

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK MEETING HELD ON
AUGUST 20, 2019
AT ONE EVERETT PLACE**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:08PM. 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:

Paul DeRosa
Dave Alberta
Anthony Bianchi
Frank Recanati
John Hansen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education/IT – Councilman Alvarez

Received an email from the Local Board of Education thanking the Governing Body and the Departments for all the cooperation throughout the year.

Reached out to the various departments for their information to be put on the new website

Civic Affairs/Personnel – Councilman Lorusso

Thanked the DPW, John Hansen, Police Department and Maureen Kochinski for all their help with the concerts.

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

Discussed the following with Frank Recanati:

- Saw on the list of bills a membership payment of \$100 – shouldn't this be split between the three towns – he said that each year a different town pays for it
- Why are we paying for a new pair of shoes – Frank explained that he normally would not however there was a situation where he got covered in mud then had to do an interior inspection
- Questioned how a homeowner on Grove Street was able to install a new driveway in such a small area taking street parking away – Frank stated that it was approved by the Zoning Officer. Discussion was held on reviewing the ordinance for possible changes
- Questioned the inspections at the U-Haul property – discussion was held on the removal of the wall. Engineer Beckmeyer still has not signed off on the plans yet

Asked Deputy Chief Taormina to look into parking issues in front of Rockafellas

Paul DeRosa said that people are cutting through the police department parking lot to get to the shopping center. After discussion it does not appear that the area can be fenced off

Councilman Stallone asked Paul DeRosa to check for stop signs that may be blocked by tree branches.

Engineer's Report – Glenn Beckmeyer

Discussed the following:

The Oak/Central Developer is requesting another reduction of their bond in the amount of \$129,583.64. Councilman Ravettine discussed some concerns he has with the reduction due to PSE&G also doing work in the area. He asked if we have to give the whole amount requested.

After discussion they would only like to give a \$65,000 reduction. A resolution will be prepared for September.

The storm sewer installation on Carlton Avenue will continue this week. The contractor is looking to mill and pave from Locust to Spring Street before school starts.

Under the 2017 Road Program – while installing the sewers, an old oil tank was discovered in the road. This became emergency work. The tank was removed and now he needs the LSRP to give him notice to continue the work.

Finance/Building Dept. – Councilman Sorbera

The spending report was distributed for review

County taxes went up 42% from last year which was unexpected – he would like to set up a meeting with the Mayor, CFO and Assessor to discuss

Read the monthly Construction Office report in which 29 permits were issued for the month

Questioned if the situation with the bollards at Elia for the outdoor seating has been resolved yet. Both Engineer Beckmeyer and Frank Recanati said no

Asked Engineer Beckmeyer for an update on the Riggins Field reconstruction. He is hoping for a September 8th completion date.

Explained the reason for Resolution #110 to the Council

Police/Court – Councilman Stallone

Submitted the following requisitions for approval:

Office Business Systems	\$26,330.00
Certified Speedometer	\$ 4,544.20
Beyer Sales	\$ 1,705.50

Moved: Councilman Stallone

Second: Councilman Sorbera

Roll Call: All present voted aye

Fire/Squad/Recreation – Councilman Cronk

Read a letter from the Police Department thanking Maureen Kochinski for setting up the recreation first responder day. It was a great event.

John Hansen stated that the attendance at Recreation was somewhat down this year however it was a great season. There were a lot of activities. He also announced that soccer opening day is on September 7th.

Congratulated the Fire Department on winning the softball championship.

Requested an Executive Session for personnel

Attorney's Report – Gerald Salerno

No report for work meeting

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 7:25PM:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Sorbera

Roll Call: All present voted aye



Danielle Lorenc, RMC