort Liability**

Police officers shall be afforded all of the privileges, immunities and defenses for tort liability for any actions taken by those police officers pursuant to this Agreement.

#### **§34-11 Indemnification**

The requesting local unit agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the assisting local unit, its officers, directors and employees (including, but not limited to any assisting local unit employees which are provided for use by the requesting local unit in accordance with this Agreement) from any liability or claims arising out of their action or service for the requesting local unit for the purpose of functions described in this Agreement.

#### **§34-12 Withdrawal from Agreement**

Any participating local unit may withdraw from and terminate its part in this Agreement at the end of any calendar year, provided that notice of its intention to terminate is given no later than November 12 to every other participating local unit. Otherwise, the Agreement shall remain in force from year to year.

**§34-13 Reporting to the Governing Body**

The chief of police in each participating local unit shall upon request as soon after the end of the calendar year as practicable, furnish the respective governing body summary reports of services rendered and received under this Agreement along with comments and recommendations.

**§34-14. Police Emergency Response Plan**

The participating local units recognize the existence of the Somerset County Police Emergency Response Plan ("SCPERP") which was drafted by a special committee of the Somerset County Association of Chiefs of Police. SCPERP was formulated for the purpose of addressing large scale events (e.g. active shooter incidents, hostage standoffs, and natural disasters) requiring a law enforcement response, and the Plan set forth procedures to facilitate the deployment of a variety of law enforcement resources (human or otherwise) for said large scale events. Whereas this Agreement outlines the scope and authority of police mutual aid, SCPERP is a particularized Plan. This Agreement is not intended to replace SCPERP and vice versa.

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-01.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilgia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Mayor Liptak announced that the ordinance listed above for first reading will be considered for final passage after public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey, on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:30p.m. or at any time and place to which the meeting for the further consideration of the ordinance shall be adjourned.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 2015-01-28 - Resolution of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Borough to Execute a Shared Service Agreement Between the Borough of Raritan and the Township of Bridgewater for

Inspection Services for the Electric Subcode Official/Inspector Services

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-28.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-28:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-29 - Amusement Device Licenses

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-29.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-29:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-30 - Resolution Authorizing a Refund on the Overpayment of Taxes - Block 63 Lot 2

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-30.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-30:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-31 - Railroad Monthly Parking Refund

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-31.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-31:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-32 - Refund of Building Permit Fee

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-32.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-32:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-33 - Disposition of Equipment by the Raritan Fire Department

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-33.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-33:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-34 - Transportation of Certain Pupils to Regional Schools

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-34.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-34:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-35 - 2015 Special Temporary Appropriations Totaling \$10,275,747.29

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-35.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-35:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-36 - Resolution of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Designating Stop Intersections

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-01-36.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-01-36:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

#### **MOTIONS**

##### **Mayoral Appointments without Consent of Council**

##### **Historic and Cultural Committee**

1. Edward Ruzbarsky to serve as Alternate #1 for a one year term January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

2. Joyce Tronolone to serve as Alternate #2 for a one year term - January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

##### **Municipal Land Use Board**

David Forktus to serve as Alternate #2 for a two year term - January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

Council approved of the above appointments with a voice vote of All Ayes.

##### **2015 Appointments to the Somerset County Community Development Block Grant Program (two representatives)**

(1) Mayoral Appointment (1) Council Appointment

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to appoint Daniel Jaxel and John Orecchio as representatives to the Somerset County Community Development Block Grant Program.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

**Social Affair Permit**

St. Ann's Catholic Church Festa - Beer Garden  
June 24 & 25, 2015 - 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m.  
June 26, 2015 - 6:00p.m. to 10:30p.m.  
June 27, 2015 - 5:00p.m. to 11:00p.m.  
Proceeds to benefit St. Ann's School

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia,  
it was moved to approve the Social Affair Permit for St. Ann's  
Catholic Church Festa.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST**

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman  
Foohey, it was moved to approve the bills list dated December  
15, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in the amount of  
\$4,005,519.74.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS**

Police Department - Maintenance Contract for Live Scan Equipment  
in the amount of \$2,633.69.

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilman Foohey,  
it was moved to approve the above listed purchase order request.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

**COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

Council President Lobell stated that he will report back to the Recreation Commission on the sports camp discussion. He also reported that the Recreation Department has changed their hours of operation; he announced the new hours and reported on the number of attendees enrolled in the Recreation programs. Mr. Lobell reported on the Economic Development Committee and announced that the committee will be publishing a short column monthly in the Breeze newspaper to better communicate new business. Mr. Lobell summarized the Department of Public Works monthly report.

Councilwoman Carra stated that the Board of Health will be meeting tomorrow. Ms. Carra also announced the fees collected for Vital Statistics and Food Handlers licenses and reported that there has been a confirmed case of measles. Councilwoman Carra also reported that the Somerville Rescue Squad is requesting aid for new equipment and that the squad is collecting data to present at a future meeting. Ms. Carra gave the Fire Department Report and announced that Jake Gara has been sworn in as a junior firefighter.

Councilwoman Gara stated that she did not meet with the Senior Citizens, however Councilman Foohey did and he will give that report. Ms. Gara announced the Police Report statistics and commended the Public Works Department on the last snow removal.

Councilman Giraldi stated that the Basilone Parade will be held on September 20, 2015 and Donald Tozzi's organization will be handling most of the financing.

Councilman Foohey met with the Senior Citizens and spoke about televising the Council Meetings. Mr. Foohey reported that the Cultural and Historic Committee is looking for a location for a Raritan Museum and stated that the Raritan Library has some very interesting videos showcasing Raritan residents. Mr. Foohey also reported that he had a meeting with Dr. Hyak of the Board of Education and has also contacted the Audio Visual Department regarding students helping with the televising of Council Meetings.

Councilman Sibiliala stated that there have been no updates with regard to litigation and the Regional Center Partnership is conducting a study on how to keep millennials living in the area. Mr. Sibiliala also read a correspondence from resident Denise Donato attached hereto.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Liptak reviewed correspondence received from Walter Lane, Somerset County Director of Planning, requesting a 2015 Update of the Municipal Wastewater Management Planning Committees and announced the following 2015 representatives: Councilwoman Gara, elected official; Robert Miller, Planning Board representative; Bob Fulminante, Public Works; Ed Machala, SC Municipal Wastewater Manage Authority; Stan Schrek, Borough Engineer.

Mayor Liptak congratulated Bruce Doorly and all those involved in the installation of the Wall of Heroes. Mayor Liptak also congratulated Jake Gara on becoming a junior firefighter.

Mayor Liptak also read a letter from Jerry Kovac, a member of the Environmental Commission, which requested that Councilman Giraldi be removed as committee liaison. Councilman Giraldi responded that some of the statements in the letter were inaccurate and he wished that he had been given advance notice of this letter prior to its reading in public.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Adele Goetsch of 6 Nevius Street, Raritan, New Jersey inquired about when the Borough is required to check on employees driver's licenses and commented that even though Mr. LaVerde shouldn't have let his license expire it could have been accidental. Ms. Goetsch commented on some observations she made. One being that the Borough has a sign posted outside the Municipal Building that the area is a smoke free environment and therefore, there should not be a smoking receptacle outside the door. Another observation is that the same people as last year are still not shoveling the snow off their sidewalks and this is a safety issue; it is a waste of time to have an ordinance if it is not enforced. Ms. Goetsch also stated that in defense of Councilman Giraldi he did get ambushed with regard to the letter from the Environmental Commission.

Tom Brown of 18 Elmer Street, Raritan, New Jersey requested an update on the crisis situation regarding the emergency medical service response time issue and commented that this is a much bigger problem internally and he is very concerned. Police Chief McCormick responded that county officials will meet with Robert Wood Johnson to address this problem.

Debbie Thomas of 36 Canal Street, Raritan, New Jersey commented that the onus should not have to fall on the residents to report

issues; where are the officials who should be doing their jobs. Ms. Thomas also stated that the Mayor should have been more considerate with Councilman Giraldi regarding the letter from the Environmental Commission. Ms. Thomas also asked Borough Engineer Schrek about rainwater issues and Councilwoman Gara about the possibility of a rain garden.

Richard Yadlosky of 267 Weiss Terrace, Raritan, New Jersey addressed issues regarding snow shoveling, summer camp, televising Council Meetings, public works and administration.

Anthony DeCicco of 13 Anderson Street, Raritan, New Jersey commented to Councilman Foohey that televising Council Meetings may seem like a good idea but tonight is a good example of why that idea should be squashed. Mr. DeCicco stated that what Mayor Liptak did tonight was disgraceful and she should not have embarrassed another councilperson in public. This is reason enough for not televising meetings. Mr. DeCicco stated that the televising of meetings would not be restricted to Borough residents and would be streamed to other towns as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilgia, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.  
NAY: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

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Marguerite Schmitt, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_