



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 6, 2017

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	
Billy Dawson	Councilman	Present	
John Hagemann	Councilman	Present	
Phil Kartsonis	Councilman	Present	
Mark Sibley	Councilman	Present	
Robert Uhrik	Councilman	Present	
Jeff Donahue	Mayor	Present	

Also present Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, CFO Joe Monzo, and Borough Attorney Albert Cruz.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked Mr. Kartsonis for presiding over the January 18th meeting, and he thanked Mr. Hagemann for the work he has done around Borough Hall, especially restoring by school house bell. The Route 518 bridge is still expected to be completed at the end of February.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Borough Council - Second Meeting of Month - Jan 18, 2017 7:30 PM

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

- B. Motion to accept Executive Session Minutes of January 18, 2017

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Moore of Skillman Avenue asked the status of the Borough's affordable housing obligation in light of the state Supreme Court ruling. Mayor Donahue responded that the Borough is trying to work out a settlement with Fair Share Housing.

Toby Whitlock asked if the new electronic traffic sign can be adjusted to flash sooner when cars are speeding. Mr. Dawson said he would look into making adjustments.

STATE POLICE REPORT

- A. State Police Report December 2016

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- A. Engineers Report February 2017

A list of fire hydrants that need maintenance will be compiled.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The CFO reported that the annual financial statement has been filed, but still waiting for a one-page report from the Tax Assessor. The 2017 budget is required to be introduced by March 16th.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS TO BE PAID

- A. Bill List Dated 2/6/2017

All vouchers except #6117 and #6173 were approved.

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

- B. Motion to Approve Voucher #6173 to Montgomery Township for Van Horne Park Maintenance

The invoice was for approximately \$5,000 more than had been budgeted for 2016 park maintenance. Montgomery Township's new CFO found that the Township had been under-billing the Borough, so future bills should be lower than the 2016 amount, but higher than previous years.

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

C. Motion to Approve Voucher #6173 to John Hagemann

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION-2017-28 Authorizing a Budget Transfer

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

B. RESOLUTION-2017-29 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign a Contract with Somerset County for Recycling Pick Up

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECTUIVE SESSION

1. RESOLUTION-2017-30 To Retire into Executive Session for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations: South Bound Brook Police

8:13 PM

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

2. Executive Session Minutes

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ashbaugh moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM, Mr. Kartsonis seconded, and motion carried on voice vote.