



Borough of Rocky Hill  
Borough Council  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2018

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	Council Member	Present	
Billy Dawson	Council Member	Present	
John Hagemann	Council Member	Present	
Mark Sibley	Councilman	Present	7:45 PM
Robert Uhrik	Councilman	Present	
Phil Kartsonis	Mayor	Present	

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Kartsonis expressed his sadness for the families in Florida and asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the school shooting.

Mayor Kartsonis stated that a representative from Governor Murphy's office called to inform the Borough that we will be receiving \$67,000 for pedestrian crosswalk upgrades for Washington, Reeve and Montgomery Ave.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Borough Council - First Meeting of Month - Feb 5, 2018 7:30 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Robert Uhrik, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Kirtland, Dawson, Sibley, Uhrik
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Hagemann

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were made from the public.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

- A. February 21 Bill List

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

#### B. Budget Discussions

CFO Monzo summarized the budget process and explained expenditures and revenues to the Borough Council. Mayor Kartsonis passed out paperwork showing 2017 expenditures and revenues and the 2018 anticipated expenditure and revenues. The Council went through the lists and made recommendations on where money needed to be reduced and where there may be potential increases. Each council person submitted a potential projected project list for 2018 and costs associated, which was distributed to the whole council. Each department made recommendations on what projects were must do's vs. would be nice to do's. CFO Monzo noted the projects and will build them into the budget to get a starting point budget with all projects included, see how it impacts tax payers and revisit the budget after that. Projects included but not limited to were: Buildings and Grounds- lights for parking lot and restoring the flag in the council room. Admin and Records- new email system, nixle upgrades, communication board and new Borough website. Public Safety- second constable and costs for Court security. Streets & Roads- Misc projects, storm sewer jetting/replacement. Water & Sewer- Exercising valves, replacing hydrants and water main breaks.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### Tax Collector

Tax Collector report was summarized by Mayor Kartsonis.

1. Tax Collectors Report January 2018

#### Court Administrator

Clerk Newman informed the Council that Nancy was working on new reporting for the Borough Council and would have something soon.

#### Water Department

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Due to the extensive budget discussions, majority of items by department were mentioned during those discussions unless otherwise noted under the department.

#### Administration & Records- Dawson

Councilman Dawson asked Engineer Tanner for a status update on the claim with PSE&G for the water main break. Engineer Tanner stated he called to follow up but did not have an answer yet.

Buildings & Grounds- Hagemann

Finance & Insurance- Kirtland

Councilwoman Kirtland stated she is looking into creating a list of what the Council Assignments are and how the liason can be reached.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- B. Dawson

Street & Roads- Sibley

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection- Uhrik

Council Representatiiveto Planning Board

Council Liason to Recreation Committee-Kirtland

Council Representative to Board of Health- B. Uhrik

Councilman Uhrik informed the Council that a member of the Board of Health resigned and there was now a vacancy.

Zoning Official's Report- M. Blasch

Grants Committee- Kirtland

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Motion to open meeting to the public for discussion on Ordinance 2018-01

No public comments were made.

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

- B. ORDINANCE-2018-01 Borough of Rocky Hill County of Somerset, New Jersey ordinance Providing for Improvements to the Rocky Hill Water and Sewer Systems by Theborough of Rocky Hill, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey Appropriating \$ 240,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$ 228,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof be it Ordained by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey

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

- C. ORDINANCE-2018-02 An Ordinance of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 80, Titled “Development Regulations” of the Code of the Borough of Rocky Hill, Article VIII, Titled “Affordable Housing”, to Add a New Section 80-97.1 Titled “Mandatory Affordable Housing Set-Aside”.

Ordinance was introduced and scheduled for adoption on March 5, 2018.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 3/5/2018 7:30 PM</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Hagemann, Council Member	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mark Sibley, Councilman	
<b>AYES:</b>	Kirtland, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik	

- D. Vacancy on Council

Mayor Kartsonis stated there were five candidates for the vacancy on council. Council discussed a procedure to vet potential candidates. Forming an ad-hoc committee was discussed but Council felt it was better to have them all come in front of the full Council, give a quick bio on themselves and tell Council why they would like to be on Council.

Attorney Cruz stated that a candidate must be appointed within 30 days or the seat must remain vacant. A special meeting was set for February 26, 2018 to appoint a candidate. Mayor Kartsonis stated that he would reach out to the five candidates and ask them to come to the meeting prepared for a short presentation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were made from the public.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. RESOLUTION-2018-31 To Retire into Executive Session for the Purpose of Contact Negotiations: Shared Services with Millstone Borough, Potential Contract Negotiations with NJ American Water, Personnel Discussion: Borough Engineer and Potential Litigation: Board of Public Utilities Vs. Borough of Rocky Hill

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
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**RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:30 PM.