

**Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 17, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Edward Zimmerman at 7:33 PM followed by the salute to the Flag.

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 6, 2013. 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, Ms. Connie Hallman-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Bob McKelvey-present (7:35), Mr. Mark Pausch-present.

Also present: Mayor Ed Zimmerman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, and Attorney Timothy Beck.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Zimmerman reported that he attended a meeting with Somerset Medical Center on its plans to merge with either Atlantic Healthcare or Robert Wood Johnson. The SCGOA golf outing was postponed. There will be only one meeting in the months of July, August, and September on the third Monday of the month. There is a SASSA meeting Wednesday night and a Flood Commission meeting Friday night. There are four candidates running for two Council seats in November's election. The Mayor received a formal letter from Nancy Paquette announcing her retirement. The Borough may be able to continue its contract with South Brunswick and use Ms. Paquette's replacement, or have an inter-local agreement with the County, or the Mayor may appoint someone to the position. If it turns out that the contract with South Brunswick terminates at the end of the month, the Mayor will appoint the Deputy Clerk to fill the position temporarily.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2013 –Pausch moved to approve the minutes as presented. McKelvey seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Hasser, McKelvey, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: 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 June 17, 2013 was presented for approval. Pausch made a motion to approve the bill list except for voucher 7663 (this voucher was removed from the bill list) and 7678. Motion seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Hasser, McKelvey, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Pausch moved to approve voucher 7678, and McKelvey seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Hallman, Hasser, McKelvey, Pausch

Against: None
Abstain: Bremner

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector—May2013

Court Administrator— May2013

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

For: Bremner, Hallman, Hasser, McKelvey, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records – J. Hasser. The Mayor reported that there have been problems with the battery backup for the server. MSI wants to virtualize the server.

Buildings & Grounds – J. Donahue. Mr. Bremner reported that he will follow up with Mr. Donahue regarding the nursery school lease, public works, and trash removal over the summer.

Finance & Insurance – B. McKelvey. The Mayor reported that the Borough has a new insurance agent, and the agent is reviewing all policies. Mr. McKelvey reported that he will be reviewing Borough finance from 2012.

Public Safety & Emergency Services – M. Pausch. The constables asked residents on Hickory Court and Princeton Ave to remove trash from the street. The First Aid Squad and Fire Department have been asked to submit complete lists of members.

Streets & Roads – C. Hallman. Pedestrian crossing signs went up on Washington Street, and one has been destroyed. Pot holes have been filled. Ms. Hallman asked the County about pavement marking and was told the Route 518 will not be done this year. Pavement marking forms must be submitted for other streets to be re-painted. The shrubs at the corner of Rt. 518 and Montgomery Ave. have been cut. No update on ARC House. Twice a week trash pick up (Tuesday, Friday) begins this week. There are several low hanging branches over roads. Need to look into street sweeping.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – T. Bremner. Several storm drains are blocked. Water tests for May were normal. The Park Dr. sewer pit was replaced. The County cemented over the curb box at 18 Washington Ave. blocking access to the shut off valve. The Borough will fix the problem at a cost of \$1,500.

Council Representative to Planning Board – C. Hallman. The Historic District ordinance revisions have been held up by the absence of the Borough Attorney Albert Cruz.

Council Liaison to Recreation Committee – C. Hallman. Flyers for the July 4th celebration have been distributed to residents. Games, food, ice cream and entertainment have been confirmed. Ms. Hallman thanked Tom Bremner and the Corlis family for their help with the event. Tennis camp will take place the week of July 1st.

Council Representative to Board of Health – M. Pausch. The EOP Public Health Annex was approved by the County. The next OEM meeting is June 29th.

Zoning Official's Report – M. Blasch. The Mayor summarized the Zoning Officer's report. There were 14 permits issued since the beginning of the year.

Grants Committee – T. Bremner. No report.

Communications—Ms. Hallman presented ideas for improved communications in the Borough. Ideas include an electronic sign at the corner of Montgomery Ave. and Washington St., Nixle, an office answering system for the Clerk's office, and a community questionnaire. The constables have requested a letter for new residents.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Resolution 2013-43: Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License—Cajo Enterprises LLC, T/A One 53

The floor was opened to public comment, hearing none, the floor was immediately closed.

Bremner moved to approve the resolution. Hasser seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Hasser, McKelvey, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2013-44: Authorizing the Clerk to Sign a Social Affairs Permit for the Friends of Mary Jacobs Library

Bremner moved to approve the resolution. McKelvey seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

For: Bremner, Hasser, McKelvey, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: Hallman

Resolution 2013-45: Appointing Richard Conley as the Attorney to Represent the Borough of Rocky Hill on the Tax Appeal Filed by Bank of America

Bremner moved to approve the resolution. Hallman seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Hasser, McKelvey, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2013-: Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign an Agreement for an Easement on Block 8 Lot 11 between the Borough of Rocky Hill and Art Ball

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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 of Skillman Ave. commented that the Montgomery News uses a cheap, effective cloud system for data storage. He also noted that there are two solar crosswalks at UMS.

Ken Berger of 5 Montgomery Ave. asked when the Historic District Ordinance is expected to come up for a vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Pausch with a second by Hasser to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Witt
Deputy Borough Clerk

JUNE 17, 2013

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH
CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7659	12 - ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY	PO 4399 Municipal Building cleaning	200.00	200.00
7660	534 - B'LOONATICS	PO 4396 July 4th balloons	47.00	47.00
7661	317 - CAMMPS HARDWARE INC	PO 4393 Lawn care supplies	47.90	47.90
7662	39 - CENTRAL JERSEY SECURITY	PO 4402 Quarterly monitoring charge	87.00	87.00
VOID 7663	485 - CONNIE HALLMAN	PO 4395 July 4th celebration supplies	33.46	33.46
7664	425 - EVENTS PLUS ENTERTAINMENT LLC	PO 4398 DJ for July 4th celebration	500.00	500.00
7665	81 - ROCKY HILL FIRE COMPANY NO 1	PO 4379 Submitted expenses jan 1 to april 3	8,020.12	8,020.12
7666	481 - FLOWER BARN OF HILLSBOROUGH	PO 4383 Memorial Day wreath	90.00	90.00
VOID 7667	83 - G & T Landscaping Inc	PO 4378 Municipal grounds lawn mowing reso	6,820.00	
		PO 4378 Municipal grounds lawn mowing reso	1,280.00	8,100.00
7668	426 - MOONWALK 4 FUN	PO 4397 Moonwalk for July 4th celebration	225.00	225.00
7669	313 - MUNICIPAL SOFTWARE INC	PO 4403 Replacement Battery	170.00	170.00
7670	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 4387 Postage for postage machine	207.99	207.99
7671	210 - PSE&G	PO 4381 Crescent Point park electric	6.87	6.87
7672	210 - PSE&G	PO 4384 Street Lights	647.75	647.75
7673	210 - PSE&G	PO 4400 Panicaro Park electric	10.99	10.99
7674	210 - PSE&G	PO 4401 Municipal Building electric	380.44	380.44
7675	319 - RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL INC	PO 4386 Trash collection	3,808.49	3,808.49
7676	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 4392 Health Dept. County service	993.67	993.67
7677	452 - SPRINT-NEXTEL CORP	PO 4391 Mayor and Clerk's cell pones	165.85	165.85
7678	416 - THOMAS BREMNER	PO 4394 Grant application supplies	29.24	29.24
7679	387 - W. B. MASON CO.	PO 4382 Office Supplies	408.40	408.40
TOTAL				24,180.17

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND

24,180.17

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List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH
UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6793	415 - AQUA PRO TECH LABS	PO 4390 Water Dept testing	19.00	19.00
6794	380 - HANS OLSEN	PO 4389 Water Dept. maintenace at 14 Toth L	125.00	125.00
6795	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	PO 4385 May One Calls	6.84	6.84
6796	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 4404 Postage machine rental	29.00	29.00
6797	210 - PSE&G	PO 4380 Water Dept. electric	1,585.29	1,585.29
6798	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 4388 Water Dept. maintenance on Toth Lan	160.00	160.00
TOTAL				1,925.13

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

1,925.13

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RESOLUTION 2013- 43

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, application has been received from Cajo Enterprises LLC, T/A One 53 for renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License (1817-33-001-004); and

WHEREAS, said application is complete and accompanied by the required fees, affidavits, and tax clearance certificate from the New Jersey Division of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, no written objection to the renewal of this license was received by the Borough Clerk;

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 license as referenced above be renewed for the 2013-2014 license year and that the Borough Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution and the renewal application and accompanying fee to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Law and Public Safety, for processing, and to the applicants; and;
2. That the Borough Clerk be authorized to issue the 2013-2014 license to the proper holder with the effective date of July 1, 2013.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

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 June 17th, 2013.

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2013-44

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, application has been received from Mary Jacobs Library Friends for a social affair permit to serve wine on November 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, said application is complete and accompanied by the required fees; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk is required to sign the application certifying that municipality has no objection to granting this social affairs permit.

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 Clerk is authorized to sign the application for the social affairs permit application on behalf of the Mary Jacobs Library Friends.

2. That the Borough Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution and the application and accompanying fee to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Law and Public Safety, for processing, and to the applicants; and;

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

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 June 17, 2013.

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2013 -45

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Bank of America has filed a tax appeal; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the firm of DiFransesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum have a conflict; and

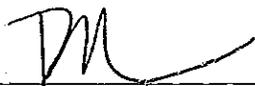
WHEREAS, the Borough appointed Richard Conley as the attorney to represent the Borough in a previous tax appeal filed by Bank of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conley is familiar with the property already and has agreed to the same rate of \$160.00 per hour.

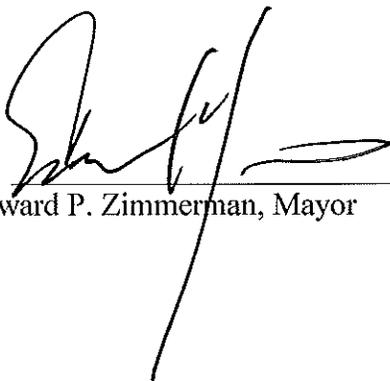
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough Council appoint Richard Conley be appointed to represent the Borough of Rocky Hill in the tax appeal filed by Bank of America.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: 

Rebecca P. Newman,
Borough Clerk

By: 

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

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 June 17, 2013.