

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 7, 2011**

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 5, 2011. 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. Thomas Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Mr. Joshua E. Hochberg-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Mr. Robert Steen-present

Also present: Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Deputy Clerk Raymond Whitlock, Borough Engineer Bill Tanner, CFO Joseph P. Monzo

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Zimmerman welcomed back Deputy Clerk Whitlock from vacation in Florida.

Mayor Zimmerman reminded the members of Council that the SGOA meeting would be held at Pheasants Landing in Hillsborough on Wednesday March 9, 2011.

Mayor Zimmerman updated the Council that the Mayor's Adhoc Committee for Community Development used a motto of "neighbors helping neighbors" which was printed in the Montgomery News. Rocky Hill has been informed that it is the same motto that Montgomery EMS uses; therefore the adhoc committee is looking for a new motto.

Mayor Zimmerman informed the council that the beam from the World Trade Center would be arriving on Thursday March 10, 2011. Mayor Zimmerman stated that there would be a fire escort so if sirens were heard in the middle of the day that would be why.

Mayor Zimmerman informed the Council that he would like to have a plaque made for the memorial. Mayor Zimmerman stated he liked the look and the wording of the plaque that was on the County memorial. Mayor Zimmerman asked Council Member Donahue to follow up on this item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting Minutes- February 23, 2011-Motion was made by Hasser with a second by Hochberg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Hochberg, Hasser, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: Donahue, Steen

Regular Meeting Minutes-February 23, 2011-Council Member Steen noted that he has voted and abstained on a motion. After confirming vote, minutes were changed to reflect the actual vote. Motion was made by Hasser to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Bremner. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

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For: Bremner, Hochberg, Hasser, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: Donahue

Executive Session Minutes- February 23, 2011- A minor change was noted and amended. Motion was made by Hasser with a second by Hochberg to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Hochberg, Hasser, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: Donahue

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

New Business- Fire Application
New Business- Grants and Loans Book Purchase

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions.
Cliff Moore-Montgomery News- Mr. Moore inquired about the date for the spring clean up. Mayor Zimmerman informed him that would be discussed later in the meeting.

Hearing no further questions the floor was closed to the public.

STATE POLICE REPORT

No report at this time.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Borough Engineer Tanner distributed the Engineering report for March of 2011 to the Council. Borough Engineer Tanner provided an overview of the key points of his report.
Montgomery Avenue Resurfacing-Engineer Tanner updated the Council that the project is ready to go, the contractor is just waiting on the asphalt plants to open in April to commence work.
Water Tower Cell Antennas-Engineer Tanner informed the Council that 3 out of 5 carriers have been out on the tower to inspect the antennas, however no one has filed a report that was required. Engineer Tanner stated he would follow up with the carriers.
Sewer Meter-Engineer Tanner explained the chart that was included in the report to the members of Council. Engineer Tanner stated the spikes in capacity directly correlate to weather conditions, which indicates there is a problem. Engineer Tanner explained that since there is an immediate spike in the capacity it indicated the manholes could be the issue, rather than the pipe itself. Engineer Tanner explained that on one occasion there was a delay in the capacity increase that appeared to be related to warmer temperatures and snow melts, which also indicates there could be an issue in the pipe.
Crosswalk signs-Engineer Tanner stated the Borough would move forward with the signs as soon as they receive approval from the State regarding the grant funds.

A question was raised about the sidewalk at the intersection of Washington and Montgomery Ave., across from the Reformed Church, as to whether or not it would be included in the Montgomery Avenue resurfacing. Engineer Tanner stated that if it were at the crosswalks it would be addressed. Mayor Zimmerman also informed the Council that there is \$10,000 appropriated in the budget for sidewalk repairs if necessary.

Council Member Donahue asked what the additional costs associated with the playground mulching would be. Engineer Tanner stated it would be the cost of the drainage pipe and fabric for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List dated 3/7/2011- Deputy Clerk Whitlock informed the Council he had to void a check, therefore he amended the numbers on the bill list by hand. All numbers that are on the list that was presented are accurate. Motion was made by Pausch to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion seconded by Donahue. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Hasser, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Introduction: Resolution 2011-32 Rocky Hill Municipal Budget- CFO Monzo informed the council that in front of them was the copy of the official budget that was prepared and would be submitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS). CFO Monzo informed the council that the number is the same as it was last year; therefore there will be no tax increase as a result of the Rocky Hill budget for the second year in a row. A public hearing date is scheduled for April 18th, 2011 to allow enough time for the state to review the budget as necessary before final adoption. CFO Monzo also stated the public hearing date conforms to the DLGS timeline. Council Member Hochberg asked if any changes are permitted to be made after introduction. CFO Monzo stated changes could be made through amendments. Mayor Zimmerman asked if the water and sewer budget were being introduced as well. CFO Monzo stated that it was within this document. Motion was made by Hasser to approve the budget as presented and set a public hearing date of April 18th 2011. Motion was made by Hochberg to second the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Hasser, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

Date for Spring Clean Up- Deputy Clerk Whitlock reminded the Council that the Borough set a date in previous years of the third Tuesday in May and the third Tuesday in October to hold the Spring clean up, so the residents can count on those dates. Council agreed to leave the previously scheduled dates. Council Member Steen stated he will post the dates and the parameters for the items on the Borough website. Acting Clerk Newman will confirm the dates with Raritan Valley Disposal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rocky Hill Historic District Celebration- Mayor Zimmerman reminded the Council of how he feels regarding the date. Council Member Hasser informed the Council that several of the events have been shifted to Sunday out of respect for the Jewish Holiday. Council Member Hasser stated she was not aware of any match that was necessary to receive the \$1,000.00 allocated in the budget. Council Member Pausch stated that he was very serious about a match and that he feels strongly the group should fund raise themselves. Council Member Bremner recalled discussing the match. Council Member Donahue inquired as to how this event would benefit the taxpayers. Council Member Hasser stated that it would honor the historic district, as well as include an oral history honoring the residents who have been here. Council Member Hasser also stated there would be an exhibit of photos that would be donated back to the Borough once complete. Council Member Steen inquired as to what the funds would go to. Council Member Hasser stated frames, events for the kids, music and entertainment. Council Member Hasser stated the group has secured donations for food. Council Member Donahue stated he fully supports the event, however, he would like to see a budget showing how the Borough funding would be utilized. Members of Council also suggested that a list of secured donations be presented to illustrate the funding the group has secured on their own. Council Member Bremner stated there was a grant available through the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Attorney Cruz asked if the grant was outright funding or if there was a match of some kind. Council Member Bremner replied it was an outright grant. Motion was

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made by Hasser to allow Council Member Bremner to submit a grant on behalf of the Borough to obtain funding for this event. Motion was seconded by Pausch. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Hasser, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

Discussion of Rocky Hill Rescue Squad Issues-Mayor Zimmerman stated that he hoped to be able to do this in executive session; however, it is required to be done in public, as he did not want to concern residents unnecessarily. Mayor Zimmerman stated the Rocky Hill Rescue Squad was put into service in 1948 after a tragedy in the Harris family. Mayor Zimmerman stated the squad was known to be the best around. Unfortunately it has deteriorated significantly. Mayor Zimmerman stated we have all seen a tremendous improvement in the financial side, however, there has been no improvement on the operations side. Mayor Zimmerman reminded the council that at a council meeting members were told that the mutual aid was returned to Montgomery EMS, however it was not. Mayor Zimmerman stated that Princeton and Montgomery are both tremendous responders and he wants to be clear that there are no issues with either squad, just that keeping mutual aid within the same county allows for faster more efficient dispatch and response. Mayor Zimmerman stated that he has lost all confidence in the RHFARS at this point and is concerned about the safety of the residents based on several serious calls, that took entirely too long to get help for. Fortunately, the victims are all right, however, with the nature of the calls, it could have been devastating. Council Member Pausch stated that he has been involved with reviewing all of these issues alongside Mayor Zimmerman, and he too feels that there has been no improvement on the operational side and he feels that public safety is an extremely important issue for council members to address. Mayor Zimmerman stated that again, Princeton has been great, however they have a per call charge that Montgomery does not have. Mayor Zimmerman stated that he knows the Borough has no authority to make any changes in staff. Mayor Zimmerman stated it is his desire to help the Rocky Hill rescue squad rebuild to restore it back to the way it was. Mayor Zimmerman suggested that perhaps the Borough remove RHFARS temporarily from the County dispatch, and have Montgomery be the first responders in an effort to protect the residents of Rocky Hill, while allowing RHFARS time to reorganize to be able to perform as necessary. A discussion ensued and members of Council agreed that if things do not improve Montgomery could be the first responder temporarily and Princeton a back up until this issue becomes resolved, if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Applications to Rocky Hill Hook and Ladder Company-Applications were presented to Council for John M. Keller and Arie J. Gutman as junior members for approval. Motion was made by Steen to approve the applications as presented. Hasser seconded motion. Motion carried on voice vote- all ayes.

Grants and Loans Book Purchase-Council Member Bremner stated that there was a book available listing all grants available from federal, state, and private funding. Council Member Bremner stated there were 4,900 grants listed and all were searchable through key words. Council Member Bremner stated that the cost was \$70.00. Motion was made by Bremner to purchase the book as presented. Motion was seconded by Steen. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Hasser, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Zimmerman stated he was in receipt of a calendar signed by Senator Menendez.

A letter from First Constitution Bank was received on 2/25/2011 that was added to communications.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Moore, Skillman Ave.- Mr. Moore suggested that in response the rescue squad concerns, that a defibrillator be purchased and placed in a central location in the Borough, perhaps Trinity Church.

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Peggy Harris, Crescent Ave. - Ms. Harris stated the rescue squad needs to create an operations plan or a manifest of back up squads. The change from Montgomery to Princeton as mutual aid should have been clearly documented.

ADJORNMENT

Motion was made by Steen with a second by Hasser to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk

Bill List 3.7.11
**List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH
 CURRENT FUND**

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6353	438 - Appraisal Systems	PO 2494 Contract Award for Revaluation	6,000.00	6,000.00
6354	29 - BOLLINGER INC	PO 3140 Bond for Rebecca Newman	100.00	100.00
6355	29 - BOLLINGER INC	PO 3188 1st & 2nd inst policy #S1246809	5,782.00	5,782.00
6356	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 3120 Publication of Tax Duplicate, ORD 1	107.60	107.60
6357	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 3127 Legal Services- General Matters	2,145.00	2,145.00
6358	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 3186 legal services january 2011	1,380.00	1,380.00
6359	392 - DR SUSAN FISHER	PO 3139 Reimbursement for Board of Health	238.80	238.80
6360	72 - DUO BLDG MAINTENANCE	PO 3157 Office Cleaning	185.00	185.00
6362	72 - DUO BLDG MAINTENANCE	PO 3177 march janitorial services boro hall	185.00	185.00
6362 3	81 - ROCKY HILL FIRE COMPANY NO 1	PO 3029 oem line item for storage shed	1,773.00	1,773.00
6362 4	81 - ROCKY HILL FIRE COMPANY NO 1	PO 3182 misc exp fire co operations	2,953.97	2,953.97
6362 5	104 - Cindy J. Hooven	PO 3168 Postage Reimbursement	88.75	88.75
6362 6	354 - IKON Office Solutions Inc	PO 3178 copy mach rental jan & feb 2011	249.00	249.00
6362 7	137 - N J LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	PO 3115 Leadership Seminar Mark Pausch	115.00	115.00
6362 8	137 - N J LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	PO 3155 Training Josh Hochberg- newly elect	115.00	115.00
6362 9	463 - MASON, GRIFFIN & PIERSON	PO 3131 Professional Services for general p	406.00	406.00
6362 10	149 - MASTROIANNI LANDSCAPING INC	PO 3170 sidewalk snow removal 12-26-2010	1,293.34	1,293.34
6370 1	149 - MASTROIANNI LANDSCAPING INC	PO 3185 sidewalk snow removal jan & feb 201	7,808.00	7,808.00
6372 2	155 - MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS	PO 3129 Minutes Book and Forms	211.00	211.00
6372 3	155 - MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS	PO 3184 homestead benefit 3up	76.00	76.00
6372 4	168 - MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOC OF NJ INC	PO 3149 Membership 2011	100.00	100.00
6372 5	171 - MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	PO 3141 Traffic Tickets	341.00	341.00
6372 6	469 - NJLBHA	PO 3138 2011 Membership Renewal	95.00	95.00
6372 7	210 - PSE&G	PO 3172 flag pole electric	40.00	40.00
6372 8	210 - PSE&G	PO 3173 boro hall electric	290.18	290.18
6372 9	210 - PSE&G	PO 3174 cres pt park electric	4.35	4.35
6372 10	210 - PSE&G	PO 3175 street lights untill 2-01-2010	762.21	762.21
6382 1	319 - RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL INC	PO 3179 jan 2011 trash removal	3,808.49	3,808.49
6382 2	457 - REBECCA NEWMAN	PO 3118 REimbursement for the Courier News	145.86	145.86
6382 3	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3134 1st Quarter 2011 County Taxes	91,429.37	91,429.37
6382 4	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3135 County Library Tax	12,560.25	12,560.25
6382 5	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3136 2011 County Open Space Tax	10,328.67	10,328.67
6382 6	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3154 Snow Removal 2/2/2011, 2/1/2011, 1/	6,435.60	6,435.60
6382 7	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3169 dec 2010 health fee	927.58	927.58
6382 8	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3180 salting 2-21-2011	255.09	255.09
6382 9	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3183 pothole repairs 2-15-2011	398.54	398.54
6382 10	248 - SOMERSET CTY COV. OFFS. ASSOC.	PO 3133 Somerset County Gov officials meeti	105.00	105.00
6390 1	251 - SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	PO 3122 Police Services January 10 to Febru	3,780.35	
		PO 3125 Police Services December 10 to Janu	4,039.80	7,820.15
6392 2	253 - SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS	PO 3119 Cell Phones for Mayor and Clerk	175.99	175.99
6392 3	259 - NEW JERSEY STATE TREASURER	PO 3126 Green Trust Fund Millstone Stream C	23,318.70	23,318.70
6392 4	443 - Somerset County Assessors Assoc.	PO 3187 dues 2011	160.00	160.00
6392 5	470 - TRIDENT MORTGAGE	PO 3171 refund tax overpayment robert leona	1,833.34	1,833.34
6392 6	367 - TROPICANA HOTEL	PO 3161 Hotel Stay- NJLM Conf-Tax Collector	266.00	266.00
6392 7	285 - VALLEY OIL COMPANY	PO 3158 January & February Oil	2,142.76	2,142.76
6392 8	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3123 Engineering Services on Hickory Cou	316.53	316.53
6392 9	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3124 Engineering Services Washington Str	5.61	5.61
6392 10	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3128 Engineering Services Van Horne Park	33.25	33.25
6400 1	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3130 Engineering Services-Van Horne Park	2,500.00	2,500.00
6402 2	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3159 Engineering roads and sidewalks	150.00	150.00
6402 3	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3160 Engineering - Council Meetings	111.10	111.10
6402 4	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3166 Engineering Services- Metro PCS	299.25	299.25
6402 5	289 - VERIZON	PO 3117 Borough Hall and Court phone throug	255.88	255.88
6402 6	291 - VITAL SERVICES GROUP	PO 3176 mod IV master tape	100.00	100.00
6402 7	320 - WESTERN PEST SERVICES	PO 3153 Annual Contract Pest Services	359.52	359.52

TOTAL

199,087.73

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND

199,087.73

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List of Bills - (1926005) INTERFUND - DUE CURRENT TRUST OTHER

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6408	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 3127 Legal Services- General Matters	150.00	150.00
6409	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 3186 legal services january 2011	555.00	555.00
TOTAL				705.00
Total to be paid from Fund 19 TRUST OTHER			705.00	
			<u>705.00</u>	
			705.00	

List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
5955	415 - AQUA PRO TECH LABS	PO 3142 Water Testing	89.40	89.40
5956	447 - HACH CO. C/O NORTHEAST TECH SALES	PO 2628 sewer meter along princeton ave	1,400.00	1,400.00
5957	321 - MIRACLE CHEMICAL CO	PO 3143 Chemicals	29.40	29.40
5958	331 - ONE CALL SYSTEMS	PO 3144 One Call services	3.21	3.21
5959	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 3148 Postage Rental	29.00	29.00
5960	210 - PSE&G	PO 3181 water dept electric	2,068.24	2,068.24
5961	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 3146 Reimbursement - Locks and water gau	70.08	70.08
5962	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 3151 Misc Water Services	199.86	199.86
5963	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 3152 Water Services1/17/2011	44.32	44.32
5964	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 3163 Water Services 1/28/11-1/29/11	85.00	85.00
5965	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3164 Water Engineering	147.25	147.25
5966	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3165 Engineering Services- Sewer	147.25	147.25
5967	289 - VERIZON	PO 3162 Water Department Phone	28.84	28.84
TOTAL				4,341.85
Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING			4,341.85	
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			4,341.85	

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dog license fee Jan Feb 2011

53.40

**List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH
CURRENT FUND**

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6352	433 - MONTGOMERY TWP BD OF ED	PO 3167 March School Payment	229,411.97	229,411.97
	TOTAL			229,411.97
Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND			229,411.97	
			<u>229,411.97</u>	
			229,411.97	

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

2011-32

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset for the Fiscal Year 2011.

Be it resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2011;

Be It Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Courier News

In the issue of March 10th, 2011.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Rocky Hill, does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2011:

RECORDED VOTE

(Insert last name)

Ayes



Josh Hochberg
Thomas Bremmer
Julia Hasser
Mark Pausch
Robert Steen
Jeff Donahue

Nays



Abstained



Absent



Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, on March 7th, 2011.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Borough Hall, on April 18th, 2011 at

(A.M.)

7:30 o'clock

(P.M.)

at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2011 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons. (Cross out one)

