



Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 15, 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, CFO Joe Monzo, and Attorney Tim Beck.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kartsonis announced that the bulk trash pick up will take place this week. The State Construction officials have become involved in resolving the issues with the dangerous buildings at 98 Washington Street. There was a water main break on Hickory Court last week. Frank's Theatres, which was to be the centerpiece of the Montgomery Promenade, has filed for bankruptcy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Borough Council - First Meeting of Month - Oct 1, 2018 7:30 PM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Rizzi, 14 Crescent Avenue, commended that the fence installed by the Business Park has blocked access to Van Horne Park from Crescent Avenue. The path to the park by the pond is

clogged by debris and not passable. This is a public health issue because first responders can not access the park or the pond.

Cary Dawson, 6 Lemore Circle, spoke as President of the Mary Jacobs Library Foundation. Ms. Dawson outlined the plans for Montgomery Township to build a new library facility and the Somerset County Library System to move the collection and staff currently housed at the Mary Jacobs Library to the Montgomery Township library. Ms. Dawson said that Montgomery Mayor Madrid has offered no support on working on plans for the future of the Mary Jacobs Library building. In discussing the plans for the new Montgomery library, Township officials and County Library officials have compared the new facility to Mary Jacobs Library to the detriment of Mary Jacobs Library. Ms. Dawson has requested that these officials keep the Mary Jacobs Library out of their conversations when discussing the new facility.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Municipal Court Report

See attached report.

1. Municipal Court Report September 2018

Tax Collector Report

Water and Sewer Report

The pumps at the well house have been replaced and New Jersey American Water was turned on during the replacement process.

Chief Financial Officer's Report

- A. Chief Financial Officers Report - Budget Review

See attached reports.

Interim Engineer Report

1. Interim Engineering Report Mid October 2018

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

- A. October 15 Bill List

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records -B. Dawson

Buildings & Grounds - J. Hagemann

See attached report.

A. Buildings and Grounds Report September 2018

Finance & Insurance - A. Kirtland

Public Safety & Emergency Services - B. Dawson

See attached reports.

B. Franklin Township Police Report September 2018

C. Constable Report September 2018

Streets & Roads - M. Sibley

The fire hydrants have been painted, making a list of pot holes to be filled, the reserved parking spot for first responders was painted yellow.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection - R. Uhrik

The new well pump and generator were installed at the well house.

D. Water and Sewer Report September 2018

See attached report.

Council Representative to Planning Board - I. Battaglia

See attached report.

E. Planning Board Report October 2018

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee- A. Kirtland

Movie night to be rescheduled.

Council Representative to Board of Health - B. Uhrik

The flu clinic will take place on October 23rd from 1-3pm in Borough Hall and is free to residents.

Zoning Official's Report - M. Blasch

Grants Committee - A. Kirtland

Ms. Kirtland prepared a grant request for the purchase for Fire Department turnout gear. Exploring a shared services agreement for a grant writer.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Authorizing the Approval of Darrell Myers to the NJ State Fireman's Association

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

- B. RESOLUTION-2018-79 Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2018 Budget Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P. L. 1948)

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

- C. First Aid Presentation

Tom Bremner and Jim Banks provided an update on the First Aid Squad. The squad's financials are on track, and there have been 7 fundraisers this year. The squad is updating its five-year plan for expenditures. A bathroom renovation project is starting in November. There are 30 members including 9 EMTs, 5 cadets, 7 drivers, and 5 associate members. Recruitment efforts include door-to-door canvassing and distributing File of Life packets. The squad has responded to 49 calls so far this year and responded to 70 calls in 2017. The response area in Franklin has expanded. Calls are mostly for falls and motor vehicle accidents. The ambulance is doing well. Working with Fire Department on joint training sessions. Need to put up parking signs near squad building. Questions remain about transferring the title of the ambulance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. ORDINANCE-2018-10 An Ordinance of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 80, Entitled "Development Regulations" of the Code of the Borough of Rocky Hill, to Amend Section 80-91F in Order to Add Parking Standards to the B Business Zoning District.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Billy Dawson, Council Member
SECONDER:	Amy Kirtland, Council Member
AYES:	Battaglia, Kirtland, Dawson, Hagemann, Uhrik
NAYS:	Sibley

- B. ORDINANCE-2018-11 An Ordinance Adding Chapter 9 to the General Code of the Borough of Rocky Hill Titled: DEFENSE OR INDEMNIFICATION OF BOROUGH EMPLOYEES

The ordinance lays out that the Borough will defend or indemnify its employees, council members, board members, etc. in the event that they are named personally in litigation involving Borough affairs, operations or services. The Borough's employees and volunteers would therefore be protected from the legal and financial burden of defending themselves if they are sued in connection with municipal affairs.

RESULT: **FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 11/5/2018 7:30 PM

MOVER: Mark Sibley, Councilman

SECONDER: Irene Battaglia, Councilwoman

AYES: Battaglia, Kirtland, Dawson, Hagemann, Sibley, Uhrik

C. DEP Moritorium Update

Discussion tabled.

D. Sewer Man Hole Update

See attached report.

E. Ballot Issue- Action Plan Discussion

Mr. Hagemann was incorrectly placed on the ballot by the County Clerk. Legal action against the County is not practical, therefore the only recourse is to send a letter to Rocky Hill voters explaining the situation.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Bremner, 17 Crescent Avenue, requested that a sign be placed in front of Borough Hall stating that John Hagemann is not running for mayor. Mr. Bremner also requested permission for signs advertising the election day chili lunch at Trinity Church. The first aid squad is hosting a fundraising breakfast on November 17th.

Jim Banks, 85 Washington Street, stated that there is a loose manhole cover near his house on Washington Street that is very loud when traffic goes over it.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.