

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORK MEETING HELD ON
DECEMBER 19, 2017
AT 117 STANLEY STREET**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:09PM. 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 3, 2017, 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
Lahullier	X	
Perry	X	
Stallone	X	
Ravettine	X	
Cronk	X	
Sorbera	X	

Also present were Borough Clerk Danielle Lorenc and Attorney Gerald Salerno

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Technology/Bldg Dept – Councilman Sorbera

Councilman Sorbera reported on the following:

1. The November spending report was distributed to the Council for review
2. The draft budget is currently being worked on. Please get any requests for changes to the CFO and himself as soon as possible.
3. An email was received from the project manager at Starbucks thanking the Building Department for all their efforts during their construction
4. There were some concerns with the draft contract for the online tax payments. We may have to use another provider if the company does not agree with the changes
5. Councilman Sorbera asked Attorney Salerno if a response was received from the Regional Board of Education regarding the agreement. Attorney Salerno said no – he reached out twice. Mayor Cassella suggests that a letter be sent to the BA, Superintendent and Board members.
6. Councilman Sorbera will work with Attorney Salerno to get a fee schedule ordinance in place for all zoning reviews
7. Requested an Executive Session for personnel

BLDG & GROUNDS/CIVIC AFFAIRS – COUNCILMAN PERRY

Councilman Perry thanked Paul DeRosa for a great job with the Christmas decorations.

DPW/RECYCLING/VEHICLE MAINTENANCE – COUNCILMAN RAVETTINE

Councilman Ravettine had some question regarding the liquor license transfer for Taos. His major question was that in 2005 Taos was approved with the parking lot however the current application does not mention the use of the parking lot. Attorney Salerno stated that he spoke to them and they are supposed to bring in a copy of the lease tonight showing their use of the lot.

Councilman Ravettine congratulated Rebeca Cruz on here win as a Board of Education member.

Attorney's Report – Gerald Salerno

Attorney Salerno reported on the following:

1. Requested an Executive Session for litigation
2. Working with Attorney Charles Sarlo regarding the sewer fees at the Racetrack. He has confirmed that they connection fees were paid however the flow charges have not been received. Bill Jones has been requested to go back and calculate the fees to charge them
3. One of the contractors at the American Dream has requested the borough's permission to have helicopters transport units onto the site. The Clerk has referred the request to the Building Department, Fire Department and Police Department
4. The Group @ Route 3 is looking for the release of a performance bond due to connection into the sewer system. He is working with Attorney Charles Sarlo on this matter

Fire Department/Squad/PW&UC – Councilman Lahullier

Councilman Lahullier submitted a requisition for the VFW annual winter maintenance in the amount of \$2,000.00:

Moved: Councilman Lahullier
Second: Councilman Stallone
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Recreation – Councilman Cronk

No report for work meeting

Police/Court – Councilman Stallone

Councilman Stallone stated that he has to leave early tonight so he will give his full report.

Councilman Stallone submitted the following requisitions for approval:

Silencer Co.	\$2,450.00 (paid through DEA funds)
Eagle Point Gun	\$13,695.60

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

Councilman Stallone read the following monthly police report:

Memo



To: Councilman Saverio Stallone ~ Commissioner of Police

From: Chief Dennis M. Rivelli #115

CC:

Date: 12/19/2017

Re: Monthly Report for November 2017

Total Charges: 13

- 4 Simple Assault
- 1 Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose
- 1 Theft / Shoplifting
- 1 Theft
- 3 Control Dangerous Substance Arrests
- 1 Endangering the Welfare of Children
- 1 Contempt of Court Order
- 1 Active Warrant

Juvenile Charges:

- 3 Borough Ordinance – Tobacco Products Sent to Family Court

Completed / Ongoing Investigations:

- 80 Motor Vehicle Accident Reports
- 34 Fire Emergencies
- 57 Medical Emergencies
- 920 Total Calls for Service
- P.O. David Alberta reports the L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) program for 5th grade students is set to begin in January. P.O. Alberta and P.O. Kevin Felten will facilitate proven and effective in class programs to deter students from drug use, drug related crimes, bullying and violence. We continue to be committed to the partnership we have forged with our Boards of Education reinforcing the mutual respect, goodwill and relations between law enforcement and the community at large.
- Officers continue to participate in the Memorial Library's "Storytime with the Police". The program been a success and we look forward to continuing the monthly program into 2018.
- Officers, once again participated in a No Shave Event. This year officers were permitted to make a monetary donation and grow facial hair for a total of 3 months. October money was donated to Breast Cancer Awareness, November money was donated to Prostate Cancer Awareness and December money was donated to a borough family with 2 family members battling cancer. Once again, we would not be able to participate in events such as this without your continued support, thank you.
- The ERPD also partnered, once again this year, with the East Rutherford Fire Department for the 2017 Toy Drive. Officers, the PBA and the public donated new unwrapped toys collected in the lobby of Police Headquarters. The toys were then combined with ERFD's collection and will be distributed to local charities for families in need.

Respectfully submitted;

Chief D. Bell

Councilman Stallone read the monthly court report which included the following:

MONTHLY COURT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2017			
TOTAL COLLECTED	\$51,012.38	BOROUGH PORTION	\$28,847.59
BC TREASURER	\$5,919	STATE OF NJ	\$15,874.41
POAA	\$190.00		

Councilman Stallone stated that Daryl Murry is retiring after over 30 years of service. She will be missed and he congratulated her.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for personnel and litigation at 6:38PM:

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 6:38 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 117 Stanley Street to discuss the following matters:

1. Personnel
2. 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 Lahullier
Roll Call: All present voted aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Casella asked for a motion to close the executive session and reopen the work meeting at 7:43PM:

Moved: Councilman Perry
Second: Councilman Lahullier
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the work meeting at 7:44PM:

Moved: Councilman Perry

Second: Councilman Sorbera

Roll Call: All present voted aye

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Danielle Lorenc".

Danielle Lorenc, RMC