

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORK MEETING HELD ON
JUNE 21, 2016**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 5:30PM. 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 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

The Bergenite

ROLL CALL:

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

*Councilman Perry entered the meeting at 6:20PM

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

Rick Arango of Remington, Vernick and Arango reported that the asbestos abatement at 116 Uhland Street has been completed. The DPW will now work on the demolition of the building.

Mayor Cassella stated that the hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget was scheduled for 5:30PM. He asked for a motion to open the budget hearing:

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

Mayor Cassella asked if any citizen wished to be heard on the 2016 Municipal Budget. No response.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to close the hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget:

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

Mayor Cassella explained that the budget cannot be adopted tonight due to the fact that an amendment is needed. Anthony Bianchi, CFO, explained to the Council that the budget had to be amended because there was an error on the Annual Financial Statement. Mayor Cassella asked the Council if they had any questions.

Councilman Lahullier said the borough has been generating a decent surplus since 2013 but we are now using \$1.3. This helps the taxpayers but he asked Mr. Bianchi if he was comfortable with this. Mr. Bianchi said yes and it was approved by the Division. Mr. Bianchi said we will probably end the year with \$1million in surplus. Councilman Lahullier asked if any American Dream money was in the budget. Mr. Bianchi said no. Mayor Cassella asked if there were any more questions. No response. Mayor Cassella said the budget amendment would be voted on during the regular meeting.

Mayor Cassella asked everyone if they received the letter from the resident regarding the emergency squad. Councilman Lahullier stated that he would like to request an executive session to discuss this along with personnel.

Mayor Cassella submitted a request from the Becton Sideline Club to use the DPW for a fundraising car wash on August 20th:

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

Mayor Cassella submitted a request from a couple looking to hold a wedding ceremony only at the Sesselman Park gazebo on July 9th at 12PM:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION – COUNCILMAN STALLONE

Councilman Stallone submitted the following requisition for approval:

BSN Sports	\$2,573.47
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Moved: Councilman Stallone
Second: Councilman Ravettine
Roll Call: All Ayes

COURT – COUNCILMAN RAVETTINE

Councilman Ravettine stated that there is a sink hole starting in front of 33 Locust. Paul DeRosa stated that the county is handling this.

Councilman Ravettine stated that PSE&G never fixed the area between the curb and the sidewalk on Morton Street. Engineer Beckmeyer will contact them.

Councilman Ravettine questioned if the borough's lightening detection company was still in business.

Councilman Brizzi stated that he received the additional quote from the heating/air conditioning company as Councilman Ravettine requested. He asked that Engineer Beckmeyer review all the quotes to make sure they are comparable. It was said that a motion was made last month to award the quote to the lowest qualified bidder at a price not to exceed \$6,200.

Councilman Ravettine questioned the sale of hard alcohol on Sundays. Mayor Cassella said that it is up to the Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/SQUAD – COUNCILMAN LAHULLIER

Councilman Lahullier submitted the following requisitions for approval:

NJ Fire Equipment \$384,315.00

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

Eastern Communications \$334,229.20

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

Councilman Lahullier thanked Jr. Joseph, Bob Roth, Paul DeRosa and the DPW for their help with the emergency work on Oak Street.

Councilman Lahullier requested an Executive Session for personnel.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – GLENN BECKMEYER

Engineer Beckmeyer stated that the bid opening was held today for the 2015 Roadway Improvement project. It appears that the lowest responsible bidder was Smith Sody. He asked for the approval contingent that all documents are reviewed by Attorney Allen:

RESOLUTION #89 - 2016

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Rutherford solicited bids pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., for the “2015 Roadway Improvement Program” project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in the East Rutherford Borough Hall; and

WHEREAS, Beckmeyer Engineering is authorized to review, consider and recommend to the Governing Body the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Smith Sody, 150 Anderson Avenue, Wallington, NJ is the apparent lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Smith Sody is approved for a project amount of Two Million, Four Hundred Sixty Four Thousand and Four Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and Eighty Two Cents (\$2,464,453.82) which consists of the base bid and the contingency; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Smith Soudy is awarded the contract pursuant to the terms in the bid specifications and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract with Smith Soudy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be kept on file with the Borough Clerk and available for inspection.

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

Engineer Beckmeyer stated that he is in the design phase on the 2016 Roadway Program. Currently the streets he is working on are Cornelia, Jane, a portion of Railroad, Herman, Chadwick, Grant, McKenzie, Morton and York.

Councilman Perry entered the meeting at 6:20PM

Engineer Beckmeyer stated that he is still waiting for signatures from the County to confirm their payments for the Carlton Avenue Roadway project.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – RICHARD ALLEN

Attorney Allen requested an Executive Session.

POLICE/BLDG & GROUNDS/RECYCLING/CIVIC – COUNCILMAN BRIZZI

Councilman Brizzi submitted the following requisitions for approval:

ULE Group	\$ 697.19
Ventura Glass	\$ 500.00
Partac Peat	\$ 633.60
Bergen Door	\$1,710.00
Meadowlands Hardware	\$ 290.42
Rays Cleaning	\$2,975.00
Saddle River Tours	\$ 773.00
Franklin Machine Projects	\$2,560.83

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

Mayor Cassella thanked Paul DeRosa and Glenn Beckmeyer for getting the fountain up and running.

Councilman Stallone asked if trees could be planted on Stanley Street. Engineer Beckmeyer stated that they are in the works.

FINANCE/DPW/TECHNOLOGY/BD OF ED – COUNCILMAN HOMAYCHAK
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Councilman Homaychak stated that when the air was installed in the Council Chambers certain other areas of the building lost power. Universal Electric will be called in to look at the problem.

Councilman Homaychak asked Paul DeRosa to discuss the sweeper issue. Paul stated that the one sweeper needs a new motor at a cost of \$20,000 however the company is willing to purchase the sweeper from us for \$30,000. A new sweeper would cost approximately \$180,000. Attorney Allen explained that you cannot sell borough vehicles to someone privately. After discussion it was decided to put the item up for auction with a reserve price of \$30,000. The Clerk will prepare the paperwork.

Paul DeRosa told the Council that Willow Wood Square is refusing to supply their residents with a recycling area. Attorney Allen will look further into the matter.

Councilman Homaychak requested four summer workers for the DPW that are over the age of 18. They would work up until Labor Day at minimum wage. No names were available at this time.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:40PM:

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 6:40PM on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in Borough Hall to discuss the following matters:

1. Personnel
2. Litigation
3. 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 Brizzi
Second: Councilman Lahullier
Roll Call: All Ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reopen the work meeting at 7:30PM:

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

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 7:30PM:

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



Danielle Lorenc, RMC