MINUTES

BOROUGH OF RARITAN
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026
6:30 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION
7 P.M. – REGULAR SESSION

This Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Raritan was called to order by Mayor Tozzi in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 9 West Somerset Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Mayor Tozzi announced the Regular Meeting of the Governing Body 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 9, 2026.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council President Fritzinger, Councilman Agrawal, Councilman DiGraziano, Councilman Giraldi, Councilman Harwood, Councilman Martinez

Also Present: Acting Borough Clerk Mathewson, Borough Attorney Rich Wenner and CFO Paige Elster

Absent:

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Harwood

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2026-06-103

Entering Executive Session

1. Attorney Client
   Alpine Way
2. Personnel
   Administration, Police, DPW

On motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Council President Fritzinger, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-06-103.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

Council convened in Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Council moved to reconvene in Regular Session unanimously.

On motion by Council President Fritzinger, seconded by Councilman Harwood, Council exited Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

PRESENTATION
Raritan Borough Police Department Building – SSP Architects

Marcus Rosenau, Principal of SSP Architects, appeared before the Governing Body along with members of the SSP project team to present the results of the firm's review of the existing Police Department facility and potential options for addressing the Borough's long-term facility needs. Mr. Rosenau explained that SSP was tasked with evaluating how the Borough could best utilize approximately $2.275 million in available grant funding while addressing deferred maintenance, Department of Corrections compliance requirements, operational deficiencies and the Police Department's long-term space needs. The assessment identified several deficiencies within the existing facility, including aging and failing mechanical systems, roof leaks, water infiltration, electrical and sewer concerns, undersized operational and support areas, evidence-storage limitations and spaces that do not currently satisfy Department of Corrections requirements. SSP determined that sufficient space exists within the current building to expand and modernize the Police Department. Mr. Rosenau reviewed several alternatives ranging from addressing immediate building or compliance needs using the existing grant funding, to a comprehensive renovation and expansion of the existing facility, or construction of a new Police Department facility at the former Washington School property. He explained that construction of a new facility at the Washington School site would likely result in the loss of the existing grant funding, while renovation of the current building could allow the Borough to apply the grant toward eligible improvements. Councilman Agrawal discussed the Borough's financial constraints and asked whether improvements to the existing facility could be completed in phases so that immediate needs could be addressed while preserving the ability to make additional improvements as funding becomes available. Mr. Rosenau confirmed that SSP could develop a phased, multi-year plan to avoid improvements that would interfere with future expansion. Members of the Governing Body also discussed estimated project costs, the potential for environmental testing prior to renovation, the value of the Washington School property and the financial implications of renovating the existing facility versus constructing a new facility.

The Governing Body thanked Mr. Rosenau and the SSP team for the presentation and information provided.

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

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

Bruce Doorly, 807 Bound Brook Ave – Mr. Doorly discussed the proposed World War II letter display honoring Raritan Tavern owner Tony Orlando. Mr. Doorly explained that during World War II, Mr. Orlando sent numerous letters and packages to Raritan servicemen overseas and received hundreds of letters in return. He presented a concept for a wall display featuring photographs and excerpts from the correspondence. Mr. Doorly advised that funding for the display had been privately committed and that there would be no cost to Borough taxpayers. He estimated that the display could be completed within several weeks.

Jim Foohey, 710 Rhyne Blvd – Mr. Foohey commented on the SSP Architects presentation and specifically the option of constructing a new Police Department facility at the former Washington School site. Mr. Foohey recalled prior discussions concerning the property and suggested that, if the Borough considers constructing a new Police Department there, it should also consider the Fire Department's future facility needs and the possibility of locating both public-safety facilities on the property. He also suggested exploring available grant opportunities for a future firehouse.

Sam Timms, 1 LaGrange St – Mr. Timms raised concerns regarding a gathering he stated he observed on June 8 involving the Mayor and members of the Governing Body. Mr. Timms referenced provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act and questioned whether Borough matters had been discussed and whether subsequent communications among members could constitute a serial meeting. Borough Attorney Wenner responded generally regarding the circumstances under which a gathering or series of communications involving members of a governing body may implicate the Open Public Meetings Act. Mr. Timms expressed concern regarding governmental transparency and the responses he received concerning the gathering.

Jeff King, 47 Vones Ln – Mr. King questioned several expenditures appearing on the Borough's bills lists, including charges associated with PowerDMS and VoiceNext. It was explained that PowerDMS is software utilized by the Police Department and VoiceNext provides telephone services. Mr. King expressed concern regarding the Borough's overall telecommunications expenses.

Jim Werner, 407 Victoria St – Mr. Werner expressed concern regarding the length of time between Borough meetings and the approval of the corresponding meeting minutes. He encouraged the Borough to bring minutes forward for approval more promptly and raised concerns regarding the ability of future governing bodies to approve older minutes.

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

MINUTES

1. April 07, 2026 – Regular Meeting

On motion by Council President Fritzinger, seconded by Councilman Agrawal, Council moved to Approve the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

COUNCIL COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Martinez - Councilman Martinez reported that he had not yet received the May Municipal Court report. He announced that the Environmental Committee meeting had been rescheduled and would be held on June 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Raritan Public Library.

Councilman Harwood - Councilman Harwood reported that personnel matters were continuing to progress but could not yet be discussed publicly. He anticipated that additional information may be available in July.

Council President Fritzinger - Council President Fritzinger reported on the Historical Committee and announced a June 27 presentation at the Raritan Public Library featuring songs and stories of the American Revolution. He also discussed a recent review of the Main Street pavers and noted improvements to the benches. He reported that DPW was preparing the municipal pool for opening, working on improvements to field dugouts and installing new roofs. He further reported that New Jersey American Water had begun water-main replacement work on Basilone Place and Farrand Street. Construction permit activity was also reported.

Councilman DiGraziano - Councilman DiGraziano reported on Recreation activities, noting the success of the recent carnival and thanking the volunteers who assisted. He announced the first summer concert at Washington School Park on June 17, the opening of the municipal pool on June 20 and the beginning of summer camp on June 22.

Councilman Agrawal - Councilman Agrawal reported that the Senior Citizens Group was planning its annual picnic for August 12 and a September 11 trip to Picatinny Arsenal, with an additional boat trip under consideration. He noted that there would be no Senior Citizens meeting in July. Councilman Agrawal also reported on Board of Health activities and upcoming programs, including a September 30 flu clinic, and advised that the Board of Health would not meet during July or August.

Councilman Giraldi - Councilman Giraldi reported that the Fire Department responded to 28 calls during May, with 144 calls year-to-date. He also announced the Basilone Parade scheduled for September 20 and provided Police Department year-to-date activity statistics. Councilman Giraldi additionally discussed the Jack's Kids charity softball tournament and the assistance the event provides to families facing out-of-pocket and travel expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Redevelopment Advisory Committee – Restructure (DT)

Mayor Tozzi discussed restructuring the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, explaining that the committee would be reduced to seven members to address previous quorum difficulties and reduce overlapping membership with the Planning Board. The revised membership would include Borough representatives and two public members. The Mayor stated that the proposed restructuring had been discussed with the Borough's professionals and affected committee members.

On motion by Councilman DiGraziano, seconded by Councilman Martinez, Council moved to Approve the restructuring of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

2. WWII Letter Display (KD)

Councilman DiGraziano discussed Mr. Doorly's presentation regarding the proposed Tony Orlando World War II letter display and stated that the display would provide an appropriate tribute to Raritan servicemen and the Borough's history.

On motion by Councilman DiGraziano, seconded by Councilman Harwood, Council moved to Authorize the World War II letter display as presented.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

3. America's 250th Celebration (DT)

Mayor Tozzi discussed plans to commemorate America's 250th anniversary with a patriotic display at the Basilone statue. Approximately 200 American flags would be placed on the grounds, and a gathering would be held on July 4 at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the flags was donated.

On motion by Councilman DiGraziano, seconded by Council President Fritzinger, Council moved to Approve the proposed America's 250th celebration and flag display.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez

Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING
None

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

Ordinance No. 2026-12	An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Section 49-9 Entitled "Extraneous-Duty Employment of Police Officers for Police-Related Activities" – of Chapter 49 – Police Department – to Increase the Costs of Certain Services Offered by the Borough Police Department The purpose of this ordinance is to update the Borough's extraneous-duty police employment regulations by increasing service rates and officer compensation for off-duty police assignments and formalizing the use of a third-party scheduling and billing platform.

Councilman Agrawal stated that he supported the Ordinance and explained that the Borough charges private entities for off-duty police services associated with construction and other activities. He noted that the proposed rates would bring the Borough more in line with surrounding municipalities and increase revenue received by the Borough.

On motion by Council President Fritzinger, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2026-12.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA
(Resolution No. 2026-06-104 through No.2026-06-108)

Resolution No. 2026-06-104	Approving Submission of Grant Application & Execution of Grant Agreement with the New Jersey DOT for Improvements to Glaser, Granetz, and Wyckoff Avenue
Resolution No. 2026-06-105	Authorizing Engineer Services for Improvements to Glaser, Granetz, and Wyckoff Avenue, NJDOT Local Aid Project 2027

Resolution No. 2026-06-106	Authorizing Professional Service Contract - SSP Architects
Resolution No. 2026-06-107	Authorizing Execution of Settlement Agreement by and Between the Borough of Raritan, Dollar Realty, LLC, and Vantage Motor Car, LLC
Resolution No. 2026-06-108	Renewal of ABC Liquor Licenses for the 2026-2027 Term

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman DiGraziano, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-06-104 through 2026-06-108- Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 2026-06-109	Approving Bills List

On motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman DiGraziano, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-06-109 - Approving Bills List.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

1. Micro Pave Systems, INC—2026 Crack Seal—$42,999.66
2. Severe Structures, LLC—Home Improvement Program—$11,700.00

On motion by Councilman DiGraziano, seconded by Council President Fritzinger, Council moved to Approved the Certification of Funds - 2026 Crack Seal and Home Improvement Program.

Recorded Vote
Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez
Nay: x
Absent: x
Abstain: x
Motion Carried: 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Sam Timms, 1 LaGrange St – Mr. Timms questioned several expenditures appearing on the bills list and suggested that the Borough consider consolidating purchases among fewer vendors to obtain greater purchasing power and potentially reduce costs. CFO Paige Elster responded that the Borough evaluates available pricing among vendors and attempts to obtain the best available price. Mr. Timms also questioned expenditures for printer ink, uniforms, equipment and a Borough jacket and asked about documentation and receipt requirements associated with certain purchases. CFO Elster explained, among other things, that the printer ink purchase was for two Construction Department printers used for printing plans and that uniform expenditures were governed by contractual allowances. Mr. Timms encouraged the Borough to continue evaluating its purchasing practices and expressed concern regarding spending in light of recent tax increases.

John Murphy, 1008 Tysley Pl – Mr. Murphy questioned an expenditure associated with publication of a recall notice and asked why the Borough was responsible for the expense. It was explained that publication is required by State law as part of the recall process and that additional costs could potentially arise depending upon how the process proceeds.

Chris Allen, 11 Granetz Pl – Mr. Allen asked for an update regarding former Borough Administrator Eric Colvin. Borough Attorney Wenner explained that personnel matters are generally confidential but confirmed that Mr. Colvin had resigned effective June 8, 2026. Mr. Allen also asked about the process for filling the Administrator position and questioned how members are appointed to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, the composition of the committee and its purpose. Mayor Tozzi explained the recent restructuring, including the addition of two public members and the reduction in Planning Board overlap, and stated that the committee serves in an advisory capacity concerning potential redevelopment projects.

Mike Patente, 30 Glaser Ave – Mr. Patemte expressed dissatisfaction with the Redevelopment Advisory Committee and questioned its value in relation to the Planning Board, stating that he believed the committee should be disbanded. Mr. Patente complimented the SSP Architects presentation concerning the Police Department facility and stated that he believed such a presentation should have occurred earlier. He also discussed the importance of public perception and communication between residents, the Governing Body and Borough professionals. Mr. Patente apologized if prior comments had created the impression that he did not value the work of the Borough's professionals. Borough Attorney Wenner responded that disagreement and debate can occur respectfully and acknowledged Mr. Patente's comments. Mr. Patente concluded by encouraging the Governing Body to improve communication and responsiveness to residents.

Roger Copt, 1120 Route 202 – Mr. Copt commented on the grant funding available for improvements to the Police Department facility and urged the Borough to take advantage of the funding rather than risk losing it. He stated that the existing building's maintenance issues need to be addressed. Mr. Copt also discussed the pending recall effort and litigation concerning the Agway redevelopment project and expressed strong disagreement with the Governing Body's

actions concerning redevelopment, including the treatment of Planning Board recommendations and development standards.

Brittany Eriksson, 1 LaGrange St – Ms. Eriksson expressed concerns regarding the composition of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee and stated that she would like to see greater independent public representation. Ms. Eriksson also raised concerns regarding potential redevelopment in the downtown area, particularly any redevelopment that could displace the existing food pantry. She discussed the number of residential units proposed or approved within the Borough, access to affordable and nutritious food, the impact on lower-income residents and families, and the importance of considering food security as part of future redevelopment decisions. She stated that she had started a petition advocating for the return of a grocery store to Raritan. Ms. Eriksson also raised concerns regarding transparency and communications among members of the Governing Body and referenced the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Tozzi responded that the Borough did not intend to allow the community food pantry to disappear and stated that another location would be found if relocation became necessary.

Jeff King, 47 Vones Ln – Mr. King requested an update regarding previously discussed billboard proposals. It was explained that no plans had yet been formally submitted and that the matter remained in progress.

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

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Tozzi reflected on the proposed Tony Orlando World War II letter display and noted Mr. Orlando's support for returning servicemen. He encouraged the community to continue honoring veterans and invited residents to attend the July 4 celebration at the Basilone statue.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tozzi asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

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

Recorded Vote:
All in favor
Motion passed: 6-0

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Kimberly Mathewson
Acting Municipal Clerk