

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORK MEETING HELD ON
APRIL 19, 2016**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 5:38PM. 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

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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

*Councilman Perry entered the meeting at 6:15PM

Mayor Cassella submitted a request from Project Graduation for their annual donation. He asked for a motion to make the same donation as last year which was \$1,500:

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

Bill Traina was present to discuss the use of the Civic Center by the US Census Bureau. He wanted to put to rest any issues regarding his groups use of the Civic Center and stated that they were looking to use it on May 5th. Councilman Stallone stated that Mr. Hansen would have to be contacted regarding the availability. Councilman Lahullier asked if the Census Bureau had a budget. He has no issues with them using it once a month but weekly is tough. Mr. Traina said the Census Bureau has a tight budget. Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to allow them to use the Civic Center on May 5th (providing it's available) and then allowing them use of the building up to two days a month (providing it's available):

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

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to pay Ron Stuiso for his six (6) unused sick days upon his retirement on May 1, 2016:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE/DPW/TECHNOLOGY/BD OF ED – COUNCILMAN HOMAYCHAK
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Councilman Homaychak announced that the school would be holding a Meet the New Superintendent night on April 26th at 7PM.

Councilman Homaychak stated that the new DPW workers are working out well.

POLICE/RECYCLING/B&G – COUNCILMAN BRIZZI

Councilman Brizzi submitted the following requisitions for approval:

Motorola	\$1,447.00
Gold Star Car Wash	\$1,853.00
MJA	\$ 745.00

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

Clean Enterprises	\$ 776.10
Clean Enterprises	\$ 712.69
Rays Cleaning	\$2,195.00
Rays Cleaning	\$3,210.00
Meadowlands Hardware	\$ 923.78
HandiLift	\$ 895.00

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

Councilman Brizzi requested an Executive Session for personnel.

Councilman Brizzi requested approval of the contract with LaGuardia Associates for the Summer Concert Series:

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

Councilman Brizzi submitted a request from ER Civic Pride Association to host a Movie Night on June 4th at Sesselman Park:

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

Councilman Brizzi read a letter from Chief Minda recommending the following names for promotion:

Patrol to Sergeant	Ryan Micci Tammy Abboud Jeffrey Perry Felix Ragozzino Daniel Perry
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Sergeant to Lieutenant	Mark Mehegan Thomas Berlinski
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Councilman Brizzi made a motion to approve the above promotions. They will not receive any increase in pay until January 1, 2017. A special ceremony will be held for the swearing in:

Moved: Councilman Brizzi
Second: Councilman Homaychak

Councilman Lahullier stated that the promotions are well deserved but he has a problem with the mechanics of this. He is involved in the PBA Contract negotiations however had no input on the promotions.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Councilman Brizzi submitted a requisition from Panorama for a senior bus trip in the amount of \$995.00:

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

Mayor Cassella stated that Paul DeRosa is currently going for his certification as Certified Public Works Manager and asked for a motion to make him Acting Superintendent of the DPW. There will be no increase in pay at this time:

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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – RICHARD ALLEN

Attorney Allen requested an Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation regarding zoning, affordable housing, Fine Wall and Sports Authority.

Attorney Allen discussed and explained the ordinances on the agenda tonight for introduction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/SQUAD – COUNCILMAN LAHULLIER

Councilman Lahullier requested an Executive Session for personnel.

Councilman Lahullier stated that the fire department is requesting to install a bell monument (which used to be in borough hall park) in front of 312 Grove Street. There were no objections.

Councilman Lahullier made a motion to appoint Marino Rotondo to Emergency Management to work with Francis Joseph. There will be no stipend or pay with this position.

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

Councilman Lahullier made a motion to have Merchants install smoke detectors in the Engine 3 communication room at an approximate cost of \$1,000:

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

COURT – COUNCILMAN RAVETTINE

Councilman Ravettine discussed the following items:

1. The dead trees around Riggin Field on Hackensack Street - Councilman Brizzi said they were not planted properly
2. The dead trees at the 2 Carlton Avenue Park – Councilman Brizzi said the landscaper looked at them and some may come back
3. Tree is too large for the planter pot in the Borough Hall Park

Councilman Perry entered the meeting at 6:15PM

Councilman Ravettine questioned if the Green Acres sign at St. Joseph's Park could either be removed or moved to a different location.

Councilman Brizzi stated that the borough parks need to have backflow preventers installed in order to meet the standards of the water company or they will not install the seasonal meters. It will cost approximately \$1,100 for each one. He is in the process of getting additional quotes.

Mayor Cassella discussed the hot water at the Fieldhouse. After discussion it was decided to get additional prices.

Councilman Brizzi made a motion to have Martin Frontin install a line for the fieldhouse that is needed at a cost of \$1,068:

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

RECREATION – COUNCILMAN STALLONE

Councilman Stallone submitted a requisition from ER Girls Softball for approval:

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

Councilman Homaychak received a quote for a new sweeper in the amount of \$209,000 and they will offer a \$30,000 trade in. He would like the company to evaluate our old sweeper. Councilman Brizzi said that we have to find out how long new sweepers would last as well as the costs for brushes and supplies.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:35 for personnel and litigation:

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, April 19, 2016 in Borough Hall 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 Brizzi
Second: Councilman Lahullier
Roll Call: All Ayes

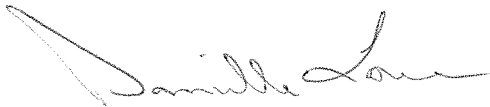
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reopen the Work Meeting at 7:15PM:

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

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 7:16PM:

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



Danielle Lorenc, RMC