

October 11, 2016
Regular Session

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.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Bray led the Invocation and Flag Salute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2016-10-147 - Executive Session - Subject Matter:
Personnel and Attorney Client Privilege.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2016-10-147.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.

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

Recorded Vote

All in Favor
Motion Carried: 5-0

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. and resumed in Regular Session at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor McMullin provided the backstory leading up to the Proclamation, saying the bombing events that occurred in New Jersey and New York the day prior to the Basilone Parade triggered a series of coordinated actions between the Raritan Police Department and the Somerset County Sheriff's Department. The Mayor also thanked the members of the Public Works Department for their efforts, especially the night before, when all trash receptacles had to be removed from Somerset Street.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor McMullin called upon Sheriff Provenzano and members of his Department to approach the dais to be recognized. The Mayor read the Proclamation, which the Sheriff accepted. The Sheriff provided a brief description of the measures he and his men took that afternoon. Pictures were taken.

PRESENTATION

Richard DeLuca and Edward Machala, with the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, addressed Mayor and Council.

Mr. Machala said the Authority is preparing for the 2017 Budget. He said regulations are impacting the Authority, especially air emission regulations because the Authority incinerates many solids as a disposal method. The incinerator is currently being retrofit with emission controls to meet stricter standards. There is a five-year capital plan in place totaling \$44 million. The Authority is working on cost saving measures, including staffing, which has been reduced by three people recently through attrition.

Mr. DeLuca said the changing EPA standards are adversely affecting the Authority financially. The Authority has to pay more each year to keep up with those requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor McMullin opened the meeting to members of the public wishing to speak.

Don Tozzi, 32 Glaser Avenue: Mr. Tozzi said he and Jim Fidacaro, chairman of the Historical and Cultural Committee, are working to add to the John Basilone spirit by adding a tribute to the boat named after him. The Foundation will pay for the memorial. Mayor and Council did not express any objection.

Joan Nelson, 410 Raritan Avenue: Ms. Nelson asked whether 401 Tillman Street is still on track to be demolished. Mayor McMullin said information about the property will be in the engineer's report this evening.

Ms. Nelson then asked what the next step will be to handle the issues at 413 Raritan Avenue. Attorney Wenner said he would address the matter during the Work Session.

Jaime Masler, 711 Rhine Boulevard: Ms. Masler asked the status of the Washington School.

Mayor McMullin said the County believes the building needs to be demolished and the Borough also examined the structure.

Ms. Masler expressed interest in not having the building demolished.

The Mayor said conversations are ongoing and one possible scenario would be to have the police, fire and first aid moved to a new facility at that location. Also, indoor recreation space is needed.

JoAnn Mitchell, 403 & 405 Raritan Avenue: Ms. Mitchell said someone has removed bait stations from properties and she has been using her own bait.

Mayor McMullin said the building at 413 Raritan Avenue was boarded up last week. The Health Department is involved. The Borough is continuing efforts on many fronts.

Victor Laggini Jr., 1025 Tysley Place: Asked what the plan is to safeguard the water in the Borough.

Administrator Jaxel said the water company is responsive. Mayor McMullin said the Borough received water testing results that indicated no issues when the water was running.

Councilman Bray said an expert will be attending the next Board of Health meeting, this week.

Mr. Machala said he would like to add to his presentation, noting the Sewerage Authority has not had a rate increase since 2010.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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On a motion by Councilman McGinley, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to Approve the Executive and Regular Session Minutes of October 11, 2016.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, Carra, Giraldi, McGinley
Nay: x
Abstain: Foohey
Motion Carried: 4-0

WORK SESSION

1. Engineer's Report

Borough Engineer Schrek delivered the following report:

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 on hold due to the Transportation Trust Fund shutdown.

Sherman Avenue Improvements (2016 NJDOT Local Aid Grant)

The project design is 95 percent complete. It is our intend to combine both the 2015 and 2016 Local Aid projects under a single bid thereby achieving an economy of scale. This project is also on hold due to the TTF shutdown.

Manville Shared Services Initiative

DPW is now coordinating with Manville for repair of catch basins.

Minor Flooding Events on 7/25/2016

Quotes have been solicited for repairs to the inter-road drainage system. Quotes are to be submitted by 10/13.

Anderson Street Fire House

Upon field inspection of the Fire House, the Architect discovered what may be structural deficiencies. It is suggested that scope of work be redefined to address stabilization of the building which will include structural repairs to the roof, repointing of the front façade, replacement of the southerly façade with period stucco, re-routing exterior wiring, removing unused HVAC equipment and ductwork, replacing existing roofs with EDPM, replace metal gutters and leaders, remove asbestos insulation in the basement, replacement of second floor ceiling and minor corrective pavement work.

As the second floor is no longer considered for assembly use, a sprinkler system is not required.

The County must concur with the use of grant funds for said purpose. The architects schedule remains unaffected.

2. 413 Raritan Avenue Update (RW)

Attorney Wenner said the property is boarded up. Photographs were taken and the property is suitable to have a habitability hearing. Attorney Wenner presented a Resolution to approve the hearing:

Resolution 2016-10-157 - Authorizing the Issuance of a Habitability Hearing Complaint of 413 Raritan Avenue, Block 35 Lot 2.01

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Approve Resolution 2016-10-157.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

3. Recreation Committee Appointment (CM)

Mayor McMullin said he would like to appoint Shannon Maher to the Recreation Committee in order to fill a vacancy.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Approve the Appointment of Shannon Maher.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2016-14 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 207 ENTITLED "LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN TO ELIMINATE SPLIT-ZONED LOTS AND TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE ZONING MAP

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2016-14.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2016-15 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 207 ENTITLED "LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN AS TO MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL BUILDING HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2016-15.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-148</u>	Approving Liquor License Renewal - Old Triangle Ventures, LLC.
<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-149</u>	Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property via County Online Auction
<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-150</u>	Refunding Deck Permit Application Fee
<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-151</u>	Hiring Full-Time Laborer, Public Works
<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-152</u>	Authorizing NJDOT Alternative Grant
<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-153</u>	Establishing Tax Appeal Notification Plan
<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-154</u>	Asserting No Longevity - Non-Union Employees
<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-155</u>	Re-Affirming Personnel Code
<u>Resolution No. 2016-10-156</u>	Authorizing Agreement - Law Firm to Represent Borough - Affordable Housing

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

Recorded Vote:

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

Motion Carried: 5-0

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

None

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Foohey reported the Fire Department fundraiser will happen next Friday, October 21. There will be a tricky tray and 50/50. Food will be donated from local establishments, \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. This is also Fire Prevention Week.

Councilman McGinley said a new DPW worker will start later this week. Negotiations with the PBA are continuing.

Council President Carra said the summer DPW worker, who is still employed would like his salary raised from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Mayor McMullin suggested the issue be handled at the next meeting.

Councilman Bray read the fees collected for the month. The Board of Health would like to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. Also, the Recreation Department will have the annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest on Monday, October 31. More information will follow. The Councilman recognized the Bridgewater-Raritan Football Team, which is 5-0 this season.

Councilman Giraldi said the last Basilone meeting of the year will be Wednesday, October 26. The Police Department will have Operation Take Back on Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Unused/expired medications will be accepted. Remove personal identifying information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Recorded Vote

All in Favor

Motion Carried: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Eric M. Colvin
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____