

*The Township Committee of the Township of Raritan met on October 20, 2015
at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey*

**MEETING
CALLED**

Mayor O'Brien called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were present: Mayor Craig O'Brien, Deputy Mayor Karen Gilbert, Comm. Michael Mangin, Comm. Richard Chen and Comm. Louis Reiner. Also present was Adm. Jerry Giaimis and Township Attorney Albert E. Cruz.

**MEETING
ADVERTISED**

Mayor O'Brien advised that the meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act in the January 15, 2015 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and was posted on the office bulletin board and the Township Website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor O'Brien 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.

No one appeared.

**FINANCIAL
ISSUES**

Payment of Bills as Listed for Raritan Township: **\$ 238,157.73**

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to approve the Bill List.

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Chen – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 Reiner – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL
ISSUES:
(Con't)**

Payment of Bills for the Fire Company \$ 257.44

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to approve the bills for the Fire Company.

Motion was made by Comm. Gilbert and seconded by Comm. Chen.

Roll Call Vote: Chen – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – recuse
 Reiner – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

REPORTS

LIAISON REPORTS (No Liaison Reports)

Karen Gilbert – Joint Parks & Recreation, Open Space, Public Works

Michael Mangin – Planning Board, RTMUA, Board of Health

Richard Chen – Public Safety, Finance

Louis Reiner – Flemington-Raritan Schools, Hunterdon Central High
School, Environmental Commission, Local Historians

Craig O'Brien – Administration, Personnel

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

**AWARD OF BID FOR LOCAL AID PROJECT: PRO-2014-EVERITTS
ROAD, SECTION II, PHASE 3 TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION –**

\$285,610.43 – Adm. Giaimis said that this is a rebid in the amount of \$285,610.43. This amount is \$20,100 lower than the first round of bidding. Eng. Hajjar recommended that the bid be awarded to Top Line Construction. A resolution was adopted later in the meeting.

READING ROAD – SPEED HUMPS – Adm. Giaimis said that a study was conducted by the Engineering Department and the automobile count was less than 3,000 that travel on Reading Road. Therefore, the speed humps will be installed as they were this fall or next spring.

JOHN ANDERSON RE: JCP&L UPDATE

*** John Anderson, JCP&L said that he received an inquiry from Hunterdon County about radio interference on Route 12. He said that JCP&L has to figure out where the interference is coming from. Route 12 is a main artery and a number of factors could be causing this. They will have to check pole by pole and insulator by insulator to find the problem. This is happening from the Route 12 and Route 523 Circle to the Hunterdon County Complex.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE -

Adm. Giaimis said that the County has completed their work on the bridge and railroad crossing. The Township conveyed that piece of Pennsylvania Avenue that was under construction by the County. Now that construction is completed, the Township will take back that portion of Pennsylvania Avenue. An ordinance was introduced later in the meeting.

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE SOLD TO THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST

BRUNSWICK – Adm. Giaimis said that there was a bond sale regarding Ordinances #15-09, #15-10 and #15-11. The Township of East Brunswick purchased the bond in the amount of \$693,500. The interest rate will be at 1%.

RETURN OF IN LIEU OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT CASH BOND TO KEVIN

KUHL – Adm. Giaimis said that this was reviewed by the CFO and Sup't of Public Works and they recommended the release of the cash bond to Kevin Kuhl in the amount of \$10,600 plus all accrued interest.

**NOVEMBER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN
CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

Adm. Giaimis said that the changes were made because of Election Day and the League of Municipalities Conference respectively

APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ASSISTANT ENGINEER – Adm. Giaimis said this matter was tabled.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #15-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN ACCEPTING JURISDICTION OF A PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE FROM THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-18 on first consideration, same to be published according to law with a public hearing and a vote scheduled for the meeting of November 16, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey at which all interested persons will be heard.

ORDINANCES: *Comm. Reiner asked what the purpose was to accept a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue from the County of Hunterdon. Mayor O'Brien said that the County made improvements to the railroad crossing and the bridge on a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue. The road was conveyed to the County and now that the improvements are completed, that portion of Pennsylvania Avenue will be taken over again by the Township of Raritan. Attorney Cruz said that the bridge on Pennsylvania Avenue was no longer needed.*

(Con't)

Motion was made by Comm. Gilbert and seconded by Comm. Chen.

Roll Call Vote: Chen – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 Reiner – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #15-19

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING WEATHERBURN COURT TO WETHERBURN COURT LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #15-19 on first consideration, same to be published according to law with a public hearing and a vote scheduled for the meeting of November 16, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey at which all interested persons will be heard.

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Chen – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 Reiner – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. League of Municipalities: (All Information is on File in the Clerk's Office):
Information for League Convention
- b. Hunterdon County Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day – Saturday, November 14, 2015
- c. Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolutions for Speed Limits in Both Directions for the Following Roads;
 - 1) Junction Road in Raritan Township
 - 2) Walter Foran Blvd., Walter Foran Blvd Ext., Oldwick ad and Lamington Road (County Route 523) in the Townships of Raritan, Readington and Tewksbury – *Comm. Reiner asked about the County imposing speed limits on roads in the Township. Mayor O'Brien said that they are all County roads even though they travel through Raritan Township.*
- d. NJ Department of Agriculture Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Survey re: No Major Infestations
- e. West Amwell Township Resolution re: Urging Governor Chirstie to Protect Local Property Taxpayers by Respecting the structure and Preserving the Integrity of Local Pension Systems

NON CONSENT AGENDA:

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, then that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Resolutions:

Resolution #15-224 – Escrow Refunds

Resolution #15-225 – Authorizing the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (“MSSDA”) to Retain a Common Expert in the Declaratory Judgment Action

Resolution #15-226 – Award of Bid to Top Line Construction for Local Aid Project: PRO-2014-Everitts Road, Section II Phase 3 -03055 in the Amount of \$285,610.43

**CONSENT
AGENDA
(Con't)**

**Resolution #15-227 – Return of In Lieu of Road Improvement Cash
Bond to Kevin Kuhl - \$10,600 Plus All Accrued
Interest**

Resolution #15-228 – Appointment of Senior Assistant Engineer

**Resolution #15-229 – Authorizing the Transfer of 300 GPD
(Gallons per Day) Sewer Capacity from the
Township of Raritan to Flemington Junction, LLC**

Mayor O'Brien asks for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with the removal of Resolution #15-228 and Resolution #15-229.

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

Roll Call Vote: Chen – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 Reiner – yes
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

Resolution #15-228 – Appointment of Senior Assistant Engineer

This resolution was tabled.

**Resolution #15-229 – Authorizing the Transfer of 300 GPD (Gallons Per
Day) Sewer Capacity from the Township of Raritan to Flemington
Junction, LLC**

Mayor O'Brien explained that Flemington Junction needed one additional EDU equivalent to 300 gallons per day of sewer capacity to complete their project. Comm. Reiner said that Flemington Junction should have planned better. He felt that it was not the Township's issue and he did not see why the Township has to be the entity that remediates this problem.

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #15-229.

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin and seconded by Comm. Gilbert.

**CONSENT
AGENDA
(Con't)**

Roll Call Vote: Chen – yes
 Gilbert – yes
 Mangin – yes
 Reiner – no
 O'Brien – yes

Motion carried.

**PRIVILEGE
OF THE
FLOOR**

Anyone may address the Committee on any issue for three (3) minutes

No one appeared.

Resolution #15-231 – CLOSED SESSION:

**Contractual – Contractual Negotiations: PBA
Union Negotiations Update**

Personnel - Vacancy for Senior Assistant Engineer

All matters were discussed at the Special Meeting and Resolution #15-231 was not needed.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**

Mayor O'Brien asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion was made by Comm. Mangin and seconded by Comm.
Vote: 5 – 0 motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Sollena, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk

