

*The Township Committee of the Township of Raritan met on October 17, 2016 at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey*

**MEETING  
CALLED**

Mayor Gilbert called the regular meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following were present: Mayor Karen Gilbert, Deputy Mayor Michael Mangin, Comm. Richard Chen, Comm. Craig O'Brien and Comm. Louis Reiner. Also present were Acting Administrator Bill Pandos, Deputy Clerk Kristi Gano and Township Attorney Jeffrey Lehrer.

**MEETING  
ADVERTISED**

Mayor Gilbert advised that the meeting was noticed on Thursday, Oct. 7, 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 properly posted on the Township Website. Att. Lehrer told the Committee the issue can be remedied by posting the information tomorrow. Att. Lehrer told the Committee it could proceed tonight. Comm. O'Brien said the Committee should have the discussions but wait to take action until the regular meeting on Oct. 18. Mayor Gilbert said the objection has been noted.

**OPEN  
SESSION:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**Mayor Gilbert 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.**

**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.

*Neil Hudes, Senior VP Operation for Hunterdon Healthcare told the Committee that the hospital depends on the services of the Fire Marshal. Mr. Hudes said it is important to have timely certifications for its licenses and for safety. Mr. Hudes told the Committee that the worst possible catastrophe would be a fire and the hospital values routine inspections and guidance provided by the Fire Marshal.*

Mayor Gilbert asked if the Committee could ask Thomas Abraham into the Closed Session. Att. Lehrer said the Committee could do so but normally it is not done. Mayor Gilbert asked the Committee would be okay to invite Mr. Abraham into the Closed Session to provide information only.

**RESOLUTION #16-225**

**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: Fire Marshal, Fire Subcode Official, Fire Prevention Inspectors, Plumbing Subcode Official, Construction Official, Administrator
  - d) Potential Litigation:
  - e) Attorney Client Privilege: N/A
  - f) Threatened Lawsuit:
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.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Gilbert asked for a Motion to adopt Res. #16-225. The Motion was made by Comm. Chen Seconded by Comm.

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, 5-Yea, 0-No, Motion approved.

The Committee Entered Closed Session at 6:51 pm.

*Closed Session Minutes are on a separate document.*

The Closed Session Ended at 9:06 pm.

Mayor Gilbert asked for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting. The Motion was made by Comm. Mangin, Seconded by Comm. Chen. Vote 5-0, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

William Bray  
Acting Township Clerk