

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 were also 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, Council President Carra,  
Councilman Bray, Councilman Foohey, Councilman Giraldi,  
Councilman McGinley and Councilman Sibilialia  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Borough Administrator Jaxel, Borough Attorney Wenner,  
Borough Engineer Schrek and Borough Clerk Colvin

**INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Councilman McGinley led the Invocation and Flag Salute, asking for Council to be blessed with many gifts to make the right decisions on behalf of the Borough.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution No. 2016-09-139 - Executive Session - Subject Matter: Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Litigation and Attorney Client Privilege.

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2016-09-139.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, Carra, Giraldi, Foohey, McGinley and Sibilialia  
Nay: x  
Abstain: x  
Motion Carried: 6-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Reconvene in Regular Session.

Recorded Vote

All in Favor

Motion Carried: 6-0

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. and resumed in Regular Session at 7:22 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor McMullin opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting for members of the public wishing to speak.

Don Tozzi, 38 GLASER AVE: Mr. Tozzi, with the Basilone Foundation, thanked Mayor and Council for their support of Riverfest this year. The Police Department also. Mr. Tozzi also thanked Attorney Wenner, as well as Engineer Schrek, and his company, for their financial support. Both were presented with plaques showing appreciation.

Seeing no additional hands, the Mayor closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 13, 2016 - Executive Session

September 13, 2016 - Regular Session

On a motion by Councilman McGinley, seconded by Councilman Sibia, Council moved to Approve the Executive and Regular Session Minutes of September 13, 2016.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, McGinley, Giraldi, Sibia

Nay: x

Abstain: Foohey

Motion Carried: 5-0

**WORK SESSION**

1. NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Application  
Engineer Schrek provided Mayor and Council with an update concerning the grant application process.
2. NJ Direct Install Program Update (DJ)  
Administrator Jaxel said the Borough participates for interior lights. The Borough encumbered \$5,075.30 last year and the State continues to delay paying their share. This includes five buildings, Borough Hall, Library, DPW and both Fire Stations.
3. 413 Raritan Avenue Current Status (RW)  
Attorney Wenner said the pest control company baited the property for rodent control. The Borough is moving forward and looking into multiple avenues to correct the situation at the

property. Also, the owner is due back in Court on October 24, 2016.

4. 16 Anderson Street Update (PG)  
Councilman Giraldi said the Borough was able to have the architecture firm reduce the estimated end date for the project by two months - to May 2017 from July 2017.
5. Historic Marker - Library (DJ)  
Administrator Jaxel just wanted to be sure Mayor and Council were aware the markers are being placed in town.
6. Library Policy Manual (CM)  
Mayor McMullin said discussions were had with the Library. The Library closure procedures will follow the Borough procedure, which should make the library open more in the winter for residents.
7. Borough Calendars (JF)  
Councilman Foohey said he is in the process of determining how many calendars are needed for this coming year. He said he would like to see Stop&Shop as a partner this year.
8. Mosquitos / Canal Video (JF)  
Councilman Foohey said he made a video of the canal and posted it on YouTube. The councilman plans to meet with the County Engineer because the canal is a breeding ground for mosquitos. The canal is not moving and the water is stagnant. The Councilman expressed concerns about the Zika virus, particularly next season. The councilman would also like to see mosquito eating minnows added to the water.
9. Status of Recreation Committee (PG)  
Councilman Giraldi said a number of people have resigned from the committee. Councilman Bray said the committee is currently down two members and also the assistant director of recreation resigned. Mayor McMullin said a number of individuals have expressed interest in volunteering for the committee and he anticipates the openings will be filled in a timely fashion.

**ORDINANCES - SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

Ordinance No. 2016-12 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED BRUSH, GRASS, WEEDS AND DEBRIS

Mayor McMullin said the Council is being active on maintenance issues and the newly formed committee with Council President Carra, along with Attorney Wenner has been very diligent. This Ordinance is a result of that hard work.

The Mayor then opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2016-12 for any members of the public wishing to speak. Seeing no hands, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-12.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibilia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

Ordinance No. 2016-13 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$38,000.00 TO BE FINANCED THROUGH THE USE OF CAPITAL SURPLUS

Mayor McMullin said the use of this money is for the demolition of 401 Tillman Street.

The Mayor then opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2016-13 for any members of the public wishing to speak. Seeing no hands, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-13.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibilia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

(Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2016-09-140 through Resolution No. 2016-09-145)

Resolution No. 2016-09-140	Authorizing Addendum to Golf Range Lease
Resolution No. 2016-09-141	Rescinding Resolution 2016-09-XXX
Resolution No. 2016-09-142	Authorizing Release of Performance Bond

Resolution No. 2016-09-143                    Accepting Library Closure Policy  
Resolution No. 2016-09-144                    Awarding Animal Control Services  
Contract Years 2017 and 2018  
Resolution No. 2016-09-145                    Appointing Karin Kneafsey to the  
position of Tax Collector

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

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Resolution No. 2016-09-146

On motion by Councilman McGinley, seconded by Councilman Bray,  
Council moved to Approve the Bill List in the amount of  
\$2,904,197.87.

Mayor McMullin questioned Item 8190, concerning Woodmere Street, and  
Item 8209, regarding Humphrey's service to 413 Raritan Avenue.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST**

1. Fire Department - New Mobile Radio for Command Vehicle and New  
Portable Radios - Motorola Solutions, Inc. - \$12,775.08

On motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Foohey, Council  
moved to Approve Purchase Order Request in the amount of \$12,775.08

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

2. Recreation Department- New Safety Cover for Basilone Pool - D&B  
Pools, Inc. - \$4,593.52

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Approve Purchase Order Request in the amount of \$4,593.52

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Television for Presentations (JF)

Councilman Foohey said he has discussed this with the Planning Board, as well as Engineer Schrek and Lt. Nolte. The councilman said he believes a 60 inch television would be beneficial for all, including Council meetings.

Mayor McMullin mentioned a few other technology needs, as well as a desire to have a comprehensive technology plan rather than incremental steps. Council President Carra also mentioned a desire for an overall technology plan.

Councilman Foohey said the television would serve as a tool, a piece of what can be an overall technology plan. The councilman asked Engineer Schrek and Lt. Nolte (both present) whether they would use the technology. Both said they would. Councilman Giraldi agreed he could see the potential benefit, as did Councilman Sibilialia.

On motion by Councilman Foohey, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve the Purchase of a TV and Stand for \$1,100.00

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley, Sibilialia

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilman Giraldi said the Basilone Parade and Concert last weekend had a nice turnout, especially considering the weather reports of rain and the bomb situations in New York and New Jersey. The councilman said the Raritan Police Department will take part in Operation Take Back New Jersey on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unused and expired medications can be brought.

Councilman Bray reported the Planning Board will meet tomorrow evening in the courtroom. Also, DPW, Police and Fire did a

commendable job at the Basilone Parade and Riverfest. Thanks also to Mr. Tozzi for his efforts.

Council President Carra thanked the Police, Fire and Public Works departments for their help, also Mr. Tozzi. Special thank you to Robert Fulminante for his efforts at 413 Raritan Avenue. The Property Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee is continuing to examine the property maintenance procedures and is working to improve the Borough. The Committee is currently looking into the noise ordinance. Also, the Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services will have volunteers available to rake leaves for seniors. More volunteers are needed. This will take place Saturday, November 19.

Councilman McGinley said does not have anything at the moment. The councilman thanked the Police and Public Works departments for their work to make the parade happen.

Councilman Foohy said the Historical and Cultural Committee has met the goals for the year: the banners on Somerset Street, Veteran Memorial Park project (park near the Basilone Statue, funded by the County), new lights at the Basilone Statue and have the Washington School memorialized after it is demolished, which is anticipated to happen within a year. The councilman said two books are available at the library, written by Historical Committee members. The books are available for sale at the Library for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. The Fire Department has a Tricky Tray and 50/50 coming up at the St. Joseph's School. Information is available at RaritanFire.com.

Councilman Sibilgia said he had nothing to report at the time.

Mayor McMullin said Lt. Nolte made a great decision on Saturday afternoon (prior to the Basilone Parade) after hearing of the events in Seaside, NJ and then worked with Sheriff Provenzano to orchestrate security for the annual event.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Councilman Foohy said he would run the video of the canal on the television station following the meeting. Mayor McMullin said he felt the information is provided in a technical nature and it might not be in the best interests of the Borough to play it on the television station. Councilman Giraldi agreed and other council members also

expressed it would be best not to run the footage without a policy in place.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council Moved to Adjourn the Meeting.

Recorded Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Carried: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Eric M. Colvin  
Borough Clerk

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