



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 15, 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

1. Motion to Nominate Anthony Sciaraffo to Council

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

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, and Engineer Bill Tanner.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1. Motion to Nominate Billy Dawson for Council President

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kartsonis is working to reorganize the Council committees, and he had a meeting with Borough auditor, Robert Morrison to discuss school taxes. The Mayor announced that the Route 518 bridge is open.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Borough Council - First Meeting of Month - May 1, 2017 7:30 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Billy Dawson, Councilman
SECONDER:	Robert Uhrik, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Uhrik
ABSTAIN:	Sciaraffo
ABSENT:	Sibley

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carm Cantanese, 22 Montgomery Avenue, remarked that he has high water sewer bills as a result of watering his lawn and shrubs. Mr. Cantanese asked if it is possible to separate the water and sewer portions of the bill since he is not using the sewer when he waters his lawn. Engineer Bill Tanner explained that a separate water meter for external water would be needed to measure water that does not use sewer.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

A. Bill List Dated 5/15/17

All vouchers except 6290, 6296, and 6271.

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

B. Motion to Approve Voucher 6290

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

C. Motion to Approve Voucher 6296

The Council discussed why the snow removal invoice for the March snowstorm was so high and concluded that language should be included in the next contract.

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

D. Motion to Approve Voucher 6271

The Council discussed the sewer bill from Montgomery Township. The invoice includes previously unbilled amounts from prior years.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector

1. Tax Collectors Report April 2017

Court Administrator

1. Municipal Court Report April 2017

Water Department

Engineers Report May 2017

1. Engineering Report May 2017
2. Motion to Approve the Expenditure of an Additional \$1,700 for Sidewalk Repairs at 11 Princeton Avenue contingent on the CFO's Certification of Funds

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

UPDATE FROM BOROUGH TAX ASSESSOR

Borough Tax Assessor, George Sopko, updated the Council on property tax assessments. The entire Borough was reassessed in 2011 and subsequently 25% of the Borough has been assessed each year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records- B. Dawson

Old routers in the Clerk's office are causing problems with the tax collector's system.

Buildings & Grounds- J. Hagemann

Many maintenane projects have been completed including: fertilizing the parks, purchasing a new basketball backboard, planting bushes, ordering mulch, removing a bird's nest, and having the fire alarm fixed.

A. Motion to Authorize the Expenditure, Not to Exceed \$1,500, by the Shade Tree Committee for Flower Planters

Mr. Hagemann will oversee the proposal for planters on Washington Street by the Shade Tree Committee.

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

Finance & Insurance- R. Uhrik

No update.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- B. Dawson

Constable Dianna Dineen is resigning as of July 1st. The radar signs were replaced and are both on the same wifi platform. Trying to schedule a meeting with South Bound Brook to discuss policing contract.

Street & Roads- P. Kartsonis

List of repairs has been sent to the County.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection- R. Ashbaugh

All tests normal.

Council Representatiiveto Planning Board- R. Ashbaugh

No May meeting. St. Elizabeth's church application to be heard in June.

Council Liason to Recreation Committee- P. Kartsonis

Town kickball game rescheduled to June 15th. The Memorial Day observation will take place May 29th at 11:00 AM in Panicaro Park. The Tennis Camp flyer has been distributed.

Council Representative to Board of Health- B. Uhrik

The rabies clinic took place on April 22nd: 30 vaccinations given including 17 dogs and 13 cats. Thank you to Heather Pearson for volunteering her veterinary services. There is one vacant seat on the Board of Health.

Zoning Official's Report- M. Blasch

No report.

Grants Committee- P. Kartsonis

No update.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. RESOLUTION-2017-44 Awarding a Contract to Fine Construction to Install an Emergency Generator at the Borough Well through a FEMA Grant

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

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Letter from PSE&G Re: Petition for Energy Strong Program

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Moore, Skillman Avenue, inquired if the municipal budget has been passed. The Mayor answered in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

MEETING TOPICS