

The Regular Meeting of the Raritan Borough Council was called to order by Council President Lobell 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.

Council President Lobell 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,  
Councilwoman Gara, Councilman Giraldi, Council  
President Lobell, Councilman Sibilialia

Absent: Mayor Liptak

Also Present: Borough Attorney Wenner, Borough Administrator  
Jaxel, Borough Engineer Schrek (arrived at  
7:00p.m.), Police Lt. Nolte (arrived at  
7:00p.m.), Borough Clerk Schmitt

**INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Councilman Foohey led the invocation and flag salute.

Council President Lobell requested a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution No. 2015-09-104 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:  
PBA Employment Contract

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia,  
it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-09-104.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Councilman Giraldi was not present during roll call. Council convened in Executive Session at 6:34p.m. Councilman Giraldi rejoined the meeting.

On motion by Councilman Sibiliala, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to come out of Executive Session.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**WORK SESSION**

1. Sewerage Authority Representative - Interceptor Project (DJ)  
Ronald Anastasio, P.E. from the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority and James Cosgrove, P.E. of Kleinfelder gave a presentation on the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority - Sanitary Sewer Overflow Project Update. Mr. Cosgrove reviewed the SRVSA system overview, the SSO Problem, the SRVSA study findings and the proposed solutions. A brief question and answer session followed.

2. Engineer's Report (SS)

Borough Engineer Schrek delivered the following verbal report:

Mr. Schrek updated Council on the electrical problems at the Raritan Borough Library. He stated that the system is extremely old and recommended a redesign of the system along with replacement of the panels. Mr. Schrek stated that the proposed fee for electrical design specifications would be approximately \$5,000.00 along with the fee to replace the sub-panel at approximately \$25,000.00. Discussion ensued on the possible unsafe situation and work recently completed on the building. Council was in agreement to proceed with the design phase of the project.

Mr. Schrek reported that the Victoria and Southwick Street Sidewalk project is completed and as requested the minutes of the Green Acres Scoping Hearing were submitted to the appropriate party.

3. Quarterly Borough Electronics Recycling (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel brought Council up to date on the future changes for Somerset County's Electronic Waste Program. Mr. Jaxel informed Council that this new procedure may bring

changes to the Borough's quarterly pick-up and recycling credits. Mr. Jaxel stated that he would look into some options.

4. POD Storage Units (ML)

Mayor Liptak was not in attendance therefore, Borough Engineer Schrek provided an update on this item. Mr. Schrek stated that there was an incident with a POD storage unit blocking the roadway during road construction which caused a two day delay with the construction. Mr. Schrek mentioned that if there was an Ordinance governing POD storage units this issue may not have occurred. Borough Attorney Wenner inquired if this was an epidemic or an isolated incident. Borough Administrator Jaxel stated that Lou Gara, Borough Construction Official, informed him that these units are usually not a problem.

5. Recycling Project - Expired Dog and Cat Tags (MS)

Borough Clerk Schmitt informed Council that she has been approached by a student who would like to carry out a recycling project to raise funds for the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter. Ms. Schmitt stated that this would entail placing a small jug in the Municipal Building for residents to deposit their expired dog and cat tags. In turn, the student will collect the tags, take them to the recycling center and any funds received would be donated to the Somerset Regional Animal Shelter. A brief discussion ensued on the Borough's policy, after which the Council agreed that they approved of the project.

6. Lining of First Growth Plaza (GL)

This item was discussed in Executive Session.

7. Special Event Permit - Nik's Raritan Pub (PG)

Councilman Giraldi gave a brief explanation of the request from Nik's Raritan Pub to set up tables outside their establishment during the Basilone Parade on September 20<sup>th</sup> to serve food and non-alcoholic beverages during the parade.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to grant Nik's Raritan Pub a Special One Day Event Permit during the Basilone Parade.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

**ORDINANCES - SECOND READING**

Ordinance No. 2015-09 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Adding Chapter 260, Precious Metals, Gems, and Secondhand Goods, to the Code of the Borough of Raritan

No action was taken on this ordinance; it will remain tabled until the meeting of October 13, 2015.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 2015-09-105 - Authorizing 2015 Community Development Grant Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation on Old York Road, Orlando Drive, Canal Street

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-09-105.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-09-106 - Renewal of 2015-2016 Liquor License - 65 Assunta LLC, Loyal Order of Moose Raritan Lodge 1965

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-09-106.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS**

1. Fire Department - Purchase of Software FH Web Hosting - Firehouse Software in the amount of \$1,899.00.
2. Fire Department - Fire Fighter Equipment - NJ Fire Equipment Company in the amount of \$2,301.82.

3. Fire Department - Fire Fighter Equipment - Continental Fire and Safety Inc. in the amount of \$4,775.50.
4. Fire Department - Fire Fighter Equipment - Emergency Equipment Sales in the amount of \$2,750.05.

Council President Lobell read the above Purchase Orders and requested a motion for approval.

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

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Councilman Giraldi requested that a member of the Fire Department attend the next Council Meeting and update Council on the purchase of the proposed new fire truck.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Councilman Sibilialia thanked Borough Administrator Jaxel and his staff for attaining a Standard and Poor's Bond credit rating of AA+.

Borough Engineer Schrek stated that at the next meeting he would like to discuss the Department of Transportation Grant.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

September 8, 2015  
Agenda-Workshop Meeting

Respectively Submitted,

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Marguerite Schmitt, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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