

**MINUTES OF THE EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORK MEETING HELD ON
AUGUST 18, 2015**

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 5, 2015, 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

Mayor Cassella stated that a hearing was scheduled for 5:30PM for the borough's application to Bergen County Open Space for the "Franklin School Improvement Project." He asked for a motion to open the hearing:

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

Mayor Cassella asked if any citizen wished to be heard regarding the application. No response

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to close the hearing:

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

Mayor Cassella received a recommendation from Paul DeRosa for upgrades and relocation of the lightening detection system. The system will not be handled by the police department. The quote was from the company that originally installed the system – Commercial Recreation Specialist – in the amount of \$11,250.00:

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

Mayor Cassella asked for **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

BUILDING & GROUNDS/VEHCILE MAINT – COUNCILMAN PERRY

No Report

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

No Report

POLICE/BUILDING DEPT/RECYCLING/CIVIC – COUNCILMAN BRIZZI

Councilman Brizzi asked for a correction of the dates on Resolution #114. It should be September 17 and 24.

Councilman Brizzi requested an Executive Session for negotiations and issues with the 312 Grove Street project.

Councilman Brizzi stated that the borough will be holding two additional concerts in September due to the funding that was received. They will be held on September 17th and 24th which will consist of Beatles Faux Sale and The Best. There will be a few DPW workers each night and Chief Minda is rearranging the schedule for the police officers so there will be minimal expenses. He submitted a bill from Cliffhanger Productions in the amount of \$3,750.00 for the cost of the two bands:

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

Councilman Brizzi discussed a letter that was received from the homeowner of 405-407 Paterson Avenue requesting relocation of the bus stop in front of his property. The Council agrees with the request that the stop be relocated and combined with the current stop on Randolph Avenue which is approximately 50 yards back. A motion was made to make the request with NJ Transit:

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

Councilman Brizzi questioned Engineer Beckmeyer about replacing the trees after the road program.

Councilman Brizzi stated that he met with Paul DeRosa regarding the recycling issues and we definitely need to enforce more. He submitted Resolution #115 which would authorize Paul DeRosa to write summonses to the repeat offenders:

RESOLUTION NO. 115 -2015

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC WORKS COORDINATOR TO ENFORCE ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 248 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD ENTITLED "RECYCLING."

WHEREAS, Article II of Chapter 248 of the Code of the Borough of East Rutherford provides regulations for recycling within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Section 248-23 provides that the requirements of Article II will be enforced by the Department of Public Works, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to make clear the individual authorized to act in those positions in the enforcement of Chapter 248; and

WHEREAS, Paul DeRosa is the Public Works Coordinator and Acting Supervisor in the Department of Public Works.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford that Paul DeRosa, as Public Works Coordinator Acting Recycling Coordinator and Acting Supervisor of Public Works, is authorized to act on behalf of the Department of Public Works to enforce Article II of Chapter 248 including the issuance of complaints against property owners violating Article II of Chapter 248.

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

Councilman Brizzi also suggests more education through the schools and the newspapers as well as a bin where people can drop off paper and cardboard.

Councilman Brizzi stated that he is in discussions with the All Access Committee regarding some funding that they may need for mailings, printing, etc.

Councilman Brizzi feels that a Program Director line item should be added to the salary ordinance to make improvements to the program.

Mayor Cassella stated that Paul DeRosa passed the Recycling Coordinator class and made a motion to put him in that position but there will be no increase in pay:

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

Mayor Cassella submitted a request from the VFW to close Grove Street between Everett and Umland from 10am to 5:30pm on Saturday, September 12th for a pig roast/BBQ:

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

FIRE DEPT/SQUAD – COUNCILMAN LAHULLIER

Councilman Lahullier discussed the idea of giving some commuter relief in the area of Boiling Springs and Main Street around the library.

Councilman Lahullier submitted a requisition for reimbursement to himself in the amount of \$347.11 for his purchases for Rich Speake's fire department retirement.

Councilman Lahullier requested an Executive Session for personnel.

COURT – COUNCILMAN RAVETTINE

Councilman Ravettine asked questions regarding Resolution #114.

Lizz Wilson of Remington, Vernick & Arango was present on behalf of Rick Arango. She gave the following report:

1. All items for the Carlton Avenue Fire House Generator will be in place before the start of school except for the generator itself. That will be installed during non-school hours.
2. A discussion was held on the DEP Air Permits that need to be filled out for the generators. A responsible party is needed to sign off however the borough is unsure who that should be. Attorney Allen suggested Remington & Vernick give a report verifying all the facts so someone on the borough end can sign off.
3. The biannual sampling for the vapor intrusion will take place this month.
4. Currently in conversation with Norfolk Southern regarding the railroad.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – GLENN BECKMEYER

1. Submitted the final payment for Freespan Structures in the amount of \$2,932.43:
Moved: Councilman Ravettine
Second: Councilman Lahullier
Roll Call: All Ayes
2. Obtained quotes for the surveying services for the 2015 Road Program. Low quote was from Neglia Engineering in the amount of \$19,375.00:
Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Ravettine
Roll Call: All Ayes
3. Riggin Field Improvements are still waiting for the caps on the walls
4. In the process of finishing up the paperwork for the 2011 Road Program
5. Discussion was held on an unsafe wall condition on Lincoln Place. The cost to repair the wall is approximately \$35,000. Engineer Beckmeyer asked if the borough could pay for the repair and have an agreement with the owners in which a lien is put on the house due to this condition being unsafe. Attorney Allen discussed the borough's liability and is not convinced that we are responsible for fixing the wall. He will look further into the matter and asked that no action be taken at this time.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – RICHARD ALLEN

Attorney Allen requested an Executive Session for legal advice, T5, property acquisition, contract negotiations, school camera issues, personnel and affordable housing matters.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:43PM:

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 6:43PM on August 18, 2015 in Borough Hall to discuss the following matters:

1. Legal Advise
2. Triple 5
3. Property Acquisition
4. Contract Negations
5. School Camera Issues
6. Personnel
7. Affordable Housing
8. 312 Grove Street

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 Ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reopen the public meeting at 7:40PM:

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

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting 7:40PM:

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



Danielle Lorenc, RMC