

Borough of Rocky Hill

Council Minutes

July 21, 2003

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:33 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Messenger Gazette issue of December 12, 2002 in accordance with "The Open Public Meetings Act".

Roll Call:

Present

- Mr. Richard Batchelder
- Mr. Martin Engelbrecht
- Ms. Connie Hallman
- Ms. Peggy Harris
- Mr. George Morren
- Mr. Charles Pihokken

Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of Rocky Hill Borough Council held on June 16, 2003 were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote Mr. Engelbrecht, Ms. Hallman, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Morren voted aye. Mr. Batchelder and Mr. Pihokken abstained.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of Rocky Hill Borough Council held on June 30, 2003 were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Harris, second by Mr. Morren. On a roll call vote Mr. Batchelder, Mr. Engelbrecht, Ms. Hallman, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Morren voted aye. Mr. Pihokken abstained.

Public Comment

Mayor Nolan presented on behalf of Somerset County Freeholders, Borough Council, and himself Korean War Service Medals to Victor Washkevich and John Yuchmow.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Staph sent a memo stating the Storm Pipe work on Crescent Avenue is complete the reconstruction of the Tennis Court is complete and he has advertised for bids to replace the enclosure around the tennis court. The bids will be received on August 6, 2003.

Police Activity Report

Mayor Nolan introduced Mr. Frank Duka Asst. Commander Hightstown Station NJ State Police and Trooper Grossman. Mr. Duka said Trooper Grossman will be assigned to Rocky Hill and will be at public meetings and Rocky Hill Court.

The Mayor then introduced Lt. John Prudente from the South Bound Brook Police Department.

Mayor Nolan then asked Borough Council Members to review the proposed Inter Local Agreement with South Bound Brook for a Pilot Police Service Program with Rocky Hill. It was explained it will be a three month program with fifty hours of police service per month at a cost of 2,162.50 per month plus costs for court work.

The Mayor asked there was any public comment.

Ms. Alexander questioned the fact of only two hours a day coverage and was told times in Rocky Hill will vary. She asked about how the program will be evaluated and was told there will be several items reviewed to measure the success of the program.

Mr. Germain asked if the State Police are still the primary Police for Rocky Hill and was told yes. And all 911 calls will still go to Montgomery Twp.

Mr. Ronald Roach thanked the Mayor Borough Council for all their work in creating this program.

Ms. Harris moved, second by Ms. Hallman a RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign the Interlocal Agreement with South Bound Brook Borough for the Pilot Police Service Program. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the RESOLUTION.

Bill List

Mr. Morren presented the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #2 for the Bill List.

Committee reports

Administration & Records: No report; however the Adm & records and Municipal Staff committee will meet on August 6, 2003.

Buildings & Grounds; No report

Finance & Insurance: Mr. Batchelder said he had received the June 2003 Tax Collector's Report.

Public Safety/ Emergency Services: Mr. Morren said he received two Constable Reports and 5 parking violations were issued.

Streets & Roads: No report

Water, Sewer, & Environmental Protection: Mr. Engelbrecht reported 2,670,000 gallons were pumped during June 2003 and there were no problems with the system and the consumer report has been sent out to Rocky Hill Water Customers. He also said Mr. Kessler reported no problems with the sanitary sewer system.

Council representative to Planning Board: Ms. Harris reported the Planning Board discussed several Ordinances to implement the Master Plan. There was a lot of discussion concerning the 15 acre Schafer Tract.

Construction Official: No report.

Mayor's Advisory Sub committees

Firehouse Options No report

Municipal Staff Ms. Hallman said a meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2003.

Traffic Calming No meeting this month.

Community Outreach Mr. Batchelder said there was no meeting this month and he is working on the Borough Website and will have the Somerset Cty Park Plan on the site soon.

Special Business

Mayor Nolan opened the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE 2-03. There was no public comment.

Mr. Morren moved, second by Ms. Harris to adopt ORDINANCE 2-03 in final form. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Mayor Nolan presented to Council Ms. Mary Germain, President of the Rocky Hill Bd. of Health, who explained to Council that after the year 2003 South Brunswick Twp. will not be able to perform health dept. functions for Rocky Hill. She said the Board has been talking with Montgomery Twp. Board of Health and they agreed to do health coverage in 2004 for Rocky Hill at the same cost South Brunswick charged in 2003. She stated Montgomery Twp. Board of Health has spoken to Montgomery Twp. Committee and they approve the agreement.

Mr. Henry, Health Officer for Montgomery Twp. said he could not forecast costs for the year 2005 but said he would have proposal to Rocky Hill Borough Council by October 2004 for the year 2005. The Contract will be \$15,000.00 for 2004.

Ms. Hallman moved, second by Mr. Morren to have the Board of Health moved ahead with the contract with Montgomery Twp. for Health Services for the year 2004. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Communications

They were discussed and ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Nolan said to complete the recreation project approved last year \$3000.00 will be needed from this year's budget.

Ms. Harris moved, second by Ms. Hallman to approve \$3000.00 from the 2003 recreation budget to pay for recreation project approved in 2002. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

New Business

Mayor Nolan said plans are being drawn to change the location of the dais in the council meeting room and new carpeting and blinds will be installed in the meeting room, court administrator's office, and the clerk's office soon.

Mr. Batchelder and Ms. Harris will review the Council By-Laws and make recommendations to Borough Council.

Mr. Rankin received a letter from AT&T saying they must install new antennae at the water tower to meet 911 rules. He will forward to the Planning Board for their review.

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Mr. Harris to go into Executive Session to discuss and matter of possible litigation. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 8:45PM.

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Mr. Morren to return to public session. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 9:07PM.

Public Comment

Ms. Alexander asked when the next sub committee meeting will be held concerning Somerset County Park and was told within the next few weeks.

Mr. Robotti asked that Council contact the County and have more soil put along the curbs of Rt. 518.

Mr. Bill Hallman told Councilmembers there is a local Boy Scout Troop and they would be happy to do public service projects.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM with a motion by Mr. Batchelder, second by Ms. Harris. On a voice vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.
Borough Clerk



Borough of Rocky Hill New Jersey

July 21, 2003

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor
Brian A. Nolan

Council President
George E. B. Morren

Council Members
Richard D. Batchelder
Martin Engelbrecht
Connie Hallman
Peggy Harris
Charles T. Pihokken

Chief Financial Officer - Treasurer
G. Ross Bobal

Tax Collector
Donna Griffiths

Assessor
George Sopko

Engineer
Neil I. Van Cleef

Borough Magistrate
Eric Perkins

Borough Clerk
Raymond E. Whitlock, Jr.

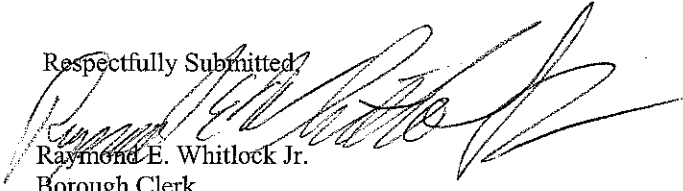
Borough Attorney
John D. Rankin

Prosecutor
Christopher "Kip" Bateman

Present at the Executive session: Mayor Nolan, Councilmembers Morren, Harris, Hallman, Engelbrecht, Batchelder, and Pihokken. Borough Attorney John Rankin and Borough Clerk Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.

Mayor Nolan gave Borough Council an update on the proposed Ordinances being discussed by the Rocky Hill Planning Board which will reflect the new Master Plan. There are five Ordinances: Community Land, Scassera Tract, Hayden Tract, Schafer Homestead, and Schafer 15 Acres. The Mayor said there is objection by the property owners to the Schafer Homestead Ordinance and the Schafer 15 Acres Ordinance. There will be more discussion at the Planning Board.

Respectfully Submitted,


Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.
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