



Borough of Rocky Hill
 Borough Council
 Minutes of the Regular Meeting
 April 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Councilman Phil Kartsonis 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	
Mark Sibley	Councilman	Present	
Phil Kartsonis	Councilman	Present	
Robert Uhrik	Councilman	Present	

Also present: Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, and Borough Attorney Albert Cruz

NOMINATION FOR MAYOR

Council President Kartsonis called for nominations for mayor. Mr. Dawson nominated Mr. Kartsonis, and Mr. Hagemann seconded the motion. Mr. Ashbaugh nominated Mr. Thomas Bremner, and Mr. Uhrik seconded the motion. Attorney Cruz advised that a roll call vote should be taken on the nomination of Mr. Kartsonis first because he was the first nomination. The result of that vote will determine if a vote on the second nomination will take place.

- A. Motion to Approve Mr. Kartsonis as Mayor of Rocky Hill

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

OATH OF OFFICE- MAYOR

Mr. Kartsonis was sworn in as Mayor of the Borough of Rocky Hill by the Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Borough Council - First Meeting of Month - Apr 3, 2017 7:30 PM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Bremner, 17 Crescent Avenue, commented on the detour signs for the roadwork on Princeton Avenue. Engineer Tanner said this issue would be addressed during the Engineer's report.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

A. Bill List Dated 4/18/17

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

UPDATE FROM MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Stephanie Carey, the Montgomery Township Health Department Officer, presented the annual report.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector

1. Tax Collector's Report March 2017

Court Administrator

1. Municipal Court Report March 2017

Water Department

All water tests were normal. The Water Superintendent reported that a water valve at 4 Toth Lane needs to be replaced.

Engineers Report

1. Engineer's Report March 2017

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records- R. Ashbaugh

No report.

Buildings & Grounds- J. Hagemann

A resolution for tree trimming is on the agenda for approval. Will be fertilizing and seeding Crescent Point Park. Grant application for Borough Hall is due Friday.

Finance & Insurance- B. Uhrik

Investigated an employment practices liability insurance policy, but to obtain coverage the Borough is required to have a practices and policies handbook for employees that goes beyond the scope of the Borough's needs. Financial Disclosure Filings are required to be done at this time.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- B. Dawson

The constables issued 10 tickets for not shovelling snow. A "No Parking" sign is needed for Young Drive. South Bound Brook partrolled 50 hours. The average speed on Crescent Avenue was 25 mph when the police were not present and 24 mph when the police were present.

Street & Roads- P. Kartsonis

No report.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection- R. Ashbaugh

Report given during Departmental Reports.

Council Representatiive to Planning Board- R. Ashbaugh

St. Elizabeth's church has submitted an application for an extention of the building.

Council Liason to Recreation Committee- P. Kartsonis

The egg hunt had a large attendance. The following events are scheduled: kickball game May 5th, Memorial Day observance May 29th, Rocky Hill Day June 24th, and tennis camp July 3-7.

Council Representative to Board of Health- B. Uhrik

Presentation by Stephanie Carey earlier on the agenda.

Zoning Official's Report- M. Blasch

Awaiting update from Zoning Officer regarding complaint from resident about the lighting in the parking lot owned by Salon Azzuro.

Grants Committee- P. Kartsonis

No report.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION-2017-36 Authorizing Shier Tree Experts to Trim the Pear Trees on Washington Avenue in the Amount of \$2,125.00

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. ORDINANCE-2017-01 Calendar Year 2017 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter Received from Somerset County Re: Notice of Right of Way and Vegetation Control and Mosquito Control

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Rizzi, Board of Health Chair, 14 Crescent Avenue: Mr. Rizzi recommended that the Council pass an ordinance regulating health spas and that the Borough look into helping shut-ins. Mr. Rizzi also asked the Council to consider installing an electronic crosswalk at the intersing of Reeve Road and Route 518.

Cliff Moore, Skillman Avenue, commented that there are pot holes on Skillman Avenue that need to be filled in.

Tom Bremner, 17 Crescent Avenue, commented that there is a shopping cart on Princeton Avenue with a street sign in it. Mr. Bremner suggested that the Council find a woman to fill the open council seat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. RESOLUTION-2017-37 To Retire into Executive Session for the Purpose of Potential Litigation: Pattons and Contract Negotiations: South Bound Brook Police

Council retired to Executive Session at 9:25 PM.

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

RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)

Executive Session ended at 9:49PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dawson moved to adjourn at 9:49PM, Mr. Uhrik seconded, and motion carried on voice vote.