

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 2, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Edward Zimmerman at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the Flag. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer G. Ross Bobal.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The following statement was read into the record by Mayor Zimmerman: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 8, 2009. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Jim Banks-present, Ms. Linda Goldman-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. William Hallman-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Ms. Courtney White-present.

Also present: Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Deputy Clerk Raymond Whitlock

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Reminder was offered for all to vote in the General Election tomorrow;
- Appreciation was extended to the Rocky Hill Fire Department and Rescue Squad for their assistance with traffic control on Halloween;
- Council member White was requested to make contact with the County for the removal of the pedestrian signs;
- The Borough's wireless network has been set up to allow Wi-Fi capability in the park area outside Borough Hall;
- Letter dated 10/20/09 from Freeholder Director Rick Fontana was received advising of the award of the 2009 Youth Athletic Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. Formal action will be taken to execute the agreement for this grant at the next meeting;
- A copy of the Health Care Reform Bill has been delivered to the Mary Jacobs Library by Congressman Lance. Additional information on the bill is available on Congressman Lance's website;
- Mayor Zimmerman attended a *community outreach event* last week held at the Princeton Plasma Lab which included a tour of the facility. It was related that the County is offering an opportunity for the installation of solar panels which will be further explored by Mayor Zimmerman and Council member Hallman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2009 - Motion was made by Goldman with a second by Hasser for the approval of the minutes contingent upon following correction: Page 2 – Streets and Roads – correction to street "Washington Ave". Motion carried on roll call vote - all ayes.

Executive Session meeting Minutes – October 19, 2009 – Motion was made by Hallman with a second by Goldman for the approval of the minutes as presented. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

REQUEST OF COUNCIL FOR NEW OR OLD BUSINESS (NOT ON AGENDA)

None presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions. Hearing none, the floor was closed to the public.

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STATE POLICE REPORT - Report not received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Report dated October 30, 2009 for October 2009 as received from Engineer Tanner was distributed (copy on file in Borough Clerk's office). The following items were discussed:

Intersection Sight Distances – Engineer Tanner will be requested to attend the next meeting and bring the dimensions of the sight distance calculations that were done on the various intersections outlined in the report.

Waste Removal Services Contract 2010 – Request was made for Council's approval to send out the bid package in November. Attorney Cruz related that he has reviewed the specifications as provided by Engineer Tanner and he provided response to Engineer Tanner to include options to be included in the specifications. Motion was made by Hasser with a second by Hallman granting approval to send out the bid packages contingent upon the specifications being forwarded to Council for review prior to the next meeting. Attorney Cruz will provide a copy of the specifications to Mayor and Council. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

No report at this time.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS TO BE PAID

Bill list dated 11/2/09 was presented. Motion was made by Banks with a second by Hallman to approve the bill list. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion – Updated VALIC LOSAP Plan – carried to the next meeting for discussion with Interim Chief Financial Officer.

NEW BUSINESS:

None presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

- Letter from County advising of award of 2009 Youth Athletic Grant (addressed under Mayor's comments)
- Request was made from the County for the completion of a feedback survey on the Energy Audit Program. Survey was referred to Clerk Griffiths and Deputy Clerk Whitlock for completion and submission.

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FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions. Hearing no comments/questions, the floor was closed.

RESOLUTION 2009-70 TO RETIRE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel Matters – Interim Chief Financial Officer and Borough Constable Positions – Resolution to retire to executive session for the purpose specified above was read into the record by Borough Clerk Griffiths. Motion was made by Goldman with a second by Pausch approving the resolution. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes. (7:50 PM)

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF ANY):

(8:15 PM)

Possible Appointment – Interim Chief Financial Officer – Motion was made by Banks with a second by Hasser for the appointment of Interim Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Joseph P. Monzo effective immediately through January 4, 2009. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes. A selection process is underway for a permanent appointment and an extension of the temporary appointment will be made if need be after January 4, 2009. Mr. Monzo will be compensated at the annual salary that CFO Bobal was paid prorated on a monthly basis. Resolution confirming the appointment to be presented at the next meeting of Council.

Advertisement for CFO Position – Motion was made by Hallman with a second by Goldman authorizing the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$75.00 for the advertisement of the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer position on the New Jersey League of Municipalities' website contingent upon certification of funds. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Goldman with a second by Hasser to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna M. Griffiths, RMC
Borough Clerk