

This Regular Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Council was called to order by Mayor Charles McMullin in the Meeting Room of the Raritan Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, NJ 08869 at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

The Mayor announced this Regular Meeting was called pursuant to applicable portions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate Notice was communicated to *The Courier News* and *The Star Ledger* on January 5, 2017, 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: Mayor McMullin, Council President Carra, Councilman Bray, Councilman Carra, Councilman Foohey, Councilman Giraldi, Councilman McGinley
Absent: None
Also Present: Borough Administrator Jaxel, Borough Attorney Wenner, Borough Engineer Schrek, Borough Clerk Colvin

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Bray led the Invocation and Flag Salute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 2017-07-113

Executive Session:

1. Personnel
2. Contract Negotiations

On a motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Approve Resolution No. 2017-07-113.

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 Giraldi, 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 exited Executive Session and resumed Regular Session at 7:10 p.m.

Attorney Wenner asked for a motion to Authorize the Execution of the Employment Contract with Raritan Police Chief Raymond Nolte, as discussed in Executive Session.

On a motion by Councilman Foohey, seconded by Council President Carra, Council moved to Authorize the Execution of the Police Chief Contract.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Seeing and hearing no one, the Mayor closed this Public Comment portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 27, 2017 – Executive Session
2. June 27, 2017 – Regular Session

On a motion by Councilman Carra, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Approve the Executive and Regular Session Minutes of June 27, 2017.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Abstain: Giraldi

Motion Carried: 5-0

WORK SESSION

1. Engineer's Report (SS)

Borough Engineer Stanley Schrek delivered the following report for the month of July:

Bell & Sherman Avenue Improvements

Contractor has made significant progress on Bell and was completing up the curb and sidewalk work this week. Contractor is proceeding with work on the sidewalks and curbs on Sherman. This work will likely continue into early next week due to weather. NJDOT has approved detour plans. Permit fee is being processed. Milling and overlay will follow. The Mayor and Council are reminded that this project provides for the installation of four speed humps.

Ortho Drive Pump Station

Flow data, from the temporary flow metering, is completed. Data will be analyzed and pump sizing confirmed prior to rebidding.

2017 CBDG Project – Manhole Rehabilitation

Contractor has completed the original scope of work, and due to the removal of Richard Street manholes, work was expanded to include manholes on Arnold, Helene and Berwick, adjacent to Woodmere. It is anticipated the project will be completed within 2 weeks and cost will be under 120% of awarded contract which is under the grant amount. This has all been approved by the

County CDBG folks. DPW provided 2 persons to measure and inspect the additional manholes prior to us authorizing the work. A thank you to DPW.

2017 Road Program

The pre-construction meeting was held on July 6, earliest start is week of July 24th. Contractor provided signed contract. Contractor will submit outstanding paperwork next week (bonds, sa-11). The work start date is contingent on Topline and Montana being completed with their work. Further, prior to starting, provisions for no-parking along railroad for NJ transit and Railroad will need to be sent out, they will need to park on Thompson (our office will need to contact transit and registered parking ticket holders).

Richard Street Manhole

Montana Construction has been authorized to order the precast manhole. Shop drawings have been approved. The structure is scheduled to be delivered on Wednesday, July 12. Installation will commence the same day.

La Grange Parking Lot

DPW was able to clear drainage structures this week. Survey has been scheduled. Once field work is complete, a grading plan will then be prepared. As discussed, we will be utilizing millings from the Bell/Sherman project as a paving base course.

Master Plan Update

The Planning Board has formed a subcommittee to draft the Master Plan Reexamination which is statutorily required every 10 years. Angela Knowles, PP/AICP has been working closely with the committee.

2. Summer Meeting Schedule (DJ)

Administrator Jaxel, Attorney Wenner, Mayor and Council discussed whether to hold the second meeting in July. Council President Carra said there have only been one meeting in each July and August in previous years. Several members of Council agreed and felt there was no need to hold the second meeting this month.

Attorney Wenner said a meeting could be called if there were an emergency between now and the first meeting in August.

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Cancel the July 25, 2017 meeting.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

3. Basilone Banner (PG)

Councilman Giraldi said the Basilone Parade Committee would again like to hang a banner for the annual event. No member of Council objected.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 2017-16

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Fixing and Determining the Salaries, Wages or Compensations to be Paid to Certain Officers and Employees of the Borough of Raritan

Mayor McMullin read the Ordinance by title and opened the Public Hearing for any members of the Public wishing to heard concerning Ordinance No. 2017-16.

Seeing and hearing no one, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Councilman Bray, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-16.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

Ordinance No. 2017-17

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Providing for the Reconstruction of Sanitary and Storm Sewers and Related Expenses in and for the Borough of Raritan and Appropriating \$500,000.00 Therefor and Providing for the Issuance of \$475,000.00 in Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Raritan to Finance the Same

Mayor McMullin read the Ordinance by Title and then opened the Public Hearing for any members of the Public wishing to heard concerning Ordinance No. 2017-17.

Seeing and hearing no one, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On a motion by Councilman Carra, seconded by Councilman McGinley, Council moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-17.

Recorded Vote

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

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Carried: 6-0

Mayor McMullin asked whether any members of Council wished to pull any Resolution from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. No member of Council wished to do so.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 2017-07-114
Resolution No. 2017-07-115
Resolution No. 2017-07-116
Resolution No. 2017-07-117

Establishing 2017 Salaries and Wages
Approving ABC Liquor Licenses
Disposition of Surplus Equipment
Dissolving Shared Service Agreement

On motion by Councilman McGinley, seconded by Councilman Giraldi, Council moved to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Passed: 6-0

BILL LIST

Resolution No. 2017-07-118

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Carra, Council moved to Approve the Bill List.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Passed: 6-0

PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS

1. Police – Ford Credit Department – 3rd Lease Payment for 3 Vehicles – \$37,197.92

On motion by Councilman Giraldi, seconded by Councilman Bray, Council moved to Purchase Order No. 1.

Recorded Vote:

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

Nay: x

Abstain: x

Motion Passed: 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

Councilman Giraldi – National Night Out will happen on Tuesday, August 1. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Councilman Bray – Read the statistics from the Board of Health for the month of June. The Planning Board meeting was canceled due to lack of new business.

Council President Carra – Thanked all of the Borough’s volunteers. A picnic to honor their work was held recently and it was a great event, attended by many.

Councilman Giraldi – Nothing to report at this time. The Recreation Committees will meet later this week.

Councilman Carra – The tax rate will remain relatively stable. The Regional Center Partnership is still hosting the rain barrel rebate program.

Councilman Foohey – The Historic and Cultural Committee is still two members short and would like to fill those slots. Also, there is a lot of progress at Veteran’s Park. The County provided an excellent response to a request regarding the water flow at the river. There is free flowing water from the river into the canal. This is also happening in the spillway. The Washington School will be coming down soon.

Mayor McMullin – The Basilone Statue will not be moved. There will be a monument in honor of the Washington School. The Borough will be celebrating its 70 anniversary next year. Plans are underway for a celebration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Seeing and hearing no one, the Mayor closed this Public Comment portion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Recorded Vote

All in Favor

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Eric M. Colvin
Borough Clerk

Approved: _____