

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 22, 2019
AT ONE EVERETT PLACE**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:02PM. 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:

Chief Dennis Rivelli
Bob Roth
Francis Joseph
John Hansen
Tony Bianchi
Linda Broncano
Frank Recanati
Paul DeRosa
Dave Alberta

Mayor Cassella submitted the following requests for approval:

Fire Department requests use of the Civic Center to hold an after parade celebration:

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

Knights of Columbus request to conduct the Annual Fund Raising Drive on April 12, April 13 and April 14, 2019 at the corner of Hackensack Street/Paterson Avenue and corner of Hackensack Street/Hoboken Road contingent that the proper approval is received from the County of Bergen. The borough cannot approve the entry way to Lowes as it is on private property.

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

Project Graduation request for donation – motion is made to donate the same amount as last year:

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

Mayor Cassella said that Councilman Sorbera had wanted to change the format of the Work Meeting. Councilman Sorbera stated that the intent is to have Department Heads attend for any issues that may come up regarding their departments.

Mayor Cassella questioned Resolution #33 – 2019.

Administration – Councilman Sorbera & Clerk Danielle Lorenc

Danielle Lorenc and Mayor Cassella discussed the parking issue in front of Borough Hall by employees/visitors of the school. It is becoming a problem because people cannot find parking to come into the building. Councilman Alvarez will discuss this matter with the Board of Education.

Finance – Councilman Sorbera & Anthony Bianchi

Tony Bianchi stated that he is keeping an eye on spending and is in the process of preparing the budget. He complimented the Tax Collector, Linda Broncano, on having the highest collection rate ever.

Police – Councilman Stallone & Chief Rivelli

Councilman Stallone stated that the three new recruits are on the road and doing a great job. He met with the Chief regarding his budget and he is going to try to cut back on overtime.

Fire/Squad – Councilman Cronk & Fire Chief Alberta

Councilman Cronk stated that he attended two meetings so far. Chief Alberta stated that the department is in the process of planning for their parade. This year they are also looking to up their clothing allowance. They are also in discussion for the purchase of new apparatus. Councilman Cronk stated that the department is also reviewing their ordinance for possible changes.

DPW – Councilman Ravettine & Paul DeRosa

Paul DeRosa asked that the procedure for sidewalks be looked into. His office receives a lot of complaints and wanted to know if he should be enforcing the ordinance. He also discussed storm drain repairs.

Building Dept. – Councilman Sorbera & Frank Recanati

Frank Recanati discussed the projects going on in town and illegal dwellings. A discussion was also held on sump pumps. It was decided to have a committee of Glenn Beckmeyer, Frank Recanati and Paul DeRosa meet to discuss rules and regulations. The ordinance on the agenda tonight will be tabled until they can meet to discuss.

Recreation – Councilman Cronk & John Hansen

John Hansen stated that Wallington will be sending \$1,000 towards the wrestling program. Also the Breakfast with the Bunny as well as the Little League opening day will be held on April 13. The Softball opening day will be held April 14. He also stated that recreation is using the school gym a lot more and thanked them for that. Councilman Sorbera stated that he would like to see a lot more activities planned for summer recreation.

PW&UC – Councilman Ravettine & Bob Roth

Bob Roth discussed his ongoing projects

Tax Office – Councilman Sorbera & Linda Broncano

Linda Broncano gave an update on the sewer bill for the Giants Training Facility. A discussion was also held on the procedure for the tax sale.

Councilman Ravettine asked Frank Recanati to look into the wall on the property at Paterson Avenue and Wall Street.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:02PM for contract negotiations, litigation and personnel:

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 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in Borough Hall to discuss the following matters:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. Personnel
3. 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.

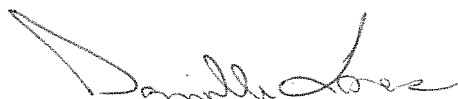
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to close the Executive Session and reopen the Work Meeting at 8:03PM:

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

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 8:03PM:

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


Danielle Lorenc, RMC