

**RARITAN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018**

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

ROLL CALL: The following were present: Mayor, Michael Mangin; Deputy Mayor, Karen Gilbert; Comm. Gary Hazard; Comm. Craig O'Brien; and Comm. Louis Reiner

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator, Don Hutchins; Municipal Clerk, Lisa Fania; Township Attorney, Jeff Lehrer; Officer in Charge, Al Payne

MEETING ADVERTISED: Mayor Mangin advised that the meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 in the January 10, 2018 issue of the Courier News and was posted on the municipal bulletin board and the Township website.

Township Attorney, Jeff Lehrer read Resolution #18-160 in full.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #18-160

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: Deputy OEM Coordinator; Police Department Staffing; Assistant Planner/Property Maintenance Inspector; Tax Clerk
- c) Attorney-Client Privilege:
- 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.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES WILL BE DONE IN A SEPARATE DOCUMENT

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE: Mayor Mangin 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.

AMEND/APPROVE THE AGENDA

Mayor Mangin requested that the one additional item be added to the meeting agenda, a Proclamation recognizing an Eagle Scout award.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Reiner, seconded by Gilbert

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- AYES:** Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin
 - NOES:** None
 - ABSTAIN:** None
 - ABSENT:** None
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At this time, Mayor Mangin requested that the Committee deviate from the scheduled agenda for the presentation of an Eagle Scout Award. All concurred.

PROCLAMATION – EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Mayor Mangin invited Schuyler Reed to the dais and read the following into the record:

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SCHUYLER REED FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF EAGLE SCOUT

WHEREAS, Schuyler Reed of Boy Scout Troop 194 has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting; and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is attained by fewer than four percent of all scouts and represents the accomplishment in leadership, exceptional commitment to community and an understanding of the Scout Oath and Law; and

WHEREAS, the rank of Eagle Scout is an honor in which we recognize Schuyler's diligent work and dedication and celebrate the foundation he has created for a lifetime of active citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America encourages Eagle Scout candidates to complete worthy projects to improve their neighborhoods, community and the region; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler has devoted endless hours fulfilling the many requirements for the advancement in scouting including attaining twenty-one merit badges; holding prerequisite ranks and offices; the completion of an Eagle Scout project; and examination by the Eagle Scout Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, Schuyler has completed the construction of a nine-hole frisbee disc golf course on the Micek parcel to enhance recreational activities within the Township of Raritan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED on this 21st day of August, 2018 by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Schuyler Reed, member of Boy Scout Troop 194 is hereby recognized and honored for his achievement of the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout and that sincere congratulations and best wishes be extended for a successful future.

Committee Members commended and congratulated Schulyer for his outstanding achievement.

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.

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Jim Yanuzzi, a resident of 8 Marys Court, reiterated his request that the Township Committee take action to address the excessive noise of recreational off-road vehicles (ORV) in residential neighborhoods. Mr. Yanuzzi read into the record, "Paragraph 8.42.010 entitled Noise Prohibited from the General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan, 'it shall be unlawful for any person to

make, continue, or cause to be made or permit any unnecessary or disturbing noise which either annoys, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, or safety of others.””

Mr. Yanuzzi voiced opinion that the excessive noise from the use of recreational off-road vehicles is a violation of this ordinance. He continued to advise that when contacted, the Raritan Township Police Department indicated that it was unable to take any action under this ordinance.

Mr. Yanuzzi submitted an aerial map of the 41-acre Timberwick development depicting areas where the ORV noise is coming from.

Don Scaramella, a resident of 9 Marys Court, asked that the Township Committee adopt a New Jersey state ordinance for off-road vehicles and commented that the use of such vehicles is occurring within inches of his property line. Mr. Scaramella stated, “if adopted, the ordinance would not allow off-road vehicles to operate within four hundred (400) feet of an affected persons occupied property during the day, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or within eight hundred (800) feet of an affected persons property during the night, 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.” He advised Committee Members of the excessive amount of unwanted noise and dust and the inability to enjoy the outdoors of his home.

PRESENTATION – AON CONSULTING WORLDWIDE, INC., GASB 75 EXPLANATION

Alex Jaloway, Vice President, AON Hewitt and Matthew Rudman, AON Hewitt Consultant appeared before the Committee to speak on the provisions and financial implications of the new GASB 75 (Governmental Account Standards Board) standards. Mr. Jaloway further explained that GASB is the board that recommends and sets the methodologies for balance sheet and income statement accounting in the Township’s financials regarding annual active and post-retirement health benefits. Mr. Jaloway and Mr. Rudman presented the following:

GASB 75 Overview

GASB 68 released

GASB approved new pension standard

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014

GASB 75 released

2014 – GASB released exposure draft on changes to OPEB accounting

2015 – GASB approved new OPEB standard

Prior to GASB 45

No specific rules

Pay-as-you-go expense

Some entities footnoted FASB 106 (ASC715-60) liability

GASB 45

Standard introduced

Specific disclosures required

Net OPEB obligation recognized on Statement of Net Assets

Annual Required Contribution (ARC) introduced

Funding not required

Annual OPEB Cost

A lot of choices

GASB 75

Increased uniformity in standard

More comprehensive disclosure requirements

Funded status recognized on Statement of Net Position

Disclosure of Contribution Policy

Annual Expense

Increased volatility

Changes

Statement mirrors the changes to pension accounting standard

Timing

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017

Valuations required biennially

Impacts

Increase in liability

Changes in expense

Increased volatility of liability and expense

Why

More comprehensive measure of the resources needed to make good on benefit promises

Viewed as critical for policy makers, bond analysts, taxpayers, and others to assess an entity obligation on a uniform basis

GASB 75 Assumption Requirements

Discount Rate

20-year Municipal Bond Index

3.90% in July 2018

Current Discount Rate: 4.5%

Increase in liability

Actuarial Costing Method (ACM)

Current Projected Unit Credit (PUC)

Update to Entry Age Normal (EAN) (Level % of salary)

PUC vs. EAN

PUC is a back-loaded accrual method
EAN is relatively level accrual method
Service cost is higher in earlier years under EAN
Higher liability

GASB 75 Accounting Requirements

GASB 45

Footnotes Disclosures
No requirement for recognition on Balance Sheet and Income Statement

GASB 75

Change in accounting components
Income Statement and Balance Sheet recognition

Biennial Valuations Required

Roll-forward valuations adjusting discount rate required

Mr. Pandos inquired as to action going forward after doing a full valuation in 2017 to transition to GASB 75; and as to any benefits of adopting early.

Mr. Jaloway responded, “you can rely on the one for the first year.” He continued, “we help our clients to transition them but we will ask that we work closely with the auditors to make sure that all assumptions are determined ahead of time. There is no action. I would not recommend that you adopt anything.”

FINANCIAL ISSUES

Payment of Bills as listed for Raritan Township: **\$12,116,381.18**

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to approve the bill list for Raritan Township.
Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O’Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Payment of Bills as listed for Raritan Township Fire Company: **\$3,108.33**

Deputy Mayor Gilbert asked for a motion to approve the bill list for the Raritan Township Fire Company.

Motion by Reiner, seconded by Gilbert

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSE: Mayor Mangin

REPORTS

The following July 2018 staff reports were acknowledged by the Township Committee:

- *Fire Safety
- *Planning/Engineering Escrow Accounts
- *Court
- *Animal Control

LIAISON REPORTS

Karen Gilbert: Environmental Commission/Green Team; Finance; Historians; Open Space; Parks and Recreation; Planning Board (Class III Member)
Deputy Mayor Gilbert announced that well water test kits will be available in the Clerk's office for purchase October 1-12 and advised that the Parks and Recreation Committee had a successful intercession. Deputy Mayor Gilbert commented that she will provide further details when the Parks and Recreation Committee meetings commence in September.

At this time, Deputy Mayor Gilbert invited Paul Hoffman, a distinguished artist and close friend to Committee Member Reiner, to the dais to present his painting of the historic Flemington Fairgrounds. Mr. Hoffman spoke of his vision in the painting.

Gary Hazard: Court/Police; RTMUA
Committee Member Hazard acknowledged the presence of Hunterdon County Sheriff, Fred Brown and announced the date (September 10) of the upcoming Raritan Township PBA Golf Outing.

Craig O'Brien: Open Space
No report.

Louis Reiner: Agriculture Advisory Board; Fire/Rescue/OEM; Public Works; Wildlife Management Advisory Committee
Committee Member Reiner announced the upcoming date (September 9) of the annual Raritan Township Fire Company 911 Stair Climb at the Hunterdon Medical Center parking deck.

Michael Mangin: Board of Health; Finance; Personnel; Planning Board (Class I Member)
Mayor Mangin reported on meetings of the Board of Health and the Planning Board advising of the approval of one septic alteration waiver and two (2) Planning Board resolutions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Cannabis Ordinance draft discussion – Mr. Lehrer explained that the proposed draft ordinance includes within the prohibited uses marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana stores.

Committee Member Reiner expressed opposition to the sale of marijuana in the Township.

Mayor Mangin advised of receipt of resident emails in opposition to medical marijuana in the Township and of interest in the Luggage Factory property as a possible dispensary site. Mayor Mangin added that he is “in favor of medical marijuana for those who need” but voiced opposition to the sale of such in the Township and expressed safety concerns.

Committee Member Hazard reiterated his opinion that the ordinance be “slow walked” to ensure public input; expressed opposition to the sale in the Township; and suggested discussion be carried to at least another regular meeting in September.

Discussion was held regarding the timing of adoption of the ordinance. It was the consensus of Committee Members to direct Mr. Lehrer to amend the ordinance to include the language, “retail marijuana stores and medical marijuana dispensaries” and carry discussion of the proposed draft to the September 4 regular meeting.

b. Noise Ordinance regarding off-road vehicle recreational use in residential neighborhoods – Discussion continued from the July 17, 2018 Township Committee meeting. Mr. Lehrer provided an explanation of the “privileged and consultative” memorandum provided to Committee Members based upon Mr. Yanuzzi’s request for an off-road vehicle (ORV) noise ordinance.

Mr. Lehrer advised that the New Jersey Noise Control Act of 1971 does not control private properties and would have to be done by municipal ordinance. He continued that the State provides several model ordinances for municipalities to follow such as the off-road vehicle ordinance previously presented by Mr. Yanuzzi, as well as a broader model which includes other activities. Mr. Lehrer continued that prior to adopting a State model noise ordinance, the Township must

obtain NJDEP approval to ensure consistency with State law. He also added that enforcement of noise control falls under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health according to State law so the Hunterdon County Department of Health would be the enforcement arm for the Township. Mr. Lehrer continued that municipalities do not have the ability to create noise ordinances. He also advised that only a nuisance ordinance exists within the Township and that Lieutenant Payne has requested that it remain.

Mr. Lehrer recommended that the issue be referred to the Raritan Township Board of Health for consideration of whether to adopt the ORV ordinance, the more general, broader model or both. Mr. Lehrer clarified that the process requires a recommendation to the Township Committee by the Raritan Township Board of Health as to which ordinance shall be in effect, followed by submission to the NJDEP for review and approval, then final adoption and public hearing by the Township Board of Health.

Mr. Lehrer voiced opinion in support of the broader State model as the ORV ordinance “is surgical, focused entirely on off-road vehicles” and does not cover other activities.

Mayor Mangin commented, “I will reach out to the County Board of Health” and requested that opinions be provided to the Township Administrator.

Committee Members raised questions and concerns regarding the impact to the Right to Farm Law; direction to the Raritan Township Board of Health; what is to be done with the existing nuisance ordinance; and the ability of the County Department of Health as the enforcing agency.

During the discussion, Mr. Lehrer advised of no impact to Right to Farm; that the Township Board of Health be directed to review ordinance options and provide a recommendation to the Township Committee; that the existing nuisance ordinance be tightened to ensure no reference to noise; and confirmed that the County Department of Health has mechanisms in place to monitor and enforce such ordinance.

Committee Member O’Brien expressed concern regarding enforcement by the County regarding its hours of operation; and spoke in support of the Police Department as the enforcement arm. Deputy Mayor Gilbert reiterated that the County has mechanisms in place to respond to complaints after business hours.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Municipal Clerk/Board of Health Secretary, Lisa Fania, present the information to the Raritan Township Board of Health at its September 20, 2018 meeting for consideration and review.

Mr. Yanuzzi presented a NJDEP document on noise vs. nuisance ordinances to the Township Attorney.

c. Hunterdon County Sheriff’s Office request for \$500.00 donation towards equipment for “Project Lifesaver” – Mayor Mangin invited Hunterdon County Sheriff, Fred Brown, to the dais. Sheriff Brown presented a request for a \$500.00 donation to the Project Lifesaver program. Sheriff

Brown provided an explanation of the program including purpose, funding and the number of participants.

Committee Member Reiner motioned to proceed with a \$500.00 donation to the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver program; seconded by Gilbert.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Donation to be authorized by resolution at the September 4, 2018 regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Bond Anticipation Note Certificate of Determination of Award – Chief Financial Officer, William Pandos, presented the Bond Anticipation Note Certificate of Determination Award for the recent bond sale for acknowledgement by Committee Members as required by Local Bond Law.

Mr. Pandos explained, “even though the interest rate per annum on this certification is 2.75%, the Township received a premium of almost \$15,000.00 which reduced the net interest cost to 2.095%.”

Mr. Pandos provided background regarding reduced net interest cost as follows, “for the years following the late 2000s financial crisis, the Federal Reserve maintained historically low federal fund rates. Now that the rates are beginning to rise, pressure is placed on the bond market where bond holders are challenged to earn acceptable yields. Bond holders are looking for any edge they can find; paying a premium for a bond was an option. Investors pay a premium in exchange for receiving higher interest rates over the maturity of the financing.”

Mr. Pandos continued, “a good way to show how this works was because of the size of the bond and it not being temporary financing, would be the \$6.4 million bond that we financed two (2) years ago... What we did is we combined \$4.8 million of temporary financing and then funded \$1.6 million of the 2016 Capital Plan into one general improvement bond. So, over the maturity of that bond, the Township's yearly interest payments to the bond holders edge towards about 3% but because we received \$193,000.00 bond premium at the time of closing, the total interest cost to the Township over the life of the maturity is only 1.77%.”

b. New Jersey Department of Agriculture – outreach for municipal interest in gypsy moth egg mass survey for Fall 2018 – It was the consensus to proceed in the ground egg mass survey.

ORDINANCES (FINAL ADOPTION/PUBLIC HEARING)

Mayor Mangin read by title Ordinance #18-23.

ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$224,000.00 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A VIDEO LINK SYSTEM, COURTROOM RECORDING SYSTEM, SERVER ROOM RENOVATION AND LEFFLER HILL COMPLETE AND OLD CROTON PARTIAL CHIP SEAL TREATMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to open public hearing.

Motion by Reiner, seconded by Hazard

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

There was no public comment.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance #18-23 on final consideration, same to be published according to law.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Ordinance advertised July 26, 2018, The Hunterdon County Democrat. Posted on municipal bulletin board as required by law.

ORDINANCE #18-23

ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$224,000.00 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF VIDEO LINK SYSTEM, COURTROOM RECORDING SYSTEM, SERVER ROOM RENOVATION AND LEFFLER HILL COMPLETE AND OLD CROTON PARTIAL CHIP SEAL TREATMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:]

Section 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, it is hereby determined that \$224,000.00 of the proceeds of obligations originally made available pursuant to the following bond ordinance of the Township of Raritan, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Township") are no longer necessary for the purpose for which the obligations previously were authorized:

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description and Date of Adoption	Amount to be Reappropriated
#15-13	Road Reconstruction for roads in section 1 of the Sunny Hills Area of the Township and roads adjacent thereto or in the area thereof, finally adopted 09/01/2015	\$224,000.00

Section 2. \$224,000.00 described in Section 1 hereof and made available pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-39, is hereby reappropriated to provide \$14,000 for the purchase of a Video Link System, \$14,000 for the purchase of a Courtroom Recording System, \$6,000 for the server room renovation and \$190,000 for Leffler Hill Complete and Old Croton Partial Chip Seal Treatments.

Section 3. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ORDINANCES (INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING)

Mayor Mangin read by title Ordinance #18-24.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,860.00 FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND FOR THE POLICE BUILDING REWIRE CAT6 TO SECURE CLOSET FOR AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #18-24 on first consideration. Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: O'Brien

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

During the vote, Committee Member O'Brien commented, "So, 6 months ago we had a vote on a CAP bank, we are bound by that 2% limit as well. And the law allows us to go to 3 ½%. I voted no because when you give government the chance to spend more money, it does. And, I was the only one that voted no. We did not go to 3 ½% we went past 3 ½, past 4, past 4 ½, 5, 5 ½% spending

increase over last year under the CAP law. We are basically wiping out those good fiscal, frugal years that we had in the past. We are at the third year of a \$2 million spending increase. Somewhere along the line we have to say and get back to that fiscal conservatism...”

Mayor Mangin commented, “...I understand Mr. O’Brien’s comments. But again, that is only half of the picture. Spending is up and it is things like, we need oxygen bottles for our fire department so they can put fires out. But what you did not say is that the tax rate was reduced this year even though we spent a little more.”

Mr. Pandos commented, “I was going to make the point that of the \$600,000.00 increase in spending, \$500,000.00 was due to the increase in healthcare.”

Second reading and public hearing date scheduled for September 4, 2018.

Mayor Mangin read by title Ordinance #18-25.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED RELATIVE TO THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 3.01, BLOCK 24 OF THE TAX MAP OF THE TAX ASSESSOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN AND TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN DRIVEWAY EASEMENT RELATED TO SAME

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #18-25 on first consideration.
Motion by Hazard, seconded by Gilbert

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O’Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading and public hearing date scheduled for September 4, 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. NJDOT Fiscal Year 2019 State Aid Application – Mr. Hutchins advised that he and Township Engineer, Tony Hajjar, will review roads and submit recommendations accordingly to the Township Committee by the October application deadline.

b. NJDOT ORDER regarding railroad warning devices, railroad crossing surface features, traffic control devices and roadway approaches at Black River & Western Railroad/Belvidere & Delaware River Railroad at Toad Lane – The Township Committee acknowledged the ORDER. There was no discussion.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 19 and July 17, 2018.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Township Committee Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 19 and July 17, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Gilbert clarified that the vote is on the amended July 17, 2018 executive session meeting minutes which includes the language, "confidential in perpetuity."

At this time, Committee Member O'Brien requested further discussion regarding the executive session meeting minutes with the language, "confidential in perpetuity." Committee Member O'Brien expressed concern regarding the governing body "setting something confidential in perpetuity" and commented that reference to confidentiality "is fine." Committee Member O'Brien inquired as to the process regarding release of executive session minutes to the public.

Mr. Lehrer concurred that "nothing is in perpetuity. Just say confidential." Mr. Lehrer continued to explain that "normally things become out of closed session under the Open Public Meetings Act when the subject matter no longer exists and that is determined by attorney review."

Debate occurred as to whether a mechanism exists for the release of such.

Mr. Lehrer commented, "I will tell you how it comes about in practicality. Someone makes an OPRA request for closed session minutes on a certain topic. I am then given an opportunity to look at them to determine if the matter is no longer subject to closed or open session. That is the

way I have been doing things for many, many years. If I say that the matter is no longer a closed session topic, then I will allow it to be released. I don't think I need to go to the governing body about that."

Committee Member O'Brien expressed disagreement with Mr. Lehrer and requested that discussion on the policy on confidentiality be tabled to allow Mr. Lehrer to obtain information regarding the appropriate mechanism for release of executive session minutes.

Regarding clarification of the content of the executive session minutes, Mr. Lehrer suggested that Committee Member O'Brien clarify directly with the Clerk or send a "Privileged and Confidential" email to all members of the governing body.

It was the consensus to proceed with approval of the June 19, 2018 executive session meeting minutes and table June 18, June 21, and July 17 to a future scheduled meeting.

Committee Member O'Brien requested that the June 19, 2018 minutes be amended to correct the word "respective" to "retroactive" in the last sentence under "Police Department Retirement/Replacement/Compensation."

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2018 as amended.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Following the vote, Mr. Lehrer advised Committee Members that discussion about the release of confidential matters be held in closed session. Mr. Lehrer expressed strong opposition to Committee Member O'Brien's opinion that it is a governing body's decision regarding the release of such matters. Mr. Lehrer stated, "It is the Township Attorney's responsibility and it always has been."

Township Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Mayor Mangin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Hazard, O'Brien

ABSENT: None

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2018.

Motion by Hazard, seconded by Gilbert

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mayor Mangin read by title Resolution #18-161.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #18-161.

Motion by Hazard, seconded by Gilbert

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #18-161

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANN MARIE SILVIA AS TAX COLLECTOR

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145 requires every municipality to have a Tax Collector appointed by the governing body of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to appoint a Tax Collector to fill the vacancy in the Tax Collector's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator and Tax Collector have conducted interviews and recommend Ann Marie Silvia for the position of Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan desires to appoint Ann Marie Silvia as Tax Collector for a four-year term commencing on September 1, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Ann Marie Silvia is hereby appointed as Tax Collector for the Township of Raritan for a four-year term commencing on September 1, 2018 and ending on August 31, 2022 at an annual salary of \$60,000.00.

Mayor Mangin read by title Resolution #18-162.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #18-162.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #18-162

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PART-TIME
EMPLOYMENT OF REBEKAH HARMS AS TAX CLERK**

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the Tax Collector's Office for the position of part-time Tax Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan wishes to fill this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, interviews have been conducted by the Township Administrator, Donald Hutchins, with applicants interested in this position; and

WHEREAS, Donald Hutchins recommends Rebekah Harms for the position of Tax Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that Rebekah Harms is hereby appointed as part-time Tax Clerk at a rate of \$18.00 per hour for twenty-five (25) hours per week on average, with the exception of quarterly tax periods as determined by Administration; effective September 4, 2018.

Mayor Mangin read by title Resolution #18-172.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #18-172.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: O'Brien

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

(A COPY OF RESOLUTION #18-172 IS ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THESE MINUTES)

Mayor Mangin read by title Resolution #18-176.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #18-176.

Motion by Hazard, seconded by Gilbert

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, Mayor Mangin

NOES: O'Brien, Reiner

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #18-176

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE: A) AN AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY FOR THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH THE RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND B) AN ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY FOR THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH RARITAN TOWN SQUARE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan (“Township”) has an obligation to meet certain affordable housing requirements as set forth in the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, and by the New Jersey Supreme Court pursuant to Southern Burlington County N.A.A.C.P. v. Twp. of Mount Laurel, 67 N.J. 151 (1975) (“Mount Laurel I”) and its progeny; and

WHEREAS, the Township has filed a declaratory judgement action pursuant to the New Jersey Supreme Court’s decision in IMO the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015); and

WHEREAS, the Township is attempting to settle this matter on favorable terms, the result of which will be that affordable units will be developed within the sewer service area and will need to be served by the Raritan Township Municipal Utilities Authority (“RTMUA”); and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain such necessary wastewater treatment capacity, the Township must enter into an Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity for the Provision of Affordable Housing with the RTMUA; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that said capacity is used for affordable housing purposes, the Township must also enter into an Assignment and Assumption Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity for the Provision of Affordable Housing with Raritan Town Square, LLC, a developer of affordable housing in the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 21st day of August, 2018, by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity for the Provision of Affordable Housing with the RTMUA, attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”
 2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are authorized to execute the Assignment and Assumption Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Capacity for the Provision of Affordable Housing attached hereto as Exhibit “B.”
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Raritan Township Fire Company Application

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to approve the Raritan Township Fire Company application for Samuel Padro.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Reiner

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSE: Mayor Mangin

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.

At this time Committee Member O'Brien requested that Resolution #18-163 Authorizing the Cancellation of Third Quarter 2018 Taxes and Resolution #18-175 Authorizing the Cancellation of Trust Fund Balances be removed for further consideration.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Reiner

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #18-164

AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF DEVELOPER'S ESCROW (KEYSTONE FIREWORKS)

WHEREAS, Keystone Fireworks has requested the return of its Developer's Escrow; and
WHEREAS, Kristi Gano, Payroll/HR Coordinator, has submitted a memo dated July 19, 2018 and recommended the return of the following Developer's Escrow:

Keystone Fireworks TU-01 \$45.27

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 Developer's Escrow in the amount of \$45.27 posted by Keystone Fireworks is hereby refunded.

RESOLUTION #18-165

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CUSTODIAN OF THE PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Kevin Donovan was custodian of the Police Department's Petty Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey is changing custodian to Lillian McDermott; and

WHEREAS, Lillian McDermott is bonded in the amount of \$25,000.00 by virtue of a surety bond.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

RESOLUTION # 18-166

A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR ROOF RESTORATION SERVICES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is in need of roof restoration on roof A at the Department of Public Works facility; and

WHEREAS, Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, Ohio, 44122 has been awarded contract #ESCNJ/AEPA IFB#017-F Roofing & Building Envelope Repair & Maintenance Service through ESCNJ/AEPA COOP; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works recommends that Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. be awarded the contract for roof restoration on roof A at the Department of Public Work's Facility; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this will be at the bid price as documented by the ESCNJ/AEPA COOP and appropriated through Ordinance #18-20 for the amount of \$27,423.13; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available through Certificate of Availability of Funds # 18-19 for roof restoration services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the contract to perform restoration of roof A at the Department of Public Works Facility be awarded to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc., 3735 Green Road, Beachwood, Ohio, 44122 in the amount of \$27,423.13.

RESOLUTION # 18-167

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO GLEN HALE, INC. FOR SURFACE TREATMENT (OIL AND CHIP) ON TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is in need of surface treatment on township roadways in the form of oil and chip; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is a member of the Hunterdon County Cooperative Pricing System (HCCPS); and

WHEREAS, Glen Hale Inc., 165 River Road, Flemington, New Jersey, 08822 has been awarded a contract for Hunterdon County Bid #2018-19, identification 51-HCCPS for surface treatment on roadways through the HCCPS; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works recommends that Glen Hale, Inc. be awarded the contract for surface treatment of Township roadways; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this will be at the bid price as documented by the HCCPS and appropriated through Ordinance #17-32 in the amount of \$68,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available through Certificate of Availability of Funds # 18-22 for the surface treatment of roads.

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 road surface treatments be awarded to Glen Hale Inc., 165 River Road, Flemington, New Jersey, 08822 in the amount of \$68,000.00

RESOLUTION #18-168

A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ROAD SAFETY SYSTEMS, LLC FOR BEAM GUIDE RAIL REPLACEMENT ON TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is in need of beam guide rail replacement on various township roads; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC); and

WHEREAS, Road Safety Systems, LLC, 12 Park Drive, Shamong, New Jersey, 08088 has been awarded contract #26 Beam Guide Rail & Safety Ends (Installed) through the MCCPC; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works recommends that Road Safety Systems, LLC be awarded the contract for beam guide rail replacement; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this will be at the bid price as documented by the MCCPC and appropriated through Ordinance #18-20 in the amount of \$25,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available through Certificate of Availability of Funds # 18-20 for beam guide rail replacement.

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 beam guide rail replacement be awarded to Road Safety Systems, LLC, 12 Park Drive, Shamong, New Jersey, 08088, in the amount of \$25,500.00.

RESOLUTION # 18-169

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO DENVILLE LINE PAINTING, INC.
FOR LINE STRIPING AND TRAFFIC MARKINGS ON TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is in need of line striping and traffic markings on township roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC); and

WHEREAS, Denville Line Painting, Inc., 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey 07866 has been awarded Contract #36 Traffic Striping on Roadways through the MCCPC; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works recommends that Denville Line Painting, Inc., be awarded the contract for line striping and traffic markings of Township roadways; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this will be at the bid price as documented by the MCCPC; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available through Certificate of Availability of Funds #18-24 for line striping and traffic markings.

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 line striping and traffic markings on Township roadways be awarded to Denville Line Painting, Inc., 2 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, New Jersey, 07866.

RESOLUTION #18-170

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO TILCON NEW YORK, INC.
FOR ROAD RESURFACING OF WILDWOOD AND ROUND HILL COURTS
(BARTON HOLLOW ESTATES)**

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is in need of road resurfacing of Wildwood and Round Hill Courts; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC); and

WHEREAS, Tilcon New York, Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, New Jersey, 07054 has been awarded contract #6 Road Resurfacing through the MCCPC; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works recommends that Tilcon New York, Inc. be awarded the contract for road resurfacing; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this will be at the bid price as documented by the MCCPC and appropriated through Ordinance #17-32 for the amount of \$85,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available through Certificate of Availability of Funds # 18-23 for road resurfacing of Wildwood and Round Hill Courts.

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 road resurfacing of Wildwood and Round Hill Courts be awarded to Tilcon New York, Inc., 9 Entin Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 in the amount of \$85,000.00.

RESOLUTION #18-171

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO JEN ELECTRIC, INC.
FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is in need of upgrading the traffic signals at the intersections of Case Boulevard and Voorhees Corner Road and Barley Sheaf and Voorhees Corner Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Raritan is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC); and

WHEREAS, Jen Electric Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, 07081 has been awarded contract #37 Traffic Signal Maintenance & Repairs through the MCCPC; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works recommends that Jen Electric, Inc., be awarded the contract for traffic signal upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this will be at the bid price as documented by the MCCPC and appropriated through Ordinance #18-20 in the amount of \$18,637.99; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available through Certificate of Availability of Funds # 18-21 for traffic signal upgrades.

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 traffic signal upgrades at the intersections of Case Boulevard and Voorhees Corner Road and Barley Sheaf and Voorhees Corner Road be awarded to Jen Electric Inc., 631 Morris Avenue, Springfield New Jersey, 07081 in the amount of \$18,637.99.

RESOLUTION #18-173

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CASH PERFORMANCE
GUARANTEE (THE FOSTER CORPORATION T/A BIO-SERV)**

WHEREAS, the Foster Corporation t/a Bio-Serv posted a Cash Performance Guarantee May 7, 2014 in the amount of \$48,480.00; and

WHEREAS, The Foster Corporation t/a Bio-Serve has requested the return of its cash performance guarantee; and

WHEREAS, Township Engineer, Antoine Hajjar, has performed a site inspection and recommends the release of the cash performance guarantee in the amount of \$48,480.00 plus any accrued interest.

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 cash performance guarantee posted by The Foster Corporation t/a Bio-Serv in the amount of \$48,480.00 plus any accrued interest is hereby returned.

RESOLUTION #18-174

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THIRD QUARTER 2018 TAX REFUNDS

WHEREAS, the Township Tax Collector has recommended the refund of overpayments; and

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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan that the following receive a refund in the amount specified due to duplicate payments for Third Quarter, 2018 taxes.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>
CORELOGIC			
Pfauth, Zachary (23 Cherryville-Stanton Rd)	\$2,060.27	5.01	16
Walsh, Kevin & Marybeth (54 Copper Penny Rd)	\$3,338.50	6.16	20
Wells Fargo Bank Natl Assoc Trustee (206 Klinesville Rd)	\$2,878.68	7	3
Mutz, Douglas R & Anne C (53 Rake Rd)	\$3,065.27	19	4
Little, Stephen S & Christine N. (9 Tuccamirgan Rd)	\$467.07	25	32
Narla, Ravi & Kavitha (1 Donna Dr)	\$1,105.75	44	24.10

Toll NJ LP (28 Tiffany Dr)	\$1,041.86	44.02	40
Singh, Gurpreet & Tresa K Dusaj (22 Providence Dr)	\$4,127.40	63.13	1
<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>
Dudjak, Mikulas & Tatiana Dudjakova (17 Sherwood Ct)	\$1,530.79	71.16	48
Maley, Kaitlyn M. (14 Peach Ct)	\$1,508.25	72.01	21
Brown, Ryan & Sun Min Lee (13 Cedar Ct)	\$1,413.58	72.11	10
Olivio, Joseph P Jr. & Christine (4 Samuel Dr)	\$2,037.79	73	45
Kingsland, Scott & Alicia (204 Kuhl Rd)	\$583.91	79.11	2
McLaughlin, Joann (8 Everitts Rd)	\$4,210.75	80	14
McLaughlin, Joann (8 Everitts Rd)	\$62.47	80	14 (Q0497)
TOTAL CORELOGIC REFUND:	\$29,432.34		

LERETA

Varrone, Steven & Alicia (10 Northridge Rd)	\$2,501.30	7	44
TOTAL LERETA REFUND:	\$2,501.30		

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>
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WELLS FARGO

Pappas, Stella & Janet & Vivian (44 Tiffany Dr)	\$1,098.02	44.02	2
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Pappas, Vivian & Janet & Stella (2 Jacob Ct)	\$1,103.17	44.02	3
Pace, David & Heather I (4 Deats Dr)	\$2,314.35	78.01	1.03
Michaels, Clifford & Heather R. (14 Dehoff Rd)	\$2,685.52	77.01	11.20
TOTAL WELLS FARGO REFUND:	\$7,201.06		

Mayor Mangin read by title Resolution #18-163.

Committee Member O'Brien voiced the opinion that veteran's issues be acted upon separately.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #18-163.

Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Hazard

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #18-163

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF THIRD
QUARTER 2018 TAXES DUE TO 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 *et. seq.* provides for one-hundred percent (100%) disabled veterans and their spouses to be exempt from property taxes on their principal residences; and

WHEREAS, the property owner listed below has received such designation by the U.S. Veterans Administration and has subsequently applied and been approved for such exemption from the Raritan Township Tax Assessor; and

WHEREAS, this designation can result in the overpayment of property taxes and require the cancellation of future tax payments; and

WHEREAS, the Raritan Township Tax Collector, as a result of recently approved one-hundred percent (100%) disabled veteran status, recommends the cancellation of the third quarter 2018 tax payments as listed.

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 third quarter 2018 taxes be cancelled due to one-hundred percent (100%) disabled veteran exemption.

Name	Block	Lot	Amount
Irving Smith 4 Old Field Court 3 rd Quarter, 2018	63.11	4	\$5,124.95

Mayor Mangin read by title Resolution #18-175.

Committee Member O'Brien asked for clarification of the fund cancellations. Mr. Pandos provided such.

Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #18-175.
Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Reiner

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Gilbert, Hazard, O'Brien, Reiner, Mayor Mangin
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION #18-175

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION
OF TRUST FUND RESERVE BALANCES**

WHEREAS, there exists Trust Fund "Traffic Study" and "School & Park Donations" reserve balances on the balance sheet of the Township's Trust Funds which has been inactive and/or programs completed; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended through the statutory annual audit process that these reserves be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that these programs are no longer being utilized and that the Township formally cancel the existing reserve balances to current fund balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the following Trust Fund reserve balances be cancelled as follows:

Grant Name	
Traffic Study	\$50,942.63
School & Park Donations	\$ 7,548.84

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

Thomas Smith, a resident of 308 Schenck Drive, commented on the noise ordinance discussion adding that consideration should be given to who is riding the off-road vehicles and suggested the possible use of County land for a designated riding area. Mr. Smith also added that artist, Mr. Hoffman, stated he would donate a canvas print of his painting to the Township.

Catherine Ward, a resident of 39 Stirrup Lane, inquired as to the status of the search for alternate space for affordable housing; spoke in support of affordable housing but reiterated strong opposition to the use of the Dayton Road parcel.

During public comment, Mr. Lehrer explained that the priority at this time is to resolve the Township's affordable housing litigation.

Mayor Mangin commented, "to answer your question and I can't give you any names or locations or size but I am discussing with a developer who is looking at purchasing a property which is about the size of the Dayton Road parcel. If that can all come through that might be a property that we may be able to exchange depending on what we hear from NJDEP and Fair Share Housing."

ADJOURNMENT

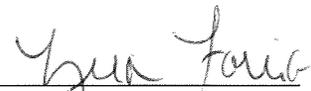
Mayor Mangin asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Gilbert, seconded by Reiner

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk

B. Noise Ordinance

