

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #17-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING ONE REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, SEEKING VOTER SENTIMENT ON THE PURCHASE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF A REPLACEMENT FIRST AID AMBULANCE

WHEREAS, it has been requested of the Township Committee of Raritan Township that a new ambulance be purchased for the first aid squad; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of Raritan Township ("Raritan") regarding the proposal to purchase said ambulance by bond to replace a 19-year old ambulance by way of a non-binding referendum at the next general election; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1 authorizes the governing body, when there is no other statute by which the voters' sentiment can be ascertained by the submission of such a question to a vote of the electors, to adopt an ordinance or resolution requesting the County Clerk print on the official ballots to be used at the next general election a certain proposition as indicated in the ordinance or resolution in concise language; and

WHEREAS, the form of any public question put to the voters must follow the guidelines indicated in N.J.S.A. 19:3-6, which requires the phrasing of any public question on a ballot to clearly set forth the true purpose of the matter being voted upon, in simple language that can be easily understood by the voter;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Township Committee of the Township of Raritan requests the Hunterdon County Clerk print upon the official ballot to be used at the November 7, 2017, general election, the following proposition:

To vote upon the public question printed below:
if you are in favor – push the button next to the word "yes"
if you are opposed – push the button next to the word "no"

Shall the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan adopt a bond ordinance in the amount of \$200,000.00 (minimum: \$10,000.00 cash down payment required) in order to purchase a new ambulance for the first aid squad to replace the existing 1998 model year ambulance?

Section 2. The following Interpretive Statement shall accompany the aforesaid proposition:

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT:

The proposed bond ordinance would be used to purchase a new ambulance for the first aid squad to replace an existing 19-year old ambulance. Pursuant to the proposed bond ordinance, the Township would issue \$200,000.00 in bonds which would be paid back over time. The bond ordinance requires a down payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 which would have to be included in the 2018 budget. The rescue squad has agreed to contribute \$60,000.00 to cover the difference between what would be bonded by the Township and what the total cost of the new ambulance would be.

A "Yes" vote on the above question means that you do want the Township Committee to purchase a new ambulance to be funded through the adoption of a bond ordinance.

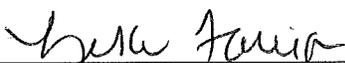
A "No" vote on the above question means that you do not want the Township Committee to purchase a new ambulance to be funded through the adoption of a bond ordinance.

Section 3. The Raritan Township Clerk is hereby directed, after adoption of this Resolution, to forward a certified copy to the Hunterdon County Clerk by not later than 81 days prior to the November 7, 2017, General Election (or by August 18, 2017), for placement on the official ballot.

Section 4. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of the Resolution is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

ATTEST:



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN



Karen Gilbert
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Lisa Fania, Clerk of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true, complete and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan at a meeting held on August 15, 2017.



Lisa Fania, RMC
Township Clerk