

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD

MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SHOP MEETING Tuesday, January 19, 2016

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 5:42PM. 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 State 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

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ROLL CALL:

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

ATTENDING:

Richard Allen – Council Attorney
Glenn Beckmeyer – Borough Engineer

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER:

William Zito was sworn in as a new police officer for the Borough. The oath was read by Mayor Cassella followed by the presentation of a police badge by Councilman Brizzi.

REQUEST FOR REGGIN FIELD USE:

Mayor Cassella discussed the written request submitted by principal, Regina Barrale, of Alfred S. Faust Intermediate School, requesting the use of the Riggan Field for Faust School Field Days set forth for the following days:

June 1, 2016 – for grades 5 & 6	-	Rain Date: June 6, 2016
June 2, 2016 – for grades 7 & 8	-	Rain Date: June 7, 2016

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

APPROVAL OF DONATIONS TO THE BECTON HIGH SCHOOL:

The Mayor and Council agreed to donate funds to the following three (3) organizations at the Becton Regional High School. Councilman Stallone motioned to approve the donations for the same amount as last year, which was second by Councilman Perry.

- Becton Regional Project Graduation,
- Becton Regional High School Theatre Arts Club and the
- Becton High School Yearbook

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

Mayor Cassella stated that the Salary Ordinance for the Police Department will be introduced at the regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE – COUNCILMAN PERRY

According to Councilman Perry, there is nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE/DPW/TECHNOLOGY/BOARD OF ED. – COUNCILMAN HOMAYCHAK

Councilman Homaychak announced that the new president of the Board of Education is Paul Weiss and the new Vice President is Rich Martin.

He further announced that the President for the Becton Board of Education is Ray Muszynski of Carlstadt and Tina Cavallo of East Rutherford as Vice President.

Councilman Homaychak read the monthly recycling report.

Executive Session was requested by Councilman Homaychak.

POLICE /BUILDING DEPT./RECYCLING/CIVIC – COUNCILMAN BRIZZI

Councilman Brizzi requested approval of a requisition to be charged under Buildings and Grounds to Wallington Plumbing for heater material for the borough garage in the cost of \$1,272.93.

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

Mayor Cassella read a request made by the Borough's Mechanic, Michael Alberta, to obtain permission to have a temporary assistant to aid him for one week, at the pay rate of \$100.00 per day. Councilman Lahullier agrees to vote on this request, under the condition the council approves the installation of sensors in the police vehicles. A motion to approve such request was moved by Councilman Lahullier and second by Councilman Stallone.

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

FIRE DEPT./SQUAD – COUNCILMAN LAHULLIER

Councilman Lahullier submitted the following fire inspectors for reappointment for 2016:

- Colin Swift Jr
- Steven Lahullier and
- Walter Stankiewicz

Bill Skeahan who was listed for reappointed was removed due to his retirement.

Moved: Councilman Brizzi

Second: Councilman Stallone

Roll Call: All Ayes

Councilman Lahullier abstained only on Steven Lahullier

COURT – COUNCILMAN RAVETTINE

According to Councilman Ravettine, there is nothing to report at this time.

RECREATION – COUNCILMAN STALLONE

Councilman Stallone submitted a few requisitions for approval:

- \$1,500.00 to George Cronk for the 2016 Roller Hockey; and
- \$5,000.00 to the Dance Theater Work Shop

Moved: Councilman Stallone

Seconded: Councilman Ravettine

Roll Call: All Ayes

Councilman Stallone requested Executive Session for personnel matter.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – GLENN BECKMEYER

Engineer Beckmeyer submitted a request to have Bergen County Mosquito Commission take a look at the drainage ditch along the railroad tracks behind BJ's and Rt. 17. He will follow up with the commission next week.

Engineer Beckmeyer submitted a revised letter to the county requesting additional funding to drop the roads on Carlton Avenue by 6 inches in certain areas to help with the curbing. The

county's committee is committed to providing additional funding towards the roadway project. According to Mr. Beckmeyer, parts of Carlton Avenue will be repaved.

Mr. Beckmeyer also requested approval for payment to the following bills as it pertains to the DPW Exhaust Ventilation System:

Name of Company: Envirocon, LLC	Amount \$15, 361.50	Re: Application 5
Name of Company: Enviorcon, LLC	Amount \$26,600.63	Re: Application 6

Moved: Councilman Homaychak
Seconded: Councilman Perry
Roll Call: All Ayes

Mayor Cassella invited, Bob Roth, of Public Works and Utilities Commission to discuss matters before the Council concerning replacing the damaged sewer line that runs from Paterson Avenue to Oak Street and Central Avenue.

Bob Roth further stated that sewer lining is needed for River Street from Brook Terrace towards Carlton Avenue, to the first manhole. The following vendors submitted proposals to cure in place sewer lining for River Street:

National Water Main	Quote: Approximately \$20,000 [actual quote - \$ 18,600.00]
Montana Construction	Quote: \$ 32, 840.64

The mayor requested the cost of the project to have exceed \$20,000. It was agreed by the Mayor and Council to award the project to National Water Main.

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

Bob Roth discussed sewer manholes needing repairs on Manor Road and Murry Hill Parkway. Quotes to repair the holes were received from the following companies:

National Water Main	Quote: \$ 8,550.00
Montana Construction	Quote: \$ 9,500.00

According to Mr. Roth, there are approximately 30 manholes needing frame replacements. The Mayor requested specifications to be submitted by Neglia Engineering due to the cost of this project.

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – RICHARD ALLEN

Attorney Allen announced that the acquisition of 116 Uhland Street was completed. The next step is to have Remington and Vernick submit a quote for asbestos testing. Once complete, the demolition of the property may begin.

Attorney Allen requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:22 pm to discuss matters of litigation and personnel matters.

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

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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 in Borough Hall to discuss the following matter(s):

1. Personnel and litigation

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 Brizzi

Roll Call: All Ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reopen the public meeting.

Moved: Councilman Brizzi

Second: Councilman Homaychak

Roll Call: Ayes

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the work meeting at 7:30PM.

Moved: Councilman Perry

Second: Councilman Lahullier

Roll Call: Ayes