

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD  
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK MEETING HELD ON  
JUNE 18, 2019  
AT ONE EVERETT PLACE**

WORK MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR CASSELLA AT 6:06PM. 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  
 Tony Bianchi  
 Frank Recanati  
 Paul DeRosa  
 Dave Alberta  
 John Hansen

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Board of Education/IT – Councilman Alvarez

The borough website redesign has started. The department heads should start compiling all of their information. Each department head will now control their own page.

Working on upgrading the borough's hardware

### Civic Affairs/Personnel – Councilman Lorusso

The building department is looking for summer help. He reached out to the high school and they have two people that may be interested. He will have them fill out an application at the Clerk's Office.

### DPW/Recycling/Building & Grounds/Vehicle Maintenance – Councilman Ravettine

Paul DeRosa discussed the following:

- There is a major problem with the fountain at the 9/11 Park. Engineer Beckmeyer is also involved in resolving the issue
- The Franklin School Park project is complete
- He is getting quotes for the Civic Center locks
- Tree truck is still out of service

### Finance/Building Dept. – Councilman Sorbera

The spending report will be emailed to everyone and put in the mailboxes

Tony Bianchi had a question for Engineer Beckmeyer regarding the Community Development grant for the Civic Center but he was not here yet.

The Bond Ordinance on the agenda tonight is for the Riggin Field turf project.

Discussed the monthly building department fees collected as well as property maintenance for the month.

The retaining wall at 69 Lincoln Place was discussed. The homeowner filled out the paperwork however the loan would put a lien on her property. She needs to discuss it with her family. There is also a chance that her application may be rejected.

Frank Recanati worked with Jr. Joseph on a sewer issue on Route 120. He thanked him for his help.

Frank Recanati would like to further discuss property maintenance and code enforcement as well as the idea of possibly expanding Rocco's role with the borough. The town needs more code enforcers that want to work. He also discussed the outdoor seating at Elia. His office and Engineer Beckmeyer have concerns.

Police/Court – Councilman Stallone

Had a discussion with the Police Chief regarding various parking issues throughout the borough as well as some electrical issues at the Police Department.

Chief Rivelli discussed the following:

- Stated that the DPW has fixed some of the electrical issues
- Pump Station grant is coming along
- Click It or Ticket was held
- Working on getting cameras in the cars

Councilman Stallone requested an Executive Session for personnel.

Fire Department/Emergency Squad/Recreation – Councilman Cronk

John Hansen stated that the Summer Recreation starts on Monday and it will be better than ever

Dave Alberta stated that there were 122 EMS calls answered and 25 fire calls. The fire department website is now up and running.

Councilman Lorusso said he would like to add on an additional summer concert on July 22 at Sesselman Park. It is more of a benefit concert titled "Christmas in July" in which a local band will play. He requested specials and DPW workers to help out with the event.

Councilman Ravettine discussed the following items:

- Submitted the following requisitions for approval:

Eastcom Associates	\$7,831.00
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Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Stallone

Roll Call: All present voted aye

Cues	\$19,129.00
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Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Stallone

Roll Call: All present voted aye

- Asked Tony Bianchi to explain the dedication by rider resolutions on the agenda.
- Asked the Mayor to add Jeff Lahullier as one of the Community Development representatives
- Would like to see late fees put on liquor licenses that are not paid on time

Councilman Stallone submitted the following requisitions for approval:

Rodgers Group	\$29,900.00
Borough of Wood Ridge	\$ 7,600.00
DEP Communications	\$ 6,049.60
Advanced Graphics	\$ 4,102.00
FBI Academy Assoc.	\$ 1,350.00
DMK Apparel	\$ 680.00
Gold Type	\$ 2,539.25

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

Chief Rivelli discussed the possibility of moving National Night out to October 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Touch a Truck.

Councilman Cronk discussed the following:

- Submitted the following requisitions for approval:

JWZ Events	\$1,778.00
	\$5,130.36
	\$3,922.50
Swiftreach	\$1,895.00

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

◦Rebecca Cruz resigned from the Recreation Committee however he would like to replace her with Michelle Cruz.

◦Becton Track would like to have a 5K run before the Columbus Day festival. Proceeds would benefit the Becton Track Team:

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

Engineer's Report – Glenn Beckmeyer

Submitted Application #7 which is the final application from Smith Sondy for the 2015 Road Program in the amount of \$35,482.92 – this approval is contingent on them finishing up some small items:

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

Submitted Application #1 from Smith Sondy for the 2017 Road Program in the amount of \$264,821.43:

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

Submitted Application #6 from Smith Sondy for the Carlton Avenue Road Program in the amount of \$165,768.09:

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

Suez will be back in town to finish the lateral connections on Carlton Avenue


Fieldwork has started on the 2018 road program

Working on putting together the drawing and pricing for the Riggins Field project. He showed the Council the drawings and discussed the project and the various ideas.

Mayor Cassella stated that the Regular Meeting has to start so they will continue this discussion during the regular meeting.

Mayor Cassella asked for a motion to adjourn the Work Meeting at 7:50PM:

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

  
Danielle Lorenc, RMC