

The Regular Meeting of the Raritan Borough Council was called to order by Council President Lobell at 7:00p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Borough Municipal Building at 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869.

Council President Lobell 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 January 6, 2015. 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.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilwoman Carra, Councilman Foohy,
Councilwoman Gara, Councilman Giraldi, Council
President Lobell, Councilman Sibilgia
Absent: Mayor Liptak
Also Present: Borough Attorney Wenner, Borough Engineer Schrek,
Borough Administrator Jaxel, Police Lieutenant
Nolte, Borough Clerk Schmitt

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Giraldi led the invocation and flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

WORK SESSION

1. Engineer's Report

Borough Engineer Schrek delivered the following report:

Orlando Drive, Phase 3

We are continuing to work with Green Acres to resolve the necessary diversion associated with the Orlando Drive ROW encroachment onto County and private lands. A Green Acres Scoping Hearing has been scheduled for August 11. Signage, noticing the hearing, has been placed at Loomis Street and at the park on Orlando Drive. We have been in discussions with the County regarding the mechanics of granting an easement on the park, naming the park in the County's Green Acres inventory.

Once this scoping hearing is completed, Green Acres has advised that they will issue a letter indicating that we can go to bid with Orlando Drive, Phase 3. I am expecting the same

from the County and Duke Farms. Necessary ROW transfers will need to catch up.

Victoria Street Sidewalks

We have notified the contractor of the Borough's intent to award at the July 28 meeting. We expect the project to start shortly thereafter. You will recall that capital funds have been added to the CBDG grant. The project cannot be awarded until the bond ordinance requirements have been fulfilled.

2015 Road Repair Program

We are working with DPW to complete specifications for road repairs. We expect to bid the project in August.

Borough Engineer Schrek also reported that there was an issue with a sink hole that required an emergency repair today and an invoice would be forthcoming in the amount of \$5,200.00. Mr. Schrek requested Council's approval of this invoice so the contractor could be paid.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve the payment of \$5,200.00 for the emergency sink hole repair on N. 2nd Avenue.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Mr. Schrek also briefed Council on repairs that are needed at the Anderson Street Fire House Recreation Office to make some repairs to windows and roof leaks and also at the Municipal Building. Mr. Schrek stated that he has received an estimate from a local contractor and requested Council's approval for payment in the amount of \$2,365.00.

On motion by Council President Lobell, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, it was moved to approve payment of \$2,365.00 to Tozzi Construction to complete the repairs at the 16 Anderson Street Fire House and caulk the windows at 22 First Street pending a certification of funds.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

2. Amending Section 207 of the Borough Code - Firewood (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel stated that Frank Taddeo, Property Maintenance Inspector has requested that the section of the Borough Code regulating the storage of firewood be amended to require that firewood be stacked on pallets. Councilwoman Gara mentioned that the County Board of Health already requires that firewood be stacked so many inches off the ground. Some discussion ensued on the exact meaning of this request. Borough Attorney Wenner stated that he would reach out to Mr. Taddeo and find out what his concerns are with the current ordinance. Councilwoman Gara requested that this item be placed on the July 28th Council Meeting for an update.

3. Garbage Tipping Fee Bids (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel briefed Council on the advice from the Auditors to participate in a bid with Manville Borough for garbage tipping fees. Mr. Jaxel stated that the Borough has always tried to get the best price on these fees; however, a better price may be available if the Borough bids jointly with Manville. Mr. Jaxel advised that in order to proceed with this process it would require adoption of a Resolution by Council which would be on the July 28th Agenda. Council was in agreement on this request.

4. North Gaston Avenue and Frelinghuysen Park Trees (DJ)

Borough Administrator Jaxel reported that the tree in Frelinghuysen Park has been taken care of today and that he is trying to work with the County to remove the tree on North Gaston Avenue. Mr. Jaxel explained that the Borough cannot determine the exact property owner for the North Gaston Avenue tree; therefore, he is requesting Council's authorization to have the County remove the tree since it is in the right of way. Council had no objections to this request.

Councilman Sibilica added that there is a huge dead tree in the park at Canal and Wall Streets. Borough Engineer Schrek stated that the tree is most likely in the County right of way and that he would have a County official take a look at the tree. Mr. Schrek reviewed the issues regarding delineation of property lines and discussion ensued on property ownership and tree maintenance.

5. Borough Pools (PG)

Councilman Giraldi stated that he has observed that Somerville Borough opens their pool on Sundays and suggested that Raritan Borough look into having at least one pool open a half day on Sunday. Mr. Giraldi also suggested that Raritan consider offering one of the pools for rent to private parties since this could be a good option for revenue. Council was interesting in exploring the idea and Council President Lobell stated that he would bring these ideas to the Recreation Committee at tomorrow night's meeting.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2015-09 - An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Adding Chapter 260, Precious Metals, Gems, and Secondhand Goods, to the Code of the Borough of Raritan

Council President Lobell called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Sibiliala, it was moved to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2015-09.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibiliala

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

There being no comments Council President Lobell called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Sibiliala, it was moved to close the Public Hearing.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibiliala

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Council President Lobell stated that he has questions related to why this ordinance is being proposed. Mr. Lobell stated that

the County Prosecutor's Office already has guidelines governing the sale of these items and this ordinance would be creating extra costs for local retailers. A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed that more information is needed from Police Chief McCormick.

On motion by Councilman Foohey, seconded by Councilman Sibilialia, it was moved to table Ordinance No. 2015-09 pending a discussion with Police Chief McCormick.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giralardi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2015-07-83 - Appointment of Firefighters

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilwoman Gara, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-07-83.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giralardi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-07-84 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement Between the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association Local #82 and the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey for the Contract Period January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Giralardi, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-07-84.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giralardi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-07-85 - Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Raritan Attorney and Other Borough Professionals to Prepare and File a Declaratory Judgment Action for Third Round Mt. Laurel Compliance and Immunity and Authorizing Other Borough Professionals and Officials to Take Such Actions as may be Appropriated to Implement an Update to the Borough of Raritan Housing Plan Element of the Master Plan and Fair Share Plan for Third Round Mt. Laurel Compliance, to Undertake a Survey of All Vacant and Undeveloped Land in the Borough of Raritan by Block and Lot, to Conduct an Analysis of the Borough's Housing Stock, and to Conduct Such Other Studies as may be Determined Necessary

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, it was moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-07-85.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

Department of Public Works - Purchase of Pick-up Truck - Beyer Ford in the amount of \$33,150.50.

On motion by Councilman Sibilialia, seconded by Councilwoman Carra, it was moved to approve the above listed purchase order.

Recorded Vote:

Aye: Carra, Foohey, Gara, Giraldi, Lobell, Sibilialia

Nay: XXX

Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Councilwoman Gara, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes

July 14, 2014
Agenda-Workshop Meeting

NAY: XXX
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Marguerite Schmitt, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____