

October 27, 2015
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,
Councilwoman Gara, Councilman Giraldi, Council
President Lobell, Councilman Sibilialia

Absent: XXX

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

FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION

Council President Lobell led the invocation and flag salute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2015-10-113 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:
Personnel

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-10-113.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

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

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

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Council came out of Executive Session at 6:39p.m. and resumed in Regular Session at 7:00p.m.

Mayor Liptak stated that the personnel items discussed in Executive Session involved an employee who has been summoned to make several court appearances and also the retention of a summer help to cover the medical leave of a full-time employee.

PROCLAMATION

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Liptak read into record a Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month attached hereto.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Tozzi of 38 Glaser Avenue, Raritan, New Jersey inquired about the status of the Borough calendar. Mr. Tozzi stated that during his tenure on Council donations were received from local businesses to support the printing of the calendar and these funds have yet to be used. Mr. Tozzi stated that if the current Council is unable to complete the calendar then the Borough should consider hiring someone to do the job. Discussion ensued on the current status of the calendar. Councilman Giraldi stated that factual information will change for 2016 and the Borough should wait until January to produce the calendar with the new information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 22, 2015 - Executive Session

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve the September 22, 2015 - Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

September 22, 2015 - Regular Meeting

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On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to approve the September 22, 2015 - Regular Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

October 13, 2015 - Executive Session

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to approve the October 13, 2015 - Executive Session minutes.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

October 13, 2015 - Agenda-Workshop Meeting

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to approve the October 13, 2015 - Agenda-Workshop Meeting minutes.

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 5-0-1.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-12 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 207, Land Use and Development, Section 61, Subdivisions, of the Code of the Borough of Raritan to Change the Minimum Radius of Turnarounds at the Terminus of Dead End or Cul De Sac Streets From 50 Feet to 45 Feet

Mayor Liptak called for a motion to remove Ordinance No. 2015-12 from the table.

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On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to remove Ordinance No. 2015-12 from the table.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Mayor Liptak called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-12.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, 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 Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to close the Public Hearing.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President, it was moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-12.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2015-10-114 - Renewal of 2015-2016 Liquor License for Ye Old York Inn Inc.

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10-114.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-10-115 - Renewal of 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 Liquor Licenses for Old Triangle Ventures LLC

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10-115.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-10-116 - Railroad Monthly Parking Refund

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10-116.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, 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 of September 21, 2015 through October 23, 2015 in the amount of \$4,378,959.30.

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Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

Recreation Department - New signs on backstops of four ballfields - Fast Signs in the amount of \$1,685.16.

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

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

Administration - 2016 Computer Software for Finance and Tax Collection - Edmund & Assoc. in the amount of \$6,713.00

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

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Council President Lobell reported that the Recreation Department will hold the Halloween Parade and festivities on Saturday, October 31st at 5:30p.m. and also, Santa will be coming to Raritan on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00p.m. Mr. Lobell delivered the Public Work's monthly report and noted that the Economic Development Committee is planning to hold a luncheon on Wednesday, December 9th at Nik's Raritan Pub and they would like to invite the former and future Mayor to join them for lunch to garner new interest in the Economic Development Committee.

Councilwoman Carra delivered the Board of Health fees report and also mentioned that the Rehab at River's Edge held its first annual Emergency Personnel Appreciation Day Barbeque; food was

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provided by Tony's Traveling Trattoria and a local disc jockey provided entertainment. Ms. Carra congratulated Donald Tozzi on being honored by the Steeple Chase Cancer Center for his charity fundraising efforts and also congratulated Bridgewater-Raritan Football Coach Scott Bray who was selected as Coach of the Week by the New York Jets.

Councilwoman Gara delivered the Police Department monthly report.

Councilman Giraldi announced that the Historic and Cultural Committee has booked a portrayer of Thomas Jefferson for November 5th at the Raritan Public Library and the Basilone Meeting is tomorrow.

Councilman Foohey stated that the Environmental Commission met last week and reviewed two planning board applications. They recommended that if trees are removed that they are replaced with new trees. Mr. Foohey also congratulated Coach Scott Bray on being awarded the NY Jets Coach of the Week and announced that the Bridgewater-Raritan School Superintendent will resign effective January 3rd; a search for a new superintendent will begin next month. In addition, Bridgewater-Raritan High School will host its annual college fair tomorrow night and the Friends of the Library will be holding its annual book fair on November 13th & 14th.

Mayor Liptak offered condolences to the family of Gabe Frangione, a former Grand Marshal of the Basilone Parade, who passed away at the age of 92.

The Mayor also reminded everyone to turn their clocks back on Saturday night for daylight savings time. In addition, the Mayor reviewed three letters, the first one from the United Methodist Church inviting the governing body to a luncheon on November 7th at noon; the second from the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office who is hosting a community meeting at the Raritan Valley College on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00p.m.; lastly, an anonymous letter regarding bees and bee-keepers citing a stance from the NJ League of Municipalities regarding regulations. Mayor Liptak stated the Borough of Raritan does not have any ordinances or regulations regarding bees or the keeping of them.

Mayor Liptak also announced that the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Roll of Thunder Inc. will be dedicating a POW/MIA chair of honor in remembrance of the sacrifices of our nation's military on November at 3:00p.m. at the Somerset County

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Administration Building. Mayor Liptak also noted that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Lastly, this past Sunday afternoon the Raritan Public Library Children's Room was dedicated to Rose Pacifico along with a wonderful tribute to her.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Lobell inquired if the Borough has heard back from PSE&G regarding the light. Borough Administrator Jaxel stated that he has not.

Councilwoman Gara inquired if the speed sign on Woodmere Street is working and it was noted that yes it is working.

Borough Engineer Schrek informed Mayor and Council that bids were received on the Fire House Generator Project. Mr. Schrek stated that since the project was bid twice and returned above budget, negotiations were permissible with the lowest bidder. Mr. Schrek was able to negotiate a reduced price and a requested that a Resolution of approval be added to the next meeting.

Councilwoman Carra inquired about some crumbled curbing on 5th Street. Borough Engineer Schrek stated that available funds only permitted replacement so far under the 5th Street Sidewalk project.

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of Presentation at the Library (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel requested that Council approve the release of payment for the Thomas Jefferson Presentation at the Raritan Public Library. Council agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Recorded Vote: All Ayes

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

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Respectively Submitted,

Marguerite Schmitt, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____