

May 26, 2014
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Raritan Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Liptak at 6:34p.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 Sibilialia

Absent: XXX

Also Present: Mayor Liptak, Borough Attorney Wenner, Special
Counsel Bauch (arrived 6:38, departed 7:18p.m.),
Borough Administrator Jaxel, Borough Engineer
McGregor (arrived at 7:18p.m.), Police Chief
McCormick (arrived at 7:18p.m.), Borough Clerk
Schmitt

FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION

Councilman Sibilialia led the invocation and flag salute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2015-05-61 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:
Litigation; Police Personnel

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia,
it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-05-61.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:36p.m.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia,
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 and resumed in Regular Session at 7:18p.m.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Liptak introduced Peter Alves and his parents and asked Peter to describe his Eagle Scout project to those in attendance. Mayor Liptak read the Proclamation into record, attached hereto, along with a letter of commendation from U.S. Congressman Leonard Lance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donald Tozzi of 38 Glaser Avenue, Raritan, New Jersey requested to borrow approximately one hundred plastic barricades from the Public Works Department for use at the June 14th Flag Day Race. Mr. Tozzi said that he would pick them up and drop them back off. Council agreed to this request.

Cindy Galvacky of 28 Alpine Way, Raritan, New Jersey addressed the Mayor and Council about the written request she made regarding removal of a street light on her property. Ms. Galvacky reviewed the situation and the placement of street lights on her property and other surrounding properties. After a brief discussion Police Chief McCormick along with the Mayor and Council were not in favor of removing any street lighting.

Richard Yadlosky of Weiss Terrace, Raritan, New Jersey acknowledged the Eagle Scout for his accomplishment. Mr. Yadlosky asked Mayor Liptak what the ground rules would be for the operation of the camera. Mayor Liptak responded that the camera is not on right now because the ground rules have not yet been established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 14, 2015 - Agenda-Workshop Meeting

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to approve the April 14, 2015 - Agenda-Workshop Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote:

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

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

April 14, 2015 - Executive Session

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to approve the April 14, 2015 - Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

April 28, 2015 - Regular Meeting

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to approve the April 28, 2015 - Regular Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: Gara

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

April 28, 2015 - Executive Session

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to approve the April 28, 2015 - Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: Gara

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-04 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 244 of the Code of the Borough of Raritan, Parks, Public, Section 11,

Domestic Animals, to Provide for the Regulation of Domestic
Animals on Borough Athletic Fields

Mayor Liptak called for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-04.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-04.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Tracy Cavallaro asked where dogs were allowed and Mayor Liptak read the verbiage from the Ordinance.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-04.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-04.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Gara, Foohey, Giraldi, Lobell

Nay: Sibilialia

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-1-0.

Ordinance No. 2015-05 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan,
County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 5,
Boards, Committees, and Commissions, Article II, Environmental
Commission, in Order to Provide for the Appointment of Alternate
Members

Mayor Liptak called for a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-05.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-05.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

There being no comments, Mayor Liptak called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-05.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-05.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2015-06 - Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements by the Borough of Raritan, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$842,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$800,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-06.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2015-07 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan,
County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Vacating a Portion of a
Roadway Known as "Granetz Place"

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman
Gara, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-07.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2015-08 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan,
County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Deleting, Amending and
Supplementing Chapter 57, Recreation Committee, of the Code of
the Borough of Raritan

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman
Gara, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-08.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Mayor Liptak stated that the ordinances 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, June 23, 2015 at 7:00p.m. or at any time and place
to which the meeting for the further consideration of the
ordinance shall be adjourned.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2015-05-62 - A Resolution of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Somerset Concerning the Credentialing of First Responders

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-62.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-05-63 - Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Raritan Home Improvement Program

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-63.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-05-64 - Chapter 159 - Bell Avenue

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-64.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-05-65 - A Resolution of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Participation in New Jersey's Clean Energy Program "Direct Install" and Authorizing the Execution of a Project Agreement with Donnelly Energy

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Council President Lobell requested that this Resolution be tabled pending additional information and more details.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to table Resolution No. 2015-05-65.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-05-66 - A Resolution of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Extending Affordable Housing (COAH) Restrictions on Cardinal Woods Development

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-66.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-05-67 - Taxicab Vehicle/Taxicab Driver License

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-67.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-05-68 - Railroad Monthly Parking Refund

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-68.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-05-69 - Resolution Authorizing a Refund on the Overpayment of Taxes - Block 70 Lot 4

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05-69.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LIST

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

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to approve the Bills List for the period April 27, 2015 through May 23, 2015 in the amount of \$1,794,172.92.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

1. Police Department - Annual renewal of Power DMS subscription service - Power DMS in the amount of \$3,009.00.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve the above listed purchase order.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

2. Police Department - Annual Nixle subscription - Everbridge in the amount of \$1,595.00.

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

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

3. Fire Department - Inspection, cleaning and repair of fire uniforms - Minerva Cleaners in the amount of \$2,979.45

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

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Council President Lobell reported that he missed the last Economic Development Meeting; however, he can report that the Sunflower Project is on-going and a flyer will be placed in the kiosk. Mr. Lobell also reported that last month was the largest bulk pick up in the history of the Public Works Department and he commended the Department on their efforts. Public Works is also working on the pools and sewage drains.

Councilwoman Carra reported that the Board of Health is continuing with their work on the establishment of ordinances and fees and delivered the Fire Department report.

Councilwoman Gara delivered the Police Department monthly report and reported that the Senior Citizens group will be doing a quarterly pick up of prescription and over the counter medicines. The next drop off will be at the Senior Citizens' September meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

Councilman Giraldi reported that the Cultural and Historic Committee will be holding their Historic Walking Tour this Saturday at 10:00a.m. and 1:00p.m.

Councilman Foohy stated that he did not have anything to report on the Environmental Commission. Electronics recycling would be held on Saturday June 6th and the U.S. News reported that the Bridgewater/Raritan School District ranked 36th in the State.

Councilman Sibilia stated that he did not have anything to report with regard to litigation and that he missed the last Regional Center Partnership meeting.

Mayor Liptak stated that she attended a wonderful Memorial Day service yesterday. The Mayor also reported on Raritan students, Caleb Mason who won a scholarship from Johnson & Johnson for a summer internship in Uruguay and Akilah Bishop who contacted her to work on revamping the dog park as part of a Gold Girl Scout project.

Mayor Liptak also reported that last Thursday four classes from John F. Kennedy School visited with the Borough for a tour and question and answer session; the Mayor mentioned some of her favorite questions. The Mayor also mentioned that on June 21st a shredding event will be held at Washington School.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Advertise for Summer Help (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel reported that the person thought to be taking the summer help position may not be after all; so Mr. Jaxel would like to advertise for the position. Council was in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Liptak announced that she would like to form an Ad Hoc Committee to establish rules to govern the taping of Council Meetings. The Mayor appointed Council President Lobell, Councilman Foohy and Councilwoman Carra to the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, it was moved to return to Executive Session to discuss items listed on Resolution No. 2015-05-61.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Council convened in Executive Session at 8:09p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:15p.m.

Upon reconvening in open session the following motion was made:

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to add Resolution No. 2015-05-70 to the Agenda - Appointing Sergeant David Molina to the position of Lieutenant at the current contract salary, Appointing Patrol Officer David Delesky to the position of Sergeant at the current contract salary, both position to become effective October 1, 2015, and authorizing the hiring of a patrol officer.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Sibilialia
NAY: Lobell
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-1-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Marguerite Schmitt, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____