

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 17, 2010**

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.

**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 6, 2010. 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**

Roll call was taken by Deputy Clerk Whitlock.

Mr. Jim Banks-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Ms. Linda Goldman-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Mr. Robert Steen-absent.

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Zimmerman stated, Donna Griffiths, had resigned as Borough Clerk effective May 16, 2010, but will retain her position as Utility and Tax Collector.

**Resolution 2010 – 47 Appointment of Acting Borough Clerk - Rebecca P. Newman**

Mayor Zimmerman presented the resolution to appoint Rebecca P. Newman as Acting Borough Clerk effective May 17, 2010 for a term through 12/31/10. Mayor Zimmerman explained to Council there was a \$1,000.00 reduction in pay to offset the costs of certification. Mayor Zimmerman stated once Rebecca Newman is certified, she will be brought up to the current salary of Clerk. Motion was made by Banks to approve the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Donahue. Motion carried on roll call vote-all ayes.

**Resolution 2010 – 48 Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics – Rebecca P. Newman**

Mayor Zimmerman presented the resolution to appoint Rebecca P. Newman as Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term through 12/31/10. Motion was made by Banks to approve resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Donahue. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

Mayor Zimmerman administered the oath to Rebecca P. Newman for the positions of Acting Borough Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Zimmerman welcomed Mr. R. David Pettit, President of the Montgomery Township School Board to the meeting, along with Montgomery Township Committeeman Brad Fay, and Montgomery Township Committee Representative Cecilia Birge to the meeting. Mayor Zimmerman also welcomed former Rocky Hill Council President William Hallman to the meeting.

Mayor Zimmerman stated he had recused himself from the school budget negotiations and asked Council President Linda Goldman to replace him. Mayor Zimmerman affirmed he has never seen anyone work as hard as Council President Goldman and the members of her sub-committee. Mayor Zimmerman extended his utmost appreciation for all of the effort put forth during these tedious and difficult negotiations to everyone involved.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2010 - Council President Goldman informed the Council there were a few minor changes made to the minutes. A revised copy was distributed and the changes were indicated with underlines and bold text. Motion was made by Hasser to approve the minutes as presented with revisions. Motion was seconded by Goldman. Motion carried on roll call vote - all ayes.

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

Unfinished Business-Tennis Camp  
Unfinished Business-Tree Work  
Unfinished Business- July 4<sup>th</sup>  
New Business-CDBG HUD Enrollment  
New Business-Fire Member Appointment

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Bill list dated 5/17/10 was presented for approval. Motion was made to approve vouchers with the exception of #6029 by Goldman. Motion seconded by Banks. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

Motion was made to approve voucher #6029 by Goldman. Motion seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes, with the exception of Pausch-Abstain.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Tax Collector Report - April 2010  
Court Administrator Report – April 2010

Mayor Zimmerman summarized the Court Administrator's report for the month of April 2010. Motion was made by Goldman to accept the reports as presented. Motion seconded by Banks. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

#### **Resolution 2010 - 49 Montgomery Township School Board-Certification General Fund Tax Levy**

Council President Goldman invited Montgomery Township School Board President, Mr. R. David Pettit to address members of Council.

Mr. R. David Pettit thanked Council President Goldman and the members of the sub committee for the outstanding job they did during the negotiations. Mr. Pettit stated their attention to detail and their diligence was admirable. Mr. Pettit stated his purpose was to convey the sense of the impact these cuts will have on the district. Mr. Pettit acknowledged this is a challenging time for everyone economically, and the moral of his staff is the lowest he has ever seen. Mr. Pettit looks forward to moving beyond this time and beginning the healing process. Mr. Pettit stated that although these cuts may not affect education, they will have a profound effect on families. Mr. Pettit informed the Council that the elimination of the three-tiered busing system, which saves roughly \$700,000.00, will put the youngest students of the district at risk.

Elementary students would be dropped off to walk to their homes after sunset. Mr. Pettit stated that the bus stops will need to be spaced further apart, causing the elementary students to not have a direct line of sight to their homes. Mr. Pettit also stated there will be a burden placed on working families, as the children will be picked up well after 9:00 AM for school. Mr. Pettit went on to explain the detriment of increasing the activity fee. Currently the cost to a family is roughly \$75.00 to play a sport, however with this increase, if a Township senior plays two sports the cost will rise to roughly \$1,000.00. Mr. Pettit stated that there are financial assistance programs available for qualified families to help offset the costs. Mr. Pettit opined that this cut will impact the spirit of public education. Mr. Pettit also informed the Council that the elimination of the guidance supervisor position would be detrimental. Mr. Pettit stated the position was created in response to the community expressing concerns that not enough was being done to support the students with the college application process. Mr. Pettit stated that the budget number that was before the voters on April 20<sup>th</sup>, was already below the adequacy level. Mr. Pettit felt that taking \$200,000.00 out of the surplus to offset the cuts would be a detriment to the districts financial stability. Mr. Pettit noted a cut to the curriculum line would cause difficulty writing curriculums to meet the state regulations. Mr. Pettit asked that a reduction in the cuts be considered. Mr. Pettit stated the cuts within this resolution were 1% higher than in comparison with comparable districts. Mr. Pettit thanked everyone for their efforts and their understanding.

Council President Goldman reminded the Council that this revised budget resolution was in response to the vote on April 20, 2010, defeating the school budget of \$65,000,000.00. Council President Goldman stated the resolution as presented, has suggestions as to what areas these cuts could potentially come from. Council President Goldman stated these recommendations were made in a good faith effort. Council President Goldman informed the Council that the Board of Education can make changes to the line items as they see fit. If the Board of Education cannot work within the financial parameters set forth in the resolution, they may seek relief from the Commissioner of Education, and appeal to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court. Council President Goldman stated the acceptance of this resolution is the first step in a multi level process. Montgomery Township Council needs to approve a parallel resolution. Council President Goldman stated these recommendations were not made in haste, as the task was extremely difficult. Council President Goldman informed the Council that the proposed cuts would put the district in line with the 2.5% proposed cap, if passed. Attorney Cruz asked what the current tax levy would mean to the residents. Council President Goldman responded that the assessed values of the homes in Rocky Hill, estimated at \$213,300.00, are significantly lower than those of Montgomery, estimated at \$550,000.00. Based on the assessed value of \$213,000.00, the tax levy would be reduced from the proposed increase of \$200.00 per household to \$58.13, if the proposed reduction is passed. Attorney Cruz inquired as to how the overall municipal budget would impact the residents. CFO Joseph Monzo stated there is a 0% increase in the local municipal taxes, and he has heard there may be a reduction in the County Taxes, which could offset some of the increase of the school taxes.

Motion was made by Banks to approve the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration & Records** – Council President Goldman stated there were 933 visits to the website, an increase of 4%. Council President Goldman asked the Council for approval of funds not to exceed \$1,725.00 subject to confirmation from CFO Monzo, for the codification of three (3) Borough Ordinances by General Code. CFO Monzo stated there were funds available. Motion was made by Goldman to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Banks. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

Council President Goldman asked when the Memorial Day Service will be held, as she would like to post the information on the website. Mayor Zimmerman responded the Service will be held on Monday May 31, 2010 at 10:00 AM.

**Buildings & Grounds** - Nothing to report at this time

**Finance & Insurance** - Nothing to report at this time

**Public Safety & Emergency Services** – Council Member Pausch extended his appreciation to the State Police and the Borough Constables for their presence during the Borough Yard Sale. Council Member Pausch also thanked the Borough Constables for their service during Montgomery Day.

Mayor Zimmerman asked for the consent of Council to send a letter to the Rocky Hill First Aid & Rescue Squad, informing them of the intent to withhold the \$25,000.00 in aid contribution. Mayor Zimmerman stated the representative of the Rescue Squad failed to show for two (2) meetings to address financial and procedural concerns. Mayor Zimmerman stated these are very tough economic times, however the Borough would like to continue their support if the concerns are addressed. CFO Monzo stated there are no state regulations mandating aid and it was strictly the Boroughs' election to pay. The members of Council were in agreement a letter should be sent stating the aid would be withheld until the concerns are addressed.

**Streets & Roads** – Council Member Hasser asked for an update on the status of ordering Rocky Hill flags and American Flags for Memorial Day. Deputy Clerk Whitlock stated there was an issue with the pricing of the Rocky Hill Flags. Deputy Clerk Whitlock stated the Community Group could obtain the flags at a significantly lower rate than the Borough can. Attorney Cruz in the past had informed the Council they were not permitted to buy the flags from the Community Group based on the circumstances presented to him. Attorney Cruz informed the Council that the Community Group is not an approved flag vendor, however, at this point the Borough has met its obligation by researching other vendors. Attorney Cruz stated that although the cost is below the threshold, the Borough is still obligated to mitigate the cheapest costs. Deputy Clerk Whitlock stated he would order the American Flags and have them up on the lighted poles by Memorial Day.

Council Member Hasser informed Council that the lighted pedestrian signs were \$1,600.00 each and they blink continuously. Council Member Hasser stated she examined the areas where these signs would be placed and there is already a plethora of pedestrian crossing signs already. Council President Goldman opined that if it blinks continuously no attention will be paid to them. Council Member Donahue asked if a cost analysis had ever been done to hire a police officer to enforce the crossing regulations. Council Member Hasser stated she felt the continuously blinking signs would be a waste of funds, as it would be another sign motorists would not adhere to.

Council Member Goldman noted there was a large pothole in front of 186 Washington Street that will be a safety hazard to the cyclists participating in the cycling event. Council Member Hasser stated she would contact the County to fix the area. Mayor Zimmerman asked Council Member Hasser to inform them of another pothole on Montgomery Ave. in front of Borough Hall. Mayor Zimmerman stated this was not a County road, however, if they were in town perhaps they could repair it for a small cost. Council Member Hasser stated the grass swale off Washington Ave. had been mowed.

**Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection** – Nothing at this time

**Council Representative to Planning Board** – Council President Goldman informed the Council the May meeting of the Planning Board had been cancelled.

**Council Liaison to School Committee** – Nothing at this time

**Council Representative to Board of Health** – Nothing at this time

**Zoning Official's Report** – None

**Grants Committee** - Council Member Pausch stated he had received an email from the County informing municipalities of additional grant monies available to fund energy efficiency programs. Council Member Pausch asked if this was the program the Borough was utilizing with regards to the energy audit that was performed already. Council President Goldman stated this was a separate grant that could be available to the Borough.

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

CFO Monzo stated he has worked on twelve (12) defeated budgets, and he echo's Mayor Zimmerman's appreciation for Council President Goldman and the members of the sub-committee. CFO Monzo stated he

has never seen a group take hold of so much information, understand it, take the process and make it one's own. CFO Monzo was extremely impressed with the process.

Mayor Zimmerman stated when he first spoke to Montgomery Mayor Mark Caliguire, he had no idea of the talent being provided. Mayor Zimmerman stated an amazing job was done with the negotiations.

**Resolution 2010-36- Adoption of the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, for the Fiscal Year 2010**

CFO Monzo made an announcement stating that proof of publication had been received and a notice was posted at the Borough Library.

Mayor Zimmerman stated there would be a 0% increase in the municipal levy. Mayor Zimmerman informed the Council that the Borough was facing a reduction of 24% of state aid. Mayor Zimmerman noted the Borough Employees had agreed to a wage freeze and the Borough decided to use a portion of surplus to offset the cuts of state aid. Mayor Zimmerman stated the additional rents from the cell towers would replenish the surplus fund. CFO Monzo stated the Borough had the option to increase the tax levy by \$15,000 and would still be in compliance with the levy cap laws. Mayor Zimmerman stated there were many residents facing difficult financial times; therefore there would be no increase in municipal taxes. Mayor Zimmerman stated again, he understands the County may be reducing their levy, which would help offset any increase in school taxes.

Mayor Zimmerman opened the floor to the public for questions/comments. Hearing none the floor was closed.

Motion was made by Banks to accept the resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Goldman. Motion carried on roll call vote - all ayes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Municipal Shred Day – Acting Borough Clerk Newman informed the Council Montgomery and Rocky Hill would be splitting a truck for two dates, June 12, 2010 and September 18, 2010. There has been no confirmation of the times when the truck would be in the Borough yet. Mayor Zimmerman asked Acting Borough Clerk Newman to request the first shift on either of the days.

Discussion or Revaluation Process – Attorney Cruz informed the Council a presentation will be made at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

Tennis Camp – Council Member Donahue noted the flyers have been printed. Council Member Donahue clarified that the excess fees collected would not have to be returned to the Borough as discussed at the May 3, 2010 meeting, as the process has been to bill the Borough for expenses that are above the collected fees. Council Member Donahue asked the Council for funds not to exceed \$1,100.00 toward the reimbursement for Tennis Camp expenses. Motion was made by Donahue to approve the allotment of funds. Motion seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic – Council Member Donahue stated he would like to obtain a budget number to work with for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event. Mayor Zimmerman stated the Community Group had more funds last year due to the proceeds from the wet down; therefore the event would need to be scaled back this year. Mayor Zimmerman also stated that Hillsborough and Montgomery have cancelled their July 4<sup>th</sup> events, so he is expecting a larger crowd this year. Council Member Donahue noted the Rocky Hill Fire Department had paid for the catering costs. Deputy Clerk Whitlock stated he did not believe the fire company would be in a position to do that again this year. Council Member Donahue informed the Council that the past expenditures were roughly \$1,500.00, including a bouncy house, a slide, a DJ, and an ice cream truck. Mayor Zimmerman advised Council Member Donahue to consider only having one item, the bouncy house or the slide. A discussion ensued as to how to lower costs for the ice cream truck. In the past the Borough had covered the costs of ice cream. Mayor Zimmerman suggested that ice cream only be covered for

Rocky Hill residents, and perhaps a ticket could be issued for a complimentary ice cream. Council Member Hasser informed the Council she had several students that were DJ's and she would speak to them about costs for the event. Mayor Zimmerman felt that \$1,200.00 was an ample budget to work with for the event without food costs. Council President Goldman reminded the Council there was only \$2,850.00 budgeted for the entire event, which would leave a balance of \$1,650.00 to be used toward catering. Council Member Donahue stated that perhaps the caterer could charge \$2.00 - \$3.00 per burger to help reduce costs. Motion was made by Banks to allow a budget of \$1,200.00 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic without the cost of food. Motion was seconded by Pausch. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

**Tree Work** – Council Member Donahue stated they were unable to locate the tree limb Verizon had asked the Borough to address. Mayor Zimmerman noted the tree limb was hanging directly on the wires across from Trinity Church. Council Member Donahue stated he would go back and look for the limb. Council Member Donahue informed the Council he was in receipt of a proposal to remove vines and underbrush from the corner of Washington Street and Montgomery Ave. Mayor Zimmerman stated the Shade Tree Commission has a budget and may utilize it for this purpose. Council Member Donahue asked that Buildings and Grounds share a portion of these costs, as the some trees are on Borough property.

Peggy Harris, 66 Crescent Ave., - stated the proposal included the trimming of pear trees on Route 518, as well as other Borough Tree work that needed to be addressed. Ms. Harris also stated the Shade Tree Commission allotted \$400.00 for the flowerpots, but only spent \$200.00.

Council Member Donahue recommended the funds be approved for the current proposal to trim the pear trees on Route 518, as well as removing the underbrush and vines on Washington Street and Montgomery Ave. If a budget increase is needed to perform other necessary tree work, the Shade Tree Commission will come back to the Council and ask for an increase. Motion was made by Banks to approve the proposal not to exceed \$1,825.00. Goldman seconded motion. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

Council Member Donahue inquired as to what was being done with the recently cut limbs in Panicaro Park. Council Member Donahue stated his wife Jennifer was confronted while walking in Panicaro Park by a relative of the Donato family. Council President Goldman noted that once the Spring Clean up was completed on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, any remaining debris would need to be removed by the property owners. Failure to remove the debris will be enforced by the Borough Constables.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**CDBG HUD Enrollment** – Deputy Clerk Whitlock informed the Council he received an email to remain as a participant in the CDBG HUD program. Deputy Clerk Whitlock advised the Council that the Borough should remain in the program, as 4-6 households utilize their services. Deputy Clerk Whitlock stated there is no cost to the Borough for its enrollment. Council President Goldman also stated some of the funds can be used to meet some COAH requirements. Council President Goldman noted she would like to see the Borough resolve to stay enrolled. Motion carried on voice vote. All in favor-Aye.

**New Fire Department Member Application** – Motion was made by Goldman to accept the application of Matthew C. Friedman to become a member of the Rocky Hill Hook and Ladder Company. Motion was seconded by Banks. Motion carried on a roll call vote- all ayes.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Communications as listed were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.  
-Letter dated May 12, 2010; from the State of New Jersey stating tax maps had been approved.

## **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Approved 6/7/2010

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Goldman with a second by Donahue to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RN' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Rebecca P. Newman  
Acting Borough Clerk

**Explanation:** This Resolution confirms the appointment of Rebecca Newman as the Borough's Acting Municipal Clerk.

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-47**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Rocky Hill is in need of the appointment of a Municipal Clerk due to the resignation of the Borough Clerk effective May 16, 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** on May 3, 2010, the Mayor and Council appointed Rebecca P. Newman as Acting Borough Clerk effective May 17, 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Council recommends that Ms. Newman be retained at the pro-rated salary of \$16,700.00 to perform all of the duties designated for this position and other positions associated with the position of Municipal Clerk;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the appointment of Rebecca Newman as the Borough's Acting Borough Clerk at the May 3, 2010, meeting of Borough Council is hereby confirmed.
2. Upon certification as a Registered Municipal Clerk, Rebecca P. Newman shall be paid the annual salary so designated for this position and positions relative to the position of Municipal Clerk.
3. The appointment of Rebecca P. Newman as the Acting Borough Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-133(c) is hereby confirmed through December 31, 2010, unless otherwise extended by Borough Council.
4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:



Rebecca P. Newman  
Acting Borough Clerk



Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council on May 17, 2010.



Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough Clerk

**Explanation:** This Resolution confirms the appointment of Rebecca P. Newman as the Borough's Vital Statistics Registrar.

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-48**

**WHEREAS,** the Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Rocky Hill, New Jersey, Donna M. Griffiths, has resigned effective May 16, 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** Rebecca P. Newman was appointed Acting Municipal Clerk effective May 17, 2010;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:8-13, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Municipal Clerk, is hereby appointed to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics through December 31, 2010, which is concurrent with the appointment as the Acting Municipal Clerk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

  
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Rebecca P. Newman,  
Acting Borough Clerk

  
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Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council on May 17, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Newman', written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca P. Newman  
Acting Borough Clerk

**RESOLUTION ADJUSTING 2010-2011 SCHOOL BUDGET BY \$1,952,000 AND  
CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF \$63,487,585 TO BE RAISED BY TAXES  
FOR THE GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY  
RESOLUTION 2010-49**

WHEREAS, the proposed Montgomery Township Board of Education budget for General Fund expenses for the school year 2010-2011 was submitted to the voters of the Township of Montgomery and the Borough of Rocky Hill on April 20, 2010 in the amount of \$65,439,585 of which the amount of \$64,042,651 was allocated to the Township of Montgomery and the amount of \$1,396,934 was allocated to the Borough of Rocky Hill to be raised by taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Fund budget was defeated by a vote of 1,725 for and 2,515 against of which the Township of Montgomery had a vote of 1,653 for and 2,445 against and the Borough of Rocky Hill had a vote of 72 for and 70 against; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Township is a Type II school district without a board of school estimate and for the purpose of certifying an adjusted tax levy should follow the guidelines for regional school districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37, the defeated school budget was referred to the Montgomery Township Committee and the Rocky Hill Borough Council for review; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Montgomery Township Committee and the Rocky Hill Borough Council have, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37, convened in work sessions on April 28, 2010, May 5, 2010 and May 12, 2010 and have consulted with the Board of Education regarding the school budget and the financial needs of the school district in order to provide a thorough and efficient system of public schools in the district; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township Committee and the Rocky Hill Borough Council have determined that certain adjustments in the General Fund revenues and expenses in the proposed budget are acceptable, appropriate and will reduce the amounts to be raised by local tax levy by \$1,952,000; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery Township Committee and the Rocky Hill Borough Council have determined that these adjustments will not impair the ability of the Board of Education to provide a thorough and efficient education and maintain stability for the students of Montgomery Township and of Rocky Hill Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill in the County of Somerset that the following adjustments to the 2010-2011 school budget for current revenues and expenses are determined:

Current Revenue Line Number:	00253
Revenue Category:	Unusual Revenues
Revenue Description:	Activity Fees

Item to be Adjusted: Additional Revenue of \$200,000 should be raised by instituting a stratified co-curricular activity fee that would reflect the actual costs incurred by each activity.

Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$104,000  
Adjustment: \$200,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$304,000  
Explanation for Adjustment: The current activity fee does not take into account the relative cost of the co-curricular activities to the school district. The recommendation is that the Montgomery Township School District (MTSD) should institute a stratified activity fee schedule reflecting the relative costs of the programs. The recommended increase in revenue would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Revenue Line Number: 00253  
Revenue Category: Unusual Revenues  
Revenue Description: Facilities Rental  
Item to be Adjusted: Additional revenue of \$35,000 should be raised by charging rental fees that better reflect MTSD's actual costs.

Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$0  
Adjustment: \$35,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$35,000  
Explanation for Adjustment: MTSD should review its rental rates and increase the fees associated with renting its facilities to better reflect the complete costs of renting its facilities. The recommended increase in revenue would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-221-102  
Budget Category: Improvement of Instruction Services  
Account Description: Salaries of Supervisor of Instruction  
Item to be Adjusted: Reduction in the resources allocated to Curriculum Development of \$200,000.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$627,737

Adjustment: \$200,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$427,737  
Explanation for Adjustment: Curriculum Development is not a core activity of a thorough and efficient education and the MTSD should consider a reduction in the funds allocated to curriculum development. The recommended reduction in curriculum development would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-270-517  
Budget Category: Student Transportation Services  
Account Description: Contract Serv. (Reg. Students) ESCs & CTSA  
Item to be Adjusted: Reduction in Transportation Services of \$700,000.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$1,444,862  
Adjustment: \$700,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$744,862  
Explanation for Adjustment: MTSD should institute a change in Student Transportation Services that would allow for economies. The recommended reduction would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-262-100  
Budget Category: Custodial Services  
Account Description: Salaries  
Item to be Adjusted: (1) Reduction in Custodial Services of \$100,000  
(2) A reduction of \$3,200 in the salaries of non-represented employees  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$2,069,740  
Adjustment: \$103,200  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$1,966,540  
Explanation for Adjustment: (1) MTSD should consider the possibility of privatizing custodial services. In this budget year, there should be the elimination of positions.  
(2) If this reduction is implemented, then

non-represented employees would have a salary freeze for the FY 2010-2011 budget year. The recommended reductions would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number:	11-000-263-100
Budget Category:	Care and Upkeep of Grounds
Account Description:	Salaries
Item to be Adjusted:	Reduction in Salaries of \$100,000.
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget:	\$301,455
Adjustment:	\$100,000
Total Adjusted Amount:	\$201,455
Explanation for Adjustment:	MTSD should investigate the possibility of achieving savings through shared services. The recommended reduction would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number:	11-000-218-104
Budget Category:	Guidance
Account Description:	Salaries of Other Professional Staff
Item to be Adjusted:	Elimination of one (1) Guidance Supervisor Position.
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget:	\$1,016,672
Adjustment:	\$100,000
Total Adjusted Amount:	\$916,672
Explanation for Adjustment:	District enrollment has started to stabilize. The school district currently has a total of 13 guidance positions, including one supervisor. The elimination of one guidance supervisor position should not affect the guidance program. The recommended reduction would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number:	11-000-218-110
Budget Category:	Guidance

Account Description: Other Salaries  
Item to be Adjusted: A reduction of \$3,400 in the salaries of non-represented employees.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$81,639  
Adjustment: \$3,400  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$78,239  
Explanation for Adjustment: If this reduction is implemented, then non-represented employees would have a salary freeze for the FY 2010-2011 budget year. The recommended reductions would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-222-100  
Budget Category: Educational Media Services/School Library  
Account Description: Salaries  
Item to be Adjusted: A reduction of \$10,300 in the salaries of non-represented employees.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$861,652  
Adjustment: \$10,300  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$851,352  
Explanation for Adjustment: If this reduction is implemented, then non-represented employees would have a salary freeze for the FY 2010-2011 budget year. The recommended reductions would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-230-100  
Budget Category: Support Services-General Administration  
Account Description: Salaries  
Item to be Adjusted: A reduction of \$16,700 in the salaries of non-represented employees.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$496,627  
Adjustment: \$16,700  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$479,927  
Explanation for Adjustment: If this reduction is implemented, then non-represented employees would have a salary freeze for the FY 2010-2011 budget year. The recommended reductions would not

impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number:	11-000-251-100
Budget Category:	Central Services
Account Description:	Salaries
Item to be Adjusted:	A reduction of \$27,000 in the salaries of non-represented employees.
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget:	\$884,785
Adjustment:	\$27,000
Total Adjusted Amount:	\$857,785
Explanation for Adjustment:	If this reduction is implemented, then non-represented employees would have a salary freeze for the FY 2010-2011 budget year. The recommended reductions would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number:	11-000-252-100
Budget Category:	Administrative Inf. Tech.
Account Description:	Salaries
Item to be Adjusted:	A reduction of \$2,400 in the salaries of non-represented employees.
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget:	\$57,173
Adjustment:	\$2,400
Total Adjusted Amount:	\$54,773
Explanation for Adjustment:	If this reduction is implemented, then non-represented employees would have a salary freeze for the FY 2010-2011 budget year. The recommended reductions would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number:	11-000-270-160
Budget Category:	Student Transportation Services
Account Description:	Salaries for Pupil Trans. (between home & school) – Reg.
Item to be Adjusted:	A reduction of \$12,000 in the salaries of

Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: non-represented employees \$1,158,878  
Adjustment: \$12,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$1,146,878  
Explanation for Adjustment: If this reduction is implemented, then non-represented employees would have a salary freeze for the FY 2010-2011 budget year. The recommended reductions would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-140-100-101  
Budget Category: Instruction  
Account Description: Grades 9-12 - Salaries of Teachers  
Item to be Adjusted: A reduction of \$3,000 in the salaries of non-represented employees.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$7,180,262  
Adjustment: \$3,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$7,177,262  
Explanation for Adjustment: If this reduction is implemented, then non-represented employees would have a salary freeze for the FY 2010-2011 budget year. The recommended reductions would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-223-500  
Budget Category: Instructional Staff Training Services  
Account Description: Other Purchased Services  
Item to be Adjusted: Savings in travel and registration expenses related to conferences and workshops.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$41,780  
Adjustment: \$25,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$16,780  
Explanation for Adjustment: The recommended reduction in travel and registration expenses related to conferences and workshops would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-230-590 (and other similar accounts for travel and conferences)  
Budget Category: General administration  
Account Description: Misc. Purchased Services  
Item to be Adjusted: Savings in travel and registration expenses related to conferences and workshops.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$255,432  
Adjustment: \$45,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$210,432  
Explanation for Adjustment: The recommended reduction in travel and registration expenses related to conferences and workshops would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-291-280  
Budget Category: Personal Services – Employee Benefits  
Account Description: Tuition Reimbursement  
Item to be Adjusted: Elimination of Tuition Reimbursement for both contractual and non-represented employees.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$139,000  
Adjustment: \$139,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$0  
Explanation for Adjustment: The MTEA offered to forgo its contractual tuition reimbursement of \$130,000 for FY 2010-2011. The remaining \$9,000 in this account should also be eliminated. The recommended reduction would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability.

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Current Expense Account Number: 11-000-223-104  
Budget Category: Instructional Staff Training Services  
Account Description: Salaries of Other Professional Staff  
Item to be Adjusted: A reduction of \$100,000 for professional development.  
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget: \$161,977  
Adjustment: \$100,000  
Total Adjusted Amount: \$61,977  
Explanation for Adjustment: The MTEA has offered to forgo \$100,000 of budgeted funds for professional development. NJEA has offered to provide

free professional development services. The recommended reduction would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability

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Current Expense Account Number:	11-000-240-104
Budget Category:	Support Services- School Administration
Account Description:	Salaries of Other Professional Staff
Item to be Adjusted:	Reduction of \$130,000 in salary funds.
Amount in Proposed Advertised Budget:	\$478,712
Adjustment:	\$130,000
Total Adjusted Amount:	\$348,712
Explanation for Adjustment:	MTSD should consider a reduction in administrative employee costs. The recommended reduction would not impact the ability of the MTSD to provide a through and efficient education and maintain stability

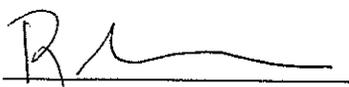
**TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS TO TAX LEVY** **\$1,952,000**

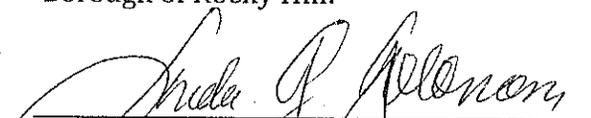
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Clerk is directed to certify by May 19, 2010 to the Somerset County Board of Taxation, the Somerset County Superintendent of Schools, the Borough of Rocky Hill Assessor, the State of New Jersey Division of Local Finance of the Department of Treasury, and the Board of Education of the Township of Montgomery that the amount of \$63,487,585 of which \$62,132,320 is allocated to the Township of Montgomery and \$1,355,265 is allocated to the Borough of Rocky Hill, is necessary to be raised by taxation in the Township and in the Borough for the General Fund Tax Levy, exclusive of the debt service; which amount shall be included in the taxes to be raised, levied and collected in the Township and in the Borough for the General Fund of the schools.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Borough Clerk to the persons and departments herein named for certification purposes.

Attest:

Borough of Rocky Hill:

  
Rebecca P. Newman  
Acting Borough Clerk

  
Linda G. Goldman, Council President

Dated: May 17, 2010



**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

2010

5. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
<u>Within "CAPS"</u>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
(a&b) Operations Including Contingent		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal		34-201	\$ 594,859.00
(g) Cash Deficit		34-209	\$ 14,471.00
<u>Excluded from "CAPS"</u>		46-885	\$ 0.00
(a) Operations - Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
(c) Capital Improvements		34-305	\$ 111,675.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service		44-999	\$ 0.00
(e) Deferred Charges - Municipal		45-999	\$ 34,250.00
(f) Judgements		46-999	\$ 76,031.00
(h) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S. 40:48-17.1 & 17.3)		37-480	\$ 0.00
(g) Cash Deficit		29-405	\$ 0.00
(k) For Local District School Purposes		46-885	\$ 0.00
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves if Any)		29-410	\$ 0.00
6. SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS - TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)		50-899	\$ 77,478.76
<u>Total Appropriations</u>		07-195	\$ 0.00
		34-499	\$ 908,764.76

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 17th day of May, 2010. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2010 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 17th day of May, 2010, Clerk.



Signature

Borough of Rocky Hill [Code 1817], Somerset County - 2010 Budget