

This Regular Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Zachary Bray in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Mayor Bray announced this Regular Meeting was called pursuant to applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate Notice was communicated to *The Courier News*, *The Star Ledger* and *The Breeze* on January 7, 2022, 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 Bray, Council President Carra, Councilman Fritzinger, Councilman Giraldi, Councilwoman Hutzler, Councilman Orozco  
Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Colvin, Borough Assistant Administrator/Assistant CFO Cook-Vitale, Borough Attorney Robertson, Borough Engineer Schrek  
Absent: Councilwoman Melitsky

**INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Councilwoman Hutzler

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution No. 2022-09-129

Entering Executive Session

1. Attorney Client  
Public Buildings, Arnold Avenue, Hidden Pond, BOH, Handicapped Parking, EDC, Alpine Way, Sidewalk

On a motion by Councilman Fritzinger, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Enter Executive Session.

**Recorded Vote**

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Carra, seconded by Councilman Fritzinger, Council moved to Reconvene in Regular Session.

**Recorded Vote**

All in Favor

Motion Carried: 5-0

Council exited Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 7:08 p.m.

**PRESENTATION**

Mayor Bray introduced Harry J. Delgado, Director of NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program who presented the Raritan Police Department with their certificate of accreditation and delivered a preprepared presentation on what earning this prestigious award means for Raritan. Raritan Borough Police Chief Nolte thanked Mr. Delgado, the Raritan Borough Police Department and Mayor and Council for making this a reality, adding that every member of the Police Department worked very hard over the last two years for this achievement.

**CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION**

Mayor Bray invited Assemblyman Erik Peterson to come up and present his ceremonial resolutions. Assemblyman Erik Peterson then presented a joint resolution with State Senate and the General Assembly recognizing India's freedom, democracy and acknowledging the partnership between the Indian community and the USA to Sam, a representative for the Indian community.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Bray presented Anna Marusiak with the below proclamation for her 28 years of service which he read aloud:

**PROCLAMATION  
HONORING ANNA MARUSIAK  
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE BOROUGH OF RARITAN**

**WHEREAS**, Anna Marusiak was born in Newark, NJ; and

**WHEREAS**, after living in Newark until 1988, Anna moved to Bridgewater until 2006 when she moved to Annandale, where she and her husband, Frank, still reside today; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna has three children, Frank, Jessica and David, who have given her five grandchildren, Juliet, Emma, Isabella, Mia and Victor; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna has worked at the Borough of Raritan for almost 28 years, where she started as a Police Dispatcher and then became Administrative Assistant for the Raritan Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, in her time with the Borough of Raritan, Anna's biggest accomplishment was being presented with a silver lifetime PBA card; and

**WHEREAS**, since starting at the Borough of Raritan in 1994, her most memorable experience has been attending the National Night Out events, where she got to meet the residents and spend some fun time together; and

**WHEREAS**, some of Anna’s hobbies include crocheting, visiting casinos, the beach and amusement parks, as well as playing on her bowling league and spending time in the backyard with her husband, Frank; and

**WHEREAS**, in her retirement, Anna is most looking forward to spending more time enjoying life; and

**WHEREAS**, Anna gives credit to her coworker’s support and encouragement in helping her achieve almost 28 years with the Borough of Raritan.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Zachary R. Bray, Mayor of the Borough of Raritan, do hereby honor Anna Marusiak for her dedicated almost 28 years here with the Borough of Raritan, which she will retire from on September 1, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(In accordance with Section 29-1 of the Code of the Borough of Raritan, there shall be a five-minute limit per speaker)*

Mayor Bray opened Public Comment for any member of the Public wishing to be heard.

Adam Armahizer, 41 Victoria Street: Mr. Armahizer stated that someone had mentioned taxes going up around 10% last meeting, and he would like to know if there are any plans or ideas floating around on how we intend to bring those taxes back down. Mayor Bray asked Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin and/or Borough Assistant Administrator/Assistant CFO Cook-Vitale to touch on the breakdown roughly of the numbers between County, Municipality, Library, School, etc. Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin stated that the bulk of the increase was from the school district, adding that the municipal rate did not go up by 10%, and the reason it went up at all was that it hadn’t gone up in nearly a decade, so luckily Council was able to keep it to a very small increase on the municipal side. Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin offered to get specific numbers to Mr. Armahizer if he wanted them, adding that Council did a great job keeping the taxes low, and hopefully next year they can do the same.

Mayor Bray then asked Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin to speak to who the biggest contributors as to increase costs they have incurred over the years without any increase to taxes. Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin stated that some of it was unavoidable this year due to health insurance costs, general inflation that everyone is experiencing, there was debt rolled over for several years from various capital projects that hadn’t been permanently financed and it became due. Mayor Bray stated that we are going to be bringing in revenue from a couple previous projects that we have not formally seen that will help us offset future costs, therefore not having to do that again in the near future.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin voiced that he wouldn’t say “bring the taxes back down”, taxes are stable in Raritan, there is a great tax rate in Raritan and throughout the County, adding that he doesn’t think anyone would ever see taxes go back down to a 2014 rate, which is where the Borough was before this year. Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin said that he doesn’t think anyone could promise going back 8 to 10 years on a tax rate, but could they stay flat, can they go back to having a very small increase, sure, but it would be unreasonable to think that they could go back down to the rate from 10 years ago. Mr. Armahizer agreed with Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin but added

that he only hears conversations about increasing the taxes, but he thinks the conversation should be around decreasing factors. Mr. Armahizer stated that yes, comparatively to Bridgewater, Somerville, and other towns, Raritan is not all that bad, he just wants to point out that the water fountain at Frelinghuysen Park has been out of commission for 15 years, so he is seeing our taxes go up, but he is not really seeing it benefit anything around town so far. Councilman Giraldi voiced that Mr. Armahizer also has to be cognized that he looks at the debt they have been repairing because a lot of this debt has been put off and looking at that is very important.

Neither seeing nor hearing any member of the Public, Mayor Bray closed Public Comment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Splash Park (NC)

Council President Carra stated that he would like to get a motion from the Council to see a location as to where we want to put the splash park, adding that the last few meetings brought on some different opinions, but he wants to make sure it goes forward, since they already made the approval to apply for the grant with the County back in May, he believes they should take action on that tonight. A conversation ensued between all members of Council resulting in three separate motions.

On a motion by Councilman Orozco, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Construct the Splash Park at Frelinghuysen Park.

#### Recorded Vote

Yea: Giraldi, Orozco

Nay: Carra, Fritzingler, Hutzler

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 2-3

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Fritzingler, Council moved to Construct the Splash Park at Basilone Park Pool.

#### Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzingler, Hutzler

Nay: Giraldi, Orozco

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 3-2

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Approve Engineer Investigation into Permits Required for Construction of Splash Park at Basilone Park Pool.

#### Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzingler, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

2. Street Cleaning (PO)

Councilman Orozco stated that they started talking about this last meeting and it was left with the DPW Liaison reaching out to DPW and reporting back, Council President Carra stated on behalf of Councilwoman Melitsky that DPW doesn't have a regular street cleaning schedule.

On a motion by Councilman Orozco, seconded by Councilman Fritzinger, Council moved to Authorize Public Works Superintendent to Design a Consistent Street Cleaning Schedule to be Posted Online and Efficiently to the Public.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Committee Meetings (NC)

Council President Carra stated that there are other meetings taking place at the same time, he believes this has to do with them switching their meetings through the last year and starting next year, he would like to make it a town policy to not have overlapping meetings. A brief conversation ensued between Council Members resulting in agreement that Boards and Committees will not be allowed to meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the months starting in 2023.

2. Italian Bakery (NC)

Council President Carra stated that Guy Catapano from the Italian Bakery approached him to confirm that Council didn't have any issues with the Italian Bakery hosting a car show, adding that the Police Department didn't have any issues. Mr. Catapano stated that he is not a resident of Raritan but he loves Raritan and is here about four to five times a week, adding that if he didn't have an affiliation with this town he wouldn't be doing this event. Mr. Catapano stated that Raritan needs some events that can bring people in and the idea/concept he has in mind is Cars and Cappuccino, adding that he chose the Italian Bakery because gentleman go there with nice cars already and the idea of getting a cup of coffee locally would be great. Mr. Catapano said it would take place on the strip right in front of the bakery and also maybe on Wall Street, depending on how many cars they get, adding that they are hoping to make this a monthly event, excluding certain Holidays and to also collect non-perishable items for the Raritan Food Pantry. Mr. Catapano shared that he is the chair of the Mental Health Board for Somerset County, he is on the Board of Somerset County Treatment Services, and for the past 20 years he has been the facilitator of youth leadership for the County, adding that he believes the more activity you have in Raritan, the more reason for people to come to town could help tremendously. Mayor Bray asked for a rough time and date, to which Mr. Catapano stated it would take place on the last Sunday of the month, 8-10:30am. Council President Carra stated that he had Borough Administrator/Clerk Colvin confirm with the Police and they had no comments against it, Mayor Bray added that Sunday is a good day to choose since the other businesses are closed.

On a motion by Councilman Orozco, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to Authorize Cars and Cappuccino Monthly Event.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

3. Somerset County Mobile Clerk (EC)

Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin reported that our County Clerk office has had mobile stations on Saturdays, they've done it in Bound Brook, Hillsborough, Bridgewater, and it gives the public a chance to do things that need to be done at County on Saturdays from 9am to noon. Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin stated that County asked if Raritan would be interested in hosting one of these events on October 15, 2022, adding that he thinks this is a great idea, people can apply for passport, register to vote, register to vote by mail, get passport pictures, register a business, and a host of other different activities, it would take place in Borough Hall's community room.

On a motion by Councilman Orozco, seconded by Councilman Fritzinger, Council moved to Authorize Somerset County Mobile Clerk on October 15, 2022 9am-12pm.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

4. Police Department Badge Request (EC)

Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin asked for a motion to approve the badge request made to Council during executive session from the Police Department.

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Orozco, Council moved to Approve Retirement Badges.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Orozco, Council moved to Authorize the Advertisement for Hiring of a New Probationary Police Officer

Recorded Vote



Mayor Bray stated that this is just an introduction and discussion on this ordinance will take place at the next Council Meeting.

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2022-12.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

Ordinance No. 2022-13

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for an Area in Need of Redevelopment Consisting of Block 93 Lots 1 and 2

Mayor Bray stated that this is just an introduction and discussion on this ordinance will take place at the next Council Meeting.

Council President Carra asked what Block 93 is, to which Borough Clerk/Administrator Colvin replied it is LaGrange Street.

On a motion by Councilman Fritzinger, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2022-13.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: Carra

Motion Carried: 4-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Resolution Nos. 2022-09-130 – 2022-09-138)*

Resolution No. 2022-09-130	Certifying Annual Report of Audit – 2021
Resolution No. 2022-09-131	Approving the 2021 Corrective Action Plan
Resolution No. 2022-09-132	Appointing Deputy OEM Coordinator
Resolution No. 2022-09-133	Authorizing Creation of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Resolution No. 2022-09-134	Authorizing Execution of Interlocal Services Agreement – Emergency Management Services
Resolution No. 2022-09-135	Rescinding Resolution 2021-05-098
Resolution No. 2022-09-136	Rescinding Resolution 2022-08-126

Resolution No. 2022-09-137

Authorizing Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail  
Distribution ABC License No. 1816-33-009

Resolution No. 2022-09-138

Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Lien

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Orozco, Council moved to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

**BILL LIST**

Resolution No. 2022-09-139

Approving Bill List

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Fritzinger, Council moved to Approve the Bill List.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: Carra

Motion Carried: 4-0

**PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS**

1. Administration – \$59,150.00 – Suplee, Clooney & Co. – 2021 Audit Preparation

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Approve Suplee, Clooney & Co. PO.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

2. Administration – \$25,000.00 – John Basilone Parade Committee – Annual Parade

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Fritzinger, Council moved to Approve John Basilone Parade Committee PO.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzinger, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x  
Motion Carried: 5-0

3. Public Works – \$45,374.70 – Skylands Energy Service – 2021/2022 Fuel & Heating Oil

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Orozco, Council moved to Approve Skylands Energy Service PO.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzingler, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco  
Nay: x  
Abstain: x  
Motion Carried: 5-0

4. Public Works – \$37,335.60 – Micro Pave Systems, Inc. – Roadway Crack Seal

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to Approve Micro Pave Systems, Inc. PO.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzingler, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco  
Nay: x  
Abstain: x  
Motion Carried: 5-0

**COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilman Giraldi – Councilman Giraldi reported that the John Basilone Parade Committee will be meeting tomorrow, September 7, 2022, at 7pm located at the Raritan Library. Mayor Bray confirmed that meeting will be the last meeting before the 2022 Parade.

Councilman Orozco – Councilman Orozco reported that today the Board of Education had orientation at most of the schools over Bridgewater-Raritan, tomorrow is the first day of school and he wished all the fellow parents a happy new school year. Councilman Orozco stated that the Environmental Committee will hold their next meeting on September 22, 2022, and at their last meeting they were discussing the possibility of finding a vendor to go around and install electronic vehicle charging stations, they are also trying to find places that are viable, there are different charging station options as well, adding that this is a pretty complicated process and is in the beginning stages.

Mayor Bray stated that at the last meeting he had a schedule conflict with the Library Board and he didn't get to swear in the new member and he would like a copy of this Oath and he will swear him in offline.

Councilman Fritzingler – Councilman Fritzingler reported that for the timeframe of August 15, 2022, through September 2, 2022, the Building Department issued seven building permits, 10 plumbing

permits, nine electrical, five fire, totaling 31 permits, fees collected by the town were \$3,195,958.00. Councilman Fritzingler stated that the Historical and Cultural Committee will meet at Borough Hall on September 21, 2022, at 7pm, adding that everyone is always welcome to attend and that they are looking forward to their spring and fall activities.

Council President Cara – Council President Cara reported that the Planning Board had resolutions approved at the last meeting were for Delta Gas Station on Marin Street, minus subdivisions at 21 Vones Lane and 55 Quick Avenue, there is an application for site plan for Jansen Pharmaceuticals, a discussion about parking study took place and three areas in need of redevelopment, including Raritan Mall, Tillman Street and the First Avenue and Burns Street location.

Council President Cara stated that the Regional Center Partnership will be meeting this month Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 5pm on Zoom.

Council President Cara reported on behalf of Councilwoman Melitsky, for Property Maintenance there were 47 inspections from August 15 through September 2, 2022, 29 violations were issued, zero fines were issued, so nothing was collected, and two summonses were written. Council President Cara reported that the Board of Health did not meet in July or August, their next meeting is next Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 7pm, the BOH sponsored a fundraiser for the Raritan Food Pantry, working with the Recreation Department for the Christmas in July event at Frelinghuysen Park on July 27, 2022, it went well, several food items were collected by those attending the event, adding that the Discovering Raritan event held on July 30, 2022, sponsored by the Economic Development Committee went well, much easier using the temporary food licensing procedure, which worked well for each event, the next event will be the Senior's Barbecue on September 14, 2022, here at the municipal building, food will be prepared by Bagelicious, temporary food license application will be sent to Bagelicious and they will be inspected at the event, the BOH and Somerset County Department of Health are working together to bring back blood pressure screening for seniors for either September or October, and a nurse from the County Health Department will attend the meeting to take blood pressures.

Council President Cara reported on behalf of Councilwoman Melitsky, that the Department of Public Works has been doing their normal tasks along with patching potholes, weed whacking near the Basilone statue, getting ready for the parade, they performed general maintenance at the pump stations, checking sewers weekly, they closed the Frelinghuysen pool, weed whacked along the 5K race route as well and they are getting the fields ready for kickball. Council President Cara reminded everyone that grass drop-off is Saturdays from 8am-12pm.

Councilwoman Hutzler – Councilwoman Hutzler reported that Recreation's kickball was well accepted with 40 participants ends this Friday, cross country begins next Wednesday, September 14, 2022, which will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5pm at Washington School, fall ball will be starting on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Councilwoman Hutzler also reported that Recreation's Trunk-or-Treat is being planned for the end of October and their Frosty Frolic 5K is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2022, adding a note that she wanted to let Council know that Andy Sibilia, Recreation Director, went to the owners of the businesses along the set course last week and none of the businesses had a problem with the event, he wasn't able to speak with the owner of Bagelicious but did speak to the owner's sister and left him information regarding the event, along with his name and phone number asking that the owner give him a call if he have a problem, and so far he hasn't received a call, therefore

Councilwoman Hutzler requested Council's approval to proceed with this event. Mayor Bray confirmed that the Raritan Police had already approved this event, and the motion took place.

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Approve Raritan Recreation Frosty Frolic 5K.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Carra, Fritzingler, Giraldi, Hutzler, Orozco

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-0

Councilwoman Hutzler continued her report with Court, for August 2022 they had 332 total cases filed, 344 total cases disposed, the total amount collected was \$26,961.17, the total amount to the Borough was \$10,772.87.

**SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(In accordance with Section 29-1 of the Code of the Borough of Raritan, there shall be a five-minute limit per speaker)*

Mayor Bray opened Public Comment for any member of the Public wishing to be heard.

Joe Kempe, 114 Sherman Avenue: Mr. Kempe stated that he just wanted to say that with the start of the school year, they always see that's the time when kids are going to be out walking and biking, and he wanted to ask people to keep their eyes out and watch for kids. Mr. Kempe added that they don't need any emergencies happening, especially when it should be a joyous time of year, especially for the parents as we send our kids back to school, especially for those of us who work from home.

Mr. Kempe also stated that he wanted to thank you for illustrating the chaos of what it takes to get things through Recreation into this town, it's a problem, agreeing that Mayor Bray captured it when he said that Recreation has been half-assed for a long time, adding that he was a recreation committee member from 2018 into 2020 and they tried to pass a lot of things but felt like many times the new director would sabotage what they were trying to do, stating it's a shame and that he is happy that there are still things happening but he doesn't think the best effort has been made towards certain events and towards what the splash park could be, he believes that ideas are floated/given and sent and people just rubber stamp them without thinking critically that there should be a pool next to the splash park, that we already have a beautiful park at Frelinghuysen that has a lot of open space, its not going to require the permits and instead what we're doing is were going to an undesirable location. Mr. Kempe stated that they know its undesirable because the director doesn't want to do the work to open the pool there every year because its an undesirable location, which has been proven by your employee that area is not where they ant to be, adding that as someone who lives in this town with kids who will be aging out of what the splash park would be, having a legit pool for the townspeople that can serve all ages makes much more sense than putting \$250 grand behind something that's going to have some water features for eight year olds and under, he stated that he believes they are chasing ideas that sound good rather than looking at them from practical standpoints, if they are applying for grants, there is going to be money available, they need to be going for things that service the entire town, not just eight year olds, especially not just eight your olds that he will have to put into his car and drive them across town so they can go play in another pool.

Colleen Kempe, 114 Sherman Avenue: Mrs. Kempe stated that Councilwoman Hutzler mentioned a few events coming up for Recreation but she doesn't see them posted on Recreation's Facebook page or on the Borough website. Councilwoman Hutzler stated that Recreation Director Andy Sibia told her they would be posted to Facebook today. Mrs. Kempe stated that he hadn't done it yet but that perhaps he would post them later, which she understands being on the PTO and posting stuff at 2am, but if kickball is ending Friday and cross country is starting on Wednesday, how has nothing come out yet for people to sign up. Mrs. Kempe also stated that Councilwoman Hutzler mentioned fall ball, she hasn't seen anything go up for that, Councilwoman Hutzler stated that with fall ball, a lot of the same kids that played in spring were contacted and so were the coaches, Mrs. Kempe inquired about new kids signing up and Councilwoman Hutzler said she couldn't speak for that. Mrs. Kempe then stated its wonderful that 40 kids showed up for kickball but 441 kids were at JFK last year, which is only K-Fourth grade, so it doesn't include kids under kindergarten and that's not counting anyone over grade four, so 40 kids really is not that big, stating that they need to do better for Recreation, the kids as well as her 12 year old and up, there is nothing for them to do, same as there is nothing as well for the seniors, it was mentioned that the seniors don't have a place, yet when we are standing in the road chit-chatting, stating that people on her street don't even know people from the next street over, it really would be nice for something for everyone to enjoy.

Mayor Bray stepped in to clarify by stating that he wasn't trying to indict any individual person, its more of an indictment on us [council], that they have allowed this to continue no matter what its been before them for the last 15 years, he added that in his opinion over the last 10/15 years they have slowly watched it deteriorate and they simply do not have the manpower to do what they want to do. Mrs. Kempe asked why they do not have the manpower that is needed, to which Mayor Bray responded by saying that he believes, as he said earlier, they either need to dedicate ourselves and the money, plus whatever else it takes to a full-time employee whose background is in Recreation management, who knows how to do all of these things, who doesn't have to turn to Council for answers, who, are not experts in this field either, adding that if we interview someone who comes from that background, they would be able to do so many things on their own that are simply not being done now.

A conversation ensued amongst Mayor, Council and Mrs. Kempe which resulted in Mayor Bray stating that he will continue to push for either plan that he mentioned earlier. Mrs. Kempe replied by stating that as a parent, she appreciates that very much.

Neither seeing nor hearing any additional member of the Public, Mayor Bray closed Public Comment.

### **REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Hutzler, Council moved to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

#### Recorded Vote:

All in Favor

Motion Passed: 5-0

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Alyssa Cornella  
Administrative Assistant / Deputy Registrar  
Office of the Borough Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric M. Colvin  
Borough Clerk/Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_