

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

Mayor McMullin announced that the meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices of the meeting were sent to *The Courier News* and *The Star Ledger* on January 28, 2016. In addition, notices also were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Raritan Borough website and made available in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Bray, Council President Carra,
Councilman Foohey, Councilman Giraldi, Councilman
Sibilia
Absent: Councilwoman Danyluk
Also Present: Mayor McMullin, Borough Attorney Wenner,
Borough Administrator Jaxel, Borough Engineer
Schrek and Borough Clerk Colvin

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Council President Carra led the Invocation and Flag Salute, calling for a moment of silence for the victims of the recent mass shooting in Orlando. The Council President referred to the incident as an attack on the people of Orlando and the nation as a whole.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2016-06-101 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:
Personnel and Contract Negotiations

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-06-101.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilia
Nay: xxx
Abstain: xxx

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

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

Recorded Vote:
All in Favor

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. and resumed in Regular Session at 7:23 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McMullin opened the meeting to members of the public for comment. Seeing no hands, the Mayor closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 24, 2016 - Executive Session

*pulled to be reconsidered at a later date

May 24, 2016 - Regular Meeting

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to approve the Minutes of the May 24, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Bray, Foohey,

Nay: xxx

Abstain: Giraldi, Sibilialia

Motion Carried, 3-0.

May 31, 2016 - Special Meeting

*amended to correct Councilman Foohey having stated a "specific plan" during said meeting, not a "tax specific plan"

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to approve the Minutes of the May 31, 2016 - Special Meeting

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: xxx

Abstain: xxx

Motion Carried, 5-0.

WORK SESSION

1. Police - 2003 Chevrolet Impala (DJ)

Borough Administrator Daniel Jaxel informed council that he and Police Chief McCormick are now prepared to sell the vehicle at County Auction, this was approved previously. Approval was given.

2. Annual St. Ann's Festa (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel asked council to approve the closing of the road and collection of refuse for the Festa, which, he said, has been done in previous years. Approval was given.

3. Capital Budget Considerations (DJ)

Mayor McMullin said he would like the capital budget to be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

Mayor McMullin then called upon Borough Attorney Wenner, who requested authorization to amend the New Jersey Dynasty licensing agreement to include items discussed in Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilman Sibiliala, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to authorize Borough Attorney Wenner to amend the agreement with New Jersey Dynasty.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibiliala

Nay: xxx

Abstain: xxx

Motion Carried, 5-0.

4. Engineer's Report

Borough Engineer Schrek delivered the following report:

Raritan Library Addition

Awaiting permits. Application and required documents have been submitted.

Bell Avenue Improvements (2015 NJDOT Local Aid Grant)

The project design is 80 percent complete. Scope includes curb/sidewalk repairs, ADA ramping at crosswalks, drainage improvements, base repairs and surface mill/overlay. This project is substantially funded through the 2015 NJDOT Transportation Trust Fund.

Sherman Avenue Improvements (2016 NJDOT Local Aid Grant)

Field survey work has started and will be completed during the week of June 13, 2016. We intend to combine both the 2015 and 2016 Local Aid projects under a single bid thereby achieving an economy of scale.

Sanitary Manhole Restoration (2015 CDBG)

This project has been completed. Very pleased with the work provide by the contractor, PIM.

Sanitary Manhole Restoration (2016 CDBG)

Mayor McMullin and Engineer Schrek presented application to the CDBG committee on May 11, 2016. The Borough has been awarded \$63,295.00 for this project.

Redevelopment Area Study - LaGrange Street

The Planning Board has appointed this office to proceed with the needs analysis for Block 93, Lots 1 & 2. We will be completing our field investigation and have a report available in early July.

Raritan Real Estate - Tim Horton's

Site work has been satisfactorily completed - Tim Horton's. It is recommended that the performance guarantee, in the amount of \$172,602.72, be released.

DPW Assessment Report

The report has been completed and distributed to all Council Members.

Mayor McMullin questioned the status of the Firehouse improvements. Engineer Schrek said he and Administrator Jaxel are working on it.

Councilman Sibilgia asked Engineer Schrek whether the County road work on First Avenue will include curbing. Engineer Schrek said the County indicated curbing will be included.

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2016-08 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Appropriating and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$8,080.00 to be Financed through the Use of Capital Surplus.

Mayor McMullin explained the Somerset County Emergency System changed bands and the Fire Department made this request for Emergency Radios in order to maintain communication with the County during emergencies.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2016-08.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: xxx

Abstain: xxx

Motion Carried, 5-0.

Mayor McMullin announced Ordinance No. 2016-08, listed above for first reading, will be considered for final passage after a public hearing at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey, on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7 p.m., at which time and place any person desiring to be so heard upon the same will be given the opportunity to be so heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2016-06-102 - Authorizing Property Tax
Overpayment Refunds

Resolution No. 2016-06-103 - Authorizing License Agreement with
New Jersey Dynasty Softball Events

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, Council moved to approve all Resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried, 5-0.

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

Administrator Jaxel informed Mayor and Council there would be no Purchase Order Requests for consideration this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tablets Update (JF)

Councilman Foohey informed the Mayor and fellow Council Members he picked up the tablets. He said Verizon will also be installing wifi - at no cost - for the courtroom. Councilman Foohey said the total cost for the six tablets, cases and a two-year warranty was \$1,409.00.

The councilman expressed concern over the stagnant nature of the canal and how that could increase mosquitos this summer.

Mayor McMullin asked Engineer Schrek to follow up with the mosquito commission.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Sibiliala said school ends next Thursday and asked everyone to be careful because there will be more kids around during the days. Also, the Bridgewater Lacrosse Team won the State Championship. The councilman said the team credited a stellar feeder program for much of the success.

Councilman Foohey reported the Friends of the Library are having a book sale this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and they will have more than 600 books available. The group is accepting DVDs and CDs, if anyone would like to donate. Councilman Foohey requested Council dispose of the old box TV currently in the storage room in the courtroom. There were no objections.

Council President Carra announced the Department of Public Works collected 29.75 tons of bulk in the month of June. The court collected \$17,659.00 in May and of that amount, \$8,887.97 will go to the Borough.

Mayor McMullin commented on the amount of bulk placed at the curb this month. The Mayor said he wants bulk collection to continue, but also would like for the Governing Body to come up with a reasonable limit - taking into consideration how other municipalities handle the collection.

Councilman Bray announced June is National Safety Month. A discussion was held earlier in the month on mosquito and tick prevention and the County has helpful information on its website. Under Recreation, the councilman said one pool will open Saturday, June 25 with a Summer Kickoff Celebration and the other will open Monday, June 27 for the season.

Councilman Giraldi said he enjoyed attending a Basilone event at the park on Sunday, June 12.

Mayor McMullin said he received an email from the Library - they will have a groundbreaking on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The Mayor updated senior citizens this month and said he met with the County and is still working on the financial plan regarding the Emergency Services and Recreation at the Washington School. Flag Day was sponsored by the Somerville Elks this past Sunday. The mayor said they went through all the flags from the beginning to present. Also, he said he was at the Temple on Somerset Street this past weekend and met with the congregation - they have done a good job improving their facility. A committee consisting of Council President Carra, Councilman Bray, Planning Board Chairman Rick Miller and Planning Board Member Thomas hopes to review progress with council in a few months. The plans for Emergency Services and Recreation are due this month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marie Vail said she spoke with the workers doing the gas pipes on First Avenue. She said the workers are friendly, keeping the area clean and told her they believe the project will be complete in about four weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Recorded Vote: All in Favor

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Eric M. Colvin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____