

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Council was called to order by Mayor McMullin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Raritan 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 Borough website and made available in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Giraldi led the Invocation and Flag Salute, calling for a moment of silence for the Police Officers who were killed and wounded by a gunman in Dallas last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2016-07-109 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:
Personnel, Litigation and Attorney Client Privilege.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to Approve Resolution No. 2016-07-109.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia
Nay: x
Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 4-0

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

On a motion by Councilman Foohey, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, Council moved to Leave Executive Session.

Recorded Vote: All in Favor

Motion Carried, 4-0

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. and resumed in Regular Session at 7:19 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McMullin opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Eiko Ko and Arthur Schneider, 805 Elizabeth Avenue: Mr. Schneider and Ms. Ko reported dog owners who utilize Elizabeth Avenue Park, also Elizabeth Street itself, are not cleaning up after their dogs. Their property is being damaged by the animal feces.

Administrator Jaxel said he would get in touch with the Health Department to work to come up with a solution for the residents.

Resolution No. 2016-07-110 - Filling Vacant Council Seat

On motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, Council moved to Fill the Vacant Council Seat by Appointing Robert McGinley.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohey, Giralardi, Sibilialia
Nay: x
Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 4-0

Mayor McMullin then swore Councilman McGinley into office and the new Councilman assumed his position on the dais.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 28, 2016 - Executive Session
June 28, 2016 - Regular Meeting

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Giralardi, Council moved to Approve the Minutes of May 24, 2016 - Regular Meeting.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohey, Giralardi, Sibilialia
Nay: x
Abstain: McGinley

Motion Carried, 4-0

May 24, 2016 - Executive Session

On a motion by Councilman Foohy, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve the Minutes of May 24, 2016 - Executive Session.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohy, Giraldi, Sibilgia

Nay: x

Abstain: McGinley

Motion Carried, 4-0

WORK SESSION

1. Engineer's Report

Borough Engineer Schrek delivered the following report:

A. Raritan Library Addition

Work is proceeding.

B. Bell Avenue Improvements (2015 NJDOT Local Aid Grant)

The project design is 95 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.

C. Sherman Avenue Improvements (2016 NJDOT Local Aid Grant)

Field survey has been complete and design work has commenced. It is our intent to combine both the 2015 and 2016 Local Aid projects under a single bid thereby achieving an economy of scale.

D. Redevelopment Area Study - LaGrange Street

The Planning Board has appointed this office to proceed with the needs analysis for Block 93 Lots 1&2.

Our field investigation has been completed and we are finalizing the report.

E. Manville Shared Services Initiative

In speaking with the DPW Director in Manville, it became apparent that there is potential to trade labor between our DPW and Manville's to enable certain projects within the current skillset of each department. Specifically, Manville has the ability to repair catch basins. They can assist with our immediate need whereby we can trade labor back to assist in their tremendous need for lawn maintenance in the

area of the Blue Acres buyouts. If Council approves, we can proceed to formalize arrangements and develop the necessary agreement.

Administrator Jaxel mentioned a payment due to Envirocon Technologies, Inc. Engineer Schrek stated the payment would be the second of three due to the company for a generator.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, Council moved to Approve Payment in the Amount of \$37,106.03.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: McGinley

Motion Carried, 4-0

Mayor McMullin said the Borough received a letter from the State Department of Community Affairs regarding the redevelopment of Block 81. The DCA said they had no further action, which means the endeavor was approved.

2. Somerset County Business Partnership (DJ)

Borough Administrator Daniel Jaxel asked the Governing Body whether they desired to pay annual dues to join the Partnership. This is something the Borough has always done.

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, Council moved to approve Payment in the amount of \$875.00.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: McGinley

Motion Carried, 4-0

3. 2016 Capital Budget

There was a discussion between Administrator Jaxel, Police Chief McCormick, Engineer Schrek and the Governing Body regarding the 2016 Capital Budget. The Governing Body decided to reduce the Capital Budget to \$625,200.00 from \$879,100.00. This was done by eliminating two requests from the Department of Public Works and one item requested by the Recreation Department.

On a motion by Councilman Sibiliala, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to approve the 2016 Capital Budget.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibiliala
Nay: x
Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

4. Council Meetings in July and August

Mayor McMullin said there are significant issues and projects that are ongoing and warrant two meetings in each of the remaining summer months. No member of the Governing Body objected to maintaining two meetings per month.

5. DeCicco Drive and Route 202 Trees

Administrator Jaxel suggested awarding the contracts jointly. Mayor and Council agreed.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibiliala, Council moved to Authorize Tree Removals by Wayne's Tree Service in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibiliala
Nay: x
Abstain: x

Motion Carried, 5-0

6. Property Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee

Mayor McMullin said the Borough's approach to Property Maintenance is being examined. The Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of Council President Carra as the Chairperson and Councilman McGinley as a member, along with residents and/or landlords - Adele Goetsch, Olga Metaxas, Joseph Sferra and Debbie Thomas.

7. Animal Control Services

Administrator Jaxel informed Mayor and Council that the existing Animal Control Services contract expires at the end of 2016. He is working with Attorney Wenner and CFO Kneafsey to put together the bid package. He believes at least two local people are interested and he anticipates the Borough

will go out to bid within the next few months for a new, two-year contract.

8. Gaston Avenue Creek (AS)

Councilman Sibilialia said there is debris in the creek and local residents have been responsible for years to clean the creek - that is now becoming a hardship for the residents. The Councilman said, at times, the county would also have inmates on work detail clean the creek. Engineer Schrek said he is familiar with the issues involving the debris in the creek.

Councilman Sibilialia called upon a group of Gaston Avenue residents: Florence Musa, 20 Gaston Ave.; Sookie Somandino, 24 Gaston Ave.; Kenneth Frank, 50 Gaston Ave. and Judy Weiss, also 50 Gaston Ave. The residents spoke of the difficulties they experience keeping the creek clean, as well as concern they have for the safety of those in and around the creek.

Engineer Schrek informed the residents that he would visit the location on Thursday morning. Mayor McMullin said he would like an update at the next Regular Meeting on July 26, 2016.

ORDINANCE - SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2016-09 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, to Fix and Determine the Salaries, Wages or Compensation to be Paid to Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Raritan

Mayor McMullin opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2016-09. Seeing no hands, Mayor McMullin closed the Public Hearing.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Foohey, Council moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-09.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia
Nay: x
Abstain: McGinley

Motion Carried, 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2016-07-111 Authorizing Refund of Redemption
Monies to Outside Lien Holder -
Block 107 Lot 13

<u>Resolution No. 2016-07-112</u>	Rescinding Approval of Certain Liquor License Renewals, Special Ruling Required
<u>Resolution No. 2016-07-113</u>	Authorizing Issuance of Taxi License
<u>Resolution No. 2016-07-114</u>	Authorizing Refund of Railroad Parking Fees - Unused Months
<u>Resolution No. 2016-07-115</u>	Authorizing Expenditure of \$58,990.00 for Professional Architectural Services - Phase III Rehabilitation/Restoration - 16 Anderson Street Firehouse
<u>Resolution No. 2016-07-116</u>	Providing for 2016 Salaries and Wages
<u>Resolution No. 2016-07-117</u>	Authorizing Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder - Block 106 Lot 9

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, Sibilialia
Nay: x
Abstain: McGinley

Motion Carried, 4-0

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

None

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Sibilialia said he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Foohey informed Mayor and Council that he plans to test an unused tower computer in Borough Hall to see whether it is functioning. If so, the Councilman will incorporate the computer into the technology in the Meeting Room.

Councilman Bray said pool attendance has been very good so far this season. The Councilman will continue to look into the costs

related to spray parks and has had discussions with people about the spray park in Somerville. Lastly, the Councilman said the Municipal Court collected \$18,856.00 in June and the Borough will keep \$8,345.30 of that total.

Councilman Giraldi said he attended the Basilone Committee meeting recently. The Councilman said the meeting was routine and plans are being made to have a big band play on the Saturday night this year.

Mayor McMullin reported the Bridgewater-Raritan School District has a new Superintendent of Schools. The Mayor said he will meet with the new Superintendent very soon and give him a tour of the Municipal Building and the Borough overall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibilgia, Council moved to Adjourn the Meeting.

Recorded Vote: All in Favor

Motion Carried, 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Eric M. Colvin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____