

**Borough of Rocky Hill  
Borough Council  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
May 4, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Council Member Tom Bremner at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

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

Council Member Bremner 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-absent, Ms. Connie Hallman-absent, Mr. Phil Kartsonis-present, Mr. Bob Uhrik-present.

Also present: Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, Engineer Bill Tanner and Borough Attorney Albert Cruz.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

The next SCGOA meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2015.

Bremner moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and Kartsonis seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Raymond Whitlock, 94 Crescent Ave., commented that Engineer Bill Tanner did a superb job letting residents know that water would be turned off for a repair.

**STATE POLICE REPORT**

Mr. Kartsonis delivered the February and March reports. Ashbaugh moved to accept the report, Kartsonis seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Report dated May 4, 2015 was distributed and filed in the Borough Clerk's office. Engineer Tanner provided an overview of the report.

**Washington Street Sidewalk Contract**

A punch list will be generated for completion over the next two months.

**Construction Projects**

Toth Lane: Completed.

Park Avenue water line repair: Completed.

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Basement Work: Architect developing a plan for sump pump and perimeter drainage to ameliorate basement water problem.  
Park Chain: Setting up a meeting with contractor to install posts and chain at entrance to Green Acres.

County Work

The County repaired a manhole on Washington Street.

Trees in the Park

Project will be pursued this year with quotes to be solicited this month.

Property Line Survey by the Pond on Crescent Ave.

Discussed the installation of a boardwalk path into the park that may be suitable as a scout project.

State Stormwater Permit

The 2015 Tier B permit was filed.

Trash Collection Contract

Five companies have picked up contract documents. Bid opening May 12<sup>th</sup>.

NJDEP Water Restriction

Once final leak is repaired, can begin discussions with the State to have restriction lifted. Water Superintendent Tim Lesko notes that pumping levels are still elevated, but lower than before.

Montgomery Avenue Phase III

Started preparation of plans for final phase of project from Merritt Lane to the boundary with Montgomery Township.

Small Contracts: Grass/Snow/Leaf Collection

Grass cutting contracts will be extended to cover this year.

Would like to contract Branchburg to collect leaves in the fall.

Snow removal contract could be extended to March 2016.

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

Tabled until 5/18/15

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Bill List dated May 4, 2015 was presented for approval.

Ashbaugh moved to approve all vouchers except voucher 8433 and 8448. Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Kartsonis, Uhrik

Against: None

Abstain: None

Vouchers 8433 and 8448 were tabled.

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**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**FOP Proclamation**

Uhrlik moved to approve the proclamation Bremner seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Kartsonis, Uhrlik

Against: None

Abstain: None

**Resolution 2015-48: Authorizing the Borough of Rocky Hill to Apply for the 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant**

Kartsonis moved to approve the resolution Bremner seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Kartsonis, Uhrlik

Against: None

Abstain: None

**Resolution 2015-47: Authorizing a \$500.00 Payment to the Community Group for Their Efforts on Earth Day**

Bremner moved to approve the resolution, Ashbaugh seconded, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Kartsonis, Uhrlik

Against: None

Abstain: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2015-02: An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank for the Calendar Year 2015**

**Public Hearing**

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

Bremner moved to adopt the ordinance, Ashbaugh seconded the motion, and the ordinance was adopted.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Kartsonis, Uhrlik

Against: None

Abstain: None

**Ordinance 2015-03: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign an Agreement for Mutual Aid**

Kartsonis moved to introduce the ordinance, Bremner seconded the motion, and the ordinance was introduced with a public hearing date of May 18, 2015.

For: Ashbaugh, Bremner, Kartsonis, Uhrlik

Against: None

Abstain: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Raymond Whitlock, 94 Crescent Ave., commented that there are no signs marking the entrances to Van Horne Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Kartsonis with a second by Bremner to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:  
Christine Witt  
Deputy Borough

May 4, 2015

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

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
TABLED 8448	539 - Couch Insurance	PO 5339 Workers Comp 2015 WC 7991745	19,215.00	
		PO 5341 Commercial Package Policy Insurance	3,559.00	
		PO 5343 Hook and Ladder Commercial Package	6,063.00	28,837.00
8449	71 - DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN PC	PO 5340 Legal services March 2015	2,525.16	2,525.16
8450	564 - HOMECARE VETERINARY SERVICES	PO 5349 Rabies clinic vet service and suppl	256.80	256.80
8451	122 - KENCOR INC	PO 5344 Bi-Monthly Elevator service	75.00	75.00
8452	213 - QSCEND TECHNOLOGIES INC	PO 5347 Domain name renewal 3 years	136.00	136.00
8453	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 5334 Pot hole repairs April 14: Princeto	257.43	257.43
8454	251 - SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	PO 5342 Police Service Feb. 10-March 9; Cou	5,072.31	5,072.31
8455	443 - Somerset County Assessors Assoc.	PO 5337 Tax Assessors Association Dues 2015	260.00	260.00
8456	455 - TAMARA LEE PP	PO 5346 Planning Board Planning Services: M	1,995.00	1,995.00
8457	530 - WOOLSON SUTPHEN ANDERSON	PO 5345 Planning Board legal services Jan &	720.00	720.00
TABLED 8433	Mastroranni	PO 5328 snow removal		
	TOTAL		14,064.97	40,134.70
Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND				40,134.70

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

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
8447	455 - TAMARA LEE PP	PO 5346 Planning Board Planning Services: M	420.00	420.00
	TOTAL			420.00
Total to be paid from Fund 19 TRUST OTHER				420.00

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

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7006	404 - 1800 PRINTME.COM	PO 5333 Annual drinking water report	848.47	848.47
7007	415 - AQUA PRO TECH LABS	PO 5338 Water Dept. testing March 2015	13.00	13.00
7008	581 - J. CRONCE SEPTIC AND EXCAVATING	PO 5336 Emergency Water Main Repairs 3/16/1	14,917.50	14,917.50
7009	155 - MGL FORMS-SYSTEMS	PO 5332 W/S bills	395.25	395.25
7010	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 5335 Postage Machine Rental	29.00	29.00
7011	582 - TRAP ROCK INDUSTRIES LLC	PO 5348 Park Ave repair	312.48	312.48
	TOTAL			16,515.70
Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING				16,515.70

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County of Somerset

Resolution 2015-47

WHEREAS, Rocky Hill Borough has received Clean Communities Program Funds; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to be used for programs of litter pickup and removal; and

WHEREAS, Clean Communities Program Guidelines allow contributions up to \$500 per volunteer group for community cleanup days or other authorized cleanups; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Hill Community Group organized and participated in the Rocky Hill Earth Day community cleanup.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that \$500.00 of Clean Communities Program Funds be paid to the Rocky Hill Community Group for their service to clean up the community on Earth Day 2015.

Adopted: May 4, 2015

Attest:

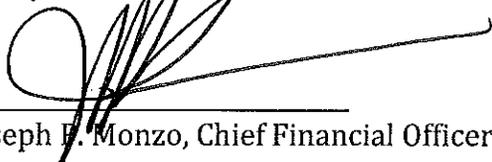


Rebecca P. Newman, RMC  
Borough Clerk



Jeff Donahue, 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: \_\_\_\_\_.



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 March 16, 2015.

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Rebecca P. Newman  
Borough Clerk

**2015-48**  
**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL**  
**SOMERSET COUNTY**  
**RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT RESOLUTION**

- WHEREAS,** The Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and
- WHEREAS,** It is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and
- WHEREAS,** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and
- WHEREAS,** The recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and
- WHEREAS,** A resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the **2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant** will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Rocky Hill Borough Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and
- WHEREAS,** Such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

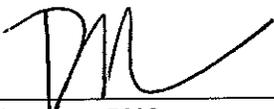
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill that the Borough hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates the County of Somerset to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Resolution offered by:

Resolution certified by:

Adopted: May 4, 2015



Rebecca Newman, RMC  
Borough Clerk



Jeff Donahue, Mayor

**ROCKY HILL BOROUGH  
SOMERSET COUNTY**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2015  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5 % unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill in the County of Somerset finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2015 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to 23,775 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, in the County of Somerset, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2015 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Rocky Hill shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$ 1,258,047 and that the CY 2015 municipal budget for the Borough of Rocky Hill be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Introduced: April 6, 2015

Adopted:

# *Proclamation*

## *Borough of Rocky Hill*

***WHEREAS,** The Borough of Rocky Hill, having made this Proclamation on behalf of Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva known as F.O.P. to hopefully one day display a Proclamation/Resolution book in Washington, D.C. on behalf and in support of the children/young adults in the state of New Jersey afflicted with F.O.P. and equally show concern for all other children afflicted with F.O.P.; and*

***WHEREAS,** Gary W. Whyte, of Mountainside, New Jersey, having just completed his 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Show Fund Raiser for F.O.P. in which monies raised go directly towards the purchase of research equipment. And Michele Charlesworth of Channel 7 Eyewitness News who attended the March fund raiser and spoke about it on her Sunday morning broadcast the next day; and*

***WHEREAS,** Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva is a rare genetic condition in which the body makes additional bone where bone should not form, such as within muscle, tendons, ligaments and other connective tissues. Symptoms of FOP include excruciating pain and distortion of the existing skeletal frame; and*

*WHEREAS, A gene has been identified after 15 years of hard research by the University of Pennsylvania, the only known research facility currently investigating a cure for this; and*

*WHEREAS, Discoveries made in the F.O.P. lab by scientists and researchers may aid in the treatment or cure for other genetic diseases such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and spinal cord injuries; and*

*WHEREAS, The symptoms of FOP usually begin in the first or second decade of life, with the majority of patients diagnosed by age 10, depriving children of normal development. One in every seven Americans suffers from musculoskeletal impairment causing physical disability and severe long-term pain. FOP affects approximately 2,500 people worldwide; and*

*WHEREAS, The Borough of Union Beach commends Gary W. Whyte and his wife and three sons for their dedication in making others aware of this affliction and for their work and support for the benefit of F.O.P. research;*

*THEREFORE, Honorable Jeff Donahue does hereby Proclaim to acknowledge and help enlighten the people of the United States with the book being sent to Washington, D.C. emphasizing the needed awareness of F.O.P.*

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND  
AND SEAL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF UNION BEACH,  
THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015**

  
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**JEFF DONAHUE  
MAYOR**