



Borough of Rocky Hill  
Borough Council  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
December 4, 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
Amy Kirtland	Councilwoman	Present	
Robert Ashbaugh	Councilman	Present	
Billy Dawson	Council Member	Present	
John Hagemann	Council Member	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, Attorney Albert Cruz

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Kartsonis read a note of thank from resident Marilyn Crane regarding the handling of the water main break at the intersection of Princeton Avenue and Crescent Avenue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**STATE POLICE REPORT**

- A. State Police Report November 2017

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. Storm Water Management

The Engineer discussed storm water management with the Council. Some storm drain medallions are missing and will be replaced. The last leaf pick up is scheduled for December 12th, but the Engineer will ask Branchburg if this date can be pushed back since there are still many leaves on the trees.

## **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

No report.

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS TO BE PAID**

A. Nm

All vouchers except 639 and 603.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Kirtland, Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik

B. Motion to Approve Voucher 639

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Hagemann, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Kirtland, Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Uhrik
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Sibley

C. Motion to Approve Voucher 603

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Mark Sibley
<b>AYES:</b>	Kirtland, Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Uhrik

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION-2017-71 Authorizing an Increase in the Deputy Clerk's Salary to \$10,200.00 Annually

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Ashbaugh, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Kirtland, Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION-2017-72 Authorizing Positions and Providing for a Pay Plan for Positions of the Bprouh of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Billy Dawson, Council Member  
**SECONDER:** John Hagemann, Council Member  
**AYES:** Kirtland, Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik

- B. RESOLUTION-2017-73 Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2017 Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P. L. 1948)

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

- C. RESOLUTION-2017-74 Resolution Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55 Providing for an Emergency Appropriation of the Borough of Rocky Hill, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, and Providing for the Financing Thereof by the Issuance of Emergency Notes of the Borough

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

- D. Discussion of Water Main Breaks

There have been two water main breaks in the last month, one at the intersection of Princeton Avenue and Crescent Avenue and one on Montgomery Avenue near Washington Street. One reason for the breaks may be the age of the water system. The Engineer believes the break at Princeton Avenue and Crescent Avenue was caused by the gas line being too close to the water line and will file a claim with PSE&G. Paying for these repairs may require a water utility rate increase.

- E. Court Administrator Position- Brief Update

Two candidates were interviewed for the court administrator position. An offer is being made to one of the candidates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Accepting the Retirement of Donna Griffiths, Tax Collector

Donna Griffiths has tendered her resignation as of March 31, 2018.

- B. Hours of Operation Discussion (Billy Dawson)

Mr. Dawson suggested that the Council consider an ordinance to regulate the hours of operation of outdoor machinery. The Council was in consensus to pursue this discussion.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

## **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cliff Moore, Skillman Avenue, commented that an hours of operations ordinance is good idea and that the dumpster behind the post office is sometimes emptied at 5 am.

Tom Roshetar, 80 Princeton Avenue, commented that if Princeton Avenue is resurfaced, the speed bumps will need to be restored. In addition, the sidewalks and curbs on Princeton Avenue are in bad condition. Ms. Roshetar also commented that an hours of operation ordinance should distinguish between residential and commercial operations.

Richard Novak, 82 Princeton Avenue, commented the speed humps on Princeton Avenue have become ineffective and the distance between them is too great. Mr. Novak suggested that the Borough work jointly with Montgomery Township to lower the speed limit on Princeton Avenue. Mr. Novak also commented that the sidewalk on Princeton Avenue ends abruptly making it unsafe for pedestrians.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. RESOLUTION-2017-75 To Retire into Executive Session for the Purpose of 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

8:50 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Sibley, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Kirtland, Ashbaugh, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik

### **RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.