

The Township of Raritan is governed by a Board of Commissioners consisting of five members. They are elected for a term of four years. The present board took office on May 15th, 1951 and will hold office until the next Municipal Election in May, 1955.

The Board of Commissioners have all the executive, administrative, judicial and legislative powers. These powers and duties are distributed among five departments, namely, Department of Public Affairs, Department of Revenue and Finance, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works, and Department of Parks and Public Property. The Board of Commissioners assign one Commissioner to each one of these departments at their organization meeting, which is held one week after the election. The Board also chooses from one of its members a Mayor, who shall be the presiding officer at all meetings, supervising all departments and report to the board for its action on matters requiring the attention of the board or any department. The board shall also create such subordinate boards and appoint such officers as may be necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of the affairs of the municipality. Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be held at least twice monthly and special meetings shall be called from time to time by the Mayor or two Commissioners. All meetings are open to the public. The board shall assign to each department such subordinate boards and officers as it shall deem to the best interest of the municipality.

At the organization meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Raritan the following appointments were made by resolution of the Board.

James C. Forgione	-Mayor-Department of Public Works
Brace Eggert	-Department of Public Affairs
Russell B. Walker	-Department of Revenue & Finance
Julius C. Engel	-Department of Public Safety
Martin J. O'Hara Sr.	-Department of Parks & Public Property.

Department of Public Affairs: Water Department, Water Superintendent, Emergency Relief, Poor Department, Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Attorney, Planning and Zoning, Welfare Institutions, and Township Physician.

Department of Revenue and Finance: Township Collector, Treasurer, Board of Assessors, Auditor, Tax Office.

Department of Public Safety: Police, Municipal Court, Magistrate, Fire Companies, Licenses and Permits, Public Conveyances, Industrial Development, Building Inspector and Dog Warden.

Department of Public Works: Engineer, Superintendent of Roads, Superintendent of Sewers and Sewer Disposal, Township Clerk, Department of Garbage and Public Improvements.

Department of Parks and Public Property: Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, Parks, Playgrounds, Street Lights, Patriotic Celebrations, Maintenance of Public Buildings and Grounds.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Raritan holds its regular meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays in each month at 8:00 P. m. at the Town Hall.

Thomas L. Hanson - Township Attorney  
Catherine Woerner - Overseer of the Poor  
Dr. Edward K. Hanson - Township Physician  
Raymond P. Wilson - Township Engineer  
Oscar Kaus - Township Clerk  
Otto Schuster - Township Treasurer  
Stewart Robertson, James Stephens, George Hollingshead - Twp. Assessors  
Remson H. Hansmann - Superintendent of Roads  
Alfred Davis - Superintendent of Sewers  
Christian J. Jorgensen - Township Magistrate