

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 15, 2019
AT 117 STANLEY STREET**

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:

Paul DeRosa
Dave Alberta
John Hansen
Chief Dennis Rivelli

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police/Court – Councilman Stallone

No report for Work Meeting

Finance/Building Dept. – Councilman Sorbera

The spending report was distributed for review – we are trending 1% lower than this time last year.

Read the monthly Construction Office report for September in which \$33,929 was taken in for the month.

The Building Department and Engineer Beckmeyer met with Suez regarding an upcoming project.

Board of Education/IT – Councilman Alvarez

The website has been transitioned over and it should be ready to go live soon.

Purchase orders have been cut for the computer upgrades

Mercury has been found in the gym floor at McKenzie School – the matter is being handled by the Board of Education

Civic Affairs/Personnel – Councilman Lorusso

Thanked the DPW, Police and all volunteers for their work with the Fall Festival.

The tax office will be open all day by November 1

Fire/Squad/Recreation – Councilman Cronk

Paul DeRosa met with the coaches and they have all signed off on the rules for the new turf
The soccer and baseball field turf will be installed soon.

John Hansen reported on the following:

- Halloween Party – October 27 from 4-6 at the Civic Center
- Tree Lighting – November 29 7PM at Borough Hall Park

Dave Alberta reported on the following:

- Fire Dept. looking into the false alarm ordinance
- Fire Dept. responded to 22 calls for the month and the Squad had 106 EMS call

Submitted the following requisitions for approval for the new ambulance and equipment:

VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists	\$264,040.00
Stryker	\$ 75,102.72

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

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

Councilman Ravettine questioned the building of the apartments along Paterson Avenue.

Paul DeRosa discussed the following:

- Letters went out to residents in the “test” area for the recycling changes

Engineer Beckmeyer discussed a waste water issue on Park Avenue. The issue may be coming from Rutherford. He is looking into the situation.

Councilman Stallone stated that a Special Meeting was held yesterday to get updates on the American Dream and problems that the borough could encounter.

Councilman Ravettine asked Chief Rivelli to look into another alternative for 911 services other than Paramus.

Councilman Sorbera knows that there has been some tax concerns recently. The Tax Assessor, Denis McGuire, explained the reason for the County increase.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:08PM:

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 7:08PM on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 117 Stanley Street to discuss the following matters:

1. Legal/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 Sorbera
Roll Call: All present voted aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reopen the public meeting at 7:51PM:

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

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 7:51PM:

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


Danielle Lorenc, RMC