

The Township Committee of the Township of Raritan met on September 30, 2016 at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey

**MEETING
CALLED**

Mayor Gilbert called the regular meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were present: Mayor Karen Gilbert, Deputy Mayor Michael Mangin, Comm. Richard Chen, Comm. Craig O'Brien via telephone and Comm. Louis Reiner. Also present were Township Attorney Jeff Lehrer, Township Clerk William Bray.

**MEETING
ADVERTISED**

Mayor Gilbert advised that the meeting was noticed on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 by providing notice to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Courier-News, Trenton Times and Express Times in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and posted on the office bulletin board and the Township Website.

Comm. O'Brien objected to the meeting being legal under the Open Public Meeting's Act and he questioned the mayor's authority to call the meeting. Att. Lehrer said his objection was noted. Comm. Reiner made a motion to overrule the objection and to hold the meeting. The motion was seconded by Comm. Chen. Att. Lehrer said due to the urgency of the circumstances and the threat of litigation the mayor has the authority to call the meeting.

Roll Call	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Richard Chen, Committee Member		X	X			
Michael Mangin, Deputy Mayor			X			
Craig O'Brien, Committee Member				X		
Lou Reiner, Committee Member	X		X			
Karen Gilbert, Mayor			X			

Vote: 4-Yea, 1-No; Motion carried.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Comm. Chen said this is the second challenge to holding a special meeting and he asked what is the law concerning calling special meetings. Att. Lehrer said the urgency of the issues justify the meeting.

Att. Lehrer read Resolution 16#-213 in its entirety.

RESOLUTION RETIRING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and **WHEREAS**, the Township is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee

of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a) Contract Negotiations: N/A
 - b) Open Space: N/A
 - c) Personnel: N/A
 - d) Potential Litigation: N/A
 - e) Threatened Lawsuit: Former Township Administrator
 - f) Attorney Client Privilege: N/A
3. It is anticipated that the minutes on the subject matter of the Executive Session will be made public upon conclusion of the matter under discussion; and in any event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and 4-13.
4. The Committee will come back into Regular Session and may take further action.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Gilbert asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #16-213. The motion was made by Comm. Mangin, seconded by Comm. Chen.

Roll Call	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Richard Chen, Committee Member	X		X			
Michael Mangin, Deputy Mayor		X	X			
Craig O'Brien, Committee Member			X			
Lou Reiner, Committee Member			X			
Karen Gilbert, Mayor			X			

Vote: 5-Yea, 0-No; Motion Carried.

CLOSED

The Committee entered Closed Session *Closed session Minutes are on a separate document.*

SESSION:

OPEN

The Committee came out of Closed Session at 9:13 a.m.

SESSION:

The public portion of the meeting began at 9:35 a.m.

Mayor Gilbert asked for a motion to confirm the authorization to pay the severance to the former administrator that was approved in the prior resolution. The motion was made by Comm. Mangin, seconded by Comm. Chen

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Roll Call	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Richard Chen, Committee Member		X	X			
Michael Mangin, Deputy Mayor	X		X			
Craig O'Brien, Committee Member					X	
Lou Reiner, Committee Member				X		
Karen Gilbert, Mayor			X			

Vote: 3-Yea, 1-No, 1-Abstain; Motion Carried.

Mayor Gilbert asked for a motion to adjourn. Voice vote 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

William Bray
Acting Township Clerk