

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Raritan was called to order by Council President Carra at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869.

Council President Carra announced that the meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices were sent to *The Courier News* and *The Star Ledger* on January 28, 2016. 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. Notice on the bulletin board has remained continuously posted.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Council President Carra led the Invocation and Flag Salute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Carra opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Debbie Thomas, 36 Canal Street: Mrs. Thomas informed Council that a vehicle has been parking in the overflow area between Canal Street and Orlando Drive at night. She believes the recurring incident is a rendezvous between a man and a woman. Mrs. Thomas said she and her neighbor have confronted the driver, who, she said, leaves garbage behind, including alcoholic beverage containers. She said there is also public urination occurring. Mrs. Thomas said she would like to see an increased police presence in the area.

Police Chief McCormick asked Mrs. Thomas to call the police when the incident occurs so his officers can respond in real time.

Seeing no additional hands, Council President Carra closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 9, 2016 - Executive Session

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 9, 2016.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

August 9, 2016 - Regular Session

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve the Regular Session Minutes of August 9, 2016.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

August 18, 2016 - Special Meeting

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Foohey, Council moved to Approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2016.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

WORK SESSION

1. Authorize Flags on Somerset Street

Administrator Jaxel told Mayor and Council that Jim Fidacaro, Historical and Cultural Chairman, is expecting the Raritan War Hero Banners to arrive around September 6 and he would like to see them on display by September 12.

Councilman Foohey suggested leaving the banners up through Veteran's Day. All members agreed.

2. Emergency Management (DJ)

The Emergency Management Coordinator is stepping down at the end of the year. Administrator Jaxel said he has spoken with Police

Chief McCormick and Fire Chief Kredatus about replacement possibilities. No one has volunteered. The Borough needs someone, a stipend could be attached.

3. PBA Discussion Update (DJ)

Administrator Jaxel said negotiations have not yet begun. He has spoken with the PBA president about beginning the process. Administrator Jaxel said he would need to coordinate with Councilman Giraldi and Councilman McGinley, the police liaisons, on when to set up a meeting. Late afternoons would be best.

4. Borough Calendars (JF)

Councilman Foohey said he would like to order Borough calendars for the 2017 calendar year. The Councilman said he is considering increasing the number of sponsors in an effort to keep the calendars free for residents. He said resident Bruce Doorly and three photographers have offered to volunteer to create the calendars. The Councilman said Stop&Shop may be a sponsor this year.

The Councilman said he will count the number of calendars leftover from last year to better determine the number he should order this year.

Council President Carra said this topic should be continued when the full Governing Body is present at the next meeting.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2016-10 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, providing for various capital improvements and related expenses in and for the Borough of Raritan and Appropriating \$625,200.00 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$593,940.00 in bonds or notes of the Borough of Raritan to finance the same

Council President Carra opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2016-10. Seeing no hands, the Council President closed the Public Hearing.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-10.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Resolution No. 2016-08-128

On motion by Councilman Foohey, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve the Bill List in the amount of \$356,923.36.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

1. Raritan Fire Prevention - Replace Knox Box for Vehicles - \$1,737.00.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve Purchase Order Request in the amount of \$1,737.00.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Foohey said the Historical and Cultural Committee met last week. The Wall of Heroes addition ceremony for Dennis Crane will happen September 17 at 11:30 a.m.

The Councilman saw the new lights at the Basilone Statue and reported PSE&G did a good job. Also, the Fire Department has a big fundraiser happening, tricky tray at St. Joseph's School on Friday, October 21 at 7 p.m. Includes buffet dinner. Councilman Foohey said they also have a 50/50 happening now and it is a big one for \$10 per ticket. The Councilman said he has already bought two tickets and is anticipating he will buy more. One thousand tickets have been sold. They are expecting to sell 5,000 tickets. Tickets will be available after masses on Saturdays and Sundays at St. Ann's, at Riverfest and possibly on former Mayor Liptak's lawn during the Basilone Parade.

Councilman Foohey asked Engineer Schrek where the soccer nets from Orlando Drive went. Engineer Schrek said he believes the nets went back to the County.

The Councilman then requested permission for a lawn sign to be placed at Borough Hall for the Fire Department fundraiser. Also, the Councilman said he received a phone call about mosquitos at the Canal. He said has started to put together a video to show where the issues with the canal reside.

Councilman Bray reported the Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, August 24.

Councilman Giraldi said the Basilone Parade and Concert are on track.

Council President Carra announced Superintendent of Public Works Daniel LaVerde will retire August 31, 2016. The Borough is currently advertising for a replacement.

The Council President then read a statement from Jim Fidacaro, which addressed the upcoming unveiling of the Dennis Crane tribute on the Wall of Heroes.

Also, Jerry Kovac is retiring from the Environmental Commission, the Shade Tree Commission and the Green Team. Effective immediately. A replacement is needed.

In addition, a light has been requested on Bell Avenue, where the Council President has been told people have tripped near the funeral home.

Engineer Schrek said a member of his firm visited the location with a light meter and he will have a report soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Carra opened the meeting to members of the public wishing to speak.

Former Mayor Anthony Hudak: The former Mayor asked if the fire hydrants are working. He said people are asking him. He said the Borough used to paint the hydrants every four or five years.

Former Councilman Don Tozzi: Said Superintendent of Public Works Daniel LaVerde had County inmates paint the light poles last year. He suggested the Sheriff could have the inmates do the same for the fire hydrants.

Administrator Jaxel said the Borough pays a fee to American Water for the hydrants. He will find out who is responsible for maintenance.

Seeing no additional hands, Council President Carra closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Foohey, Council Moved to Adjourn the Meeting.

Recorded Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Carried: 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Eric M. Colvin
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____