



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 19, 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
Irene Battaglia	Councilwoman	Present	
Amy Kirtland	Council Member	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, Attorney Albert Cruz.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Billy Dawson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Sibley, Councilman
AYES:	Battaglia, Kirtland, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley
ABSTAIN:	Uhrik

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Lee, 10 Toth Lane, asked for clarification on the Commercial Hours of Operation ordinance and whether it applies to home owners. The Mayor responded that a public hearing on the ordinance is on the agenda.

Adele Batchelder, 64 Hickory Court, asked for permission to post signs advertising a guided nature walk on March 31st. Permission was granted.

Dave Dorey, 142 Washington Street, commented that two contractors working on his house received parking tickets, but he can find no ordinance prohibiting parking on Skillman Avenue. Mr. Cruz replied that this matter must be handled by the court.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

A. Bill List March 19 2018

All vouchers except #6644 were approved.

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

B. Motion to Approve Voucher 6644

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Mark Sibley, Councilman
SECONDER:	Billy Dawson, Council Member
AYES:	Battaglia, Kirtland, Dawson, Sibley, Uhrik
ABSTAIN:	Hagemann

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector

1. Tax Collectors Report February 2018
2. Tax Collectors Annual Report for 2017

Court Administrator

1. Municipal Court Report

Water Department

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records- Dawson

Mr. Dawson discussed the need for a new hosting provider for the Borough website and email. Mr. Dawson suggested temporarily shutting down the Borough website through May during the transition.

- A. Website Presentation
- B. Google Site Analytics

Buildings & Grounds-Hagemann

Mr. Hagemann provided an update of work done including repainting the benches by the soccer field, setting up a lacrosse cage, and a new basketball net.

Finance & Insurance- Kirtland

Nothing to report.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- Dawson

There were 17 traffic stops and 16 tickets issued in February. There has been a 20% increase in Nixle sign ups. Mayor Kartsonis will be meeting with emergency services to discuss lessons learned during the recent storms.

Street & Roads- Sibley

Pot holes are reoccurring throughout the Borough, including a large one near 90 Princeton Avenue. There is a cable wire hanging at 4 Park Avenue.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection- Uhrik

Rate increase discussed later in the meeting.

Council Representatiiveto Planning Board- Battaglia

Ms. Battaglia updated the Council on the Master Plan reexamination.

C. PB Update

Council Liason to Recreation Committee- Kirtland

Nothing to report.

Council Representative to Board of Health- B. Uhrik

Free rabies clinic will be held on April 7th from 10am-12pm at the firehouse.

Zoning Official's Report- M. Blasch

No report.

Grants Committee- Kirtland

Ms. Kirtland is looking into several grants including one to remove invasive rose bushes.

D. Grants Report

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. First Aid Presentation

First Aid Squad Chief Jim Banks and President Tom Bremner presented the Squad annual update.

B. RESOLUTION-2018-34 Resolution Appointing Shari Lynn Phillips as the Borough of Rocky Hill tax Collector and Water and Sewer Rent Collector

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding Storm Clean Up

JML landscaper provided an estimate of \$2,650 to remove brush and limbs from the March 7th snow storm.

B. Motion to Approve Spending an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000 for Brush and Limb Pick Up Subject to Confirmation of Funds by the CFO

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

C. Update on Outstanding Grant Monies

D. ORDINANCE-2018-03 An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 178 Titled "Towers and Towing", of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough and Replacing with a New Chapter 178 Also Titled "Towers and Towing".

The floor was open to public comment, hearing none, the floor was closed.

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

E. ORDINANCE-2018-04 Calendar Year 2018 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

The floor was open to public comment, hearing none, the floor was closed.

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

F. ORDINANCE-2018-05 An Ordinance Adding Chapter 74 of the Code of the Borough of Rocky Hill Titled "Commercial Hours of Operation"

The floor was open to public comment. Based on the earlier comments of Mr. Lee, 10 Toth Lane, Mr. Dawson suggested changes to the ordinance clarifying that it only applies to commercial operators. The amended ordinance will be introduced at the April 9, 2018 meeting.

G. Motion to Close Public Comment on Ordinance 2018-04

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Hagemann, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Sibley, Councilman
AYES:	Battaglia, Kirtland, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik

NEW BUSINESS

A. Water and Sewer Committee Update

The committee met, attendees included Mr. Uhrik, Ms. Battaglia, Mayor Kartsonis, Engineer Tanner, Water Superintendent Lesko, and CFO Monzo.

B. RESOLUTION-2018-35 Resolution for the Transfer of Funds in the Current and Utility Funds of the Borough of Rocky Hill for the Budget Year 2017

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

C. RESOLUTION-2018-36 Rocky Hill Borough somerset County resolution of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, New Jersey, Setting the 2018 Temporary Budget

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Kirtland, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Sibley, Councilman
AYES:	Battaglia, Kirtland, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Kartsonis will be meeting with Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Lee, 10 Toth Lane, asked what the average quarterly usage of water is for the Borough in regards to how the increase in rates will affect homeowners. Mr. Uhrik replied that there is no average as usage varies widely among residents.

Tom Bremner, 17 Crescent Avenue, asked if the Borough plans to scope the water system to identify problems before they happen. Mr. Sibley responded that the Engineer has determined that it is not financially advantageous to do so. Mr. Bremner aslso requested budget support for the Community Group.

On behalf of the Nursery School, Ms. Battalia thanked Mr. Hageman for his work on the building and grounds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. RESOLUTION-2018-37 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

Executive Session began at 9:57 PM and ended at 11:11 PM.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Hagemann, Council Member
SECONDER:	Irene Battaglia, Councilwoman
AYES:	Battaglia, Kirtland, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik

RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY)

ADJOURNMENT