

# Borough of Rocky Hill

## Council Minutes

August 18, 2003

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:30 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. Peggy Harris
- Mr. George Morren
- Mr. Charles Pihokken

#### **Absent**

- Ms. Connie Hallman

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council held on July 21, 2003 were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Harris, second by Mr. Morren. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The minutes of the Executive Session held on July 21, 2003 were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

### **Public Comment**

Mayor Nolan explained the pilot police program with South Bound Brook Borough has hit a snag that will be hopefully worked out soon with the County Prosecutor and the State Attorney General's Office. Letters from Rocky Hill and South Bound Brook have been sent to the Governor, State legislators and the NJ League of Municipalities expressing frustration with the hold up of approval. The Mayor also stated he has spoken with Capt. Wendy Galloway of the State Police and she will have a report of what happened during the closing of Wilburtha Station and the transfer of our coverage to Hightstown Station.

The Tennis Courts were vandalized and Mr. Staph will make repairs soon. Mr. Batchelder will have Rocky Hill's design of Somerset County Park on the Web Site soon.

Mr. Covington said he and several Community Group People were going to Somerville on Tuesday August 19, 2003 to receive the \$125,000.00 grant check for the Amy Garrett House.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Staph reported that five bids were received for the installation of the tennis court enclosure. The low bid was from National Fence Systems Inc. for \$16,890.00. Mr. Staph recommended the contract be awarded to National Fence Systems Inc. for \$16890.00.

Mr. Pihokken moved by RESOLUTION to award the contract for the Tennis Court Enclosure at a cost of \$16890.00 to National Fence Systems Inc. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Request for quotations for leaf pick up this fall have been sent out and are due back on September 10, 2003.

Mr. Staph will repair the tennis courts and give the tension tightening handles to the Borough Clerk.

The Van Cleef office is investigating various traffic calming measures for Princeton and Montgomery Avenues.

### **Tax Collector's and Treasurer's Report**

The tax collector and treasurer's report for July were received the Treasurer's Report will be approved at the next meeting.

### **Bill List**

Mr. Batchelder 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 Mr. Pihokken. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the Bill List.

### **Committee reports**

**Administration & Records:** Mayor Nolan reported that Ms Hallman Mr. Rankin and Mr. Whitlock met to discuss the code book and he said each Councilmember has a copy of the Critique book and asked each member to be ready to discuss and make changes up through section 32 for the next meeting.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Mr. Pihokken reported that the lead remediation in the Nursery school room had to be taken care of before school opened so Mayor Nolan made an emergency approval to correct the problem.

Mr. Pihokken moved by RESOLUTION to award the contract for lead abatement to Bako Construction for the Amount of \$8900.00 to include a window in the nursery school bathroom.

**Finance & Insurance:** Mr. Batchelder stated he had received the tax collector's and treasurer's reports.

**Public Safety/ Emergency Services:** Mr. Morren introduced Trooper Alan Grossman to Borough Council and said he will function in part as our community policing officer. One Constable has completed his part of the dog census. Trooper Grossman said the Hightstown Station will be closing this week and the new station in Hamilton Twp. will be serving Rocky Hill.

**Streets & Roads:** Ms. Harris said several street signs have been replaced and two trees fell in the public way in the last week and were removed by Wells Tree Service.

**Water, Sewer, & Environmental Protection:** Mr. Engelbrecht reported that Mr. Kessler said there are no problems with the sanitary sewer system in town; however Montgomery Twp. is very slow in sending flow reports.

Mr. Engelbrecht reported that 2,883,000 gallons of water was pumped during July and all test are O.K. He said a failure in the phone line at the well house has been corrected.

**Council Representative to Planning Board:** Ms Harris said The Community group asked about leaving up the sign at the House that lists events and was told it needed more study as to site distance etc. The Marty Jacobs Library presented alternate plans for their expansion and after some discussion approval was granted.

**Construction Official:** No Report.

### ***Mayor's Advisory Sub Committees***

They did not meet in the last month.

### ***Special Business***

Mr. Morren moved, second by Ms. Harris the approval of Mr. Daniel Cooper as a regular member of the Rocky Hill Fire Department. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Mr. Morren moved. Second by Ms. Harris the approval of Mr. Harold Hinkson as an associate member of the Rocky Hill Fire Department.

### ***Communications***

They were discussed and ordered filed

### ***Unfinished Business***

Mayor Nolan said the dais in the meeting room is proposed to be moved and its size increased to accommodate at least nine people. It will be "L" shaped along the north and west walls of the room.

Mr. Pihokken moved, second by Mr. Batchelder to award by RESOLUTION the contact to move and upgrade the dais to Robert Harris for the amount of \$3300.00. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Mayor Nolan said the Court Administrator will move into the room off the Council Meeting Room and a new security door will be installed.

Ms. Harris moved, second by Mr. Batchelder to award by RESOLUTION a contract for electrical work in the new court administrator's office and council meeting room for the amount of \$1875.00 to include and plug on the dais. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

### ***New Business***

Nothing at this time.

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Mr. Pihokken to move into Executive Session to discuss a item of possible litigation at 8:47PM. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Mr. Pihokken to return to Public Session at 8:59PM. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

### ***Public Comment***

Nothing at this time.

### ***Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM with a motion by Mr. Batchelder, second by Mr. Morren. On a voice vote all present aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.  
Borough Clerk

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**Borough of Rocky Hill**  
**New Jersey**



**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

August 18, 2003

*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

Mayor Nolan gave Borough Councilmembers an update on a meeting he and Clerk Whitlock had with Mr. Henry Hill the Attorney representing Mr. David Schafer who owns fifteen acres of land in Rocky Hill Borough that is now under zoning review by the Rocky Hill Planning Board. Mayor Nolan said not much came of the meeting and he will not meet again unless Mr. Schafer or his representatives have something constructive to talk about.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.  
Borough Clerk

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