

**Borough of Rocky Hill**  
**Borough Council**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**February 20, 2012**

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. Mayor Zimmerman asked for a moment of silence in memory of resident Carl Robbins Sr. who died on February 7, 2012.

**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 11, 2012. 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-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-absent, Mr. Josh Hochberg-present, Mr. Robert Steen-present.

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

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Zimmerman commented that the next Somerset County Governing Officials dinner will be on the topic of shared services. The Mayor attended the Mayors' Legislative Day on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor reported that Montgomery Township Committee took no action on moving school board elections to November and the Board of Education voted 4-3 against moving the election, therefore school board elections will be in April.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Special Budget Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2012 –Hochberg moved to approve the minutes as presented.

Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg

Against: None

Abstain: Hasser, Steen

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2012 –Hochberg moved to approve the minutes as presented. Donahue seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: Hasser

Executive Session Minutes– February 6, 2012—Bremner moved to approve the minutes as presented. Hochberg seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: Hasser

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

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Hearing none, the floor was immediately closed.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Bill list dated February 20, 2012 was presented for approval. Donahue made a motion to approve all vouchers except numbers 7114 and 7117. Motion seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

Steen moved to approve vouchers 7114 and 7117. Donahue seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote – all ayes.

For: Donahue, Hasser, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: Bremner, Hochberg

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Tax Collector—January 2012

Court Administrator—January 2012

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

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration & Records** –Nothing to report at this time.

**Buildings & Grounds** –Council Member Bremner repaired the lock on the conference room door and the damper in the elevator room.

**Finance & Insurance** – Audit report for 2010 and maybe 2011, as well as the 2012 budget, will be introduced at the next meeting.

**Public Safety & Emergency Services** – South Bound Brook has initiated the renewal process for our shared service agreement.

**Streets & Roads** – Discussed installation of lighted crosswalks. Council Member Bremner reported that the hydrant markers were installed by the fire department.

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

**Website & Email** –Looking into alternate providers.

**Council Representative to Planning Board** –Two applications approved at the February meeting: one for replacement windows at 17 Crescent Ave. and a one-story addition at 14 Crescent Ave. The Historic Preservation website is under construction.

**Council Liaison to Recreation Committee** –Plans for tennis camp are underway. Council Member Donahue has compiled materials on the 9/11 Memorial for the Port Authority.

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

**Zoning Official's Report** – Nothing to report at this time.

**Grants Committee** – Work with architects for Borough Hall preservation is progressing. Looking into similar grant for Firehouse. OEM grant money is available.

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**Resolution to Combine the Fire Marshall Position into the Fire Department**

Tabled

**Appointment of Back Up Water Department Operator**

Tabled

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Report of Mayors Ad Hoc Committee on Building Dedication**

Council Members Donahue and Hochberg presented their report dated February 3, 2012 with the recommendation that the Council dedicate Borough Hall to Toby Whitlock and memorialize this honor with a plaque.

Donahue made a motion for the Council to follow the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations and Hochberg seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote – four ayes, one no.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hochberg, Steen

Against: Hasser

Abstain: None

The Mayor appointed Donahue and Hasser to an Ad Hoc committee to develop procedure for recognition of volunteers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peggy Harris, 66 Crescent Avenue. Ms. Harris commented that Toby Whitlock did not serve the Borough for 50 years and that Council should double-check its numbers. She also asked where the proposed plaque would be hung and stated there should be consistency with the plaques. She said it is unfair to the forefathers who made this community to honor someone now. She urged the Council to wait until the proposed recognition program is in place before honoring Toby.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-Resolution 2012-25 To Retire Into Executive Session**

Contract Negotiations: Township of Montgomery Sewer Agreement

Bremner moved to retire into executive session. Steen seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Steen

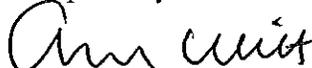
Against: None

Abstain: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Donahue with a second by Steen to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:



Christine Witt  
Deputy Borough Clerk

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH  
CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7114	29 - BOLLINGER INC			
		PO 3708 policy #S1246809	5,982.00	5,982.00
7115	463 - MASON, GRIFFIN & PIERSON			
		PO 3711 January 2012 Planning Board legal s	266.00	266.00
7116	149 - MASTROIANNI LANDSCAPING INC			
		PO 3716 Snow Removal Borough Hall walkway a	1,084.84	1,084.84
7117	360 - MCNEIL & COMPANY INC			
		PO 3707 First Aid squad Insurance	3,468.50	3,468.50
7118	210 - PSE&G			
		PO 3718 Crescent Point Park electric	6.35	6.35
7119	210 - PSE&G			
		PO 3720 Panicaro Park electric	17.12	17.12
7120	210 - PSE&G			
		PO 3721 Municipal Building electric	633.70	633.70
7121	319 - RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL INC			
		PO 3714 Trash pick up Jan. 2012	3,808.49	3,808.49
7122	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER			
		PO 3683 1st and 2nd Quarter 2012 Taxes	112,771.19	112,771.19
7123	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER			
		PO 3722 Health Dept. fees January 2012	974.17	974.17
7124	248 - SOMERSET CTY GOV. OFFS. ASSOC.			
		PO 3710 February meeting expense	70.00	70.00
7125	259 - NEW JERSEY STATE TREASURER			
		PO 3706 Green Trust Fund Millstone Stream C	23,318.70	23,318.70
7126	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING			
		PO 3723 Engineering services Jan. 2012	1,283.25	1,283.25
7127	291 - VITAL SERVICES GROUP			
		PO 3717 MOD Iv tax master tape sent to Muni	100.00	100.00

1006 TOTAL State Treasurer of NJ  
Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND

Dog + Cat Licenses 15.00  
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153,784.31  
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List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH  
UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6620	415 - AQUA PRO TECH LABS			
		PO 3712 Water testing Jan. 2012	368.36	368.36
6621	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC			
		PO 3715 January 2012 One Call	3.36	3.36
6622	204 - PITNEY BOWES			
		PO 3709 Postage machine rental February 201	29.00	29.00
6623	210 - PSE&G			
		PO 3719 Water Dept. electric	1,735.54	1,735.54
6624	311 - TIM LESKO			
		PO 3713 Water Dept. maintenance Jan. 2012	75.00	75.00
6625	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING			
		PO 3724 Engineering services-water/sewer Ja	1,513.60	1,513.60

TOTAL 3,724.86

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

3,724.86  
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EXPLANATION: THIS RESOLUTION ALLOWS THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO RETIRE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL

RESOLUTION 2012-25

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 20, 2012.
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 February 20, 2012.

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Rebecca P. Newman

Borough Clerk