



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 5, 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

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Deputy Clerk Christine Witt.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS TO BE PAID

A. Bill List Dated 8/16/2017

All vouchers except #6377.

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

B. Motion to Approve Voucher 6377

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION-2017-54 RESOLUTION-2017-54 : Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign an Agreement for Additional Traffic Enforcement with Franklin Township

Mayor Kartsonis summarized the proposed agreement with Franklin Township for additional police services related to traffic enforcement. Franklin Township offered the best rate of all the local police departments and has a dedicated traffic enforcement department. Officers will patrol Rocky Hill in four-hour blocks and will not charge for travel time. Although the Borough had looked for police departments that could also provide community policing, Franklin Township cannot provide that at this time.

Mr. Ashbaugh thanked the Mayor, Mr. Sibley and Mr. Dawson for the work they did to improve the Borough's police services. Mr. Uhrik asked what the financial impact will be on the Borough. Mr. Sibley responded the new contract should provide better value than the contract with South Bound Brook because the Borough will keep the revenue from tickets and Franklin will not charge for officer travel time. Mr. Sciaraffo asked if the lack of community policing is something that will be missed by Borough residents. Mr. Sibley responded that it is not something the Borough has ever had, so it will not be missed. Mr. Ashbaugh asked if the officers will have body cameras, but the answer was not known.

Franklin Township Council will be voting on the agreement at its September 12, 2017 meeting.

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

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.