



Borough of Rocky Hill  
Borough Council  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 20, 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	Absent	
Mark Sibley	Councilman	Present	
Robert Uhrik	Councilman	Present	
Jeff Donahue	Mayor	Present	

Also present, Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Engineer Bill Tanner.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The Mayor gave updates on the following: Route 518 bridge construction--work has been slowed by the inclement weather; no completion date has been provided; COAH litigation--the Borough is in settlement discussions with the Fair Share Housing Center and the Special Master; Montgomery Township School District taxes--school taxes will go up for Rocky Hill residents, but not as drastically as originally thought. The school tax levy is based on a formula created when the districts were merged in 2009 and is heavily weighted on the number of students. The Mayor is looking to address the formula; the daft budget--the Finance Committee received input from Council members, and the budget will be introduced at the next meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [3 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Hagemann, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Ashbaugh, Uhrik
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kartsonis

B. Executive Session Minutes of March 6, 2017

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [3 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Sibley, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Ashbaugh, Uhrik
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kartsonis

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cliff Moore, Skillman Avenue, asked how many students Rocky Hill attend MTSD and suggested changing the formula for the school taxes.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

A. Bill List Dated March 20, 2017

Approval of all vouchers except #6125

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kartsonis

B. Motion to Approve Voucher #6125

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Sibley, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Kartsonis
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Ashbaugh

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### **Engineers Report**

1. Engineers Report February 2017

Mr. Tanner delivered the Engineer's Report. After a discussion regarding fire hydrant maintenance, Mr. Sibley suggested compiling a hydrant inventory spreadsheet.

Tax Collector

1. Tax Collector Report for February 2017
2. Annual Tax Report for 2016

Court Administrator

1. Municipal Court Report February 2017

Water Department

1. Water Department Report February 2017

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration & Records- B. Dawson

Awaiting permission from the State to destroy 25 boxes of records.

Buildings & Grounds- J. Hagemann

Mr. Hagemann relayed a request from the Shade Tree Committee that the funds for tree maintenance come from the general budget rather than the committee's budget. The cleaning company received a request to clean the second bathroom, and Mr. Hagemann will investigate who made the request since the nursery school is responsible for cleaning the children's bathroom. Mr. Hagemann noted that the flagpole on the property at the corner of Princeton and Crescent Avenues looks dangerous.

Finance & Insurance- B. Uhrik

The Finance Committee is reviewing the budget, and received comments from Council.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- B. Dawson

The Constables issued a few warnings to residents for snow shoveling. Mr. Dawson shared the data from the two radar signs, one on Crescent Avenue and one on Montgomery Avenue. Mr. Dawson is concerned about the speeding on Montgomery Avenue and the lack of police patrolling.

Street & Roads- P. Kartsonis

Snow clearing after the last storm was adequate.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection- R. Ashbaugh

All tests normal. 2,100 gallons used.

Council Representative to Planning Board- R. Ashbaugh

The Planning Board did not meet in March because there was no new business.

Council Liason to Recreation Committee- P. Kartsonis

No report.

Council Representative to Board of Health- B. Uhrik

The Montgomery Township Board of Health has a new website and is seeking national accreditation. The Health Officer will present to the Council at the second meeting in April. There is an open seat on the Rocky Hill Board of Health.

Zoning Official's Report- M. Blasch

No report.

Grants Committee- P. Kartsonis

No report.

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Letter from AT&T Re: Lease
- B. Letter from PSE&G EE 2017 Program

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dawson moved to adjourn at 8:42 PM, Mr. Uhrik seconded, and motion carried on voice vote.