

Borough of Rocky Hill

Council Minutes

December 15, 2003

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Messenger Gazette issue of December 12, 2002 in accordance with "The Open Public Meetings Act".

Roll Call:

Present

- Mr. Richard Batchelder
- Mr. Martin Engelbrecht
- Ms. Connie Hallman
- Ms. Peggy Harris
- Mr. George Morren
- Mr. Charles Pihokken

Minutes

The minutes of the December 1, 2003 meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all voted aye except Mr. Pihokken who abstained.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

State Police Report

Trooper Vona reported things have been quiet in the Borough this past month. Trooper Vona was asked by Councilmember Morren to check the receipt box at the front door of Borough Hall to see if it is O.K. as a drop box for violations issued by the Troopers. He said he would and report to Lt. Devlin his findings.

Transfers

Mr. Batchelder moved by RESOLUTION the following Transfers in the 2003 Municipal Budget, second by Mr. Morren. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

General Budget:

From Account #1129 Police Salary	\$1000.00
From Account #1136 Sanitation	\$1000.00
To Account #1124 Planning	\$2000.00
Water Sewer Utility	
From Other Expense 2003	\$9100.00
To Sewer Fee 2003	\$9100.00

Bill List

Mr. Pihokken presented the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS; BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the Bill List.

Mayor's Advisory Sub-committee Reports

Firehouse Options Sub-committee	Mr. Morren reported he met with the Fire Company building committee and the architect and after lot of discussion the architect told the members it would be less expensive to build a new building than to try to renovate and add on to the existing building. The idea of possibly demolishing the present building and building a new building on the same site. It was suggested someone check with the Planning Board concerning demolition of the present Firehouse.
Municipal Grants Sub-committee	No Report
Municipal Staff / Professionals Sub-committee	Ms. Hallman said work on the code should begin soon.
Traffic Calming / Public Safety	Ms. Harris asked about funds for the proposed speed humps on Montgomery & Princeton Avenues and was told it will have to budgeted in next years budget. The Mayor Mr. Morren and Ms. Harris will meet soon with South Bound Brook concerning future police coverage for our Borough.

Community Outreach & Communications	Mr. Batchelder said QScend is working on some upgrades for our Web Site.
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Special Business

Mr. Pihokken moved, second by Ms. Harris to approve the Recycling Agreement with Somerset County for the year 2004 and authorized the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign same. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Communications

They were discussed and ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

It was decided that the bill for tree work performed by Wells Tree Co. would be paid by the Borough at the next meeting if the homeowner responsible for the bill does not pay since the Borough asked Mr. Wells to do the work. The amount is \$300.00. The Board of Health contract with Montgomery Twp., for the year 2004, was approved subject to three minor corrections with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. Mr. Rankin will handle the corrections with Montgomery Twp. The contract is also subject to approval by the Rocky Hill Board of Health. Mayor Nolan said he is still working with some issues concerning the Court Administrator's Door. Mr. Morren was asked to have the Constable contact the homeowners with leaves in the street in front of their homes and ask them to remove same. Mayor Nolan said he received a letter from Mr. Collier concerning future leaf pick ups.

New Business

Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Mr. Morren to approve the bills from Hodulik & Morrison for the 2002 Borough Audit. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The bill will be paid before the end of 2003.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

Recess of Meeting

The meeting was recessed until January 5, 2004 at 7:00PM with a motion by Mr. Batchelder, second by Mr. Pihokken. On a voice vote all present voted aye. Meeting recessed at 8:13PM.

Mayor called to order to resume the Borough Council Meeting of December 15, 2004 at 7:00PM on January 5, 2004, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Country's Flag and a moment of silent meditation to remember the servicemen serving our Country.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Batchelder, Mr. Engelbrecht, Ms. Hallman, Ms. Harris, and Mr. Pihokken. Absent Mr. Morren.

Mr. Batchelder moved to give \$4000.00 to the Library Building Fund from the 2003 budget, second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. Mr. Batchelder moved by Resolution to cancel \$50,175.00 of surplus in the 2003 budget, second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #2 for the RESOLUTION. Mayor Nolan thanked Mr. Pihokken for over ten years of service to Rocky Hill and stated a suitable plaque will be presented to Mr. Pihokken at a later date. Mr. Pihokken said he enjoyed his years on Borough Council but is looking forward to some time off. Mayor Nolan stated the Health Contract with Montgomery Twp. is not ready to be adopted as the State of NJ has some issues. South Brunswick Twp. will continue to provide health services for the next few months.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM with a motion by Mr. Batchelder, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.
Borough Clerk

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