



Borough of Rocky Hill  
Borough Council  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
April 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Robert Uhrik at 7:00 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**ROLL CALL**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rasheed Pretto	Council Member	Present	
Irene Battaglia	Council Member	Present	
Billy Dawson	Council Member	Present	
Connie Hallman	Council Member	Present	
Amy Kirtland	Council Member	Present	
Mark Sibley	Council Member	Absent	
Robert Uhrik	Mayor	Present	

Also present: Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, CFO Joe Monzo

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Uhrik asked for a moment of silence in memory of the passing of a Montgomery High School student. Mayor Uhrik attended the Mayor's Legislative Update and commented that affordable housing should be mandated through the legislature not the courts.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Borough Council - First Meeting of Month - Apr 1, 2019 7:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amy Kirtland, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Pretto, Battaglia, Dawson, Hallman, Kirtland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sibley

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Montgomery Township Health Dept. Update

Health Officer Stephanie Carey presented the 2018 annual Health Report. See attached. Ms. Carey also discussed how to report animal bites to animal control.

2. Presentation from the Rocky Hill Hook and Ladder Company

Fire Chief Todd Harris presented the annual Fire Department update. The fire department responded to 164 incidents in 2018, including 23 in Rocky Hill. Engine 53-1, a 1997 pumper, will need to be refurbished in 2021.

3. Presentation from Robert Morrison- School Formula

Borough auditor, Robert Morrison, discussed with Council the school funding formula that has been in place since 2009 when Rocky Hill merged with Montgomery Township School District. See attached documents.

4. RESOLUTION-2019-43 Establishing a Fee for New Connections to the Rocky Hill Water and Sewer System

The resolution was adopted as amended to fix transposed numbers.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Irene Battaglia, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Connie Hallman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Pretto, Battaglia, Dawson, Hallman, Kirtland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sibley

**STATE POLICE REPORT**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

A. Tax Collector Report March 2019

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

A. Bill List 2019-04-15

All vouchers except #7098.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Connie Hallman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Pretto, Battaglia, Dawson, Hallman, Kirtland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sibley

B. Motion to Approve Voucher 7098

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Connie Hallman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Pretto, Dawson, Hallman, Kirtland
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Battaglia
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sibley

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration & Records -B. Dawson

See attached report.

A. Admin and Records Report April 2019

See attached report.

Buildings & Grounds - M.Sibley

No report.

Finance & Insurance - A. Kirtland

See attached report. CFO Joe Monzo is retiring as of July 1, 2019.

B. Finance Report March 2019

Public Safety & Emergency Services - B. Dawson

See attached report. There will be enhanced police presence the weekend of the yard sale.

C. Public Safety Report April 2019

See attached report.

Streets & Roads - C. Hallman

Nothing new to report.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection - I. Battaglia

See attached report. Free saplings are available for Arbor Day.

D. Water and Sewer Report MArch 2019

Council Representative to Planning Board - I. Battaglia

See attached report.

E. Planning Board Update April 2019

See attached report.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee- A. Kirtland

Nothing new to report.

Council Representative to Board of Health - C. Hallman

Mayor Uhrik reported that 51 animals were vaccinated at the rabies clinic.

Zoning Official's Report - M. Blasch

See attached report.

F. Zoning Report March 2019

Grants Committee - A. Kirtland

See attached report.

G. Grants Report March 2019

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION-2019-45 Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign an Emergency Water Connection with New Jersey American Water

Tabled.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTION-2019-44 Authorizing Repairs to the Playground in the Amount of \$2,484.84

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Irene Battaglia, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Connie Hallman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Pretto, Battaglia, Dawson, Hallman, Kirtland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sibley

B. ORDINANCE-2019-02 Calendar Year 2019 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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Dawson, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Connie Hallman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Pretto, Battaglia, Dawson, Hallman, Kirtland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sibley

C. ORDINANCE-2019-03 An Ordinance Authorizing the Business Lease Renewal of Certain Municipal Lands and Buildings, Being the South Room on the First Floor of Borough Hall, 15 Montgomery Avenue, in the Borough of Rocky Hill, to the Rocky Hill Cooperative Nursery School, for a Three (3) Year Period from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Connie Hallman, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Irene Battaglia, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Pretto, Battaglia, Dawson, Hallman, Kirtland
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Sibley

**Next: 5/6/2019 7:00 PM**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Big trash pick up is scheduled for May 8, 2019.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Communications- Letter from NJDOT and Senator Batemen Dated 3/25/2019 and 4/1/2019
- B. Communications from Mary Jacobs Library Dated 3/29/2019

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Bremner, 17 Crescent Avenue, requested permission on behalf of Trinity Church to place signs advertising a Mother's Day breakfast on Borough property.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned 9:44 PM.