

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORK MEETING HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 5:42PM. FLAG SALUTE WAS HELD AND MAYOR CASSELLA READ 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	

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MUNICIPAL COURT – COUNCILMAN RAVETTINE

No report for work meeting

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE – COUNCILMAN PERRY

No report for work meeting

FINANCE/DPW/TECHNOLOGY/BD OF ED – COUNCILMAN HOMAYCHAK

No report for work meeting

Mayor Cassella stated that money was put into one of the bond ordinances last year for the purchase of an electronic sign. The Clerk was in the process of obtaining quotes. Currently the best quote is from Daktronics at a price of \$25,575.00 for a full color two sided electronic sign with an additional cost of \$1,856 to have the borough name light up. He would like approval of a sign at a price not to exceed the quote above:

Moved: Councilman Perry
Second: Councilman Brizzi
Roll Call: All present vote aye

Mayor Cassella stated that the borough continues to have sewer issues on Oak Street – part of the issue is the line going through the Sterling property. Councilman Ravettine asked if the borough was still being sued by the developer. Attorney Allen said no – it is dismissed. Mayor Cassella stated that the bottom line is that the borough has to do the work regardless of the Sterling project. Relining the sewer may not work due to the increased flow from Shepard Terrace that would be picked up in the lined sewer. Instead it is being suggested that a new line be run in Oak Street from Paterson Avenue to Central Avenue. Engineer Beckmeyer viewed the area and it appears that there are only two houses and one building that hook up into Oak Street.

Mayor Cassella stated that it has been proposed to have Sterling do the line on Oak Street at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00 which includes the pipes and any environmental issues.

Councilman Brizzi made a motion to have the developer install a new line down Oak Street at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00 – contingent that Engineer Beckmeyer reviews the numbers to make sure \$200,000.00 is fair:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Homaychak
Roll Call: Ayes – Brizzi, Homaychak, Perry
No – Ravettine
Absent – Stallone, Lahullier

Attorney Allen stated that a sewer provision like this would normally go into the Developers Agreement. Mayor Cassella said to then include it in the agreement. Attorney Allen said the Council needs to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Developers Agreement. Mayor Cassella said he does not believe the Council will authorize the signing of the agreement since no one has it in front of them tonight.

A discussion was then held on the vacation of a paper street that also falls within the Sterling property. The following ordinance was submitted for a 1st reading and introduction:

ORDINANCE 2016-17
AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF MAPLE STREET
IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD

Moved: Councilman Homaychak
Second: Councilman Brizzi
Roll Call: All present voted aye
Councilman Ravettine voted aye however he wants additional information on the property before the 2nd reading is held. If it falls outside of the boundary lines of the property then he will have a hard time voting for it

POLICE/BLDG & GROUNDS/CIVIC – COUNCILMAN BRIZZI

Councilman Brizzi submitted the following requisitions for approval:

Davis Carburetor	\$2,150.00
Meadowlands Hardware	\$ 566.99
Lowe's	\$ 683.13
Environmental Climate	\$ 913.14
Chem Tech	\$ 661.00
Merchants Alarm	\$1,000.00
JM Frontin	\$ 687.70
JM Frontin	\$1,068.00

Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Homaychak
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Panorama

\$500.00

Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Homaychak
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Councilman Brizzi submitted the following resolution from the Meadowlands YMCA requesting approval to apply for a Bergen County Community Development grant:

**RESOLUTION #123 - 2016
TO CONFIRM ENDORSEMENT OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$15,000 has been proposed by the Meadowlands Area YMCA for supporting Senior Health and Wellness programs and Senior Disability Programs in the municipality of East Rutherford and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of East Rutherford and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of East Rutherford hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Homaychak
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Councilman Brizzi stated that Competition Cheering is requesting a \$2,500 donation. A motion was made to donate \$500 contingent that a donation has not already been given for this year:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Homaychak
Roll Call: All present voted aye

ENGINEER'S REPORT – GLENN BECKMEYER

Engineer Beckmeyer reported that the 2015 Road Project has started. They are currently working on Atkins Terrace.

Engineer Beckmeyer stated that the rails have been installed at the 2 Carlton Avenue Park.

Councilman Ravettine asked if all sewer lines are being televised prior to paving. Engineer Beckmeyer stated yes.

Councilman Ravettine questioned the cut out at the intersection of Franklin Place and Spring Street. Engineer Beckmeyer said there was a sink hole.

Councilman Ravettine also questioned the orange dots along Chadwick and Morton Streets.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – RICHARD ALLEN

Attorney Allen requested an Executive Session for litigation, tax appeals, Sports Authority, Fine Wall Mediation, Egypt Mission, Affordable Housing and contract Negotiations.

Attorney Allen stated that the Council received a letter regarding a request to waive the 24 hour restriction for a project on Union and Hackensack.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:35PM:

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 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 in Borough Hall to discuss the following matters:

1. Litigation
2. Tax Appeals
3. Sports Authority
4. Fine Wall Mediation
5. Egypt Mission
6. Affordable Housing
7. 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 Homaychak
Second: Councilman Brizzi
Roll Call: All present voted aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:19PM and reopen the Work Meeting:

Moved: Councilman Homaychak
Second: Councilman Brizzi
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 7:20PM:

Moved: Councilman Homaychak
Second: Councilman Brizzi
Roll Call: All present voted aye



Danielle Lorenc, RMC