

MINUTES

BOROUGH OF RARITAN **REGULAR MEETING**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Mayor Tozzi advised that the Borough was experiencing technical difficulties with the YouTube broadcast and that the live meeting was appearing under the August 26, 2026 Planning Board meeting title. The meeting remained available through that live feed.

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, CFO Paige Elster, Assistant Administrator Vince LoMedico, and Borough Engineer Joe Brosnan

Absent:

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Agrawal

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2026-09-136

Entering Executive Session

1. Attorney Client

Alpine Way

2. Personnel

Administration, Police

Borough Attorney Wenner advised that the Alpine Way attorney-client matter would be carried to the September 15, 2026 meeting at the request of the homeowner's attorney.

On motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2026-08-136.

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 6:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT

Council moved to reconvene in Regular Session unanimously.

On motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Council President Fritzinger, 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

PROCLAMATION

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Tozzi read a proclamation recognizing September 2026 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the Borough of Raritan. The proclamation raised awareness of ovarian cancer, the importance of recognizing symptoms and risk factors, supporting continued research and treatment, and honoring survivors and those who have lost their lives to the disease. Mayor Tozzi also noted that teal ribbons would be displayed throughout the Borough in recognition of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

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.

Brittany Eriksson, 1 LaGrange St – Ms. Eriksson asked Council to reject Resolution No. 2026-09-137 appointing Unity Bank as the Borough's primary financial institution. She questioned the length and timing of the RFP process and raised concerns regarding potential conflicts or the appearance of conflicts involving individuals associated with Unity Bank and municipal officials. She asked Council to either reject or remove the resolution from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Mike Patente, 30 Glaser Ave – Mr. Patente expressed support for placing a six-to-nine-month moratorium on data centers while the Borough conducts additional research. He recommended involving residents and professionals with experience in data center development and cautioned against simply adopting another municipality's ordinance without examining issues including water, electricity, noise and other impacts.

Jeff King, 47 Vones Ln – Mr. King discussed data center development and urged the Borough to

establish appropriate regulations before a proposal is submitted. He referenced actions and discussions occurring in other jurisdictions and encouraged Council to consider requirements addressing electricity, water, sewer and other infrastructure impacts.

Jim Werner, 407 Victoria St – Mr. Werner again raised concerns regarding the recent municipal tax increase and asked what preventative measures were being taken to avoid similar increases in the future. He also discussed loose and abandoned utility cables throughout the Borough and suggested that stronger measures may be necessary to require utility companies to address them.

Tyson Intile, 37 Gaston Ave – Mr. Intile supported a temporary moratorium on data centers to allow the Borough time to study the issue. He also emphasized the importance of responsible industrial development as a means of strengthening the Borough's tax base and reducing pressure on residential taxpayers.

JoAnn Liptak, 2 W Somerset St – Ms. Liptak suggested utilizing the Regional Center Partnership among Raritan, Somerville and Bridgewater to develop a coordinated approach to data center regulation. She expressed concern regarding potential environmental, infrastructure and noise impacts and suggested that a regional approach could provide greater consistency among the three municipalities.

Sam Timms, 1 LaGrange St – Mr. Timms first asked whether Ordinance No. 2026-12, concerning extraneous-duty employment of police officers, would be reopened for public comment if Council removed it from the table. He was advised that another public hearing would be held if the ordinance was untabled. Mr. Timms then questioned whether the meeting could properly continue given that the YouTube broadcast was appearing under the August 26 Planning Board meeting rather than the September 1 Council meeting. He expressed concern that residents watching remotely would not know where to locate the live broadcast and cited this as another example of ongoing problems with public access to Borough meetings. Mr. Timms also commented on Resolution No. 2026-09-137 regarding the selection of Unity Bank as the Borough's primary financial institution. He raised concerns regarding the timing of changing financial institutions while the Borough was experiencing administrative staffing changes and discussed what he viewed as the responsibilities of Borough professionals to maintain appropriate financial controls and oversight. He questioned whether changing banks at that time was prudent and raised concerns regarding the process surrounding the proposed selection.

Michael DeCicco, 32 Alpine Way – Mr. DeCicco expressed support for innovation and technology and cautioned against approaching data centers with an automatic prohibition. He stated that the Borough already has regulatory mechanisms through zoning, land use and the Planning Board and encouraged officials to consider how data center development might be appropriately regulated rather than rejected outright.

Neither seeing nor hearing any other members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Tozzi closed Public Comment.

MINUTES

1. May 5, 2026 – Regular Meeting

On motion by Councilman Harwood, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: Martinez

Motion Carried: 5-0-1

2. June 1, 2026 – Regular Meeting

On motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Council President Fritzinger, Council moved to Approve the June 1, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Fritzinger, DiGraziano, Harwood

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: Agrawal, Giraldi, Martinez

Motion Carried: 3-0-3

3. June 16, 2026 – Regular Meeting

4. July 14, 2026 – Regular Meeting

On motion by Councilman Harwood, seconded by Councilman Martinez, Council moved to Approve the June 16, 2026 and July 14, 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 Giraldi - Councilman Giraldi provided the Police Department report, including year-to-date statistics for general complaints, motor vehicle crashes, arrests, motor vehicle stops and citations. He announced that the Basilone Memorial Parade would be held Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m., with the memorial Mass at St. Ann's Church at 10:00 a.m. He advised that Fire Department statistics were not yet available.

Councilman Agrawal - Councilman Agrawal reported that the Board of Health did not meet during August. He reported on upcoming Senior Citizens activities, including a September 11 trip and educational programs relating to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and estate planning.

Councilman Agrawal also shared several matters raised by residents during his office hours, including a suggestion to explore affordable housing opportunities for veterans, the implementation of handicapped parking spaces on Somerset Street, and the status of the

Washington School Park grant and project. He emphasized the importance of providing residents with updates on pending projects and indicated he would continue sharing issues raised during his office hours at future meetings.

Councilman DiGraziano - Councilman DiGraziano introduced Alicia Wiecewski and Stephanie Cornelson from the Recreation Department, who presented plans for the Borough's new Scarecrow Festival. The event would feature scarecrows created by residents, businesses and community organizations displayed along Somerset Street throughout October, with public voting and the event concluding in conjunction with Trunk or Treat on October 25. Recreation also discussed an October 11 Halloween Costume Exchange, plans for a fall soccer program at Washington School Park and the anticipated return of instructional basketball.

Mayor Tozzi - Mayor Tozzi reported on the recent opening of Zio's Italian Market and a new Pilates studio. He also announced the upcoming September 11 remembrance ceremony at the Thompson Street Firehouse.

Council President Fritzinger - Council President Fritzinger provided a Department of Public Works update, including ongoing catch basin repairs, tree maintenance, road and crosswalk striping, preparation for leaf collection and the September 10 bulk pickup. He reported that approximately 49 tons of bulk material had been collected to date in 2026. Council President Fritzinger also reported on the Historical Committee's August meeting and advised that interviews for the vacant Borough Administrator position were scheduled for the following two days, after which candidates would be reviewed with Council.

Councilman Harwood - Councilman Harwood reported on Administration and advised that interviews for the Borough Administrator position were scheduled for the following day and again on Thursday. He stated that the candidates would be reviewed and then presented to the full Council.

reported on the Environmental Commission. He announced upcoming volunteer planting dates for the rain garden project and advised that the Environmental Commission had submitted a recommendation concerning data centers. The Commission recommended a temporary moratorium to provide sufficient time to study environmental, public health, energy, water, noise, vibration and quality-of-life impacts and to develop appropriate regulations.

Councilman Martinez - Councilman Martinez reported that Municipal Court statistics were not yet available. He then provided an update from the Environmental Commission regarding the AARP-funded rain garden project at Frelinghuysen Park. Planting dates were scheduled for September 26, with a rain date of September 27, and October 3, with a rain date of October 4. Times were still to be determined, and volunteers were being sought to assist with the planting. Councilman Martinez also reported that the Environmental Commission had discussed data centers at its August 27 meeting and prepared a recommendation for the Governing Body. He summarized concerns raised by the Commission regarding potential environmental and public-health impacts, electricity and water usage, energy costs, noise, vibration, and overall quality of life. He advised that the Commission recommended a temporary moratorium on data center

construction, suggesting a period of at least one year to allow additional time for research, public education, and development of appropriate Borough regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Scarecrow Festival (KD)

Following the Recreation Department's presentation regarding the Scarecrow Festival and Trunk or Treat event scheduled for October 25, Council discussed the need to close a portion of Somerset Street to accommodate the event and ensure pedestrian safety. Councilman DiGraziano referenced the planned event layout and the anticipated use of the roadway for scarecrow displays, vehicles, entertainment, and pedestrian activity.

On motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Agrawal, Council approved the road closure associated with the October 25 Scarecrow Festival and Trunk or Treat event.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

2. Data Center Moratorium (DT)

Mayor Tozzi stated that he supported taking approximately six months to conduct additional research concerning data centers before allowing development to proceed. Borough Attorney Wenner explained that a moratorium affecting land use would need to be accomplished through an ordinance rather than administrative action and would require the appropriate land-use review process. He discussed the option of introducing an ordinance restricting data centers while the Borough conducts additional research and develops more comprehensive regulations. Councilman Agrawal emphasized the complexity of the issue and the importance of acting promptly while ensuring that any action is legally sound. He discussed potential industrial property that could attract data center development and recommended utilizing expertise from residents, professionals, the Planning Board and other community partners. He also encouraged regional cooperation and greater public awareness regarding the potential benefits and impacts of data centers.

ORDINANCES – TABLED

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.

Borough Attorney Wenner explained the procedural options available to Council if it wished to consider amendments to the ordinance.

On motion by Council President Fritzinger, seconded by Councilman Martinez, Council approved un-tabling Ordinance No. 2026-12.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

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

Sam Timms, 1 LaGrange St - Mr. Timms stated that he supported reviewing the Borough's existing extraneous-duty rates but expressed concern that the proposed structure could result in insufficient revenue to the Borough for certain higher-paid officers. He recommended simplifying the compensation structure and ensuring that the Borough receives sufficient revenue to cover vehicle, administrative and other related expenses.

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

Councilman Agrawal stated that while he supported appropriate compensation for police officers, he could not support a structure under which the Borough could potentially subsidize certain extraneous-duty assignments. He favored a tiered structure and revisions for work performed on behalf of the Borough.

Councilman Martinez stated that he had considered adopting the ordinance and amending it later but, following further discussions, believed it would be preferable to establish the appropriate structure before adoption.

Councilman Harwood stated that he was comfortable moving forward with the ordinance and amending it later if necessary so the Borough could begin receiving the additional revenue. Council President Fritzinger similarly expressed concern about delaying implementation and the revenue the Borough was foregoing while the ordinance remained unresolved.

Mayor Tozzi discussed the revenue generated through extraneous-duty assignments and the revenue that had not been collected while the ordinance remained tabled.

Borough Attorney Wenner advised that, if Council desired substantive changes, the cleaner procedure would be to defeat the ordinance in its current form and introduce a revised ordinance at the September 15 meeting rather than attempting complex amendments during the meeting.

On motion by Council President Fritzinger, seconded by Councilman Martinez, Council considered Ordinance No. 2026-12 for adoption.

Recorded Vote

Yea: x

Nay: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez

Absent: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 0-6

Ordinance No. 2026-12 failed.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2026-14

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 286 Sewers -article one, User charge system. Ordinance is to amend Sanitary Sewer Usage Fees

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Sanitary Sewer Usage Charge code section of the Borough.

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

Michael DeCicco, 32 Alpine Way - Mr. DeCicco asked Council to table or reject the ordinance. He expressed concern that residents had not been sufficiently involved in evaluating alternatives and suggested a broader public presentation before implementing a new recurring sewer charge.

Brittany Eriksson, 1 LaGrange St - Ms. Eriksson discussed alternative funding opportunities for sewer improvements, including grants and low-cost financing. She questioned the projected costs to residential users and expressed concern that the proposed fee structure could disproportionately affect certain households.

Sam Timms, 1 LaGrange - Mr. Timms questioned the methodology used to establish the minimum residential charge and discussed differences among single-family, multifamily and higher-density properties. He encouraged Council to consider additional alternatives and a structure more closely related to actual usage.

Mike Patente, 30 Glaser Ave - Mr. Patente expressed concern regarding the impact of a separate sewer charge on senior citizens, disabled veterans and other residents. He questioned the underlying analysis and recommended additional public input and consideration of retaining

sewer costs within the tax structure.

Greg Natale, 63 Thompson St - Mr. Natale questioned whether a separate sewer-fee revenue stream could eventually be privatized or otherwise transferred. Borough Attorney Wenner and Council discussed the legal procedures applicable to the sewer system and collection of Borough sewer revenues.

Roger Copt, 1120 Rt 202 - Mr. Copt objected to the proposed \$500 commercial minimum charge, explaining that his property's actual sewer usage was very low and that the minimum would significantly exceed his historical usage cost.

Jim Foohey, 710 Rhyne Blvd - Mr. Foohey questioned why a minimum sewer charge was necessary rather than billing solely according to usage. He expressed concern that a minimum could result in low-usage customers paying disproportionately more.

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

Councilman Agrawal reiterated his opposition to the proposed structure, expressing concern regarding the minimum charges, the treatment of multifamily properties and whether sufficient alternatives had been considered.

Councilman Harwood commented on the need to address the sewer utility's financial condition and discussed the history of municipal tax increases and the need to fund Borough obligations.

On motion by Councilman Harwood, seconded by Councilman Martinez, Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-14.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Fritzinger, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez

Nay: Agrawal

Absent: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 5-1

Ordinance No. 2026-15

Bond Ordinance providing an appropriation of \$300,000 for various road resurfacing and various sewer pipe replacement for and by the Borough of Raritan, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, appropriating \$285,000 thereof and authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes of the borough to finance part of the cost thereof

The purpose of this Ordinance is to authorize the expenditure for various road resurfacing and sewer pipe replacement improvements and related purposes throughout the Borough.

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

Sam Timms, 1 LaGrange St – Mr. Timms questioned the proposed borrowing, including the allocation between road and sewer work, the amount permitted for professional and other Section 20 costs, the anticipated financing costs and the timing of cancelling unused balances from prior capital authorizations. CFO Elster explained that the Section 20 amount represented a maximum authorization and did not necessarily mean the full amount would be spent. She also discussed the Borough's review of outstanding capital projects for potential cancellation.

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

Councilman Agrawal discussed the anticipated cancellation of outstanding capital balances and stated that he was comfortable moving forward based upon his discussions with Borough staff and the understanding that unused capital authorizations were being reviewed for cancellation.

On motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-15.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

Ordinance No. 2026-16

Amending and Supplementing the Borough Code by Repealing and Replacing in its Entirety Article XII – Tree Removal and Replacement – of Chapter 315 Entitled “Stormwater Management”

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Borough's tree removal and replacement regulations to establish updated requirements, including application, replacement, and financial requirements associated with the removal of trees within the Borough.

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

Michael DeCicco, 32 Alpine Way – Mr. DeCicco expressed concern regarding additional regulations affecting property owners and questioned whether the proposed requirements were overly burdensome.

Jim Werner, 407 Victoria St - Mr. Werner asked how the ordinance would be enforced and

emphasized the importance of having an effective enforcement mechanism.

Brittany Eriksson, 1 LaGrange St - Ms. Eriksson expressed support for the ordinance and discussed the importance of tree preservation for stormwater management, environmental protection and quality of life. She also asked how hazard-tree determinations would be verified.

Sam Timms, 1 LaGrange St - Mr. Timms supported the ordinance and discussed the importance of tree canopy and green space for stormwater management, environmental conditions and quality of life. He suggested that the Borough should also consider efforts to increase the overall number of trees.

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

Borough Attorney Wenner explained a proposed amendment resulting from the Environmental Commission's recommendations. The amendment would allow hazard trees on owner-occupied single-family properties and owner-occupied residential properties of three units or fewer to be removed without a replacement requirement, while hazard trees removed from other non-exempt properties would remain subject to replacement requirements.

On motion by Councilman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council approved the amendment to Ordinance No. 2026-16.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Fritzingler, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

On motion by Council President Fritzingler, seconded by Councilman Martinez, Council approved Ordinance No. 2026-16 as amended, with the amended ordinance to be re-noticed for a second public hearing on September 15, 2026.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Fritzingler, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood, Martinez

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION

None

CONSENT AGENDA

(Resolution No. 2026-09-137 through No.2026-09-140)

Resolution No. 2026-09-137

Appointing Unity Bank as the Primary Financial Institution for the Borough of Raritan

Resolution No. 2026-09-138

Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment – Police Department

Resolution No. 2026-09-139

Authorizing Purchase and Installation of WebEx Phone System for the Raritan Borough Police Department from Millennium Communications Group, Inc. Through NASPO Contract #21-TELE-01506

Resolution No. 2026-09-140

Authorizing the Borough of Raritan to Enter into the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Councilman Agrawal commented on concerns raised by members of the public regarding Resolution No. 2026-09-137 and stated that he trusted the professional recommendation provided regarding the selection of the Borough's primary financial institution.

On motion by Councilman DiGraziano, seconded by Council President Fritzinger, Council approved Resolution Nos. 2026-09-137 through 2026-09-140 - Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Fritzinger, Agrawal, DiGraziano, Giraldi, Harwood

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: Martinez

Motion Carried: 5-0-1

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 2026-09-141

Approving Bills List

On motion by Councilman DiGraziano, seconded by Councilman Harwood, Council approved Resolution No. 2026-09-141 – Bills List.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Absent: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

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

Mike Patene, 30 Glaser Ave – Mr. Patente expressed disappointment with the adoption of the sewer ordinance and stated that additional public input and alternative approaches should have

been considered. He asked for clarification regarding Council's intended action on data centers. Borough Attorney Wenner advised that an ordinance addressing data centers would be presented for introduction at the September 15 meeting. Mr. Patente cautioned against an outright prohibition and encouraged the Borough to develop a legally appropriate temporary approach while regulations are studied. He also requested a future presentation regarding the services and value provided by the Raritan Public Library, raised a sight-distance concern near the Stop & Shop construction area, and commented on a pending development application near the Post Office.

Jim Foohey, 710 Rhyne Blvd - Mr. Foohey discussed the services and resources provided by the Raritan Public Library and noted the Library's participation in a larger library network. He also expressed concern regarding the evening's YouTube broadcast difficulties and again advocated for restoring a cable television option as an alternative means of viewing Council meetings.

Brittany Eriksson, 1 LaGrange - Ms. Eriksson reiterated her concerns regarding the selection of Unity Bank and potential conflicts or appearances of impropriety. She also discussed data center development and broader land-use and redevelopment decisions in the Borough, expressing concern regarding the influence of campaign contributions and developers on municipal decision-making.

John Murphy, 1008 Tysley Pl - Mr. Murphy clarified the location of the upcoming September 11 remembrance ceremony at the Thompson Street Firehouse. He also expressed support for the recently adopted sewer ordinance and thanked the committee members and Borough professionals who had worked on developing the proposal.

Roger Copt, 1120 Rt 202 - Mr. Copt asked Borough Attorney Wenner about previous comments concerning the Redevelopment Advisory Committee and whether questions existed regarding the validity of committee appointments. Attorney Wenner clarified that his prior comments addressed a hypothetical concerning the effect of members not being properly appointed and stated that he had not declared the committee illegal. Mr. Copt also asked about holding a future town hall meeting and expressed additional concerns regarding development and Borough governance.

Sam Timms, 1 LaGrange - Mr. Timms again criticized the problems with the evening's YouTube broadcast and stated that changing the broadcast link during the meeting affected public access. He also raised concerns regarding Borough decision-making, campaign contributions, development and the responsiveness of Borough officials to residents. He encouraged greater cooperation between the Governing Body and members of the public and emphasized the importance of resident participation in municipal government.

Neither seeing nor hearing any other members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Tozzi closed Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Recorded Vote:

All in favor

Motion passed: 6-0

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Kimberly Mathewson
Acting Municipal Clerk