



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 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	Absent	
Billy Dawson	Councilman	Present	
John Hagemann	Councilman	Present	
Phil Kartsonis	Councilman	Present	
Mark Sibley	Councilman	Present	
Robert Uhrick	Councilman	Absent	
Jeff Donahue	Mayor	Present	

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Donahue provided an update on the Route 518 bridge construction: work has resumed, but the environmental hazard mitigation equipment is weather dependent and can not be used in inclement weather. The Mayor also gave an update on the school district budget. State aid will remain flat, but the Borough is looking at the funding formula and its impact on Rocky Hill tax payers. The Borough is moving forward in it's talks with Fair Share Housing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Borough Council - Second Meeting of Month - Feb 22, 2017 7:30 PM

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

B. Executive Session Minutes Feb 22, 2017

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open to public comment, hearing none, the floor was closed.

STATE POLICE REPORT

- A. State Police Report February 2017

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

There will not be a tax increase this year although the revenue stream has decreased and school tax will go up.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS TO BE PAID

- A. Bill List Dated March 6, 2017

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- A. OEM Annual Report

Todd Harris gave a presentation for the Office of Emergency Management.

- B. Fire Inspector's Annual Report

Eric Mickelsen presented the Fire Prevention Bureau annual report.

- C. Discussion on Implementation of an HR Policy

A Human Resources may be required for insurance purposes.

- D. Discussion on Split Rail Fence

Mr. Hagemann presented his conceptual drawings for a split rail fence around the perimeter of the Borough Hall parking lot and adjacent to the existing chain link fence. The Zoning Officer has approved the fence, and the consensus of the Council was to move forward after checking with the Planning Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution for the Transfer of Funds in the Current and Utility Funds of the Borough of Rocky Hill for the Budget Year 2016

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

- B. Resolution of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, New Jersey, Setting the 2017 Temporary Budget

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Update Received from Tax Assessor

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was open to public comment, hearing none, the floor was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. To Retire into Executive Session for the Purpose of 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

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

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sibley moved to adjourn at 9:44 PM. Mr. Hagemann seconded, and motion carried on voice vote.