

**Borough of Rocky Hill
Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 7, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Mayor Edward Zimmerman at 7:30 PM followed by the salute to the flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Zimmerman read the following statement into the record: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 9, 2014. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-absent, Ms. Connie Hallman-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-absent, Mr. Phil Kartsonis-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-present.

Also present: Mayor Ed Zimmerman, Clerk Rebecca Newman, Deputy Clerk Christine Witt, and Borough Attorney Albert Cruz.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked the Board of Health for holding the rabies clinic on April 5th. The County attended the rabies clinic, but the State did not provide the vaccine. The Mayor attended two town hall meetings of the Governor, one in South River and one in Sayerville. The next meeting of the Somerset County Governing Officials Association is this Wednesday. The May meeting of the SCGOA will feature Jeffrey Chiesa as the speaker. The deadline for filing a petition for the June primary has passed. Bill O'Brien filed a petition to run as a Democrat, and no Republicans filed a petition. The Mayor and the Engineer met with the contractor for the Downtown Beautification project and would like to hold a town hall meeting on April 22nd at 7 PM to answer questions from residents about the project. The OEM will be holding a drill called Hurricane Leo. The Mayor congratulated Engineer Bill Tanner on his daughter's wedding. The Mayor recommended the Bill Dawson be appointed to the Shade Tree Committee.

Bremner moved to appoint Bill Dawson to the Shade Tree Committee, Pausch seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2014. Hallman moved to approve the minutes and Pausch seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to public comment. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

STATE POLICE REPORT

No report.

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PRESENTAION FROM FIRE CHIEF

Rocky Hill Fire Department Chief Todd Harris gave a presentation on the replacement of Command Vehicle Car 53. The report states that the cost to the Borough would be \$39,293.40 for the vehicle.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Report dated April 7, 2014 was distributed and filed in the Borough Clerk's office. Engineer Tanner gave an overview of the report.

Roof Repair

On hold on the advice of the consultant handling the interior remediation.

Damage Inside Building from Roof Leak

Solicited two quotes but only received one back.

Leaf Pick-up

Request for Inter-local Service Agreement is scheduled for discussion this month by the South Brunswick Governing Body.

Snow Removal

The bid/quote is complete and is set to open on March 12th for award at the second March Council meeting.

Mowing Contracts

G&T only bidder for regular mowing. JML has agreed to extend contract for field mowing at the same price as 2013 contract.

Generator Grant

The second phase of the grant is due April 18th.

Washington Street Sidewalk Contract

Pre-construction meeting held on March 26th with Think Pavers. Work will begin in late April with the Fire House apron.

Construction Projects

An emergency water repair is needed on Toth Lane. Bremner moved to approve an emergency water repair on Toth Lane pending the CFO's approval of funds. Pausch seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Tennis Court Repair

Work will be done in May.

Mr. Bremner requested that the County workers be scheduled to clean up brush and limbs from Borough grounds prior to the brush and limb pick up in May.

Mr. Whitlock commented that Panicaro Park is filled with branches.

Resolution 2014-36: A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Mowing Services to G&T Landscaping.

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Hallman moved to approve the award to G&T Landscaping for Lawn Area Maintenance Services in the amount of \$9,600. Pausch seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2014-37: A Resolution Extending the Contract for Lawn Mowing Section B with JML Landscaping.

Hallman moved to approve the extension of the contract for Open Field Mowing in the amount of \$2,200. Pausch seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution Awarding a Contract for Snow Removal Services to Mastroianni Landscaping

No action taken.

Resolution 2014-38: A Resolution Authorizing a Payment of \$10,995.20 to Mastroianni Landscaping for Excessive Snow Removal.

Bremner moved to approve the resolution, and Pausch seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

No report.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Bill List dated April 7, 2014 was presented for approval. Hallman moved to approve all vouchers. Motion seconded by Bremner. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Presentation from the Shade Tree Committee

Committee members Mame Reynolds and Nancy Lucas met with the Montgomery Shade Tree Committee and received documentation of trees planted in Van Horne Park and recommended that the Council approve payment for planting the trees.

Bremner moved to approve a payment of \$2,236.50 to the Montgomery Shade Tree Committee for Van Horne Park trees. Hallman seconded the motion. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

The Shade Tree Committee will be distributing free seedlings to interested residents on Saturday, April 12th from 12 PM to 4 PM behind Borough Hall.

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Resolution 2014-39: A Resolution Authorizing Entering Into a Two-Year Contract with Comcast for Telephone Service.

Hallman moved to approve the resolution with the specified changes. Pausch seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2014-40: A Resolution Appointing Richard Conley to Represent the Borough of Rocky Hill in the Tax Appeal Filed by Bank of America

Pausch moved to approve the resolution. Kartsonis seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

Ordinance 2014-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL, IN SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING THE MONTGOMERY/ROCKY HILL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE AND THE MONTGOMERY/ROCKY HILL YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

Hallman moved to introduce the ordinance with a public hearing on April 21, 2014. Pausch seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2014-41: Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Sign an Amended Agreement with South Bound Brook Police for Police Services

Pausch moved to approve the resolution. Hallman seconded the motion, and motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Bremner, Hallman, Kartsonis, Pausch

Against: None

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Parking Ordinance & Signs in Downtown Area

Mr. Kartsonis reported that he and Constable Dave Dorey looked at the parking signs in the downtown area and recommend changing the parking ordinance to extend the 15 minute parking area by two parking spots near the post office.

Mayor Zimmerman suggested changing the ordinance to no parking during rush hour across the street from the post office.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed, were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Cliff Moore, Skillman Ave., commented that restricting parking during rush hour is a bad idea as many people stop at the post office on their way to work.

Peggy Harris, 66 Crescent Ave., commented that the valet parking service of the restaurant One53 is causing hazardous conditions on Washington St. The valets use public streets for parking restaurant patrons' cars and have parked across driveways. Ms. Harris noted that past owners of the restaurant had parking at the Business Park. Ms. Harris also commented that the road striping needs to be redone.

Raymond Whitlock, 94 Crescent Ave., commented that it would be a mistake to extend the 15 minute parking area and that across the street from the post office should be two hour parking to accommodate restaurant patrons.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Pausch with a second by Hallman to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. Motion carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:
Christine Witt
Deputy Borough Clerk

APRIL 7~~8~~, 2014

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH
CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
7976	29 - BOLLINGER INC	PO 4779 Surety bonds	200.00	200.00
7977	504 - Borgota Hotel	PO 4778 Conference of Mayors hotel for Edwa	228.00	228.00
7978	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 4773 Legal advertising: Budget	96.56	96.56
7979	549 - Edward Horsfall	PO 4785 IT services	500.00	500.00
7980	184 - NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE OF MAYORS	PO 4784 2014 Spring Conference Registratin	390.00	390.00
7981	210 - PSE&G	PO 4783 Street lights	701.36	701.36
7982	408 - RAYMOND J. STINE ESQ.	PO 4786 Municipal prosecutor	1,000.00	1,000.00
7983	354 - RICOH USA, INC.	PO 4781 Copy machine rental	124.50	124.50
7984	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 4772 Health Dept. fees March 2014	1,013.58	1,013.58
7985	452 - SPRINT-NEXTEL CORP	PO 4780 Mayor and Clerk's cellphones	166.11	166.11
7986	289 - VERIZON	PO 4775 Borough Hall phone	186.52	186.52
7987	289 - VERIZON	PO 4776 EMS phone	81.13	81.13
	<i>State Treasurer</i>	<i>Dog Res</i>	<i>34.20</i>	
	TOTAL			4,687.76

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND

4,687.76

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List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH
UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6883	415 - AQUA PRO TECH LABS	PO 4771 Water dept. testing	20.00	20.00
6884	366 - BRIAN A. RICHTER	PO 4787 Read water meter books 1 & 2 Q1 201	200.00	200.00
6885	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	PO 4782 March One Calls	3.66	3.66
6886	289 - VERIZON	PO 4774 Water Dept. phone	30.10	30.10
	TOTAL			253.76

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

253.76

253.76



Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on April 7, 2014.

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2014 - 37

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill entered into a contract with JML Landscaping for the open field mowing for 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to extend this contract through the end of 2014; and

WHEREAS, JML Landscaping has agreed to continue this service for an additional year without a price increase; and

WHEREAS, the total value of these services for the year 2014 is less than \$17,500 and, therefore, these services are exempt from the Local Unit Pay-to-Play law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-27.7 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough Council confirms the extension of the contract as follows:
 - Open Field Mowing to JML Landscaping, Hillsborough NJ in the amount of \$2,200.00
2. Availability of funds for the award of said contract from the Borough of Rocky Hill budget have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from: 01/20136-310-106.

Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on April 7, 2014.

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2014-38

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill entered into a contract for snow removal with Mastroianni Landscaping on November 18, 2013 at a rate of \$49.50 per hour not to exceed \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough experienced multiple heavy snow storms with deep accumulations of snow and ice; and

WHEREAS, Mastroianni Landscaping cleared this excessive snow and exceeded the not to exceed amount by \$10,995.20; and

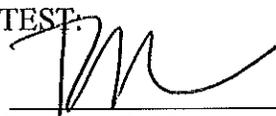
WHEREAS, the Borough acknowledges the excessive amount of snowfall this year and desires to pay Mastroianni Landscaping the additional amount of \$10,995.20; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Borough's budget to pay for these services.

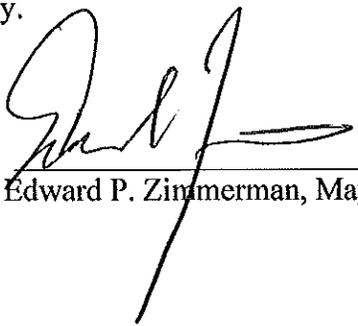
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill authorizes a payment of \$10,995.20 to Mastroianni Landscaping of Hopewell, NJ, for performing the following service: snow removal.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

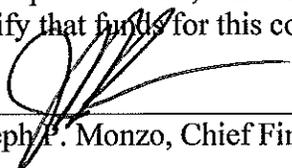
By: 

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

By: 

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from: 01-201,26-290-061



Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on April 7, 2014

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2014- 39

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill desires to enter into a contract for phone services with Comcast; and

WHEREAS, the Borough currently has phone services with Verizon; and

WHEREAS, the charges are not advantageous to the Borough of Rocky Hill; and

WHEREAS, an alternate carrier was researched; and

WHEREAS, the carrier that was most financially advantageous to the Borough was that from Comcast with an estimated projected savings of \$100.00 monthly; and

WHEREAS, the monthly fee for this service will be \$159.75.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill enters into a two-year contract with Comcast for phone services.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

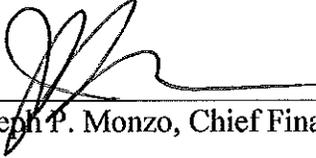
By: _____

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from: 01-201-31-440-030



Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

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Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2014 - 40

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Bank of America has filed a tax appeal; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the firm of DiFransesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum have a conflict; and

WHEREAS, the Borough appointed Richard Conley as the attorney to represent the Borough in a previous tax appeal filed by Bank of America; and

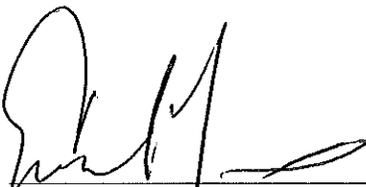
WHEREAS, Mr. Conley is familiar with the property already and has agreed to the same rate of \$155.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough Council appoint Richard Conley be appointed to represent the Borough of Rocky Hill in the tax appeal filed by Bank of America.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: 
Rebecca P. Newman,
Borough Clerk

By: 
Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on April 7, 2014.

EXPLANATION: This Resolution authorizes Mayor and Clerk to sign a new Shared Police Services Agreement for police services.

RESOLUTION 2014 - 41

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY

WHEREAS, On March 3, 2014 the Borough of Rocky Hill approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a new Shared Police Services Agreement for police services with South Bound Brook; and

WHEREAS, there were minor amendments made to the agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the amended Shared Police Services Agreement between the Borough of South Bound Brook and the Borough of Rocky Hill for police services in the form attached to this Resolution.
2. This Resolution takes effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Rebecca Newman, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: _____

Edward P. Zimmerman,
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca Newman, Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on April 7, 2014.