

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK MEETING HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
AT ONE EVERETT PLACE**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:05PM. FLAG SALUTE WAS HELD AND THE FOLLOWING OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT WAS READ:

This meeting is a Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford and is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was transmitted to the two newspapers listed below on January 2, 2019, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

*The Herald News*

*The Record*

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Stallone	<b>X</b>	
Ravettine	<b>X</b>	
Sorbera		<b>X</b>
Cronk	<b>X</b>	
Alvarez	<b>X</b>	
Lorusso	<b>X</b>	

Also present was Borough Clerk Danielle Lorenc and Attorney Gerald Salerno

Department Heads Present:

Paul DeRosa  
Chief Dennis Rivelli

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Engineer's Report – Glenn Beckmeyer

Reported on the following:

1. Submitted Application #3 from Smith Soudy for the 2017 Roadway Program in the amount of \$381,434.78  
Moved: Councilman Ravettine  
Second: Councilman Stallone  
Roll Call: All present voted aye
2. Submitted a requisition from ATT Sports for the Riggins Field Turf Project in the amount of \$282,002.00  
Moved: Councilman Ravettine  
Second: Councilman Cronk  
Roll Call: All present voted aye
3. A motion was made to have the CFO bill Carlstadt for their \$250,000 contribution for the Riggins Field Project  
Moved: Councilman Ravettine  
Second: Councilman Cronk  
Roll Call: All present voted aye
4. Explained Resolution #136 and that he will be applying to Community Development for unisex ADA bathroom upgrades at Borough Hall
5. The contractor is finishing up some line work on Carlton Avenue tomorrow. Hopefully the contractor will be able to mill and pave by the end of the month

### Board of Education/IT – Councilman Alvarez

The website has been transitioned over and it should be ready to go live soon. Training will take place on Thursday.

The computers and server were ordered. Install will take place before the end of the year.

No report for the Board of Education

### Civic Affairs/Personnel – Councilman Lorusso

No report for his committees

## DPW/Recycling/Building & Grounds/Vehicle Maintenance – Councilman Ravettine

Paul DeRosa discussed the following:

- Letters went out to residents in the “test” area for the recycling changes. The first week of the trail program went ok. He is going to do the recycling calendar in three month increments rather than the whole year due to the potential changes in recycling. Discussion was also held regarding the garbage pickup for rentals.

Councilman Ravettine asked Attorney Salerno look into any regulations or agreements regarding these pickups.

- Christmas decorations went up early this year due to the early date of the tree lighting

- The DPW gets a bad rap on social media especially around election time. Paul commended all the workers

- Next month will be the Mayor’s last meeting. The DPW and himself wanted to thank him for all his support over the years

- The contractor for the Herman Street Firehouse was thrown off the job however it still needs to be finished. It’s becoming an emergency. A motion was made to bring in someone else to get all the repairs made:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Cronk

Roll Call: All present voted aye

Councilman Ravettine asked the Chief and Deputy Chief if they have had a chance to look into the 911 services with the County. They stated it is moving along.

Councilman Ravettine asked Frank Recanati for an update on the construction project on Wall Street.

Councilman Ravettine asked Attorney Salerno to look into the jitney bus letter received by the Council.

In Councilman Sorbera’s absence, Councilman Ravettine read the monthly Building Department report in which 25 permits were issued and 111 inspections were performed. He then asked why the fire inspector does not submit a monthly report. Councilman Cronk said he will look into it.

Frank Recanati asked Attorney Salerno if there was an update on the Bickoff property. Attorney Salerno said no.

Councilman Ravettine asked Tony Bianchi to explain how the cap bank works.

#### Police/Court – Councilman Stallone

Submitted the following requisitions:

Gold Type	\$ 1,677.56
Tomahawk	\$23,498.00

Moved: Councilman Stallone  
Second: Councilman Cronk  
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Asked Chief Rivelli if there has been any issues at American Dream yet. He said there have not been any so far.

Stated there was no Senior Senior Dance this year. Questioned maybe moving it to their Christmas Party or perhaps in the spring. Councilman Cronk suggested maybe having Civic Pride take it over.

Requested an Executive Session for personnel.

#### Fire/Squad/Recreation – Councilman Cronk

There is rumor that the Jr Wildcat may merge with Wallington next year

Tree lighting will be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>

Submitted the following requisition:

State Line Fire & Safety	\$26,027.00
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Moved: Councilman Cronk  
Second: Councilman Stallone  
Roll Call: All present voted aye

#### Attorney's Report – Gerald Salerno

Apologized for the last minute documents for the agenda tonight

Received a letter from Chief Rivelli regarding handicapped parking. After discussion, he will look into updates to the borough's current ordinance which is outdated.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 7:23PM:

Moved: Councilman Cronk

Second: Councilman Stallone

Roll Call: All present voted aye



Danielle Lorenc, RMC