

January 4, 2015
Reorganization Meeting

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Raritan Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Liptak at 12:00p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Borough Municipal Building at 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

Mayor Liptak requested that everyone rise for the Presentation of Colors by Relief Hose Company No. 2.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Dr. Ronald W. Jones, Pastor, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

STAR SPANGLE BANNER

The Star Spangle Banner was sung by Lisa Simonetti.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Liptak led the Pledge of Alliance.

RECOGNITION OF RARITAN ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL

Mayor Liptak requested that all former and current members of the Armed Forces stand and be recognized.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Mayor Liptak announced that the meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were sent to the Courier News and the Star Ledger on December 18, 2014. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Raritan Borough website and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted.

RECOGNITION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Mayor Liptak recognized the dignities and government officials in attendance.

OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office for Councilwoman Denise Carra was administered by Katherine Howes, Attorney at Law.

The oath of office for Councilman James Foohey was administered by Borough Clerk Schmitt.

ROLL CALL OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Present: Councilwoman Carra, Councilman Foohey,
Councilwoman Gara, Councilman Lobell, Councilman
Sibilia
Absent: Councilman Giraldi
Also Present: Mayor Liptak, Borough Administrator Jaxel,
Borough Clerk Schmitt

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Liptak called for a nomination for Council President.

On motion by Councilman Foohey, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to nominate Councilman Lobell for Council President.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Mayor Liptak administered the oath of office to Council President Lobell.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Liptak administered the oath of office to Fire Chief Brian Kredatus and Assistant Fire Chief Thomas DeSantis.

RECOGNITION OF 2015 NICHOLAS ESPOSITO VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD RECEPIENT

Mayor Liptak presented the 2015 Nicholas Esposito Volunteer of the Year Award to William Mener. Mayor Liptak read the letter nominating Mr. Mener for this award and presented him with a personalized framed lithograph of early Main Street in Raritan, New Jersey. Mayor Liptak announced that Mr. Mener and all former volunteer of the year recipients would be receiving the same personalized lithograph.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH

Mayor Liptak read the following 2015 State of the Borough Speech:

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, family and friends, welcome to our annual reorganization meeting of the Borough of Raritan. Thank you for joining us today. We are pleased to welcome back to our council Jim Foohey who served the borough as a councilman in previous years and welcome back Denise Carra for another term in office. When asked what was wrong with the United States, Senator Thomas Coburn from Oklahoma stated "it's about the politicians and not about the United States and it should be about the United States and not the politicians." Perhaps we need to paraphrase Dr. Coburn and ask what's wrong with Raritan. Is it about the politicians and not about Raritan when it should be about Raritan and not the politicians? I sincerely hope that we will be able to set aside differences both personal and ideological and work for the good of the community this year. Effective government represents diverse opinions and works toward informed, conscientious decisions and compromises, for the good of the order, and not for

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personal gain or self-aggrandizement. We sit here to make Raritan the best it can be and the finest community in Somerset County.

Many positive things have happened this year that will benefit the borough going forward.

- Stone Bridge at Raritan opened the Veterans Building. It is beautiful and completely handicap accessible with wider doors and lowers countertops. Stone Bridge is an excellent example of what can happen when cooperation, compromise, and open dialogs occur between the developer and the borough.
- Phase two of the reconstruction of Orlando Drive was completed and we are anticipating the start of Phase Three in 2015. Thank you Stan Schrek for your perseverance and diligence on this project.
- Through the Somerville/Raritan/Bridgewater Regional Center Partnership we received four traffic calming signs that are in place on Woodmere Street approaching JFK School; on Anderson Street near the intersection of Second Street; on Bell Avenue and on Sherman Avenue. We will be receiving two more signs for placement in other parts of the borough in 2015.
- The MLUB approved an application for a Tim Horton's Coffee Shop and a Cold Stone Creamery on the West End Avenue site of the Fresh Foods Kitchen. Tim Horton's is a Canadian company very much like the well-known coffee shops that are here in the United States.
- Numerous smaller shops opened their doors on Somerset Street and Thompson and Anderson Streets as well.
- The Library Board of Trustees is presently working on the addition of a community room to the library that will accommodate various groups and committees who now use the lower level of the municipal building as a meeting space. The new room will also be used for library programs and will allow the library in cooperation with the Cultural and Historic Committee to exhibit various local historic artifacts on a rotating basis.
- We continue to benefit from a close cooperative relationship with Michael Catania, the Executive Director, of The Duke Farms Foundation as we move forward with the redevelopment of the riverfront.

It is very gratifying to work with so many dedicated and enthusiastic people, and I would be remiss if I did not thank our professional staff: Administrator Dan Jaxel; Borough Clerk Maggie Schmitt; Borough Attorney, Rich Wenner; Borough Engineer Stan Schrek; and Borough Planner Dave Maski. We also thank our Department of Public Works and our Police Department for the fine job they continue to do for the people of Raritan.

No community can function without its volunteers and we are grateful for their service to our borough. It is their altruistic desire to serve their town which compels them to public service. They give their time and talents to help plan our community and preserve our quality of life. Special recognition should be given to our Fire Department and Rescue Squad who respond 24 hours a day, seven days a

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week, 365 days a year. Their commitment and dedication is beyond description. Since 2007 we have honored one volunteer each year with the Nicholas Esposito Volunteer of the Year award. For those of you who do not know, Mr. Esposito was a long time member of our Fire Department and many other committees as well as being our Clerk-Administrator for many, many years. He was the quintessential volunteer. His portrait hangs in the back of our Council Chambers. This year's honoree was Bill Mener our retiring fire chief. Bill and each of the previous winners will receive a framed picture of Somerset Street, circa 1909, engraved with their name as a memento of their service to Raritan. As we speak of volunteers we must mention Dan Soriano, who recently passed. He was an active member of our Cultural and Heritage Committee and also served as our Municipal Prosecutor and Borough Attorney. Earlier this year we also lost Jim Sibilia. Jim was a police officer with the borough but also served as a Councilman during the 1990's. In memory of Dan and Jim and the many other people who passed from our community during 2014 I'd like to read a short passage from a poem by Linda Ellis titled "The Dash".

In conclusion, the Council and I would like to wish you and your loved ones good health, happiness and peace in the New Year. May God bless our servicemen and women; the United States; and the Borough of Raritan.

REMARKS BY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Lobell delivered the following remarks:

Thank you for coming to this year's reorganization. I hope everyone had a wonderful New Year and 2015 will be a healthy and prosperous one.

I am honored and excited to be Council President this year. I look forward to working with everyone to continue the many exciting things that are happening in Raritan.

We had another election last year and I would like to congratulate Denise Carra on her re-election and Jim Foohey on his election win. I am pleased that he decided to get involved in local governance again. His experience will be welcomed and counted on.

I am looking forward to being liaison to Recreation and Parks. After 30 plus years Rich Bartalucci retired as director and will be missed. Rich has been a fixture with Raritan and recreation. I would like to thank Rich and his wife Jan for their unwavering effort to Recreation and the borough. Last month I visited Rich and Jan in Myrtle Beach and have to say they have a beautiful new home and could not be any happier.

I also am very excited to be working with the Department of Public Works as their liaison. We have such dedicated and hardworking people in DPW that care for the Borough and more importantly the residents of Raritan. I continually have residents thank me for the extra efforts the department makes to help someone in need.

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A lot of exciting things are going on in Raritan and I am very excited to continue with these projects, especially the redevelopment of Orlando Drive and the Riverfront. As the liaison to the Economic Development Committee I can't wait to continue with these efforts. I also look forward to bringing more opportunity to the Main Street and other businesses in Raritan. I feel this is the future of Raritan.

I would like to thank all the employees of Raritan. You are the ones that really make things happen and you do a great Job. I have always felt our employees do not just consider Raritan as a place to work. They have a special connection and loyalty to the Borough and their efforts show this.

We are so lucky to be living in Somerset County. I have had many opportunities to work with the County and it has always been a pleasure to do so. The County provides so many services that go unrecognized. I would like to personally thank the County and its employees for all their efforts and am excited to continue a great relationship between Raritan and Somerset County. I truly believe Somerset County is the best County in the State if not the country to live in.

Lastly to the Council, we have to remember that we serve all the people of Raritan, they are our first responsibility. All our efforts should be to provide all the services they require and provide a quality of life that will make each and every resident proud to call Raritan home.

Thank you very much and let's have a great year.

Councilwoman Carra delivered the following remarks:

Good Afternoon,

I would like to thank the voters of Raritan for placing their continued trust in me and re-electing me to the Borough Council for my 5th term. I will continue to serve with honesty, integrity and dedication.

As most of you know, the moral of this election story is very simple, every vote counts. I went to bed not sure if I really won. I woke up the next morning only to read in the newspaper that I had won the borough council seat by one vote. I had so many people taking credit for the one vote. I thanked each one personally for being responsible for the winning vote. In the days following the election, I acquired additional provisional ballot votes changing my election victory from one to seven votes. So remember that your vote is very important and can make a difference.

I would like to congratulate Councilman Foohey on his election victory. I had the privilege of serving on the borough council with him before and look forward to working with him again as we continue to improve our town and do "great things" for Raritan. Councilman Foohey was responsible for putting my name on the ballot twelve years ago. He asked me if he could put my name on the ballot

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as a place holder until he found a replacement to run in the 2002 election. Needless to say, he never found a replacement. Frankly, I am not sure if he even looked for a replacement and how could I back out when your father is your running mate. The rest is history.

This year I am appointed to Public Safety. I will be the liaison to the Raritan Fire Department and the Somerville Rescue Squad. Congratulations to our new Fire Chief, Brian Kredatus, and our new Assistant Fire Chief, Thomas DeSantis.

Also, I will be the liaison to Board of Health, Municipal Courts and a member on the Finance Committee with Councilman Sibilia.

As a member on the Finance Committee last year, we maintained a stable borough tax rate. The tax rate went from 2.295 in 2013 to 2.248 in 2014. The 4.7 cent tax rate difference resulted in over \$150 decrease for an average homeowner. We hope to maintain a stable borough tax rate in 2015 despite the continuing loss of state aid. We must remain fiscally responsible and look for alternative sources of revenue.

Through grant acquisitions, thanks to our Borough Engineer, Stan Schrek, we were able to reconstruct Orlando Drive and install and replace sidewalks throughout the town.

We continue to aggressively go after overcrowding to maintain house values and the quality of life for our residents. We have listened to your concerns and we are working with our Police Department to deter speeding throughout the town.

We will continue to provide garbage, bulk and leaf/brush pickup with our in-house Department of Public Works.

My most rewarding accomplishment this year was Co-Chairing the 2014 Raritan River Fest and Rubber Duck Race with former Councilman Don Tozzi. We raised \$28,000 in donations (\$21,000) for the Robert Wood Johnson Steeple Chase Cancer Center and (\$7,000) for the Raritan Volunteer Fire Department. Saving lives makes the time and effort put into the fundraiser worthwhile.

In closing, I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to our Borough Attorney, Richard Wenner, Borough Engineer, Stan Schrek, Borough Administrator, Dan Jaxel and Municipal Clerk, Maggie Schmitt for their knowledge and guidance throughout the year. A special thank you to the Public Works Department, Police Department, Raritan Fire Department, Somerville Rescue Squad, OEM, John Basilone Parade Committee, board members and all the volunteers who give to our community. A special thanks to our Veterans and the men and woman serving our country.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

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Councilwoman Gara delivered the following remarks:

My warm greetings to you all and a very Happy New Year. I would like to welcome and thank our residents and distinguished guests for joining us today. Congratulations to Councilwoman Denise Carra for her re-election and congratulations to our newest Councilman Jim Foohey. Welcome back Jim, I look forward to working with you this year. My sincere congratulations to newly elected Council President Greg Lobell. I would also like to wish Council President Lobell a very Happy Birthday (today's the day ☺). I look forward to working with Mayor Liptak and the entire Council in this upcoming year.

I am encouraged and excited for Raritan as we move forward. We must ensure that 2015 is a year of productivity. We as a Council must strive towards our goals for Raritan for that is precisely why we have been elected. Keeping a better future in mind must but coupled with prudent spending. As Albert Einstein said "Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value". The seven of us sitting here must be of value to our entire community. This year we must strive towards our goals such as the Riverfront Corridor, implementation of the way finding plan which was funding by Regional Center and approved by Council in 2013. The way finding plan will provide a viable connection between the train station, Somerset Street and the Riverfront Corridor. The enhancement of the Canal Street Park, as well as the final phase of Orlando Drive. We must all stay positive and focused on those things that mean so much to our Borough.

We must maintain our wonderful relationship with the Somerset County Freeholders, the Somerset County Parks Commission, the Duke Farms Foundation, Dr. Judy Shaw with the Bloustein School, The Central Jersey Stream Team, and many other wonderful groups that work closely with us supporting this community.

This year my responsibilities include Police along with Councilman Foohey and Public Works along with Council President Lobell. I will also be liaison to Office of Emergency Management, Raritan Senior Citizens and Municipal Land Use Board. I will also be maintaining my seat on the Somerset County Solid Waste Advisory Council. I plan to give again all of my best efforts to my assignments.

Many thanks to all the employees of Raritan for the outstanding work you continually provide. A special thank you to our Police Department, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Office of Emergency Management. I can sincerely say we have incredible first responders looking out for our wellbeing and I thank them for all their hard work and dedication to Raritan. We are a strong community thanks to these men and women.

To all of our residents who so generously volunteer their time and efforts to our community, I sincerely thank you. You are in essence the unsung heroes of our Borough. I readily welcome more unsung heroes and am available to meet with anyone at any time. Thank you so very much for allowing me the opportunity to continue to serve

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our Borough in this upcoming year. Have a safe and wonderful New Year. Thank You.

Councilman Foohey delivered the following remarks:

I want to wish everyone a Happy and healthy New Year. Congratulations to Councilwoman Denise Carra on her re-election and to Councilman Greg Lobell on being chosen Council President for 2015. I look forward to working with them and the rest of the Borough Council and Mayor Liptak. It's good to be back. Yogi Berra once said, "It feels like déjà vu all over again." It's been 8 years since I sat on this council. I'm a little older and hopefully a lot wiser. I bring 6 years of council experience to the table and a willingness to work with everyone. I come back to this council with an open mind. I will listen to everyone's opinion before I make a decision on any issue.

Whenever there is only one Democrat or Republican on the council, that person usually takes on the role of watchdog. I plan to be a lot more than just a watchdog. I will be an active player in every decision this council makes. And I will never vote no just for the sake of voting no. Whenever I vote no on anything, I will give a valid reason.

I'm looking forward to working with Councilwoman Gara on the police committee. I have always had the utmost respect for our police dept. It's sad to see so many in our country criticizing police. I would ask those critics, would they be willing to put on a badge and uniform, strap on a gun, get into a squad car and respond to a 911 call in the middle of the night? I don't think so.

I'm also looking forward to being liaison to the schools and the board of education, and working with our board member, Ann Marie Mead. I was liaison for 6 years in my previous two terms. I will be a pro-active liaison once again. I plan to meet our new superintendent in the next few weeks.

One of my campaign promises to residents is the televising of council meetings. It's long overdue in Raritan. Somerville has been doing it successfully for 10 years. Putting our meetings on TV will have several benefits. Residents, especially seniors, who can't make it to meetings, can watch their council in action in the comfort of their home. Since newspaper coverage of our meetings is minimal, residents can easily stay informed on the issues we discuss. Residents may be encouraged to attend a meeting if they have questions or comments. It may also help to keep our meetings civil by forcing council members to be on their best behavior in front of the camera. I will begin working on the project this week and with any luck we could be on TV in March.

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Three days ago I attended Somerville's re-organization meeting. It included a slide show of last year's accomplishments. I was impressed with all the progress they made over the last few years. I was told that Mayor Gallager and the Somerville council accomplished their goals because they all work together. Somerville is a perfect example of how a governing body should work.

I'm hoping the arguments that divided this council last year will stay in 2014. We should start the New Year with a clean slate. No doubt there will be disagreements, but those disagreements should lead to a healthy debate and not a bitter argument producing hard feelings that linger long after the meeting is adjourned.

- John F. Kennedy said, "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future." I interpret that statement to mean: cut out the political games, do the right thing, stop crying about the past and make plans for the future.

People run for public office for different reasons. Some run for personal gain. Some have a personal agenda or worse, a vendetta. Some people do it just to help their party by filling an empty spot on the ballot. And some people do it to inflate their already inflated ego. The best reason to run is knowing that if you're elected, you can make a difference. That's why I'm sitting here today. I will make a difference, but I can't do it alone. If we all work together, we all will make a difference, and Raritan will be a better place to live because of it.

Thank you.

Councilman Sibilgia delivered the following remarks:

I would like to thank all the Borough employees and all the Borough volunteers for a great 2014 and I look forward to 2015. To all the residents, I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.
Thank you.

Councilman Foohey invited those in attendance to join him for a buffet lunch funded by leftover campaign funds and donations.

ADOPTION OF 2015 GENERAL RULES OF ORDER

Mayor Liptak called for a motion on the Adoption of the 2015 General Rules of Order.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilgia, it was moved to adopt the 2015 General Rules of Order.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.
NAY: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

2015 COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Mayor Liptak acknowledged the following 2015 Standing Committees:

<u>ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL</u>	Councilman Foohey Councilman Giraldi
<u>ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS</u>	Councilman Lobell Councilwoman Gara
<u>FINANCE</u>	Councilman Sibiliala Councilwoman Carra
<u>POLICE</u>	Councilwoman Gara Councilman Foohey
<u>PUBLIC PROPERTIES</u>	Councilman Giraldi Councilman Sibiliala
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	Councilwoman Carra Councilman Lobell

2015 COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Liptak acknowledged the following 2015 Council Liaison Assignments:

<u>Board of Health</u>	Councilwoman Carra
<u>Municipal Court</u>	
<u>Cultural and Historic Committee</u>	Councilman Foohey
<u>Board of Education/Schools</u>	
<u>Office of Emergency Management</u>	Councilwoman Gara
<u>Senior Citizens</u>	
<u>Basilone Parade Committee</u>	Councilman Giraldi
<u>Environmental Commission</u>	
<u>Parks and Recreation</u>	Councilman Lobell
<u>Economic Development Committee</u>	
<u>Regional Center Partnership</u>	Councilman Sibiliala
<u>Litigation</u>	

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS *without Consent of Council*

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

<u>MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD</u>	<u>Class II Member</u> - 1 year term - 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 - <i>Ronald Rispoli</i>
	<u>Class III Councilmember</u> - 1 year term - 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 - <i>Councilwoman Gara</i>
	<u>Class IV Member</u> - 4 year term - 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2018 - <i>John Gausz</i>
	<u>Class IV Member</u> - 4 year term - 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2018 - <i>Richard Miller</i>

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Alternate Member No. 3 - 1 year term -
1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 - *Zachary Bray*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2017 - *Don Christensen*

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2019 - *Olga Metaxas*
Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2019 - *Jerry Kovac*

CULTURAL AND HISTORIC COMMITTEE

Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2017 - *Marie Lombardy*
Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2017 - *Karen Eastlund*
Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2017 - *Keith James*
Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2017 - *James Fidacaro*

REGIONAL CENTER EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mayor Liptak - 1 year term - 1/1/2015
to 12/31/2015
Councilman Sibilila - 1 year term -
1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015
Dave Maski - 1 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2015
Don Christensen - 1 year term -
1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS with Consent of Council

Mayor Liptak announced the following appointments requiring the
consent of Council:

BOARD OF HEALTH

Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2017 - *Anna Louise Bongiovi*
Member - 3 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2017 - *Diane Lella*

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Member - 5 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2019 - *Bruce Doorly*
Member - 5 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2019 - *Rachel Zack*
Member - 5 year term - 1/1/2015 to
12/31/2019 - *Konstanze Seifert-Ethier*
Superintendent of Schools
Representative - 1 year term - 1/1/2015
to 12/31/2015 - *Ann Marie Mead*

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On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to accept the nominations to the Board of Health and Library Board of Trustees.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Liptak announced the following Resolutions submitting the *italicized* names for nomination:

Resolution No. 2015-01-02 - Appointment of Borough Attorney - Richard W. Wenner of the firm Lavery, Selvaggi, Abiomitis & Cohen.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-02.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-03 - Appointment of Bond Counsel - John L. Kraft, Esq. of John L. Kraft, Esq. LLC.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-03.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-04 - Appointment of Municipal Court Judge - Katherine E. Howes

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-04.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
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Abstain: XXX

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Resolution No. 2015-01-05 - Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor
- Joseph M. Wenzel

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-05.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-06 - Appointment of Alternate Municipal
Prosecutor - Douglas Singleterry

On motion by Councilman Sibilia, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-06.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-07 - Appointment of Public Defender -
Matthew Moench

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-07.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-08 - Appointment of Alternate Public
Defender - Pasquale Marago

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-08.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-09 - Appointment of Insurance Agent-
Willis of New Jersey, Inc.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-09.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-10 - Appointment of Registered Municipal Accountant - the firm of Suplee, Cooney & Company

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-10.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-11 - Appointment of Administrative Officials

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-11.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-12 - Approval of Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilman Sibilia, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-12.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-13 -Appointment of Depositories/Financial Institutions

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On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia,
it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-13.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilialia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-14 - Appointment of Custodians of
Accounts

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President
Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-14.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilialia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-15 - Adoption of 2015 Temporary Budget

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Gara,
it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-15.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilialia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-16 - Resolution Fixing the Rate of
Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Sewer

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman
Gara, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-16.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilialia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-17 - Resolution Cancelling 2014 Property
Tax Open Balances Less Than \$10.00

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Gara,
it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-17.

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Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-18 - Designation of Official Newspapers

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-18.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-19 - Designation of Paid Holidays

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-19.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-20 - Establishment of 2015 Calendar of Meetings

On motion by Councilwoman Carra, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-20.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01-21 - Resolution Authorizing a "Change Fund" for Use by the Borough Clerk's Office and the Office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Council President Lobell, it was moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01-21.

Recorded Vote: AYE: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Lobell, Sibilia
NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BENEDICTION

The benediction was delivered by Rev. Dr. Ronald W. Jones, Pastor of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Dr. Jones reflected on his pending retirement in September 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Foohey, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.
 NAY: XXX
 Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Marguerite Schmitt, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____