

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
February 23, 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. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-absent, Mr. Joshua E. Hochberg-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Mr. Robert Steen-present.

Also present: Borough Attorney Albert Cruz

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Zimmerman informed the Council that the SCGOA meeting for March is scheduled for March 9th, 2011 and will be held at Pheasants Landing in Hillsborough. Mayor Zimmerman stated the speaker would be Chuck Chiarillo, the president of the League of Municipalities. Also, Frank Salvato, the longest serving Councilman in the history of NJ would be honored.

Mayor Zimmerman updated the Council that he would be adding Peggy and Kristen Harris to the ad-hoc committee that was created to have neighbors help neighbors. Mayor Zimmerman stated they would be holding their first event soon, which will consist of resume tweaking and interview skill tips.

Mayor Zimmerman stated that he and Council President Pausch attended a meeting for the prosecutor's task force to research the countywide police service. Mayor Zimmerman stated he had the pleasure of meeting the new prosecutor, Geoffrey Soriano. Mayor Zimmerman stated that his team was researching what would be the Governing Bodies role with the countywide police force. Council President Pausch stated his team was in charge of standard operating procedures, which looks at the challenges with creating a single force with all the diversity in the County. Both Mayor Zimmerman and Council President Pausch stated the task force seems very well run and organized.

Mayor Zimmerman updated the Council that the essay nominating Toby for the Jefferson Award was completed by Acting Clerk Newman, therefore the application will be submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes –February 7, 2011 – Motion was made by Pausch to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Hochberg. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

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

Executive Session Meeting Minutes-February 7, 2011- Mayor Zimmerman noted one change to the minutes. Motion was made by Hochberg to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Bremner. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Hochberg, Pausch

Approved 3/7/2011

Against: None

Abstain: Hasser, Steen

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

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions.

Cliff Moore, Montgomery News, Mr. Moore inquired if anyone has heard anything regarding the State and their contribution toward the schools. Mayor Zimmerman responded that he has not heard anything at this time. Mr. Moore asked if the equalization of per student fees had been changed yet. Mayor Zimmerman replied that it has not at this time. It will require a change in the legislation.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed to the public

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

There was no bill list presented at this meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector Report – January 2010

Court Administrator Report - January 2010

Mayor Zimmerman summarized the Court Administrators report for the month of January. Motion was made by Pausch to approve the reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records –Nothing to report at this time.

Buildings & Grounds - Nothing to report at this time, however, Mayor Zimmerman stated that Western Pest needs to come back as there was evidence in the Clerks office that the mice have returned.

Finance & Insurance - Nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- Council President Pausch stated that the fire department has been approved for a \$17,100.00 grant for operational safety equipment. Mayor Zimmerman stated there are still issues with the rescue squad. There was a serious motor vehicle accident in Rocky Hill this past week. Mayor Zimmerman stated that the Rocky Hill rescue squad was dispatched, they did not respond, so Princeton was dispatched. Once they did not respond, Hopewell was dispatched. Mayor Zimmerman stated the fire chief called the County and stated the person needed medical attention and by that point Rocky Hill had gotten a crew together.

Streets & Roads – Council Member Bremner updated the Council that he has been communicating with the County to have potholes repaired. Council Member Bremner also stated that he has heard positive feedback regarding the county snow plowing services. Mayor Zimmerman asked that Council Member Bremner create a map of the sidewalks in town so the constables are clear as to where the sidewalks are once snow covered. Council Member Bremner informed the Council that Crescent Point Park would be cleared of snow in the future.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – Council Member Steen summarized the reports for December 2010 and January 2011. In December 2010 a total of 2,697,000 gallons were pumped from well # 2, no water was purchased from NJ American Water. In January 2011, 2,542,000 gallons were pumped from well # 2. This was higher than the same period last year, so once the snow melts the lines will be checked for leaks. Council Member Steen reported all test results for both months met NJDEP standards.

Approved 3/7/2011

Council Representative to Planning Board – Council Member Hasser stated there was no meeting in February.

Recreation Committee-Council Member Hasser stated that she met with a group of citizens organizing the Rocky Hill Historic District's 30-year anniversary. Council Member Hasser informed the Council of the events that are planned. Council Member Hasser stated that the group was looking for some financial assistance with this event. Members of Council felt that the group should be pursuing other financing options and the Borough may consider a match. Members of Council expressed that other groups raise their own funds; therefore it was important for this group as well. Council Member Hasser also inquired if the group could use the copier in the Borough for reproduction of things. Again, Council felt that since other groups utilize other means for copying that this group should as well. Council Member Steen stated the link for the event can be added to the Borough's web page. Council Member Hasser inquired about the various tents that have been used in past events. Mayor Zimmerman stated some are owned by the fire department, some by individuals and some by the community group.

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

Zoning Official's Report – Nothing at this time.

Grants Committee – Council Member Bremner stated he and Council Member Hochberg were researching some grants for the fire department building and some other potential grants. Mayor Zimmerman stated there are grant funds available from the DEP the Borough needs to look into immediately to have the sewer system relined, or various other projects completed.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Resolution 2011-30 Resolution to Refund Overpayment of Taxes

Mayor Zimmerman read the resolution in its entirety. Motion was made by Steen to approve the resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions:

Cliff Moore, Mr. Moore just wanted to inform the Council the Montgomery News has been running polls lately and the most recent one was, Are you for County Consolidation for Police Services? Mr. Moore stated that it has been 3 to 1 in favor of consolidation.

Peggy Harris, Crescent Avenue- Ms. Harris stated the fire department owns the large yellow tent without sides.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Resolution 2011-31 Resolution to Retire into Executive Session- Township of Montgomery-Van Horne Park Maintenance Agreement

Resolution to enter into executive session for purposes as outlined above was read into the record by Acting Borough Clerk Newman. Motion was made by Hasser for approval of the resolution. Motion seconded by Pausch. Motion carried on voice vote- all ayes. (8:06 PM)

Approved 3/7/2011

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Results of Executive Session are not available to the public at this time (8:38 PM)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hasser with a second by Steen to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

RESOLUTION 2011-30

WHEREAS, tax payments were received in 2011 for property known as Block 5 Lot10, 37 Washington St., Assessed Owner: Leonard, Robert, for 2010 fourth quarter taxes; and

WHEREAS, said payments were applied resulting in an overpayment on the account;
and

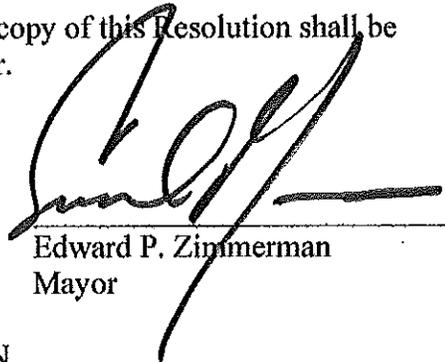
WHEREAS, Trident Mortgage Co. has requested a refund of the overpayment in the amount of \$1833.34;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, that the Chief Financial Officer be directed to issue a refund check in the amount of \$1833.34 to Trident Mortgage, 431 W. Lancaster Ave., Devon, PA 19333; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector.



Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk



Edward P. Zimmerman
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough 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 February 23, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough Clerk

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

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL

RESOLUTION 2011- 31

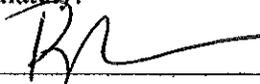
WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

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 February 23, 2011.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: -Contract Negotiations: Township of Montgomery --Van Horne Park Maintenance 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

Acting Borough Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting 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 February 23, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman

Acting Borough Clerk