

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORK MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 20, 2018
AT 117 STANLEY STREET**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:13PM. 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, 2018, 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
Lahullier	X	
Perry		X
Stallone	X	
Ravettine	X	
Cronk	X	
Sorbera	X	

Also present was Borough Clerk Danielle Lorenc, Attorney Gerald Salerno and Engineer Glenn Beckmeyer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Engineer's Report – Glenn Beckmeyer

Engineer Beckmeyer discussed the following:

- Reached out again to the County regarding the Carlton Avenue Project and is waiting for another meeting to be set up.
- Sent a letter to the County regarding 380 Paterson Avenue, as discussed last month. He is waiting for a response.

Attorney's Report – Gerald Salerno, Esq.

- Discussed the Council's concerns with the current snow removal ordinance. He asked if the Council would rather have the fines increased. He recommends changing the penalty section to have the fine be in a range from \$100 up to \$1,000. The Council would also like to come up with a cost for the snow removal itself.
- There was an interest from the Council on removing the 500' radius section of the liquor license ordinance. Councilman Ravettine stated that he feels we should keep it in place so they have to come before the Council and things can be monitored more closely. It was stated that maybe this could be included in a future redevelopment plan.
- Requested an Executive Session for litigation
- The Motorola litigation against the borough has been dismissed

Police/Court – Councilman Stallone

Councilman Stallone submitted the following requisitions for approval:

Ultimate Training	\$3,243.00
North East Distribution	\$5,888.20
North East Distribution	\$9,003.43
Borough of Wood Ridge	\$5,250.00
LJ Caterers	\$2,017.50

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

Councilman Stallone requested an Executive Session for personnel.

Recreation – Councilman Cronk

Councilman Cronk submitted the following requisitions for approval:

Civic Pride	\$7,500.00 (being monitored by CFO)
Wildcat Hoops	\$ 425.00
Spotlight Playhouse	\$5,000.00
Basketball Uniforms	\$3,120.00
Babe Ruth	\$8,111.50

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

Councilman Cronk stated that there is a request for a small concession stand at Riggin Field. The DPW said they can install for approximately \$1,000. Half of the money will be requested from Carlstadt. The stand will be inspected by the Health Department.

Councilman Cronk submitted the following school payments for approval:

ER Board of Education	\$1,314,679.92
Becton Regional	\$ 458,396.42

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

Councilman Cronk submitted the request for the 7 on 7 Tournament – it was approved contingent that Carlstadt supplies specials as well:

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

Fire Dept/Squad/PW&UC – Councilman Lahullier

Councilman Lahullier submitted a request to install a pharmaceutical receptacle that will be used for unused medications and sharps looking to be dropped off by residents. It will be purchased from Sharps Compliance, Inc. in the amount of \$2,100.00:

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

Councilman Lahullier discussed broken benches at the park on Grant Street. Paul DeRosa stated that the DPW is in the process of repairing them.

DPW/Recycling/Vehicle Maint – Councilman Ravettine

Councilman Ravettine submitted the name of Gerald Guhl to be hired as a full time DPW laborer – will be begin at Step 1 of the pay scale:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine
Second: Councilman Cronk
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Finance/Technology/Bldg Dept – Councilman Sorbera

Councilman Sorbera discussed an issue at 15 Prospect Terrace in which it appears a variance was granted by the board to build a garage right off of the property line. He would like to address this issue.

Councilman Sorbera distributed a flyer for a yield sign that would flash when pedestrians are present. He thought if we installed something like this in the area of Hackensack and Union it may help with the traffic light issue. It was stated that this is a County road and the County would have to install them.

Councilman Ravettine said the Council is invited to a meeting with the police chief on March 26th to discuss traffic issues in the borough.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:07PM:

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 7:07p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in the Council Chambers of One Everett Place 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 Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reopen the public meeting at 7:37PM:

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

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the work meeting at 7:38PM:

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



Danielle Lorenc, RMC