



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 1, 2017

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Phil Kartsonis at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANCY

Mr. Ashbaugh nominated Irene Battaglia for the open Council seat, and Mr. Uhrik seconded the nomination.

Mr. Dawson nominated Anthony Sciaraffo for the open Council seat, and Mr. Hagemann seconded the nomination.

The Council discussed the process for filling the open Council seat. Mr. Cruz suggested that the two nominated candidates come to the next Council meeting on May 15, 2017, present their position statements, and allow Council to ask questions. The Council will then retire into executive session to deliberate, and return to open session to vote on a candidate. The new member will be sworn in on May 15th and hold the position until the election results are certified by the County Clerk after the November 7, 2017 election.

1. Motion to Close Nominations for the Open Council Seat

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Billy Dawson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley
NAYS:	Uhrik

COUNCIL PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

Tabled

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert Ashbaugh	Councilman	Present	
Billy Dawson	Councilman	Present	
John Hagemann	Councilman	Present	
Mark Sibley	Councilman	Present	
Robert Uhrik	Councilman	Present	
Phil Kartsonis	Mayor	Present	

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kartsonis commented that there are many upcoming events in town, including the yard sale and Rocky Hill Day. Mayor Kartsonis thanked the Council and staff for helping him transition to his new role as mayor. The Tax Assessor will be coming to the May 15th meeting. The Mayor thanked Mr. Hagemann for the extensive yardwork he has done around Borough Hall, and he thanked Mr. Uhrick for organizing the rabies clinic. The Council will be accepting the budget tonight, and plans have been made for a follow up discussion with South Bound Brook police. The Route 518 bridge should be open in a week or two.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Borough Council - Second Meeting of Month - Apr 17, 2017 7:30 PM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Raymond Whitlock, 94 Crescent Avenue, commented that property on both sides of Crescent Avenue have been damaged by trucks following the bridge detour.

STATE POLICE REPORT

A. State Police Report March 2017

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Public Hearing on Municipal Budget for year 2017

Cliff Moore, Skillman Avenue, asked what is the total budget and what is the tax levy? The CFO responded that the total budget is \$1,640,225 and the amount raised by taxes is \$497,928. The tax rate is 38.7 cents per hundred.

B. RESOLUTION-2017-38 Authorizing the Self Examination of the 2017 Municipal Budget

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

C. RESOLUTION-2017-39 Authorizing the Adoption of the Municipal Budget for Year 2017

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS TO BE PAID

A. Bill List Dated 5/1/2017

All vouchers except #6269

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

B. Motion to Approve Voucher #6269

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Robert Uhrik, Councilman
SECONDER:	Mark Sibley, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Dawson, Sibley, Uhrik
ABSTAIN:	Hagemann

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Discussion on Borough Calendar

The calendar was distributed and the Mayor asked for any additions to be submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION-2017-40 Authorizing a Grant Submission for the Historic Preservation of the Borough Hall Located at 15 Montgomery Avenue

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

B. RESOLUTION-2017-41 Authorizing the Release of a Cash Bond to Spring Point in the Amount of \$7,290.00

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION-2017-43 Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant

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

B. RESOLUTION-2017-42 Appointing a Fund Commissioner

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter from PSE&G Re: Unlisted Phone Numbers for Emergency Use (C. Mayor & Council, OEM, Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad)
- B. 2017-2018 Municipal Percentage Shares for Tax Levies for Regional Schools
- C. Letter from Somerset County Re: Line Striping (C. Uhrik)

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM, Mr. Ashaugh seconded, and motion carried on voice vote.