



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Jeff Donahue at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert Ashbaugh	Councilman	Present	
Thomas Bremner	Council President	Present	
Billy Dawson	Councilman	Present	
John Hagemann	Councilman	Present	
Phil Kartsonis	Councilman	Present	
Robert Uhrik	Councilman	Present	
Jeff Donahue	Mayor	Present	

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Donahue thanked everyone involved in putting on the rabies clinic and the Earth Day cleanup. The Mayor noted that the Engineer's Report was added to the agenda. The Mayor announced that the budget is on the agenda for adoption and includes a tax increase. The increase is a result in part to increased expenses for COAH litigation and the loss of a cell tower lease.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes March 21, 2016

1. Regular Meeting Minutes April 4, 2016

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Billy Dawson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hagemann, Uhrik
ABSTAIN:	Kartsonis

Executive Meeting Minutes March 21, 2016

1. Executive Session Minutes April 4, 2016

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Billy Dawson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Thomas Bremner, Council President
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hagemann, Uhrik
ABSTAIN:	Kartsonis

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Moore, Skillman Avenue, asked if the cut trees and stumps will be removed from the Green Acres. The Engineer responded that the tree cuttings and stumps would be left in the woods for wildlife habitat per the shade tree commission.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

- A. Bill List April 18, 2016
- All vouchers except 8829.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Bremner, Billy Dawson
SECONDER:	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik

- B. Motion to approve voucher # 8829.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Billy Dawson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Phil Kartsonis, Councilman
AYES:	Dawson, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik
ABSTAIN:	Ashbaugh, Bremner

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector

Tom Clancy

- 1. Tax Collectors Report - March 2016

Court Administrator

- 1. Municipal Court Report March 2016

Water Department

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records- R. Ashbaugh

No report.

Buildings & Grounds- T. Bremner

Mr. Bremner reported that he is looking into ways to maintain Crescent Point park where trucks drive over the corner of the grass. Received quotes for work on outdoor fire escape. The nursery school has requested the use of the Borough lawn for a yard sale. The nursery school lease is up for renewal. The tennis court net is being replaced.

Finance & Insurance- P. Kartsonis

No report.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- B. Dawson

The constables issued two tickets in March. The constables determined that the valet companies for the restaurants are not illegally parking cars near the EMS building but private individuals are doing so, and better signs are needed in that area. Vandalism occurred in Van Horne Park and a meeting is planned with Montgomery Township to discuss park security.

Street & Roads- B. Uhrik

The County repaired pot holes, as requested, and repaired signs. There is an issue with sinking pavement across from 10 Princeton Avenue.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection- J. Hagemann

Two curb boxes have been replaced and another needs repair.

Council Representative to Planning Board- R. Ashbaugh

There was no March meeting. The Planning Board is meeting in April to discuss amendments to the bylaws.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee- P. Kartsonis

Planning for the tennis camp is underway.

Council Representative to Board of Health- B. Uhrik

The rabies clinic took place with 14 attendees. Those who came found out about it through the Borough website, nixle, and the sandwich board. The Health Officer has recommended that Borough Hall water be tested for lead.

Zoning Official's Report- M. Blasch

No report.

Grants Committee- T. Bremner

The architects have prepared the RFP for work on Borough Hall including windows, roofing and flashing, doors, interior storm windows, and cleaning brick masonry. The RFP was sent to 7 bidders and made public. There will be a walk through on April 27th and a bid opening May 13th. 2016 grant applications are due this week. The Historic District Preservation

website is accessible on the Borough website. There is an opportunity to apply for a grant from our insurance agent.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Update from Shade Tree Commission

Connie Hallman reported that the Shade Tree Committee has a proposal to clean up Crescent Point Park and has prepared 18 planters for Washington Street.

B. Public Hearing on the 2016 Introduced Budget

Raymond Whitlock, 94 Crescent Avenue, commented that the Council did the best job they could with the budget.

C. RESOLUTION-2016-48 Authorizing the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Rocky Hill for the Year 2016 to be Read by Title

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Bremner, Council President
SECONDER:	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik

D. RESOLUTION-2016-49 Adoption of the 2016 Budget

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Phil Kartsonis, Councilman
SECONDER:	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Bremner, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik
NAYS:	Dawson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION-2016-50 Authorizing a \$2,000.00 Payment to the Municipal Group and Authorizing Joining a Local Municipal Group, Including a Payment of \$1,500.00 to the Local Group

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
SECONDER:	Phil Kartsonis, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik

B. RESOLUTION-2016-51 Authorizing Tamara Lee to Perform a Vacant Land Assessment for the Borough of Rocky Hill for an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,500.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
SECONDER: Phil Kartsonis, Councilman
AYES: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik

C. RESOLUTION-2016-52 Ratifying the Council's Decision to Purchase Insurance for Rocky Hill Emergency Services

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
SECONDER: Billy Dawson, Councilman
AYES: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION-2016-53 Authorizing the Award of Contract to G & T Landscaping for Lawn Renovations in the Amount of \$1,375.00

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER: Thomas Bremner, Council President
SECONDER: Phil Kartsonis, Councilman
AYES: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik
NAYS: Dawson

B. Approval of an Application to the NJ State Firemen's Association for Brandon N. Potter

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Thomas Bremner, Council President
SECONDER: Phil Kartsonis, Councilman
AYES: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hagemann, Kartsonis, Uhrik

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from State of NJ dated 3/31/16 RE: Safe Routes to School grant

Flyer from Somerset County Park Commission Re: Childrens Garden Workshop

Letter from Franklin Twp. dated 3/23/16 RE: amendment to DRO

Legislative Bulletin March 2016 from NJLM

Letter from NJLM Re: order forms for the 2016 Directory

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. RESOLUTION-2016-54 To Retire into Executive Session for the Purpose of Litigation in the Matter of the Borough of Rocky Hill for a Judgement of Compliance of Its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Docket No. SOM-L-901-15 and Contract Negotiations: Township of Montgomery Interlocal Services Agreement for Sewer Treatment Services

Council did not hold executive session.

RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kartsonis moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM, Mr. Hagemann seconded, and motion carried on voice vote.