

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
WORK MEETING HELD ON  
JULY 19, 2016**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 5:38PM. 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 three newspapers listed below on January 4, 2016, 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*

*The Bergenite*

**ROLL CALL:**

Councilmember	Present	Absent
Brizzi	X	
Homaychak	X	
Lahullier	X	
Perry		X
Stallone	X	
Ravettine	X	

Also present were Borough Clerk Danielle Lorenc, Attorney Richard Allen and Engineer Glenn Beckmeyer

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Mayor Cassella stated that the hearing on the budget amendment was scheduled for 5:30PM. He asked for a motion to open the citizen's hearing on the amendment:

Moved: Councilman Lahullier  
Second: Councilman Ravettine  
Roll Call: All Ayes

Mayor Cassella asked if any citizen wished to be heard on the 2016 budget amendment. No one from the public wished to be heard.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to close the citizen's hearing on the budget amendment:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine  
Second: Councilman Lahullier  
Roll Call: All Ayes

Mayor Cassella asked if there were any questions from the Council for the CFO, Anthony Bianchi, regarding the budget or the amendment. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Cassella stated that the budget will be up for adoption during the regular meeting.

A discussion was held regarding sewer issues with the Sterling project and Resolution #80-2016 that was approved in May. Engineer Beckmeyer as well as the project manager discussed the different scenarios. There were three options:

Option 1 – Sterling would install two sewer lines, one on either side of the building

Option 2 – Sterling would replace the main on Oak Street and the current homes/business would connect into the line as well as the Sterling building

Option 3 – Sterling would install one line inside the property line that goes from 8 inch to 10 inch and the homes/business would connect into it rather than the Oak Street line however it is unknown if the slopes to the laterals would be able to connect. In that case the homes/business would have to still use the old line.

Mayor Cassella recommended videoing the current Oak Street line to see if the laterals will go in. He recommends approving either option #2 or #3. He would like to do away with the Oak Street line and see it capped because it currently is in need of repair.

Attorney Allen stated that resolution #80-2016 from May would have to be rescinded and the Council would have to agree to relocate the sewer easement to either remove or relocate it to be parallel to Oak Street. A discussion was held on possible environmental issues on the property. A discussion was also held that there would have to be an agreement which provides for cost sharing of unknown costs.

Bob Roth entered the meeting and stated that the current Oak Street line is in disrepair however it could be lined and last another few years. He is also unsure if the laterals of the homes/business would be able to connect to a new line within the Sterling property. The environmental conditions underground are also unknown.

Mayor Cassella recommends that a motion be made to rescind resolution #80-2016:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi

Second: Councilman Homyachak

Roll Call: All present voted aye

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to move forward with the recommendations discussed tonight which include videoing the current Oak Street line to see if the laterals will go in. He recommends approving either option #2 or #3. He would like to do away with the Oak Street line and see it capped because it currently is in need of repair:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi

Second: Councilman Homyachak

Roll Call: Ayes – Brizzi, Homyachak

No – Lahullier, Ravettine, Stallone

Absent – Perry

Councilman Stallone asked what the cost would be to repair the Oak Street line if the environmental issues were caused by the town.

Councilman Ravettine feels we should go back to the original plan.

Councilman Homyachak discussed potential options which included splitting the environmental costs.

No further action or discussion was taken.

Mayor Cassella stated that the June 21<sup>st</sup> correspondence from NJ Transit would be put on hold due to the traffic office doing a review of the bus stops.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION – COUNCILMAN STALLONE

Councilman Stallone submitted the following requisitions for approval:

LaGuardia Assoc.	\$17,250.00
NJ Jackels	\$ 1,050.00
John Zoller	\$ 1,726.56
Football/Cheering	\$ 4,500.00

Moved: Councilman Stallone

Second: Councilman Lahullier

Roll Call: All Ayes

### COURT – COUNCILMAN RAVETTINE

Councilman Ravettine discussed the following:

The property in the rear of Star Glo near Chadwick Street appears to be selling or holding used cars on the property. Councilman Brizzi stated that the building department is aware of the situation and is fining them. Councilman Ravettine requested a report from Frank Recanati on the status.

Questioned by the residents would not be mailed a letter regarding the Planning Board hearing on 10 Morton Street. Attorney Allen explained the status.

Questioned the Meadowlands holding a raffle without a license at the Racetrack. The Clerk will make the LGCCC aware of the situation.

### FIRE DEPT/SQUAD – COUNCILMAN LAHULLIER

No report for work meeting

### ATTORNEY’S REPORT – RICHARD ALLEN

Requested an Executive Session for litigation

### POLICE/RECYCLING/B&G/CIVIC AFFAIRS – COUNCILMAN BRIZZI

Requested an Executive Session for personnel and property acquisition

### FINANCE/DPW/TECHNOLOGY/BD OF ED – COUNCILMAN HOMAYCHAK

No report for work meeting

ENGINEER'S REPORT – GLENN BECKMEYER
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Engineer Beckmeyer stated that he reviewed the quotes for the HVAC maintenance contract. He had to have all of the companies rebid so they were all bidding on the same items. One company, Air Control, did not respond to his request for another quote. ECC appears to be the lowest quote in the amount of \$7,767.27 however the borough would have to pay extra for belts/filters. The next lowest quote was over \$11,000 which includes belts/filters; however he does not believe the borough would require that many to make up the difference in price between the two. In his opinion he would recommend awarding the 1 year contract to ECC of Wallington in the amount of \$7,767.27 plus \$99.70 per hour labor rate. If paid in full there will be a 5% discount:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi

Second: Councilman Lahullier

Roll Call: Ayes – Brizzi, Lahullier, Homaychak, Stallone

Abstain – Ravettine

Absent – Perry

Engineer Beckmeyer discussed the drainage ditch situation in the area of BJ's and DuBois Street. He came across old letters from the NJ Meadowlands Commission regarding this area. He will send copies of them to Attorney Allen for review.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the work meeting at 7:10PM:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi

Second: Councilman Stallone

Roll Call: All Ayes



Danielle Lorenc, RMC