

**Borough of Rocky Hill  
Borough Council  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
April 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Jeff Dohanue at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mayor Donahue 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 7, 2015. 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. Robert Ashbaugh-present, Mr. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Billy Dawson-present, Ms. Connie Hallman-present, Mr. Phil Kartsonis-absent, Mr. Bob Uhrik-present.

Also present: Mayor Jeff Donahue, Clerk Rebecca Newman and Borough Attorney Timothy Beck and Auditor Robert Morrison.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Donahue stated that he was out of town dealing with a family illness and during that time there were two water main breaks in town. Mayor Donahue thanked everyone that was involved and stated he was thrilled with the Council members, the employees and the residents who all pulled together as one community to keep things going. This last month and half truly showed just how incredible this town is.

Mayor Donahue announced that he performed his first marriage ceremony and that he was ready to do more.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes- 3/16/15

Dawson moved to approve the minutes and Hallman seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

Executive Meeting Minutes – 3/16/15

Ashbaugh moved to approve the executive minutes and Hallman seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman

Against: None

Abstain: Uhrik

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The floor was opened to public comment.

Cliff More, Skillman Ave.- Mentioned that some time ago the Council was looking into the out of town fee that Rocky Hill residents had to pay to join recreational activities through Montgomery Township and inquired if anything was happening with that as now the fees are \$75.00 per activity.

Mayor Donahue and Councilman Dawson stated they both thought it was a good idea to look into reducing these costs somehow.

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Hearing no other comments the floor was closed.

**STATE POLICE REPORT**

There was no report to be given.

**ENGINEERS REPORT**

Engineer Tanner submitted a report, which was discussed. Engineer Tanner also gave a presentation on Storm Water runoff.

Mayor Donahue commented that the Borough should look into improving the access into Van Horne Park, as it would encourage people to utilize that entrance rather than Mr. Hedberg's property.

Peggy Harris, 66 Crescent Ave- stated that attention needs to be paid to Princeton Ave near Van Horne Park, as the brush is so overgrown it is growing into the street.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT**

Robert Morrison, Borough Auditor presented and summarized the budget to the Council for introduction as well as the CAP bank ordinance that was on the agenda for introduction.

Councilman Bremner inquired whether the changes he has previously emailed were amended. Mr. Morrison stated that they were but not on the hard copy passed out this evening.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2015-02: Possible Introduction:** An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank for the calendar year 2015

Motion was made by Hallman to introduce the Ordinance as presented. Ashbaugh seconded motion. Motion carried on Roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

A public hearing date for final adoption was set for May 4, 2015

**Introduction of the 2015 Municipal Budget of the Borough of Rocky Hill**

Motion was made by Ashbaugh to introduce the Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Hallman. Motion carried on Roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

A public hearing date for final adoption was set for May 18, 2015

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**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Bill List dated April 6, 2015 was presented for approval. Voucher number 8347 was tabled. Motion was made by Hallman to approve the bill list. Motion was seconded by Ashbaugh. Motion carried on Roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2015-01:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW POSITION TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO BE KNOWN AS THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

The floor was opened to the public for comments relating to Ordinance 2015-01 at 8:24 PM. Hearing none the floor was immediately closed.

Motion was made by Hallman to finally adopt the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Bremner. Motion carried on Roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Dawson, Hallman, Uhrik  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COAH Update**

Hallman explained that the State of NJ has placed the onus back on Rocky Hill as the courts have once again ruled on COAH. Hallman stated that the Boroughs share has grown and Tamara Lee, the Borough Planner is working on ways to reduce the number of units. Hallman stated that all of the Borough professionals were working on the response that is required to be submitted within 90 days of the ruling.

**Discussion of Property Maintenance Ordinance**

Hallman stated that the Borough should look into enhancing its property maintenance code so when issues arise the Borough can act on them.

**Update on Somerset County Library Changes**

Hallman updated the Council on a meeting she attended, which would have drastic changes on the library system in the County. Every branch director would have to re-interview for their job and may be moved to other locations. Hallman stated the programs were going to be cut by 64% and

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that there is a huge community uproar over this. Bremner asked if there was a contact person to direct concerns to. Hallman responded Keith McCoy and Ryan Bojey. Hallman stated the Library Commissioners seemed surprised by the outrage expressed at the meeting. Hallman stated that people could attend the freeholders meeting on April 14, 2015 to express themselves as well.

COMMUNICATIONS – None added

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cliff Moore, Skillman Ave- asked who the library board of commissioners were.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Bremner with a second by Hallman to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:  
Rebecca Newman  
Borough Clerk

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

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8419	39 - CENTRAL JERSEY SECURITY	PO 5304 Q2 2015 Alarm Monitoring	87.00	87.00
8420	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 5305 Legal services Feb. 2015	1,171.50	1,171.50
8421	570 - MOTTA ELECTRIC, INC.	PO 5121 Electrical work at Municipal Buildi	10,943.40	10,943.40
8422	435 - Motorola Inc	PO 5309 OEM Radios	4,361.38	4,361.38
8423	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5299 County Household Recycling Q1 2015	1,747.01	1,747.01
8424	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5306 Pot hole repairs: 48 Princeton Ave.	704.03	704.03
8425	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5307 Snow and Ice Salting 3/20-21/15	2,064.74	2,064.74
8426	251 - SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	PO 5298 Police Service Jan. 10-Feb. 9; Cour	4,553.96	4,553.96
8347	Rocky Hill Fire and Squad	5196	1,784.99	
TOTAL				25,633.02

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND 14,689.62  
 Total to be paid from Fund 02 STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT FUND 10,943.40  
25,633.02

**List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH  
UTILITY OPERATING**

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6997	14 - AT&T	PO 5301 Water Dept. long distance	1.49	1.49
6998	311 - TIM LESKO	PO 5308 Water Dept: read meter books Q1 201	200.00	200.00
6999	582 - TRAP ROCK INDUSTRIES LLC	PO 5302 Princeton Ave repairs from watermai	758.11	758.11
7000	289 - VERIZON	PO 5303 Water dept phone	30.52	30.52
TOTAL				990.12

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING 990.12  
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**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL  
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW  
POSITION TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION OF THE  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Rocky Hill desires to create a new position within the Borough to assist in the operation of the Office of Emergency Management to be known as the Office of Emergency Management Specialist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council believes that the OEM Specialist will enhance the provision of emergency services to all of the Borough's residents thereby promoting their health, safety and welfare.

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

Section 1. A new Article IIIIF, titled "Office of Emergency Management Specialist", is created within Chapter 24, titled "Officers and Employees" as follows:

Article IIIIF: Office of Emergency Management Specialist.

§24-8.31 Position established.

There is hereby created and established the position of Office of Emergency Management Specialist.

§24-8.32 Qualifications.

The qualifications for the Office of Emergency Management Specialist shall be established by Resolution of the Borough Council.

§24-8.33 Appointment; duties.

The Mayor shall nominate and, with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, appoint an Office of Emergency Management Specialist, who shall perform such duties as are directed by the Emergency Management Coordinator and Resolution of the Borough Council.

§24-8.34 Term of office.

The Office of Emergency Management Specialist shall serve at the pleasure of the Borough Council, without a term of office.

§24-8.35 Compensation.

The compensation of the Office of Emergency Management Specialist shall be fixed from time to time by the Borough's Salary Ordinance as to the position, and the salary as to the individual shall be set by Resolution.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be valid and enforceable.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective after final passage, adoption and publication, according to law.

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL**



Rebecca P. Newman, Clerk



Jeff Donahue, Mayor

Introduction March 16, 2015

Final Adoption April 6, 2015