



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 18, 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	Present	
John Hagemann	Councilman	Present	
Anthony Sciaraffo	Councilman	Present	
Mark Sibley	Councilman	Present	
Robert Uhrik	Councilman	Late	7:32 PM
Phil Kartsonis	Mayor	Present	

Also present: Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, CFO Joe Monzo, Engineer Bill Tanner, and Attorney Ed Purcell.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Borough Council - Summer Meeting - Jul 17, 2017 7:30 PM

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

B. Borough Council - First Meeting of Month - Sep 5, 2017 7:30 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER: Mark Sibley, Councilman
SECONDER: Anthony Sciaraffo, Councilman
AYES: Ashbaugh, Hagemann, Sciaraffo, Sibley, Uhrik
ABSTAIN: Dawson

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Rizzi, 14 Crescent Avenue, thanked to the Council for the police agreement with Franklin Township and pointed out that many cars speed late at night. Mr. Dawson responded that he would be setting the schedule, and the Franklin police will be working shifts outside of rush hour.

A. Eagle Scout Presentation - Ethan Rizzi

Ethan Rizzi, 14 Crescent Avenue, proposed the installation of a boardwalk from Crescent Avenue near the Princeton Business Park to Van Horne Park as a Boy Scout Eagle Project. The purpose of the project is to re-establish the path that previously existed but has not been maintained. Mr. Rizzi proposes to provide the labor and a sign to mark the entrance of the path and requested that the Borough provide professional planning services and materials. Engineer Bill Tanner offered to provide the survey and design for the project.

STATE POLICE REPORT

A. State Police Report August 2017

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Engineers Report September 2017

The water tower generator should arrive in 2-3 weeks. The water restrictions on new connections are still in place. The Borough will go out for back-up bids for leaf collection but will plan to use Branchburg Township. Big trash pick up will be scheduled for October 18th and brush and limb pick up for the 19th and 20th.

B. Sewer Update (Bill Tanner)

Flow charts show that the Borough has unusually high flows in the sewer lines which may indicate problems with the manholes or pipes. The Water, Sewer and Environmental Protection committee will investigate and make a recommendation.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Community Grant Update (CFO)

The CFO met with Clean Communities Coordinator William Epps. Funds for 2011-2017 have been allocated, and there is approximately \$10,000 remaining. Those fund may be used for drain cleaning and street sweeping.

B. Best Practices 2017 Discussion

The CFO reviewed the questionnaire with the Council.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Tax Collectors Report August 2017

B. Municipal Court Report August 2017

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

A. Bill List Dated 9/18/2017

All voucher except #6417 and #6419 (this voucher was void).

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

B. Motion to Approve Voucher 6417

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mark Sibley, Councilman
SECONDER:	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Dawson, Sciaraffo, Sibley, Uhrik
ABSTAIN:	Hagemann

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records -B. Dawson

No report.

Buildings & Grounds - J. Hagemann

Mr. Hagemann proposed introducing an ordinance prohibiting overnight parking in the Municipal Building parking lot.

Finance & Insurance - R. Uhrik

No report.

Public Safety & Emergency Services - B. Dawson

The Franklin Police began traffic control in Rocky Hill and issued several tickets. The Public Safety Committee had a meeting with the Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The radar sign data shows that the average peak speed is 36 mph on Crescent Avenue and 41 mph on Montgomery Avenue. Mr. Dawson is considering moving the signs at the end of the month.

Streets & Roads -M. Sibley

Mr. Sibley reported that there are broken signs throughout the Borough, and he is planning for an extensive realignment of signs: many signs are old and rusted. Mr. Sibley suggested reaching out to the Recycling Coordinator about potentially establishing an "adopt a highway" campaign.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection - B. Uhrik

All water tests normal.

Council Representative to Planning Board - R. Ashbaugh

St. Elizabeth's Church expansion was approved by the Planning Board. Trinity Church has submitted an application for a speaker system on the roof.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee- a. Schiaraffo

The Borough received a check from Montgomery Township for fees collected for the use of Van Horne Park.

Council Representative to Board of Health - B. Uhrik

The Flu Clinic will be held October 24th from 1-3. Montgomery Township is moving forward on national accreditation. The Health Department held a chronic disease symposium. Mr. Uhrik is working on an ordinance to regulate massage parlors and suggested considering an ordinance for vape shops.

A. Health Department Ordinance Discussion

Zoning Official's Report - M. Blasch

No report.

Grants Committee - P. Kartsonis

No report.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION-2017-55 Certifying that All Members Of the Governing Body of Rocky Hill Borough, Somerset County, Have Reviewed, as a Minimum, The Sections of the 2016 Annual Audit Entitled "General Comments and Recommendations"

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

B. RESOLUTION-2017-56 A Resolution Advising the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders of Municipal Participation in the Second Update of the Somerset County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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

C. RESOLUTION-2017-57 Authorizing the Borough of Rocky Hill to Join the Statewide Insurance Fund from 1/1/18 to 1/1/21 and Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign the Indemnity and Trust Agreement

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. ORDINANCE-2017-02 An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2015- Titled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of a New Position to Assist in the Operations of the Office of Emergency Management to be Known as the Office of Emergency Management Specialist" and Replacing it with Ordinance 2017-02 Authorizing the Creation of Three Per Diem Fire Fighters Positions as Part of the Rocky Hill Hook and Ladder Company

The ordinance was introduced, and the public hearing will take place on October 2, 2017.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/2/2017 7:30 PM
MOVER:	Billy Dawson, Councilman	
SECONDER:	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman	
AYES:	Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Sciaraffo, Sibley, Uhrik	

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Per Diem Proposal (Chief Harris)

Chief Harris recommended moving the position of OEM specialist to the fire department.

- B. Franklin Township Police Agreement (Discussion)

Police service began with 8 tickets issued on the first day. The police will patrol 3 times a week for four-hour shifts. The question of court security needs to be resolved.

- C. Van Horne Park Discussion - Matt Rosenthal

Matt Rosenthal of Montgomery NFL Flag Football presented a proposal to erect a storage shed in Van Horne Park. The shed will be purchased by Flag Football and donated to Montgomery Township. Borough Council consented to the purchase and will follow up with Montgomery Township regarding the acceptance of the donation.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Communications for August 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)

1. RESOLUTION-2017-58 To Retire into Executive Session for the Purpose of Potential Litigation in the Matter of the Borough of Rocky Hill for a Judgment of Compliance of Its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Docket No. SOM-L-901-15

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.