



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 22, 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	Absent	
Billy Dawson	Councilman	Present	
John Hagemann	Councilman	Present	
Phil Kartsonis	Councilman	Present	
Mark Sibley	Councilman	Late	7:43 PM
Robert Uhrik	Councilman	Present	
Jeff Donahue	Mayor	Present	

Also present: Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, CFO Joe Monzo, Attorney Albert Cruz, Engineer Bill Tanner.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Donahue gave an update on the Route 518 bridge construction. Worked stopped temporarily because creosote was found onsite. This is an OSHA issue not a DEP issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Borough Council - First Meeting of Month - Feb 6, 2017 7:30 PM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Bremner, 17 Crescent Avenue, commented that the historic flag hanging in the meeting room was not hung correctly and provided documents from a previous grant application with specifications on how it should be hung.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

A. Bill List Dated 2/22/17

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector

1. Tax Collector Report for January 2017

Court Administrator

1. Municipal Court Report January 2017

Water Department

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records- B. Dawson

The Borough website needs to be updated to add a link to tax records.

Buildings & Grounds- J. Hagemann

Phase II of the renovations have been completed and photos have been provided. Mr. Hagemann has received zoning approval to construct a split rail fence outside the perimeter of the Borough parking lot, and wood for the fence was donated by the Borough of Millstone. The outside light has been fixed. The furnace has a small leak and the gasket was replaced. Received maintenance quotes from elevator companies. Mr. Hagemann met with the Shade Tree Committee regarding Crescent Point Park. The bench in the park was repaired and the garbage cans need to be re-leveled. The RHCN has requested to use meeting room on March 9th.

Finance & Insurance- B. Uhrik

The budget will be introduced at the next meeting.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- B. Dawson

The newly-purchased, second radar sign was installed on Montgomery Avenue. Data from the radar sign on Crescent Avenue shows that the average speed is 24 mph, the highest average speed was 25.7 mph, and the average speed when the South Bound Brook police were present was 23 mph.

Street & Roads- P. Kartsonis

A Nixle update was sent before the last snow storm.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection- R. Ashbaugh

2.3 million gallons of water used, no problems reported, testing results satisfactory.

Council Representative to Planning Board- R. Ashbaugh

Ms. Witt reported that the Planning Board approved revised bylaws and a revised historic preservation application.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee- P. Kartsonis

Tennis camp to be confirmed.

Zoning Official's Report- M. Blasch

None.

Council Representative to Board of Health- B. Uhrig

The rabies clinic will be held at the Firehouse on April 22nd from 10am-12pm. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk sent out letters to residents regarding the rabies clinic and pet license applications.

Grants Committee- P. Kartsonis

The Mary Jacobs Library reached out regarding the Clean Communities Grant.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Presentation from the Rocky Hill Fire Department

Chief Harris presented the Fire Department's annual report.

B. Rocky Hill First Aid Squad Annual Recap

Tom Bremner and Jim Banks presented the First Aid Squad's annual report.

C. Shade Tree Presentation

Nancy Lucas presented the Shade Tree Committee's proposed budget for 2017 and provided estimates to have the pear trees on Washington Street trimmed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Letter Re: CPR First Aid Training

B. Letter from NJ Transit Dated 2/8/17 RE: Travel Assessment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Blomgren, owner of the Rocky Hill Inn, suggested that parking spots be created at the north end of Skillman Avenue, paid for by the Rocky Hill Inn. Borough Attorney Albert Cruz told Mr. Blomgren that this proposal must be made in writing.

Cliff Moore, Skillman Avenue, voiced concerns about the proposed parking on his road and suggested that the proposal would need DEP approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. RESOLUTION-2017-31 To Retire into Executive Session for the Purpose of Potential Litigation: Borough of Rocky Hill V. Patten and Litigation in the Matter of the Borough of Rocky Hill for a Judgment of Compliance of Its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Docket No. SOM-L-901-15

9:40 PM

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

RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dawson moved to adjourn at 10:29 PM, Mr. Sibley seconded, and motion carried on a voice vote.