

This 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.

The Mayor announced that this meeting was called pursuant to the applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices of this meeting were sent to *The Courier News* and *The Star Ledger* on January 5, 2017. In addition, notices were 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 Sibilgia
Absent: Councilman McGinley
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

Resolution No. 2017-01-24

Executive Session – Subject Matter:
Personnel, Litigation, Contract Negotiations

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2017-01-24.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.

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

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi
Nay: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 5-0

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 2, 2017 – Annual Reorganization Meeting
2. January 10, 2017 – Executive Session
3. January 10, 2017 – Regular Session
4. January 17, 2017 – Special Meeting

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve Minutes Listed Above.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

WORK SESSION

1. Operation Jersey Cares (ZB)

Councilman Bray explained the volunteer organization, Operation Jersey Cares, is dedicated to ensuring all Combat Veterans are getting the support they need. The organization, which operates locally out the space next to the Stop and Shop sends packages to servicemen and women overseas. The Councilman said the group needs a new location and reached out to fellow members of the Governing Body and the people of Raritan to assist.

2. Fire Inspection Fees (DC)

Council President Carra said current Fire Inspection fees were examined to place more emphasis on the property owners who may be in violation and ease attention on those with positive track records. The Council President said the Fire Inspector said the cost per unit could be raised from \$20 to \$50.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2017-01 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 Replace the Recreation Committee with a Team Sports Committee and a Community Programs and Events Committee

Mayor McMullin opened the Public Hearing for any members of the public wishing to be heard on Ordinance No. 2017-01. No members of the Public wished to speak.

The Mayor said he would like the Sports Committee to consist of three people instead of five. Attorney Wenner said such a change would not be a substantial change so the Ordinance could be adopted tonight.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-01.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

Ordinance No. 2017-02 An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 195, Housing Standards, Section 7, Inspections, Certificate of Rental Housing Compliance, of the Code of the Borough of Raritan

Mayor McMullin opened the Public Hearing for any members of the public wishing to be heard on Ordinance No. 2017-02. No members of the Public wished to speak.

On motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Foohey, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-02.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

Ordinance No. 2017-03 An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 167, Fire Prevention, of the Code of the Borough of Raritan Regarding Fees

On motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2017-03.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

Ordinance No. 2017-04 Appropriating and Authorizing the Expenditure of \$150,000.00 to be Financed through the Use of Capital Surplus

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2017-04.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

Mayor McMullin said there was an emergency sewer incident near Richard and Elizabeth. Engineer Schrek said he has examined the sewer break. Work is underway. This is the reason for the expenditure of the funds through capital surplus.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2017-01-25	Appointing of Police Lieutenant
Resolution No. 2017-01-26	Appointing of Police Sergeant
Resolution No. 2017-01-27	Appointing of Public Works Laborer
Resolution No. 2017-01-28	Establishing Lien on Block 35, Lot 2.01 – 413 Raritan Avenue
Resolution No. 2017-01-29	Establishing 2017 Salaries for Mayor and Council
Resolution No. 2017-01-30	Releasing Performance Bond
Resolution No. 2017-01-31	Refunding Escrow
Resolution No. 2017-01-32	Approving Amusement Device Licenses
Resolution No. 2017-01-33	Authoring Planning Board Examination of Block 29
Resolution No. 2017-01-34	Disposition of Equipment by Public Works
Resolution No. 2017-01-37	Authorizing Grant Application Submission & Execution of Grant Agreement with NJDOT – Thompson and Anderson Streets
Resolution No. 2017-01-38	Authorizing Grant Application Submission & Execution of Grant Agreement with NJDOT – Second Avenue, Fifth Street and Farrand Street
Resolution No. 2017-01-39	Appointing Labor Attorney – Dominic DiYanni

Councilman Bray asked to have Resolution 2017-01-29 removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve the Consent Agenda without Resolution 2017-01-29.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

Mayor McMullin asked for a motion regarding Resolution 2017-01-29.

On motion by Councilman Foohey, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve Resolution 2017-01-29.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Foohey

Nay: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Giraldi

Abstain: x

Motion Denied: 4-1

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Resolution No. 2017-01-35

On motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve the Bill List in the amount of \$1,486,522.31 for the period December 19, 2016 through January 20, 2017.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2017-01-36

Establishing Lien on Block 35 Lot 5.01 – 401 Tillman Street

Mayor McMullin explained the purpose of this Resolution is for the Borough to recoup expenses that resulted from the demolition of the above named property.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2017-01-36.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

APPOINTMENTS

1. Filling Vacancy on Library Board of Trustees – Christine Torres

On motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Approve the Appointment Named Above.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

2. Liaison to Team Sports Committee – Councilman McGinley

No vote, Mayoral Appointment without Consent of Council

3. Liaison to Community Programs and Events Committee – Council President Carra

No vote, Mayoral Appointment without Consent of Council

Mayor McMullin said he would like to have a Council Committee formed of Council President Carra and Councilmen Bray and McGinley to establish a budget and staffing for the new committees.

4. Appointments to Team Sports Committee – Ken Roll, Nicole Patente, Kevin Statchi

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve the Appointments Named Above.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

5. Community Programs and Events Committee – Fred Sinagra, George Wells, Rob McGinley, Frank LoCascio, Shannon Maher, Kim Gabota

On motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve the Appointments Named Above.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor McMullin – Said he witnessed the demolition of the structure at 401 Tillman Street. The demolition company did what appeared to be an excellent job. There already have been inquiries about purchasing the vacant land.

Council President Carra – Nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Giraldi – The Environmental Commission has not yet met in 2017. The Basilone Committee will meet tomorrow. Also, the Councilman said he has the police information if anyone would like to view. .

Councilman Bray – The Municipal Land Use Board will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. The Board of Health is hosting a free rabies clinic this Saturday at the North Thompson Street Firehouse.

Councilman Foohey– The Historical Committee met last week. Chairman Jim Fidacaro will meet with Don Esposito regarding funding for an elevator in the Anderson Street Firehouse.

Councilman Giraldi asked, why?

Mayor McMullin said the Committee will take the lead on applying for a grant. Councilman Giraldi said discussions were had to leave the upstairs as storage or another purpose, not a meeting room.

Mayor McMullin said the VFW and Basilone Parade Committee could move out of the train station to a historical area like the firehouse.

Engineer Schrek said the building is currently being stabilized.

Some additional back and forth between the Mayor, Council and Engineer Schrek ensued, much of which was crosstalk.

All parties agreed to proceed with the grant and additional conversations would happen down the road.

Councilman Foohey continued his report, saying he will meet with the new Superintendent of Schools next week. Also, plans to have Borough Calendar out very soon. The Councilman said sponsorships are still available.

Councilman Carra –Nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Recorded Vote

All in Favor

Motion Carried: 5-0

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Eric M. Colvin
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____