

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK MEETING HELD ON  
APRIL 16, 2019  
AT ONE EVERETT PLACE**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:00PM. 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:**

Councilmember	Present	Absent
Stallone		X
Ravettine	X	
Sorbera	X	
Cronk	X	
Alvarez	X	
Lorusso	X	

Also present was Borough Clerk Danielle Lorenc and Attorney Gerald Salerno

Department Heads Present:

Chief Dennis Rivelli  
Tony Bianchi  
Frank Recanati  
Paul DeRosa  
Dave Alberta  
John Hansen

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Mayor Cassella submitted an amended letter from the Knights of Columbus to change the dates of their fund raising drive to May 10, 2019 and May 11, 2019 from 9am to 6pm:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Lorusso

Roll Call: All present voted aye

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Board of Education/IT – Councilman Alvarez

Server at the Building Department is being upgraded

The contract for the new website will be executed tonight

Working on the computer upgrades for borough hall

There appears to be a better line of communication with the Board of Education

Mayor Cassella questioned the new company for the website. He said that we paid the current vendor for the full year in March until 2020 and we only have \$5,000 in the budget this year for those services. If we pass this resolution tonight for a new company then we will need another \$10,000 that is not appropriated. Councilman Alvarez explained that the installments will be paid over 3 years so it will actually be cheaper per year. Also the site will not go live for another few months so there will be very minimal overlap.

#### Civic Affairs/Personnel – Councilman Lorusso

Thanked the Recreation and PTA for the Egg Hunt. It was a great event

SEPAAC had a successful first meeting. The next meeting will be April 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### DPW/Recycling/B&G/Vehicle Maintenance – Councilman Ravettine

Asked to table Resolution #69-2018 until we have a signed contract for the traffic light

The Board of Education and DPW have been working great together

In Engineer Beckmeyer's absence he discussed the turf at Riggin Field. He wants to start working on the bid – there is a co-op for the turf in which we could go out to bid for the labor only or we can choose to bid on both labor/turf together. He wanted to know if the Council has a preference. A motion was made to authorize Engineer Beckmeyer to do one or the other or both because we need to get started as soon as possible:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine  
Second: Councilman Sorbera  
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Submitted the following requisitions for approval:

VanDine Motors	\$ 5,649.54
Beyer Ford	\$30,686.00
Cliffside Body	\$24,140.00

Moved: Councilman Ravettine  
Second: Councilman Sorbera  
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Paul DeRosa stated that he will begin working on the Humboldt Street Park improvements so we can start using the grant money. He will put the basics like trees and benches but asked the Council their thoughts on a name. He also asked what the Civic Center could be used for.

Frank Recanati stated that there has been growth in the Building Department – so far \$62,000 was taken in for the month. He also met with Suez regarding the replacement of the lead lines. They want to meet with the borough to tag along on the streets due for repaving so the line replacements could be done at the same time.

#### Finance/Building Dept – Councilman Sorbera

There has been a lot of activity this month in the Building Department

Requested approval of the two March 12<sup>th</sup> letters from McNerney & Associates to prepare the appraisal reports – (1)BL 105.01 Lot 10, C000E in the amount of \$6,500 (2)BL 105.01 Lot 10, C000B in the amount of \$2,500:

Moved: Councilman Sorbera  
Second: Councilman Ravettine  
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Discussion of the sewer charges for American Dream. Mayor Cassella explained the process and how everything will be billed.

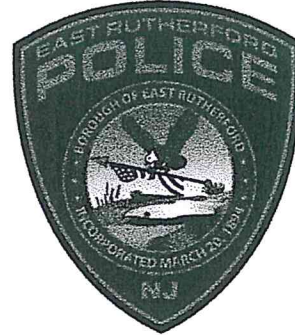
Read the following monthly police report in Councilman Stallone's absence:

## East Rutherford Police Department

# Memo

**To:** Councilman Saverio Stallone ~ Commissioner of Police  
**From:** Chief Dennis M. Rivelli #115  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 4/15/2019  
**Re:** Monthly Report for March 2019

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### Total Charges: 22

- 1 Burglary
- 2 Simple Assault
- 2 Criminal Mischief
- 2 Receiving Stolen Property
- 1 Theft ~ Shoplifting
- 3 Controlled Dangerous Substance Arrests
- 1 Removal of VIN from Vehicle
- 1 Hindering Apprehension
- 1 Obstruction Justice
- 5 Active Arrest Warrant
- 3 Driving While Intoxicated

### Juvenile Charges:

None to report.




**Completed / Ongoing Investigations:**

- 80 Motor Vehicle Accident Reports
- 26 Fire Emergencies
- 69 Medical Emergencies
- 1,327 Total Calls for Service
- On 4/10/2019 at approximately 09:29 hrs. Dispatch received a Medical Assistance call for a woman in labor on Hackensack Street. ERPD officers, East Rutherford EMS and Hackensack University Medical Center Paramedics were dispatched.

Upon arrival officers and EMS were directed to the bedroom to a woman in active labor. Lt. William Hopkins, Sgt. Felice Ragozzino, PO David DeRosa, PO John DeCamp and Special Officer II Michael Bury along with EREMS Personnel William Swiston, Robert Swiston and Alexis Harden were able to assist in the delivery of a baby girl. Mother and baby were doing well and transported to the hospital by EREMS with HUMC Paramedics on board.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief D. M. Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the word "Chief" written in a smaller, more upright script than the name "D. M. Bell".

Tony Bianchi stated that the budget will be introduced tonight. Councilman Sorbera stated that he would like to sit down with all the department heads to go over their spending reports.

The Emergency Operations Plan was approved by the County.

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

John Hansen stated that the Easter event went over well as well as the Little League and Softball Opening Days. Summer Recreation has more events planned than ever. He would also like to be kept informed of the status of the turf.

Submitted a request from Carlstadt/ER Wildcats Track Team to host a track meet at Riggin Field on April 28 from 9-5 as well as the use of Specials for the event:

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

St Joe's Church is requesting use of St Joseph's Park on 5 Sundays before and after Easter:

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

Dave Alberta stated that the house fire on Vreeland Avenue was contained. The parade planning is moving along.

Submitted a request to purchase a sponsorship in the ad book in the amount of \$1,000:

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

Thanked everyone for their work during the bench dedication on Sunday.

Mayor Cassella read the following report in Engineer Beckmeyer's absence:

#### **10 Morton Street Green Acres Grant**

The Green Acres application for 10 Morton Street has been submitted and has been accepted.

#### **Carlton Avenue Reconstruction Project**

Approval is required for Payment Requisition #5 to Smith-Sondy Asphalt Construction Co. in the Amount of \$333,342.66. All items have been checked and the cost is within the Project Contract amount. 2% Retainage has also been withheld.

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

**Senior Center/Community Center ADA Improvements**

Approval is required for Payment Requisition #1 to Alimi Builders Inc. in the Amount of \$74,480.00. All items have been checked and the cost is within the Project Contract amount. 2% Retainage has also been withheld. This is a BCCD Grant and this is required to be submitted ASAP.

Moved: Councilman Ravettine  
Second: Councilman Sorbera  
Roll Call: All present voted aye

**Attorney's Report – Gerald Salerno**

Regarding the American Dream tax appeal, the outcome will not affect the payments that the borough received

Requested an Executive Session for legal matters

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:10PM:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the “Open Public Meetings Act” requires that a public body adopt a resolution at an open meeting before going into Closed Session to discuss a matter which excludes the public as permitted under Section 7b;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council will hold a closed meeting at 7:10p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 in Borough Hall to discuss the following matters:

1. Legal Matters

**WHEREAS**, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of East Rutherford that the public be excluded from this portion of the meeting.

Moved: Councilman Alvarez  
Second: Councilman Sorbera  
Roll Call: All present voted aye

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to close the Executive Session at 7:45PM and reopen the Work Meeting:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Sorbera

Roll Call: All present voted aye

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to close to adjourn the Work Meeting at 7:45PM:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Sorbera

Roll Call: All present voted aye



Danielle Lorenc, RMC