

Borough of Rocky Hill

Council Minutes

November 1, 2004

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 6, 2003 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. Edward Zimmerman

Minutes

The minutes of the October 18, 2004 meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Engelbrecht, second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote Mr. Engelbrecht, Ms. Hallman, Mr. Morren, and Mr. Zimmerman voted aye. Ms. Harris and Mr. Batchelder abstained.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

Engineer's Report

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Tanner stated he will obtain prices to core Crescent Avenue and requirement by the State for Grant reimbursement. He is working on Rocky Hill's Storm Water Management Plan and feels Rocky Hill does not need a Mitigation Plan. He will prepare a short synopsis of the Raritan Basin Watershed Management Project so Borough Council can determine if they support the project. The speed humps are installed and marked along Montgomery and Princeton Avenues and after some discussion it was decided to install 12 reflector posts along the side of two of the humps on Montgomery Avenue.

Mr. Morren moved, second by Ms. Harris to approve the installation of the twelve reflector posts at a cost of \$140.00 each. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Mr. Tanner said Congressman Ferguson's Office is still trying to arrange a meeting with the EPA concerning Princeton Gamma Tech. The County Park Project has been re-bid and bids are due back November 15, 2004. The Leaf Removal Contractor is aware of the pick up date for leaves. River Road Bridge is still scheduled for opening by Thanksgiving. Mr. Tanner is still obtaining prices to correct drainage problem at the end of Grove Street.

Ms Hallman asked about the drainage problem at 24 Montgomery Avenue and was told by the engineer that the only way to correct the problem would be to have the water piped to the catch basin or the homeowner contain the water on his own property.

Mr. Albert Robotti raised concern about several issues including poor grass on the area in front of his home between the sidewalk and the road, the grids are still very noisy, and has anyone checked the area behind the firehouse for trash. It was stated the County has reseeded the grass areas along Rt. 518 and are not expected to reseed again.

Transfers in the 2004 Municipal Budget

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Mr. Morren A RESOLUTION authorizing the following transfers. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

To Account 1113 Municipal Clerks Expense	\$1000.00
To Account 1404 Fire Prevention Expense	100.00
From Account 1806 LOSAP	\$1100.00
To Account 1502 Electric Expense	\$ 500.00
From Account 1501 Telephone Expense	\$ 500.00

Bill List

Ms. Hallman 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. Morren. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the Bill List.

Committee reports

Administration & Records: Ms. Hallman reported that the shredding contractor will be at the Borough on November 10, 2004 to look at the job. Work on the code book will start again after the election.

Buildings & Grounds; Mr. Zimmerman said the Clerk's Office is almost complete, file cabinets have been ordered and should arrive in two weeks. The Nursery School had their State Inspection and two problems were found. The smoke alarm in the Nursery School Room is not working and the playground needs more mulch. The alarm company is coming to repair the smoke detector and two loads of mulch will be ordered for the Borough Playground.

Finance & Insurance: Mr. Batchelder gave out a budget report from the CFO.

Public Safety/ Emergency Services: Mr. Morren said there will be no court in November, instead there may be two sessions on December 16, 2004. The Constables gave out five parking tickets in October and at least one Constable attends court. Mr. Morren stated any concerns with South Bound Brook Police should be directed to Ms. Harris or himself.

Streets & Roads: Ms. Harris says she is working on having another traffic study along Rt. 518 to see if traffic has slowed down. She stated several residents were happy to have the speed humps installed.

Water, Sewer, & Environmental Protection: Mr. Engelbrecht stated 2,670,000 gallons of water was pumped during September 2004 and no water was purchased from Elizabethtown Water Co. All tests were O.K. and most of the maintenance work at the well house has been completed.

Board of Health: Mr. Engelbrecht stated the health surveys are being printed now and will be out soon.

Council representative to Planning Board: Ms. Harris said there was only an executive session.

Zoning Official: Mr. Raffaelli said he has been busy and a copy of his report is on file with the clerk.

Special Business

ORDINANCE 15-04 and Ordinance concerning Planning Board Escrow Fees is up for introduction.

Mr. Raffaelli stated he had several problems with the fee Ordinance. After much discussion it was decided to introduce the Ordinance and the Public will have a chance to be heard at the Public Hearing

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Ms. Harris to introduce Ordinance 15-04 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ESCROW FEES. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The Public Hearing and final adoption will be December 6, 2004 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall. See appendix #2 for the Ordinance.

Mr. Morren moved, second by Ms. Harris to introduce ORDINANCE 16-04 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FUNDING TO PURCHASE A NEW AMBULANCE FOR ROCKY HILL EMERGENCY SERVICES. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The Public Hearing and final adoption will be December 6, 2004 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall. See appendix #3 for the Ordinance.

Mr. Zimmerman said he had received a proposal from DUO cleaning to clean the complete Borough Hall, including the Nursery School, four times a month for \$185.00. The Nursery School will pay \$50.00 of the cost per month except July and August. After some discussion and Mr. Zimmerman saying he will write a report of the other vendors quotes it was decided to approve the contract with DUO.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, second by Ms. Hallman to accept the proposal of DUO Cleaning, to clean Borough Hall four times a month at a cost of \$ 185.00 per month. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

The Clerk will inform Bart's Janitorial that their services will no longer be needed after December 1, 2004.

Communications

They were discussed and ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Zimmerman has received the forms from Mayor Nolan concerning use of the Borough Fields.

New Business

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Mr. Morren a RESOLUTION to amend the 2004 Capital Budget. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #4 for the Resolution.

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Ms. Harris to go into Executive Session to discussion of possible litigation Schafer vs. Rocky Hill Borough. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 8:38PM.

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Ms. Hallman to return to Public Session. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 8:48PM.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49PM with a motion by Mr. Zimmerman, second by Ms. Hallman. On a voice vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.
Borough Clerk

