

**RARITAN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**

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**MEETING CALLED:** Mayor Kuhl called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** The following were present: Mayor, Jeff Kuhl; Deputy Mayor, Michael Mangin; Comm. Karen Gilbert; Comm. Gary Hazard; Comm. Lou Reiner

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator, Don Hutchins; Municipal Clerk, Lisa Fania; Township Attorney, Ed Purcell; Chief of Police, Al Payne; Township Engineer, Tony Hajjar; Committee Member-elect Scott MacDade

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**MEETING NOTICED:** Mayor Kuhl advised that the meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 in the January 8, 2019 issue of the Courier News and noticed to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, TapInto, Express Times and posted on the municipal bulletin board and the Township website.

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Township Attorney, Ed Purcell read Resolution #19-273 in full.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to approve Closed Session Resolution.  
Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #19-273**

**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:
  - b. Personnel: 2020 Board and Professional Appointments;  
Permanent Patrolman; Corporal Position
  - c. Attorney-Client Privilege: Detention Basin Policy
  - d. Pending Litigation:
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 return to Regular Session and may take further action.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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***CLOSED SESSION MINUTES WILL BE DONE IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT***

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The regular meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Kuhl asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and to remain standing for a moment of silence to remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces and in particular those serving in troubled areas around the world.

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**AMEND/APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to amend or approve the Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Mangin advised of one additional item to the Agenda, Ordinance #19-37 Accepting a Deed of Dedication and a Conservation Easement from M&P Retirement Plan with Regard to Lot 12, Block 13.

Motion by Hazard, seconded by Reiner to approve the Agenda as amended.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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**PROCLAMATION – Recognizing Tina Estep for Twenty-Eight Years of Service with the Construction Code Department**

Mayor Kuhl invited Tina Estep to the dais and read the proclamation into the record.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TINA ESTEP  
FOR TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Township Committee wish to recognize employees who attain milestones in their employment; and

**WHEREAS**, Tina Estep has achieved twenty-eight years of service with the Raritan Township Construction Code Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Tina Estep has provided outstanding public service and demonstrated exemplary performance throughout her career; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Raritan Township Construction Code Department is dependent on the knowledge, professionalism and commitment of employees such as Tina Estep.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Mayor Jeff Kuhl, and the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan on this third day of December, two thousand nineteen, do hereby recognize Tina Estep for her service, efforts and devotion throughout her twenty-eight years of service as an employee in the Raritan Township Construction Code Department and extend sincere gratitude and congratulations on behalf of all citizens of the Township.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** It is the policy of the Township Committee that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three minutes per person. Public comment shall be permitted on items of concern regarding the agenda only. In addition, time will be allotted at the end of the meeting for public comment on any issue.

There was no public comment.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – Request of Raritan Valley Developers, Inc. for Release of Performance Guarantees for Project Known as Flemington Fields, Block 71, Lots 26, 27, 28 and Block 72, Lots 7 and 10**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to open the public hearing.  
Motion by Mangin, seconded by Reiner

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Mayor Kuhl solicited public comment.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Mangin, seconded by Hazard

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

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**RESOLUTION #19-274 – Authorizing the Release of Cash and Surety Performance Guarantees (Raritan Valley Developers)**

Mayor Kuhl read Resolution #19-274 by title.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #19-274.

Motion by Mangin, seconded by Hazard

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #19-274**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SURETY AND CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR RARITAN VALLEY DEVELOPERS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 11, 2003 by Resolution #03-187 the Township Committee approved a reduction of surety and cash performance guarantees for an age-restricted community and retail development located at Block 71, Lots 26, 27 and 28; and Block 72, Lots 9 & 10, as additional improvements were required as follows:

Phase I & II:

Surety: \$1,961,814.87

Cash: \$217,979.43

Hart Boulevard and Reaville Road:

Surety: \$150,611.67

Cash: \$16,734.63

and;

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2006 by Resolution #06-230 the Township Committee approved a second reduction of surety and cash performance guarantees for same, as additional improvements were required, as follows:

Phase I & II:

Surety: \$1,306,626.30

Cash: \$145,180.70

Hart Boulevard and Reaville Road:

Surety: \$140,438.07

Cash: \$15,604.23

and;

**WHEREAS**, Raritan Valley Developers, Inc. has requested the release of the remaining surety and cash performance guarantees; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing with proper notice is required to be held prior to the release of the surety and cash performance guarantees per Township Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Engineer, Antoine Hajjar, has performed a site inspection and determined that improvements have been satisfactorily completed in accordance with Township standards and approved plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Engineer, Antoine Hajjar recommends the release of Surety Bond #SO5831-1 in the amount of \$1,306,826.30 for Phase I & II; and Surety Bond #SO5831-2 in the amount of \$140,438.07 for Hart Boulevard and Reaville Road subject to the satisfactory completion of conditions one through three as listed in this resolution, per a memo submitted October 17, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Township Engineer, Antoine Hajjar, recommends the release of the cash performance bond for Phase I & II in the amount of \$145,180.70 plus any accrued interest; and cash performance bond for Hart Boulevard and Reaville Road in the amount of \$15,604.23 plus any accrued interest subject to the satisfactory completion of items one through listed in this resolution, per a memo submitted October 17, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the following conditions must be satisfied prior to the release of the surety and cash performance guarantees:

1. The developer shall provide a two-year maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$633,479.78 (15%) of the cost of the improvement in accordance with N.J.A.C. 40:55D-53a(2) and Raritan Township Land Development Code 16.16.020 and execute a developer's agreement for the ongoing maintenance for the project within the two-year limit stated in the agreement; and
2. The developer shall coordinate with the Township Clerk, providing for a public bond release hearing before the Township Committee which shall be advertised and noticed individually to each resident in the development and those within 200 feet in accordance with Raritan Township Land Development Code 16.16.010.G.1; and

3. The developer shall replenish its inspection escrow so that there is at least \$5,000.00 in the account in order for the Township to perform Engineering and Landscaping inspections during the two-year maintenance period and also inspect any remedial work for deficiencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that surety bonds posted by Raritan Valley Developers, Inc. in the amounts of \$1,306,826.30 and \$140,438.07 respectively, be released subject to Township approval upon the completion of items one through three referenced in this resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the cash bonds posted by Raritan Valley Developers, Inc. in the amounts of \$145,438.07 and \$15,604.23 plus any accrued interest respectively, be released subject to Township approval upon the completion of items one through three referenced in this resolution.

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## FINANCIAL ISSUES

Payment of Bills as listed for Raritan Township: \$15,681,329.30

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to approve the bill list for Raritan Township.

Motion by Hazard, seconded by Gilbert

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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## REPORTS

There were no reports.

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## LIAISON REPORTS

Karen Gilbert: Environmental Commission/Green Team; Historians; Open Space; Parks and Recreation; Planning Board (Class III Member

Committee Member Gilbert reported on a meeting of the Flemington-Raritan Parks and Recreation Committee advising that it was the final meeting of that committee after forty years of existence. Committee Member Gilbert continued that Parks and Recreation member John Gorman was recognized for his thirty-six years of service. Committee Member Gilbert explained the formation of the new Raritan Township Recreation Department announcing that Kim Creighton and Claudia Jursik were appointed as Co-directors and that Sal Randazzese will remain as an employee as well. Committee Member Gilbert announced the upcoming meeting dates for the Historians Committee and Planning Board and that the November meeting of the Environmental Commission meeting was cancelled.

Gary Hazard:

Court/Police; RTMUA

Committee Member Hazard announced the upcoming meeting date of the RTMUA and extended gratitude to the Department of Public Works; Police, Fire and all emergency responders for their efforts during the past storm.

Jeff Kuhl:  
(Mayor)

Planning Board (Class I Member); Personnel; Finance; Historians; Open Space

Mayor Kuhl provided an update on the status of the schoolhouse renovations by Polytech students and Lowes and advised that Lowes has donated approximately \$5,000.00 towards the project in labor and materials. Mayor Kuhl also reported that the Planning Board meeting was cancelled.

Michael Mangin:  
(Deputy Mayor)

Board of Health; Finance; Public Works

Deputy Mayor Mangin commended the efforts of the Public Works Department during the last storm; reported that Superintendent of Public Works, Brion Fleming is very pleased with the work of the new staff regarding snow removal; and advised that leaf pickup will continue.

Louis Reiner:

Agriculture Advisory Board; Fire/Rescue/OEM; Wildlife Management Advisory Committee

Committee Member Reiner commended and expressed gratitude to all first responders for their efforts in keeping the community safe.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

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**ORDINANCES (INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING)**

Mayor Kuhl read by title Ordinance #19-34.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE #18-6 ESTABLISHING A SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019 FOR EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY A BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #19-34 on first consideration.

Motion by Mangin, seconded by Hazard

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

Second reading and public hearing date scheduled for December 17, 2019.

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Mayor Kuhl read by title Ordinance #19-35.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE #18-7 ESTABLISHING A SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019 FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE CWA LOCAL 1040 WHITE COLLAR BARGAINING UNIT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #19-35 on first consideration.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

Second reading and public hearing date scheduled for December 17, 2019.

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Mayor Kuhl read by title Ordinance #19-36.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING SECTION 2.88.020 ENTITLED "FUNDING OF OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND" OF CHAPTER 2.88 ENTITLED "OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TRUST FUND" OF TITLE 2 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #19-36 on first consideration.

Motion by Mangin, seconded by Hazard

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

Second reading and public hearing date scheduled for December 17, 2019.

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Mayor Kuhl read by title Ordinance #19-37.

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED OF DEDICATION AND A CONSERVATION EASEMENT FROM M&P RETIREMENT PLAN WITH REGARD TO LOT 12, BLOCK 13 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #19-37 on first consideration.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

Second reading and public hearing date scheduled for December 17, 2019.

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**ORDINANCES (PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION)**

Mayor Kuhl read by title Ordinance #19-32.

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A SIGHT TRIANGLE EASEMENT AND  
DETENTION BASIN EASEMENT FOR BLOCK 66, LOT 1 AS SHOWN ON THE  
TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to open public hearing.

Motion by Mangin, seconded by Gilbert

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

There was no public comment.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance #19-32 on final consideration, same to be published according to law.

Motion by Mangin, seconded by Gilbert

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised November 22, 2019 the Courier News. Posted on municipal bulletin board as required by law.

**ORDINANCE #19-32**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A SIGHT TRIANGLE EASEMENT AND  
DETENTION BASIN EASEMENT FOR BLOCK 66, LOT 1 AS SHOWN  
ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

**WHEREAS**, 263 Route 202, LLC is the owner of property located at Block 66, Lot 1 (the "Property") as shown on the Tax Map of the Township of Raritan; and

**WHEREAS**, 263 Route 202, LLC received preliminary and final site plan approval from the Raritan Township Planning Board, by way of Resolution #05-2019 (the "Approval"); and

**WHEREAS**, as a condition of the Approval, 263 Route 202, LLC is required to grant a sight triangle easement and detention basin easement to the Township of Raritan; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph A. Paparo, Esq. has prepared a sight triangle easement and a detention basin easement for the Property which the Township Attorney has reviewed and approved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, wishes to accept the approved sight triangle easement and detention basin easement for the Property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes acceptance of the above-mentioned sight triangle easement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A;" and the above-mentioned detention basin easement attached hereto as Exhibit "B;" and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

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Mayor Kuhl read by title Ordinance #19-33.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVISING SECTION 2.76.010 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT" AND SECTION 2.76.010 ENTITLED "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS-VACANCIES-TERMS" OF CHAPTER 2.76 ENTITLED "BOARD OF HEALTH" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to open public hearing.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

There was no public comment.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance #19-33 on final consideration, same to be published according to law.

Motion by Reiner, seconded by Gilbert

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised November 22, 2019 the Courier News. Posted on municipal bulletin board as required by law.

**ORDINANCE #19-33**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REVISING SECTION 2.76.010 ENTITLED "ESTABLISHMENT" AND SECTION 2.76.010 ENTITLED "APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS-VACANCIES-TERMS" OF CHAPTER 2.76 ENTITLED "BOARD OF HEALTH" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3-1, *et seq.* the Board of Health of the Township of Raritan was established by ordinance, as now codified in Chapter 2.76 of the Township Code of the Township of Raritan ("Code"), providing for the appointment of seven members by the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to cut costs and streamline the regulatory process, the Township Committee now wishes to reduce the number of members to be appointed to the local Board of Health from seven to five.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows

**Section 1.** Section 2.76.010 entitled "Established" of Chapter 2.76 entitled "Board of Health" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan is revised as follows:  
There shall be a Board of Health of the Township consisting of ~~seven~~ five members, pursuant to provision of N.J.S.A. 26:3-910.

**Section 2.** Section 2.76.020 entitled "Appointment of Members-Vacancies-Terms" of Chapter 2.76 entitled "Board of Health" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan is revised as follows:

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A member's position on the Board of Health shall be deemed vacant if a member fails to attend and participate in any meetings of the Board of Health for a period of four (4) consecutive months without being excused from attendance by a majority of the members of the Board of Health, at the conclusion of such period; provided, however, that the Board of Health may refuse to excuse only with respect to those failure to attend and participate which are not due to legitimate illness.

**Section 3.** If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 4.** The Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

\* Editor's Note: The portions to be deleted are shown with a strike through and will be deleted from the codified version of this Ordinance and the underlined portions will remain in the codified version of this Ordinance.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

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**NON-CONSENT**

**Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019.  
Motion by Hazard, seconded by Mangin

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Gilbert  
**ABSENT:** None

**Township Committee Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019.

Motion by Hazard, seconded by Mangin

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Gilbert  
**ABSENT:** None

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***RESOLUTIONS***

Mayor Kuhl read Resolution #19-275 by title.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #19-275.

Motion by Mangin, seconded by Reiner

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #19-275**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE  
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
AND CAPTAIN THOMAS CAMPOREALE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Raritan (“Township”) employs Thomas Camporeale (“Captain Camporeale”) as Captain of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Captain Camporeale has accumulated compensatory time in the amount of 1,570.5 hours; and

**WHEREAS**, Captain Camporeale would be entitled to use this accumulated overtime as compensatory time upon his retirement or receive a payout of same at a higher cash value than its current value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is desirous of entering into an agreement with Captain Camporeale to pay for this accumulated overtime over a period of three years, as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” at a cost saving measure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU on behalf of the Township.

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Mayor Kuhl read Resolution #19-276 by title.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #19-276.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #19-276**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2019 BUDGET TRANSFER #2**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 of the Local Budget Law provides for the transfer of funds from appropriations deemed to have an excess, to appropriations where sufficient balances are not available to fulfill the purpose of the appropriation to the end of the fiscal year, providing that no transfers may be made to appropriations for contingent expenses or deferred charges, and no transfers may be made from appropriation for contingent expenses, deferred charges, cash deficit of the preceding year, reserve for uncollected taxes, down payments, capital improvements fund and debt service; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45a and 45.38 of the Budget Law restrict transfers from appropriations excluded from the Cap Law to appropriations within the Cap Law and also between appropriations excluded from the Cap Law except that transfers may be made to debt service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan that the following transfers are authorized between appropriations in the 2019 budget and that a certified copy of this resolution adopted by **not less than a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full membership of the governing body** be transmitted to the Administrator/CFO.

<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Elections	Clerk OE	\$1,500.00
Elections	Board of Health OE	750.00

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Mayor Kuhl read Resolution #19-277 by title.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #19-277.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #19-277**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT  
OF ALEX SOH AS PATROLMAN**

**WHEREAS**, Patrolman Alex Soh has completed his one-year probationary period; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Alfred C. Payne is recommending that Patrolman Alex Soh be appointed as Permanent Patrolman.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee that the following officer is hereby permanently appointed:

*Alex Soh  
Appointed as Permanent Patrolman  
Effective December 5, 2019*

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Motion by Reiner, seconded by Gilbert

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, Mangin, Reiner, Mayor Kuhl  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION #19-278**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO BAKER CONSTRUCTION INC.  
FOR INSTALLATION OF A CONCRETE FLOOR IN THE NEW POLE BUILDING**

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Raritan is in need of a concrete floor installed in the new pole building; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Raritan received quotes at New Jersey prevailing wage rate; and

**WHEREAS,** Baker Construction Inc., 188 Thatchers Hill Road, Flemington NJ, 08822 submitted the lowest quote and has been awarded the contract to install the concrete floor in the new pole building; and

**WHEREAS,** the Superintendent of Public Works recommends that Baker Construction Inc. be awarded the contract to install the concrete floor in the new pole building; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of installation of the concrete floor will be at the New Jersey prevailing wage rate and appropriated through Ordinance #19-28 for the amount of \$30,000.00; and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available through Certificate of Availability of Funds #19-30 for installation of the concrete floor in the new pole building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the contract for the installation of a concrete floor in the new pole building be awarded to Baker Construction Inc., 188 Thatchers Hill Road, Flemington NJ, 08822 in the amount of \$30,000.00.

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**RESOLUTION #19-279**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF OUTSIDE DETAIL ESCROW**

**WHEREAS**, escrow has been posted for outside detail services for the Raritan Township Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Raritan now utilizes Jobs 4 Blue for administering and scheduling Police Department Outside Detail services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to return the escrow posted to the Outside Detail Trust Account; and

**WHEREAS**, Danielle Langreder, Assistant Supervisor of Accounts, has submitted a memo dated November 25, 2019 recommending the return of the following inspection escrow:

CCG	\$34.20
Diamond Nation	\$2,432.48
New Jersey American Water	\$5,289.54
Sunridge	\$593.23

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the inspection escrow posted in the amounts of \$34.20, \$2,432.48, \$5,289.54, and \$593.23 for outside detail services is hereby returned.

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**RESOLUTION #19-280**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FOURTH QUARTER 2019 TAX REFUND**

**WHEREAS**, there exists an overpayment of taxes paid to the Tax Collector of the Township of Raritan due to successful State appeals, over bill credits or overpayment by the taxpayer directly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Tax Collector has recommended the refund of an overpayment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following receive a refund in the amount specified due to over payment of fourth quarter 2019 taxes.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qual.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Debra & James Pirozzoli (43 Cherryville-Stanton Road)	6	3		\$725.47
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$725.47</b>

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**RESOLUTION #19-281**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$250 TAX REFUND  
DUE TO VETERAN DEDUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Tax Collector has recommended the refund of this overpayment; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists an overpayment of taxes paid to the Tax Collector of the Township of Raritan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the following receive a refund in the amount specified.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>
Robert L. Moore (48 Wellington Avenue)	\$250.00	71.02	8
Deborah Biolsi (2 Fairfax Court)	\$250.00	4	17.06
William Baker (6 Knollwood Road)	\$250.00	63.05	3
Kenneth Parry (29 Phipps Court)	\$250.00	71.20	33

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**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

**Kathy Godfrey**, a resident of 406 Hawthorne Court, expressed dissatisfaction regarding her property taxes.

**Paula Ellentuch**, a resident of 16 Ridge Road, expressed concern regarding the street lighting of the Pulte development advising that the light is shining directly into the homes on Ridge Road and Case Boulevard.

During Public Comment, Committee Members concurred with Ms. Godfrey's discontent regarding taxes and explained the state law regarding property tax collection and disbursement to the schools and county; advised that the Township is allocated about 12% of the taxes collected; commented on the loss of state aid for the school district and the recently approved \$42 million dollar school referendum, and advised that the Township's tax rate increase for 2019 was only 0.0009%. Township Engineer, Tony Hajjar, responded that he would investigate the lighting situation at the Pulte development to see what can be done.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

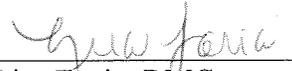
Mayor Kuhl asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Reiner, seconded by Hazard

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Fania, RMC  
Township Clerk