

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK MEETING HELD ON
MAY 21, 2019
AT ONE EVERETT PLACE**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:08PM. 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:

Deputy Chief Phil Taormina
Tony Bianchi
Frank Recanati
Paul DeRosa
Dave Alberta
John Hansen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education/IT – Councilman Alvarez

Currently working with Civic Plus regarding the upgrades to the borough website

Attended the last Local Board of Education meeting. They are talks about possibly extending McKenzie School.

In discussions with the Regional Board of Education regarding the turf replacement at Riggin Field. Schedules will have to be adjusted.

Engineer Beckmeyer then discussed the possible schedule for the turf installation and the options for the field.

Civic Affairs/Personnel – Councilman Lorusso

Would like to work on getting prices to upgrade the locks at the Civic Center – Paul DeRosa will get quotes. He also questioned if the ADA door project was complete because there are some open panels.

DPW/Recycling/Bldg & Grounds/Vehicle Maintenance – Councilman Ravettine

Wants to see a report from the Police regarding the 911 Services

Would like to be notified of any employee accidents, injuries, fires, etc. so he does not have to find out by reading the newspaper

Paul DeRosa discussed the following:

1. Would like stop signs installed at the corner of Everett Place and Main Street as well as Grove Street and Clinton Place. Engineer Beckmeyer stated that a check list needs to be followed to meet all of the criteria for a 4-way stop
2. Paul and the Mayor discussed the importance of other borough departments knowing when roads will be closed
3. Paul asked if the sump pump ordinance could be looked into again
4. Humboldt Street Park is near complete
5. Discussion was held on potential changes to recycling. Single stream is costing a lot of money. Possibly separate out paper and cardboard to save money.

Finance/Building Dept. – Councilman Sorbera

Budget amendment was in the packet. He would like to use the American Dream money to pay down the debt.

Tony Bianchi asked if a resolution to certify funds could be done on the higher cost project. Councilman Sorbera stated that department heads should always check with Tony to make sure funds are available.

Garfield Iron and Metal was red tagged

Building Department was involved in a retaining wall issue at 69 Lincoln Place. The owner doesn't have the fund to repair it. Councilman Ravettine stated that the County is willing to help with the fund.

Discussion was held on the water pooling on certain streets. Councilman Sorbera will meet with Frank Recanati, Engineer Beckmeyer and Paul DeRosa to map the areas and try to come up with a plan.

The tax collector is going to put together an email regarding the American Dream sewer tax.

Police/Court – Councilman Stallone

The Chief and Deputy Chief met with Homeland Security and the head of Security at American Dream.

Coming up with ideas for different barriers for Grove Street to protect the children

Fire Dept./Squad/Recreation – Councilman Cronk

Chief Alberta stated that the fire at Vesta was under control

John Hansen said the recreation program this year will be better than ever with more trips

The Recreation Committee is discussing a possible Battle of the Bands on June 15th

Attorney's Report – Gerald Salerno

Requested an Executive Session for negotiations. Councilman Ravettine also requested for personnel.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:35PM:

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 7:35PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in Borough Hall to discuss the following matters:

1. Negotiations
2. Personnel

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 8:00PM:

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

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 8:01PM:

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



Danielle Lorenc, RMC