

Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 21, 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.

The Mayor called for a moment of silence to remember Assemblyman Pete Biondi.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Zimmerman read the following statement into the record: 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. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-absent, Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Mr. Josh Hochberg-present, Mr. Robert Steen-absent.

Also present: Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Mayor Ed Zimmerman, Borough Clerk Rebecca Newman, and Deputy Clerk Christine Witt.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The New Jersey League of Municipalities annual conference was held last week, and although the class offerings were good, the attendance was smaller than it used to be. The Somerset County Governing Officials annual holiday party will be December 14 at the Royce Brook Golf Club. A convict who escaped police custody on November 15 was found at 1:00 am November 16 in Rocky Hill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2011 –Motion was made by Hochberg to approve the minutes as amended. Donahue seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Executive Session Minutes—November 7, 2011—Motion was made by Donahue to approve the Executive Session minutes as amended. Hochberg seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

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

- Approval of new members of Fire Department.
- RHFAS update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill list dated November 7, 2011 was presented for approval. Pausch made a motion to approve all vouchers except numbers 6961 and 7012. Motion seconded by Bremner. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector—October 2011

Court Administrator—October 2011

Mayor Zimmerman summarized the Court Administrator's report. Motion was made by Pausch to accept the reports as presented. Motion seconded by Hochberg. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records –Nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds – Council Member Donahue reported that light on the flagpole in Panicaro Park is working and the Court sign in front of Borough Hall is fixed. Regarding the 9/11 memorial, Steve Ferrari will examine sculpture because it may need to re-sealed, and a CD is being made. Three trees are scheduled to come down, two in Fireman's Field and one behind Janet Gardner's house. Two "No Parking When Snow-Covered" signs will be purchased with money previously encumbered. The Mayor suggested that the Borough Hall meeting room be painted soon. The Mayor spoke with the Fire Chief about the key situation and is trying to get the name of the company that they used for ID cards. The lights in the basement of Borough Hall have been left on several times by the nursery school.

Finance & Insurance – The Mayor is researching new insurance carriers. Committee chairs should be working on their 2012 budgets.

Public Safety & Emergency Services – Council Member Pausch is considering which RHFAS bills are appropriate to be paid. The Mayor asked Pausch to arrange for security at the Community Group's Holiday Tree Lighting event. Council Member Bremner raised the issue of residents' safety when an escaped convict was in town. The Mayor pointed out that there is no "Reverse 911" and email list of Borough residents is incomplete. Jim Banks, 85 Washington St., suggested that the speaker system in the First Reformed Church has a broad range and could be used for public announcement. The Mayor concluded that the Emergency Plan should be updated to include current technology.

Streets & Roads – Council Member Bremner reported the poles on the signs as you enter the Borough have been painted white. He is receiving asphalt patch samples for small potholes. Bremner conferred with Fire Chief Harris regarding reflective high markers to put on fire hydrants to make them visible in snow. He received quotes for four-foot poles with a spring mechanism in either fiberglass or stainless steel. Donahue expressed concern about the spring mechanism as a danger to children. No action was taken.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – No report at this time.

Council Representative to Planning Board – Mayor Zimmerman reported that a use variance application was approved for 141/143 Washington Street allowing two separate owners of the property.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee—No report at this time.

Council Representative to Board of Health – Mayor Zimmerman reported that the Board of Health continues to ask for a system to send email blasts.

Zoning Official's Report – No report at this time.

Grants Committee – Council Member Bremner reported that the County approved the grant application for the preservation of Borough Hall in the amount of \$28,800. The grant will allow for a complete

analysis of Borough Hall to see what work needs to be done. A separate grant will then be needed to complete each piece of work.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Introduction: Ordinance 2011 – An Ordinance to Create the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control (1. Read by Title 2. Set Public Hearing Date 3. Motion to Introduce)

Hochberg voiced concern regarding the budget and how much Rocky Hill will be asked to pay in the future. He noted that ordinance puts no limit on the future annual budget.

Bremner moved to table the ordinance and Hochberg seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hassler, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2011-79 to Authorize Repairs to Playground

Hochberg moved to approve the resolution as presented and Donahue seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hassler, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Discussion of Additional Tree Removal: Possible Resolution to Authorize Removal of Trees

Donahue moved to table the resolution and Pausch seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hassler, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rocky Hill First Aid Squad Update

Jim Banks reported that there were four calls in Rocky Hill since the last report: two medical and two fire alarms. The RHFAS responded to both medical calls and did the transport while Princeton responded to the fire alarms. The squad is working on procedures regarding fire alarms since most of these calls are false alarms. Mr. Banks presented a pamphlet that address frequently asked questions regarding patient billing. Mr. Banks reported that Deborah Westbrook is a member of both RHFAS and Princeton First Aid Squad, and when she is serving as a crewmember for Princeton to a call in Rocky Hill she will remain with Princeton. The Squad had its first drill last Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS

Verizon Contract Expiration: Verizon would like to renew its contract for a cell phone tower on the water tower, but it must be put out to bid first.

Approval of Renewal Applications—2012 Towing Operator Licenses

1. Dependable Motors, Somerset, NJ
2. Stewart's Towing Inc., Belle Mead, NJ
3. Somerset Hills Towing, Bridgewater, NJ

Donahue moved to approve the renewal of the towing operator licenses, Hochberg moved to second the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hassler, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Appointment of new members of Rocky Hill Fire Department

Hochberg moved to approve the appointment of Robert Keller and James O'Brien as member of the Rocky Hill Fire Department, Donahue seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed, were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Executive Session-Resolution 2011-80 to Retire into Executive Session (8:40 PM)

Motion was made by Bremner to approve the resolution and retire to into executive session. Motion seconded by Pausch. Motion carried on voice vote—all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Results of Executive Session (8:57 PM)

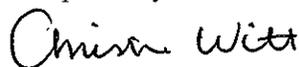
None

Mayor Zimmerman announced that he is considering shuffling committee assignments for next year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hochberg with a second by Bremner to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:



Christine Witt

Deputy Borough Clerk

November 21, 2011

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH
CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7007	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 3583 Legal Services October 2011	1,410.00	1,410.00
7008	463 - MASON, GRIFFIN & PIERSON	PO 3581 Planning Board Legal Services Octob	434.00	434.00
7009	210 - PSE&G	PO 3576 Crescent Park electric Nov. 2011	10.00	10.00
7010	319 - RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL INC	PO 3567 Oct. 2011 Garbage Collection	3,808.49	3,808.49
7011	223 - ROBERT WELLS TREE & LANDSCAPE	PO 3564 Brush removal Oct. 2011	1,350.00	1,350.00
7012	223 - ROBERT WELLS TREE & LANDSCAPE	PO 3578 Clean up of storm damaged limbs in	618.75	618.75
7013	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3563 Snow plowing 10/29/11	1,203.08	1,203.08
7014	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3575 Sept. and Oct. Health Dept. fees	1,910.16	1,910.16
7015	251 - SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	PO 3568 Police Service, court split, court	3,980.60	
		PO 3569 Police Service August 10 to Sept. 9	3,653.06	
		PO 3570 Sept. 10 - Oct. 9 Police Service, S	4,295.38	11,929.04
7016	490 - SPB ARCHITECTURE LLC	PO 3572 Historic Preservation Celebration m	500.00	500.00
7017	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3579 Engineering services October 2011	2,441.95	2,441.95
6961	Donnelly Energy Solutions	PO 3431 Heating System Upgrades	4,300.00	
	TOTAL			25,615.47
Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND			25,615.47	
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			25,615.47	

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

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7018	463 - MASON, GRIFFIN & PIERSON	PO 3582 10 Princeton Ave. (Martin)	28.00	28.00
	TOTAL			28.00

List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH
UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6588	415 - AQUA PRO TECH LABS	PO 3565 Water tests Oct. 2011	87.72	87.72
6589	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 3584 Legal Work Sewer Utility	960.00	960.00
6590	331 - ONE CALL SYSTEMS	PO 3577 One Call Oct. 2011	1.12	1.12
6591	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 3573 postage machine rental Nov. 2011	29.00	29.00
6592	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 3574 Postage maching refill	207.99	207.99
6593	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 3566 Repair outside remotes and meter ch	60.00	60.00
6594	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3571 Error paying #43559 dated 3/7/11	581.00	581.00
6595	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3580 Engineering Sevices October 2011	4,626.70	4,626.70
	TOTAL			6,553.53
Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING			6,553.53	
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			6,553.53	

RESOLUTION 2011 - 79

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on the August 26th & 27th, 2011 the Borough of Rocky Hill was impacted by Hurricane Irene and the Borough sustained significant damage; and

WHEREAS, a tree fell onto the playground at the Borough Hall causing damage to the swingset; and

WHEREAS, Corby Associates inspected the damage playground; and

WHEREAS, Corby Associates has submitted a proposal to repair the damage for an amount of \$1,395.00 ;and

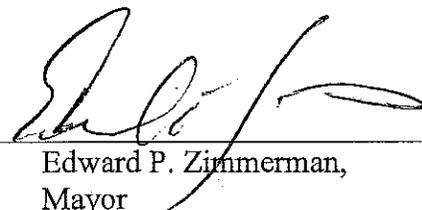
WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Borough's budget to pay for these repairs.

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

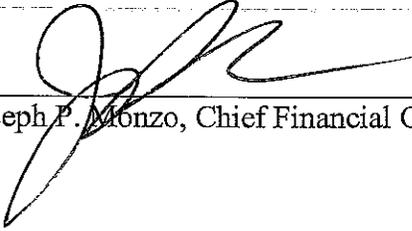
1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill awards a contract to Corby Associates Inc. located in Ridgefield NJ to repair the damaged swingset in the amount of \$1,395.00.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: 
Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: 
Edward P. Zimmerman,
Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from: 01-201-46-870-299



Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on November 21, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

EXPLANATION: THIS RESOLUTION ALLOWS THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO RETIRE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL

RESOLUTION 2011- 80

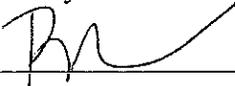
WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action on the executive Session of October 17, 2011
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: -
Contract Negotiations: Township of Montgomery: Sewer Agreement
3. Minutes of said discussion will be made available as soon as it is deemed in the public interest to do so.
4. The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.

This Resolution takes effect immediately.



Rebecca P. Newman

Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk, of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council at a regular meeting of said Council held on October 17, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman

Borough Clerk