

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 19, 2019
AT ONE EVERETT PLACE**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:03PM. 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Engineer's Report – Glenn Beckmeyer

Reported on the following:

1. Submitted Resolution #62 for the application to Green Acres

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION #62 - 2019

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Rutherford desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$1,750,000.00, in the form of a \$875,000.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$875,000.00 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): *10 Morton Street Land Acquisition* at a cost of \$3,500,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body resolves that Mayor James L. Cassella or the successor to the Office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of East Rutherford:

1. That the Mayor of the above named body is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as *10 Morton Street Land Acquisition*;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$875,000.00;
3. That, in the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Sorbera

Roll Call: All present voted aye

2. Neglia Engineering has completed the design for the sanitary sewer extension on Railroad Avenue to the DPW. He asked for a motion to authorize Mayor Cassella to sign the TWA Application:

Moved: Councilman Stallone

Second: Councilman Sorbera

Roll Call: All present voted aye

3. Working with Attorney Salerno regarding the soil moving ordinance
4. The owner of the project at Oak/Central put up a bond for \$492,000 however they are asking for a bond reduction to \$355,917.13. He is comfortable with this based on the work that was complete and asked for approval from the Council to reduce:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Sorbera

Roll Call: All present voted aye

5. Continuing to work with Bergen County Mosquito Control on the drainage ditch cleanup
6. Working with the DPW on updating the storm water plan
7. Carlton Avenue road project has started up again
8. The Civic Center ADA project should be starting on Monday
9. Met with Suez regarding the lead pipe issues. He informed them of the Carlton Avenue road project in case anything needs to be replaced in that area prior to paving

Finance – Councilman Sorbera/Anthony Bianchi

The draft budget has been prepared and should be ready for introduction in April. Everyone will need to watch their spending

Police – Councilman Stallone/Chief Rivelli

Chief Rivelli is looking to purchase cameras for the vehicles

Fire – Councilman Cronk/Chief Alberta

Engine 2 has been temporarily relocated due to the roadwork on Carlton Avenue

DPW – Councilman Ravettine/Paul DeRosa

More clay will need to be ordered this year for the fields

Building Dept. – Councilman Sorbera/Frank Recanati

The Oak Street project is moving along as well as the Paterson Avenue project

Recreation – Councilman Cronk/John Hansen

April is a busy month with the opening day for softball and baseball as well as Easter

PW&UC – Councilman Ravettine

No report

IT – Councilman Alvarez

Working on upgrading all the computers this year as well as the redesign of the borough's website. Also working on getting quotes to pay taxes/sewer online

Civic Affairs – Councilman Lorusso

ERCPA and PTA will be helping out with the Easter celebration this year

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:46PM:

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 6:46PM on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 117 Stanley Street to discuss the following matters:

1. Potential Litigation
2. Affordable Housing

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 Sorbera
Second: Councilman Stallone
Roll Call: All present voted aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:36PM and to reopen the Work Meeting:


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

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Danielle Lorenc, RMC