

March 24, 2014  
Regular Meeting

The Regular 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 Foohey,  
Councilman Giraldi, Council President Lobell,  
Councilman Sibilialia  
Absent: Councilwoman Gara  
Also Present: Mayor Liptak, Borough Attorney Wenner, Borough  
Engineer Schrek (arrived at 7:00p.m.), Borough  
Administrator Jaxel, Police Chief McCormick,  
Borough Clerk Schmitt

**FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION**

Councilwoman Carra led the invocation and flag salute.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution No. 2015-03-43 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:  
Attorney-Client Privilege; Police Contract Negotiations Update;  
Police Personnel;

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilman Giraldi,  
it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-03-43.

Recorded Vote on Resolution No. 2015-03-43:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

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

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilman Foohey,  
it was moved to come out of Executive Session.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.

NAY: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Council came out of Executive Session at 6:50p.m. and resumed in Regular Session at 7:00p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert E. Lee of 87 E. Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey commented that he would like to make the Mayor and Council aware of a garage roof on LaGrange Street that is in complete disrepair and leaning. Mr. Lee stated that he has made a report to Frank Taddeo, Property Maintenance Inspector about the problem with the structure. Mayor Liptak stated that she is aware of this structure and will follow up on this property.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 10, 2015 - Agenda-Workshop Meeting

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to approve the February 10, 2015 - Agenda-Workshop Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

February 10, 2015 - Executive Session

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to approve the February 10, 2015 - Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Liptak stated that the correction has already been made to reflect the correct title of Council President Lobell in the roll call of the February 24, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes.

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On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, it was moved to approve the February 24, 2015 - Regular Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

February 24, 2015 - Executive Session

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to approve the February 24, 2015 - Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

March 10, 2015 - Agenda-Workshop Meeting

On motion by Councilman Sibilia, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to approve the March 10, 2015 - Agenda-Workshop Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: Lobell

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

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On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, it was moved to approve the March 10, 2015 - Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: Lobell

Motion Carried 4-0-1.

**ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

Ordinance No. 2015-02 - 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 207-126.1, "RC Riverfront Commercial District" in Order to Add Certain Conditional Uses and to Provide for Certain Signage

Mayor Liptak called for a motion to table the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-02, pending Planning Board review.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to table Ordinance No. 2015-02, pending Planning Board review.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilia,  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 2015-03-44 - Authorizing 2014 Tonnage Grant Application

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03-44.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-03-45 - A Resolution of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of a Utility Agreement with the State of New Jersey for the Route 202 and First Avenue Intersection Improvements

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03-45.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-03-46 - Resolution Authorizing Refund of  
Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholders

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Council President  
Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03-46.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-03-47 - Appointing Acting Deputy Municipal  
Clerk

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilwoman Carra,  
it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03-47.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-03-48 - Railroad Monthly Parking Refund

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Council President  
Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03-48.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST**

Mayor Liptak called for a motion for approval of the Bills List.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman  
Carra, it was moved to approve the Bills List dated February 23,  
2015 through March 20, 2015 in the amount of \$2,336,735.76.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS**

1. Fire Department - Replacement Fire Boots - Skylands Area Fire Equipment Training in the amount of \$3,200.00 (2014 Capital Budget for gear).

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

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

2. Fire Department - Replacement of Furnace in Back Bay at Downtown Firehouse - Fras-Air in the amount of \$3,904.00 (Capital appropriation).

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

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

3. Fire Department - Chimney Liner 16 Anderson Street Fire House - Bridgewater Chimney Sweeps LLC in the amount of \$3,299.00.

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

Borough Administrator Jaxel clarified that the grant funding for this project has not yet been authorized; however, if approved as a grant expenditure the money can be transferred.

Recorded Vote: Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

Council President Lobell commented that he would have information from the Recreation Committee at the next meeting. Mayor Liptak commented that the Easter Egg Hunt would be this Saturday.

Councilwoman Carra reported from the Board of Health that Somerset County would be holding a 2015 Annual Spring Forum on April 24<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be the Impact of Heroin Use During Pregnancy. Ms. Carra also gave a report from the Fire Chief and commended the efforts of Donald Tozzi and Kim Van Note for their efforts in starting the Basilone Memorial Foundation.

Councilman Giraldi reported that the Basilone Meeting was the same night as the last Council Meeting so he was unable to attend and also that there was nothing new to report from the Cultural and Historic Committee.

Councilman Foohey reported that the Environmental Commission will hold its annual Canal clean-up on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. in recognition of Earth Day. He also read the Police Report and the Court Report. Mr. Foohey commented that he attended the March 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting and was happy to report that in next year's school budget residents will see a reduction in school taxes. Mr. Foohey also reported that one main issue for future consideration by the Board of Education is the institution of full-day kindergarten and he also reviewed some of the school district's goals.

Mayor Liptak read a letter from the NJ State Division of Local Aid and Economic Development denying funding for the Storm and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation along Johnson Drive. Mayor Liptak complemented the Department of Public Works on the snow removal in town this past winter and congratulated Doris Zampella on being honored as the Somerset County 2015 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The Mayor also noted that Lisa Yates from the Arts on Division Street has been in contact with her and this group will be taking over the bike races this year. Also, the Raritan Library is hosting a new fundraiser by selling commemorative pavers to assist in defraying the cost of programs, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. 2015 Preliminary Municipal Capital Budget Meeting of Mayor and Council (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel suggested to combine the regular and capital budget discussions and asked if Council would be available on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Council was in agreement for March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00p.m.

2. Amendment to Chapter 244-11 - Parks, Public (GL)

Council President Lobell stated that the Recreation Committee is recommending that the Borough Code be change to prohibit animals on the playing fields and directed the Borough Attorney to make the required revisions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Brown of 18 Elmer Street, Raritan, New Jersey inquired as to Council's opinion on whether they endorse or do not endorse all-day kindergarten. A brief discussion ensued where in opinions where given on this topic.

Donald Tozzi of 38 Glaser Avenue, Raritan, New Jersey updated Mayor and Council on upcoming fundraising events that the Basilone Foundation will be hosting and stated that all the information regarding these events will be available on the foundation's website at [www.basilonefoundation.com](http://www.basilonefoundation.com).

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilman Sibilia, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

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Marguerite Schmitt, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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