

This Regular Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Governing Body was called to order by Mayor McMullin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869.

The Mayor announced that this Regular Meeting was called pursuant to the applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices of this meeting were sent to *The Courier News* and *The Star Ledger* on January 5, 2017. In addition, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Borough website and made available in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Bray, Council President Carra, Councilman Carra, Councilman Foohey, Councilman Giraldi, Councilman McGinley and Mayor McMullin

Absent: x

Also Present: Borough Administrator Jaxel, Borough Attorney Wenner, Borough Engineer Schrek and Borough Clerk Colvin

### **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Council President Carra led the Invocation and Flag Salute.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution No. 2017-04-74

Executive Session – Subject Matter:

Contract Negotiations, Personnel, Attorney Client Privilege

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2017-04-74.

#### Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

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

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Reconvene in Regular Session.

#### Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

Council came out of Executive Session and resumed in Regular Session at 7:04 p.m.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mayor McMullin called Diann Robinson to the front of the Court Room to receive a Proclamation on behalf of the Adult Day Center of Somerset County. The Proclamation honored the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> year in the County.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Seeing no hands, the Mayor closed this Public Comment portion of the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. April 11, 2017 – Executive Session
2. April 11, 2017 – Regular Session

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Approve Minutes Listed Above.

### **Recorded Vote**

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

### **WORK SESSION**

#### 1. Shade Shelter at Frelinghuysen Park (DC)

Council President Carra said a resident asked about the potential for residents to reserve the Shade Shelter at the park. The Mayor suggested the Events Committee look into the matter. Administrator Jaxel suggested not allowing it to be reserved during the summer months. There was a general consensus to have the Events Committee discuss it on May 11 and report back to Council.

#### 2. Fire Truck Trade for Training Hours (DJ)

Administrator Jaxel said the Fire Department has arranged a trade with the Emergency Services Training Center. Five years of training (640 hours) for the 1983 truck. All agreed this was a good exchange.

#### 3. Senior Christmas Luncheon (JF)

Councilman Foohey said the Seniors would like to have their Christmas Luncheon in Borough Hall this year, instead of going to a restaurant. It would be a catered event. They would like to have alcohol, particularly wine. Administrator Jaxel did not recommend allowing. No member of Council favored the idea of having alcohol. Permission was given for the party to be allowed.

#### 4. Garbage Ordinance (ZB)

Councilman Bray said an Ordinance is in the works to require residents to only place intact garbage bins at the curb. A brief discussion about whether to allow bags at the curb was also had. All members agree garbage bags should be allowed, with Attorney Wenner suggesting the bags of a certain thickness to prevent breaking. Council would allow Public Works employees to place stickers on garbage cans in need of replacing.

5. Train Parking Fees (DJ)

Administrator Jaxel said he asked NJ Transit to allow train parking to increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per month and from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per day. He is awaiting a decision.

**ORDINANCE – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING**

Ordinance No. 2017-08

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Establishing A Cap Bank

On motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-08.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**PUBLIC HEARING & FINAL READING – 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Resolution No. 2017-04-75

Adoption of 2017 Municipal Budget

Mayor McMullin opened the meeting to members of the public wishing to speak regarding the 2017 Municipal Budget.

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Cara, Council moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2017-04-75.

Administrator Jaxel read the Resolution, which stated the 2017 Budget would total \$10,897,968.70. Mayor McMullin thanked Finance Chairman Carra and all those involved in crafting the budget.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION**

Ordinance No. 2017-09

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Providing for Various Capital Improvements and Related Expenses in and for the Borough of Raritan and Appropriating \$1,496,067 Therefor and Providing for the Issuance of \$1,421,264 in Bonds and Notes of the Borough of Raritan to Finance the Same

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2017-09.

Recorded Vote:

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

Ordinance No. 2017-10

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Acceptance of Donation of Land from the Duke Farms Foundation

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Introduce Ordinance No. 2017-10.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor McMullin asked whether any members of Council would like to remove a Resolution from the Consent Agenda. No one so desire.

Resolution No. 2017-04-76

Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property

Resolution No. 2017-04-77

Authorizing Redemption of Tax Lien

Resolution No. 2017-04-78

Authorizing Redemption of Tax Lien

Resolution No. 2017-04-79

Executing Tax Assessor Agreement with Manville

On motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

**APPROVAL OF BILL LIST**

Resolution No. 2017-04-80

On motion by Councilman McGinley, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve the Bill List in the amount of \$2,095,324.53 for the period March 27, 2017 through April 21, 2017.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley  
Nay: x  
Abstain: x  
Motion Carried: 6-0

### **PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Intestate Citizens of Raritan (ZB)

Councilman Bray said when residents die without a will or emancipated child, the County is responsible. A local funeral home has been paying and would like a fund established to help offset the costs. Council did not make any decision or plan.

### **COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilman Foohey – The School District is testing water at various schools. JFK School showed elevated levels of lead and actions will be taken. Mayor McMullin said the same issue happened last year and the levels were shown to be non-detectable after the water ran for a period of time.

Councilman Foohey said the Historical Committee will have walking tour on September 16 and also, they have established a sub-committee to monitor the progress at the Anderson Street firehouse.

Councilman Carra – The Councilman read the list of the Capital Items approved by Mayor and Council.

Councilman McGinley – Said Little League has started for the season. There are three teams. Also the pools will be open and there will be camps this season. There was some damage to one of the slides. That will be repaired.

Council President Carra – The Easter Egg Hunt was held last weekend and it was a success. Thanks to Linda Shulte and the Events Committee. Property Maintenance and Housing Committee will meet May 1. We have work to do there.

Councilman Bray – The Planning Board will meet tomorrow night. Thanks to Clerk Colvin and everyone involved with the making of the new website.

Councilman Giraldi – Free trees will be given away this Saturday courtesy of the Environmental Commission. Basilone meeting is tomorrow night and Thursday will be a meeting with the PBA to discuss contract negotiations.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Adele Goetsch, Nevius Street: Said there is plenty of room under the Shade Shelter to house pool goers and anyone wishing to rent out a table. Thinks it would be difficult for Public Works to enforce potential changes to the garbage ordinance.

Seeing no additional hands, Mayor McMullin closed this Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Resolution 2017-04-82 –

Executive Session – Subject Matter:  
Contract Negotiations, Personnel, Attorney  
Client Privilege

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Approve Resolution 2017-04-82.

Recorded Vote

Yea: Bray, D. Carra, N. Carra, Foohey, Giraldi, McGinley

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

Council reconvened in Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Reconvene in Regular Session.

Council reconvened in Regular Session at 8:04 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Council President Carra, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Recorded Vote

All in Favor

Motion Carried: 6-0

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Eric M. Colvin

Borough Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_