

## MINUTES

### **BOROUGH OF RARITAN REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**7:00 P.M – REGULAR SESSION**

This Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Raritan was called to order by Mayor Carra in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Mayor Carra announced the Regular Meeting was called pursuant to applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate Notice of this Regular Meeting was posted in Borough Hall, on the Borough website and communicated to *The Courier News*, *The Star Ledger* and *The Breeze* on January 3, 2024.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Council President Tozzi, Councilman Agrawal, Councilman Fritzingler, Councilwoman Melitsky  
Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Colvin, Borough Attorney William Robertson and Borough Engineer Joseph Brosnan  
Absent: Councilman Armahizer, Councilman Patente

#### **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Councilman Fritzingler

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution No. 2024-02-044

Entering Executive Session

1. Personnel  
Police, Administration
2. Attorney Client  
Stone Bridge, Committees

On a motion by Councilwoman Melitsky, seconded by Council President Tozzi, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-02-044.

#### **Recorded Vote**

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzingler, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

Council moved to Reconvene in Regular Session unanimously.

Council exited Executive Session, and resumed Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

**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 Carra opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting for members of the public wishing to speak.

Cathy DeBellis, 17 Doughty Street: Inquired about the purchase of the snowflake lights and asked for an explanation on the approved motion to not exceed \$15,000 when the final price was discounted, adding that she felt that was a premature decision. Mayor Carra and Council President Tozzi explained Council approved to cap at \$15,000 and the Borough received roughly a 30 percent discount for ordering early in the year.

Rich Rutkowski, 11 Santora Drive: Stated that he wanted to report that the Southwest catch basin on the corner of Raritan and Tillman that has gallons of water running through it, Mayor Carra thanked Mr. Rutkowski and stated he would inform Vince LoMedico, DWP Director.

Bruce Taggart, 255 Weiss Terrace: Inquired about the proposed no left-hand turns onto First Avenue, asking if it only applied to one side of the intersection. Mayor Carra stated that it would only apply to Fifth Street and potentially Farrand Street on the East side of First Avenue. Mr. Taggart voiced his opinion of this causing a different traffic pattern and proposed a time restriction on the left-hand turn. Councilwoman Melitsky stated that she proposed this plan due to multiple recent motor vehicle accidents that occurred at Fifth Street and First Avenue. A brief conversation took place between Mr. Taggart, Mayor Carra and Councilwoman Melitsky, Mayor Carra stated that once there is an Ordinance, there would be an introduction and then a public hearing, Mr. Taggart also suggested that the no-turn on Orlando Drive and Lyman Street be time restricted.

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

**MINUTES**

1. January 2, 2024
2. January 16, 2024

Mayor Carra asked for a motion to Approve the January 2, 2024 Minutes.

On a motion by Councilwoman Melitsky, seconded by Councilman Fritzinger, Council moved to Approve the January 2, 2024 Minutes.

**Recorded Vote**

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzinger, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

Mayor Carra asked for a motion to Approve the January 16, 2024 Minutes.

On a motion by Councilman Fritzingler, seconded by Councilwoman Melitsky, Council moved to Approve the January 16, 2024 Minutes.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzingler, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Pool Maintenance Update (DT)

Council President Tozzi reported that the Frelinghuysen Park Pool project went out to bid and D&B Pools will be completing the project, adding that he will be asking for a motion tonight to accept the bid not to exceed \$25,000, Mayor Carra added that an improvement ordinance for the capital was approved last year.

On a motion by Council President Tozzi, seconded by Councilwoman Melitsky. Council moved to Approve D&B Pools Bid (Not Exceeding \$25,000).

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzingler, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

2. Main Street Tree Trimming (DT)

Council President Tozzi updated everyone that DPW has been trimming the trees along Somerset Street by utilizing the bucket truck from Somerville, which saved tax-payers money.

3. Fifth and Farrand Streets (NC)

Mayor Carra asked Borough Attorney William Robertson and Borough Engineer Joseph Brosnan for an update, Borough Engineer Joseph Brosnan reported that Council approval is needed for a memo to be sent over to County, which will contain two adjustment options. Mayor and Council informally authorized engineering to create the memos.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Engineer's Quarterly Report (JB)

Borough Engineer Joseph Brosnan delivered the following report:

**Capital Improvement Initiatives**

**• Relocation of Municipal Building**

The Borough has purchased the former PNC Bank on Somerset Street to be used to relocate municipal administrative services. The Planning Board approved the preliminary plans and consistency report – verifying that there are no inconsistencies with the Borough's proposed use and the existing zoning requirements. Construction plans and specifications are out to bid and our office is coordinating any

dealings with the prospective contractors. Barring any issues or disruptions the bid opening date is scheduled for March 20th, with a mandatory pre-bid meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, next week.

• Redevelopment of Raritan Mall

The Borough Council previously directed the Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to designate the Raritan Mall site as an Area in Need of Redevelopment. That study was conducted by our office as your Borough Planner. There are many efforts by members of Council to coordinate this process with the developer and make final arrangements for agreeing on the terms that affect the developer's agreement and the Redevelopment Plan. Upon authorization by the Council, our office will proceed with the construction of a Redevelopment Plan that will be used to guide the proposed development to the mutual benefit of the developer and the Borough. This process will be overseen by the Redevelopment Committee and should be finalized soon after authorization. A review is required by the Planning Board prior to a Redevelopment Plan being finalized with Council.

• Redevelopment of the Tilman Street Parcel

In addition to the Raritan Mall, we also have the Tillman Street parcels to construct a redevelopment plan. This area is necessary pursuant to the Housing and Fair Share Plan – this must be executed very soon, as the requirement of the Fair Share Plan seems to indicate that it must be adopted 2 years after the date of approval of the Fair Share Plan, which was in February 2022.

• Frelinghuysen & Basilone Park Improvements

There were numerous park improvements discussed last year, we were in the process of coordinating with the County Recreation Department however conversations have been paused since October. The last presented suggestion was the reconstruction of Frelinghuysen Park as a splash pad, and finding new creative use out of the Basilone Pool. These initiatives are likely going to be connected to Mayor Carra's Strategic Recreation Plan. Our office is awaiting further instruction on how best to proceed.

• Potential Property Acquisition – Mehalick Parcel (Potential Detention Facility)

Connected to NJDOT Drainage Improvement grants listed below, the Mehalick property is located at the end of DeCicco Drive and is currently occupied by a large detention basin. The property owner is interested in selling the parcel. Our office would conduct any reviews and facilitate any maintenance necessary to bring the basin up to code after the property has been purchased.

• Construction Inspection

In our appointment as Borough Engineer, we provide final closeout of Planning Board projects by doing the "Resolution Compliance" review. This typically includes the review of the final plans and, if necessary, developer's agreements that include inspection escrow, which our staff oversee to ensure compliance with approved plans.

- Infrastructure Improvements- NJ American Water- Replacement of Water Main & Services
- Infrastructure Improvements- PSE& G- Replacement of Gas Main & Services
- Road Improvement Program, as requested
- Pedestrian Improvements, as requested
- Development of Bike Routes, as requested

**Grant-Based Initiatives**

**NJDOT: Grant Management: PMRS & SAGE Software Management**

Our office provides ongoing assistance to the Borough for coordinating documents through SAGE and PRMS, the online software used by the NJDOT to manage, administer, and coordinate comments for their grant programs.

**2024 Drainage Improvements (Plainfield to Brooklyn) Phase 2**

The Borough of Raritan was awarded \$395,316 for stormwater improvements along Richard Street from Plainfield Avenue to Brooklyn Avenue. Our intent is to resolve similar issues on the other side of the hill similar to the 2023 NJDOT grant. We are planning on constructing both

projects at the same time to save on cost and time. We will coordinate utility work with New Jersey American Water, who has offered the Borough to pave after their water main replacements are done – which greatly brings the cost of all projects down. The survey team has recently finished work on the base maps used for our construction drawings, so we anticipate the design work will commence soon.

**2023 Drainage Improvements (Rhine Blvd to Columbus) Phase 1**

The Borough of Raritan was awarded a NJDOT Local Aid Grant in the amount of \$347,580. Due to the projects impact on 1st Avenue which is under county jurisdiction, VCEA coordinated with Somerset County and received approval for the design. The County suggested revisions and we recommended pushing the improvements back into the start of 2024 in combination with the Phase 2 set of improvements which would reduce logistical costs. We strongly suggest hosting a public information session to bring attention to the permanent road closing to the residents and emergency response officials.

**2022 Improvements to Colby, Berwick & Arnold**

Raritan Borough formally requested an extension for this grant due to delays experienced due to drainage complaints from residents of Arnold Avenue and subsequent investigations. NJDOT recently received all documents required for the formal Request for Extension. Once processed, VCEA will finalize the Bid Set and provide the Notice to Bidders to Eric for Publication.

**2021 Improvements to Meehan & Helene**

Project has been fully constructed. NJDOT has completed their final inspection. VCEA will coordinate with Top Line to complete the final punchlist in the spring of 2024. NJDOT has stated they will not consider mid-block sidewalk repairs in the vicinity of water and gas services. VCEA has had numerous discussions with NJDOT concerning the repairs.

*Raritan Borough has received reimbursement for this work since 2021. Because more than 80% of this work is related to sidewalk displaced by utility services, we suggest Raritan Borough may need to update Ordinance 320 “Streets and Sidewalks to require ALL contractors to replace sidewalk slabs during the installation of water & gas services, sanitary sewer laterals and roof leaders. The Borough must enforce a 2-year maintenance bond to address any settling of the slabs.*

**2016 NJ Tap Grant – Thompson-Anderson (NJ Transit Rail – Raritan River)**

- NV5 has completed the Preliminary Design Phase including the Public Meeting.
- NJDOT has acknowledged the inflationary issues with labor and materials and increased funding for the projects construction phase.
- NV5 has submitted their proposal for Final Design which has been approved by both Raritan Borough and NJDOT.
- NJDOT was issued a letter formally allocating the requested funds. Raritan’s next step is to execute a contract with NV5 for the Final Design.
- Project coordination between, NV5, VCEA and NJDOT will continue throughout this process.

**CBDG: Assistance with Orange Vouchers & Reimbursement Requests**

In addition to facilitating grant application, our office also helps get the grants initialized through the agreement process, filling out forms where requested, and providing any backup needed by the Borough to receive reimbursement for work done under grants.

**2023 Sanitary Sewer Capacity and Rehabilitation – Busky Lane/ Orlando Drive**

We received a CDBG grant to make repairs to increase the capacity of the existing sanitary sewer system near Busky Lane and Orlando Drive in anticipation of the Redevelopment of the Raritan Mall. Our staff are organizing initial design documents and preparing to conduct and coordinate field investigations to determine the state of the existing sewer and analyze its existing capacity. VCEA will coordinate with Borough Administrator/CFO to ensure CDBG submittals are completed. This is required for CDBG to activate the grant in order for Raritan to process reimbursement

requests.

**2022 Sanitary Sewer Improvements SE Quadrant**

**2020-2021 Storm Sewer Improvements SE Quadrant**

NJTPA: **Transit Hub Planning Grant**

**Services and Coordination**

Van Cleef Engineering through its Borough Engineer appointment also provides technical assistance in the following ways with the following agencies:

- Sanitary Sewer Billing – Excessive Users List
- Tax Map Updates
- Road Opening Permits – NJ American Water, PSE&G, miscellaneous residential contractors
- Resident Drainage Complaints – Arnold Ave, Riverside Ave, Brooklyn Ave, Bound Brook Ave Our office provides ongoing technical assistance in resolving drainage disputes within the
- Borough. Oftentimes this results in us educating the residents about easements, drainage practices, and researching site history.
- Soliciting Quotes for work below Public Bid Threshold (primarily infrastructure repairs)
- If there is a project that requires public bidding, our office is typically utilized in facilitating and executing those contracts and running construction administration until closeout. This is true for both NJDOT grants and large private improvements.
- Assistance to Construction Department (Barbara & Lou Gara)
- Assistance to Tax Assessor's Office (Anthony DiRado)
- Assistance to DPW (Vince Lo Medico, Hank & Brad) Sanitary sewer, storm sewer, roads, etc. as needed.)
- Coordination with the following agencies:

**County:**

Engineering and Planning  
Parks & Recreation

**State:**

NJDEP – Permits, Reports, Project Management  
NJDOT – Permits, Traffic Signals, Work within or adjacent to Routes 202/206/28  
DCA – Fair Share Housing Element, Master Plan  
NJ Transit – Coord for improvements adjacent to Railroad Properties

**Utilities:**

PSE&G – Utility Poles, Street Lights, Traffic Signals, etc.  
NJ Am Water – Coordination & scheduling, leak detection, resident issues.

**Federal:**

USGS – Raritan River and tributaries impacted by flooding  
FEMA  
HUD

**Other Appointments**

- Board Engineer

Technical reviews for ongoing applications using escrow monies rather than Borough funds. Generating reports based on reviews and on-site inspections of conditions, position works in tandem with Borough Planner Appointment. Currently ongoing projects include:

- Raritan Crossings LLC – Block 112, Lot 3 and Block 116.01, Lots 25, 26.01, 27, 27.01
- Brielle Capital LLC – 401 Tillman Street, Block 35, Lot 5.01
- Amrutha Wine – 31 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Block 44, Lot 5

- Borough Planner

- Area in Need of Redevelopment Study: 1st Ave & Burns Parcel
- Master Plan and Associated Elements Revisions/Reexaminations
- Provides interpretations on Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance as a technical resource for the Joint Land Use Board.
- Involved in future planning initiatives and critical for planning grants.

**Stormwater Program Coordinator Duties**

• MS4 Permitting – SPPP Revisions

Van Cleef Engineering prepared a revised Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) in alignment with the updated requirements of the NJDEP mandated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit process. There may need to be a formal adoption of this plan in the future, but the effort is largely complete.

• MS4 Permitting – Annual Permit

Each year around May, every municipality in New Jersey is required to have its designed Stormwater Program Coordinator (Joseph A. Brosnan for Raritan Borough) to provide a report in conformance with the SPPP, which includes reports of training from members of the governing body, information from the Department of Public Works such as how many tons of debris were cleared from what inlets, updated mapping of stormwater features, and community engagement. Last year was more involved due to the change in the requirements. There was a \$25,000.00 grant partially received by the Borough in 2023 for these efforts with the remainder to be paid out after we attain full conformance with the mapping requirements.

• Stormwater Management Ordinances

As part of the updated MS4 Permit, the Borough of Raritan is required to have an updated list of stormwater management ordinances, such as pet waste regulations, illicit connections to stormwater systems, private inlet retrofitting, etc. Our office prepared a new set of ordinances but was waiting on coordination for Tree Replacement with the Environmental Commission. We are likely going to exclude that specific ordinance from the mix and proceed as is until that ordinance is finalized, pending authorization from the governing body.

• Inland Flood Protection Rules – Stormwater Control Ordinance

In addition to the MS4 Stormwater Quality Ordinances listed above, our office also revised the Stormwater Control Ordinance to conform with the Inland Flood Protection Rules. The nice thing is that these ordinances are flexible and will reference the NJDEP and State codes, so when revisions occur we will not have to make exhaustive changes to the Borough's ordinances. This has not yet been heard by council but will be soon.

2. Board Appointments (NC)

Mayor Carra announced the following appointment requiring the consent of Council:

Board of Health (with Consent of Council)

\*unexpired term – 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025 Member – Carol Werner

On a motion by Councilwoman Melitsky, seconded by Council President Tozzi, Council moved to Approve Member Carol Werner to the Board of Health.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzinger, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

Mayor Carra announced the following appointments that do not require consent of Council:

Historic & Cultural Committee

*(Mayoral Appointment)*

- \*unexpired term – 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025 Member – Lisa D’Angelo
- \*unexpired term – 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2026 Member – Debra Thomas
- \*unexpired term – 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024 Member – William Cunningham

Mayor Carra announced the current open seats for the various Board/Committees and asked anyone who is interested in joining to reach out to him directly.

3. Holiday Tree Lighting on Bridge (DT)

Council President Tozzi stated that he researched the possibility of doing a tree-lighting on the Nevius Street bridge, which he found is possible. He stated that he will discuss the details further when full Council is present, adding that he wants EDC and Recreation involved to make this a full-blown tree-lighting event for Raritan.

Mayor Carra stated that due to snow, EDC had to reschedule their meeting to Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

4. Christmas Tree Dedication (AA)

Mayor Carra announced this will be carried to next meeting due to Councilman Armahizer’s absence.

5. Raritan CERT Team Appointment (JM)

Councilwoman Melitsky stated that Ben Griffin, Office of Emergency Management Director, is seeking Council approval for Raritan resident, Bryan Kroeckel, to join CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Mr. Kroeckel has passed his background check and all his CERT training. Councilwoman Melitsky added that any resident is welcome to join CERT and anyone interested can reach out to herself or Ben Griffin.

On a motion by Councilwoman Melitsky, seconded by Councilman Fritzingler, Council moved to Approve Bryan Kroeckel as a Member of CERT.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzingler, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

6. Codington/Reimer Streets (NC)

Mayor Carra stated that a resident from Codington Street reached out for an update on Councilman Orozco’s suggestion of making Codington Street and Reimer Street one-ways, adding that Lincoln Street is already a one-way and he recommended alternating the one-ways. Mayor Carra announced that since both streets touch a county road, he is asking for authorization

to have Borough Administrator/Clerk Colvin reach out to County. In addition to County, the police and engineering would be involved in the process and an Ordinance would be made if the decision is to move forward the Mayor said. Council informally approved Borough Administrator/Clerk Colvin reaching out to county.

7. Court Committee (NC)

Mayor Carra announced the creation of a Court Committee, who will meet to go over options for the Court with the Borough's best interest in mind. Mayor Carra asked Councilman Patente, the Court liaison, to be the Chair and additional members will consist of Council President Tozzi, Borough Administrator/Clerk Colvin and Borough Attorney William Robertson.

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION**

Ordinance No. 2024-04

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Exceeding the CY2024 Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establishing a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

On a motion by Council President Tozzi, seconded by Councilwoman Melitsky, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2024-04.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzinger, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Resolution No. 2024-02-045 through 2024-02-052)*

Resolution No. 2024-02-045	Authorizing Submission of a Grant to the NJDCA – FY24 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program
Resolution No. 2024-02-046	Authorizing Temporary Appropriation for 2024 Current Operating Municipal Budget
Resolution No. 2024-02-047	Refunding Tax Overpayment – B75 L14
Resolution No. 2024-02-048	Refunding Tax Overpayment – B111 L5
Resolution No. 2024-02-049	Authorizing Professional Services Contract – Sterling DiSanto & Associates
Resolution No. 2024-02-050	Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Equipment – Fire Department
Resolution No. 2024-02-051	Authorizing Acceptance of Agreement – Raritan Police Department
Resolution No. 2024-02-052	Reappointing Municipal Court Judge – Katherine Howes

On a motion by Councilwoman Melitsky, seconded by Councilman Agrawal, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-02-045 through Resolutions No. 2024-02-052 – Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzinger, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

**BILL LIST**

Resolution No. 2024-02-053

Approving Bill List

On a motion by Councilman Agrawal, seconded by Council President Tozzi, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2024-02-053 – Approving Bill List.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzinger, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**

1. Bridgewater Resources, Inc. – January Dumping Fees – \$20,023.59
2. Michels & Waldron, Assoc. – 9 West Somerset Street Architectural – \$79,575.00
3. Van Cleef Engineering – January Engineering Services – \$44,194.25

Mayor Carra asked for a motion to approve the certification of funds together.

On a motion by Councilman Fritzinger, seconded by Councilwoman Melitsky, Council moved to Approve the Certification of Funds – January Dumping Fees, 9 West Somerset Street Architectural and January Engineering Services.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Tozzi, Agrawal, Fritzinger, Melitsky

Nay: x

Absent: Armahizer, Patente

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 4-0

**COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilman Armahizer – Absent

Councilman Agrawal – Councilman Agrawal announced that kindergarten and first grade registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open, visit [www.brrsd.org/departments/registration](http://www.brrsd.org/departments/registration) or contact the school directly to get started. Councilman Agrawal stated that renovations will take place at Basilone Park this spring, he also announced that the Bridgewater-Raritan High School graduation will be held at the Jersey Mike’s Arena at Rutgers on June 19, 2024.

The 2024 budget will be introduced at the March 19, 2024, council meeting and the finance committee will be meeting during the middle of March to go over the capital appropriation the Councilman said.

Councilwoman Melitsky – Councilwoman Melitsky stated that she did not have anything to report for Fire and Police as they generally only submit a report for the first meeting of the month, adding a reminder for the Office of Emergency Management that Bryan Kroeckel will now be a CERT team member.

The Basilone Parade Committee will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, February 21, 2024, the Councilwoman announced.

Council President Tozzi – Council President Tozzi read the Property Maintenance report, which totaled in 52 inspections, 44 violations and 20 fines totaling in \$3,900.

Councilman Fritzing – Councilman Fritzing reiterated that DPW has been trimming the trees, adding a shout-out to DPW and DPW Director Vince LoMedico for their great job clearing the recent snow. Councilman Fritzing stated that DPW Director Vince LoMedico notified himself and Council President Tozzi that there are 279 total street signs in Raritan, 100 of which need to be replaced, adding that the signs will be green with six-inch white lettering, estimated replacement cost is around \$10,000. The Councilman announced that bulk pickup will begin on March 14, 2024, adding a reminder that items can be placed at the curb from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m., recycled materials and renovation/remodeling debris are not accepted for bulk pickup.

Mayor Carra added that items containing freon are not accepted either.

Councilman Agrawal stated that a resident personally informed him that the DPW did a great job clearing the snow.

Councilman Patente – Absent

Mayor Carra – None

### **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 Carra opened the second Public Comment portion of the meeting for members of the public wishing to speak.

Neither seeing nor hearing any members of the public, the Mayor closed Public Comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Carra entertained for a motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

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

### **Recorded Vote:**

All in favor

Motion Passed: 4-0

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Alyssa Cornella  
Deputy Clerk/Assistant to the Borough Administrator  
Deputy Registrar/BOH Representative

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

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