

**MINUTES OF THE EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORK MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 20, 2015**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNCILMAN JEFF LAHULLIER AT 5:40PM. 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 5, 2015, 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

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ROLL CALL:

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

*Mayor Cassella and Councilman Perry entered the meeting at 5:50PM

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

Councilman Lahullier asked Rick Arango of Remington, Vernick & Arango for this monthly report. Mr. Arango reported on the following:

1. The Carlton Avenue Firehouse generator was set yesterday. The contractor is requesting an extension on the project until December 1st. Councilman Ravettine asked if there was a good reason for the extension. Mr. Arango stated that they have been working quickly but it's just a level of comfort for them because the generator was just set yesterday. Councilman Lahullier asked if he has been happy with their performance so far and Mr. Arango said yes. Councilman Lahullier made a motion to grant the extension until December 1, 2015 and to also approve a change order for a PSE&G upgrade that was needed for the project in the amount of \$986.00:

Moved: Councilman Homaychak

Second: Councilman Stallone

Roll Call: All Ayes

2. Mr. Arango stated that they are having issues getting permission to do testing on the Northfork Southern property. The railroad is requesting an access agreement. Councilman Lahullier stated that the railroad is also asking for a signed purchase agreement so he has reached out to Senator Sarlo because right now the project is at a standstill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION – COUNCILMAN STALLONE

Councilman Stallone submitted the following purchase order for approval:

Party Box	\$137.44
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Moved: Councilman Stallone

Second: Councilman Brizzi

Roll Call: All Ayes

Councilman Stallone requested an Executive Session for personnel.

COURT – COUNCILMAN RAVETTINE

No report for Work Session

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – RICHARD ALLEN

Attorney Allen requested an Executive Session to discuss affordable housing, DuBois Street flooding, Fine Wall contract, Liberty Commons, PBA and the Redevelopment Plan.

POLICE/BLDG DEPT/RECYCLING/CIVIC – COUNCILMAN BRIZZI

Councilman Brizzi submitted the following purchase order for approval:

Pinnacle Wireless	\$665.00
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Moved: Councilman Brizzi

Second: Councilman Homaychak

Roll Call: All Ayes

Councilman Brizzi requested an Executive Session for contract negotiations.

Councilman Brizzi discussed the repair of the front steps. He asked if the steps should be replaced now or wait until the spring. The cost will be approximately \$6,000. Engineer Beckmeyer suggesting waiting until after the winter.

Mayor Cassella and Councilman Perry entered the meeting at 5:50PM.

FINANCE/DPW/TECHNOLOGY/BD OF ED – COUNCILMAN HOMAYCHAK
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Councilman Homaychak submitted a proposal from Office Business Systems to upgrade the microphone system in the Council Chambers at a cost of \$3,147.00:

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

Councilman Homaychak submitted a change order to add more jacks at 312 Grove Street at a cost of \$500.00:

Moved: Councilman Homaychak
Second: Councilman Brizzi
Roll Call: All Ayes

Councilman Homaychak requested an Executive Session for personnel.

Councilman Homaychak and Paul DeRosa discussed a proposal to upgrade the garbage trucks to an automated system, which could reduce staffing by one man per truck. Paul DeRosa asked the Council if he should pursue this a possibly offer a PILOT program on certain streets.

Councilman Brizzi submitted the name of Robin Doyle to serve as a substitute crossing guard:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Stallone
Roll Call: All Ayes

BUILDING & GROUNDS/VEHICLE MAINT – COUNCILMAN PERRY

No Report

FIRE DEPT/EMERGENCY SQUAD – COUNCILMAN LAHULLIER
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Councilman Lahullier stated that he is looking to an outstanding voucher that was sent to Carlstadt for their portion of the batting cages.

Councilman Lahullier questioned whether or not Steve Nagin should be cleaning the VFW room at borough hall. It was decided that he will do light cleaning such as the garbage, vacuuming and cleaning of the bathroom. He also stated that there is an

addition to the borough's Comcast bill due to the installation of cable in the room. It was decided that if they have a basic cable package then the borough will cover the full cost however if they have any type of premium package that the difference between the basic package and the premium package will be deducted from their snow removal check. Councilman Lahullier made a motion on both of these items:

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

Mayor Cassella stated that a proposal was received from Davis Carburetor to replace the existing generator at 312 Grove Street. The generator (Cummins/Onan) is used however it is in perfect condition and has less than 300 hours on it. The generator is a 6.8 litre V10 as opposed to the old 4.9 litre. For a cost of \$10,000 they will remove the old generator, redo the concrete, set the generator and rewire it to the existing transfer switch. Councilman Ravettine feels that a new generator should be purchase since it is our communication hub and also that we should not just give away the old generator because it could be sold at auction. Mayor Cassella asked for a motion on the proposal from Davis Carburetor in the amount of \$10,000:

Moved: Councilman Homyachak
Second: Councilman Perry
Roll Call: All Ayes

Mayor Cassella submitted a proposal in the amount of \$21,000 from Montana Construction for the milling and paving of Chadwick Street. Engineer Beckmeyer explained that he met with them regarding the drainage and they gave him three options to try. He recommends option #1 in the amount of \$21,000 because there is no guarantee that any of the options will actually help with the drainage:

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

Mayor Cassella stated that Bill Skeahan's retirement from the borough was effective September 1, 2015. He will remain on the borough's health insurance until age 65. He stated that Bill had 51 unused days and asked for a motion to pay him for those days:

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

Mayor Cassella submitted a letter of retirement from Mike Diasio effective January 1, 2016. He is requesting to be paid for his terminal leave of 120 days in one lump sum in January of 2016. He would also like to continue to receive his medical, prescription, dental and eyeglass coverage until age 65:

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT – GLENN BECKMEYER

Engineer Beckmeyer submitted Application #6 from Sanzari in the amount of \$6,090.70 for the Riggan Field Improvements:

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

Engineer Beckmeyer stated that PSE&G has repaved all the streets under the Energy Strong program except Locust. He also has submitted the application for the 2016 Road Program.

Engineer Beckmeyer stated that the DPW exhaust system project is coming along.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for personnel, contract negotiations, litigation at 6:37PM:

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 6:37 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in Borough Hall to discuss the following matters:

1. Personnel
2. Litigation
3. Contract Negotiations

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 Stallone
Second: Councilman Lahullier
Roll Call: All Ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reopen the public meeting at 7:15PM:

Moved: Councilman Stallone
Second: Councilman Perry
Roll Call: All Ayes

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the work meeting at 7:15PM:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Perry
Roll Call: All Ayes



Danielle Lorenc, RMC