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**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 21, 2011**

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

The following statement was read into the record by Mayor Zimmerman: 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 5, 2011. 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-present, Mr. Joshua E. Hochberg-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Mr. Robert Steen-present.

Also present: Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Deputy Clerk Whitlock

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Zimmerman stated that the Resolution thanking Schilke Construction would be tabled until the next meeting, as there was a death in the family.

Mayor Zimmerman informed the Council that the artifact from the World Trade Center arrived in the Borough on March 10, 2011. Mayor Zimmerman stated how moving it was to be involved in. Mayor Zimmerman extended his thanks to the Rocky Hill Hook and Ladder Company, the South Bound Brook Police, the Hillsborough Police and Fire Departments, the Montgomery Police and Fire Departments and Hillsborough Mayor Gloria McCauley. Mayor Zimmerman stated that Brenda Fallon called and thanked the Borough for all of the participants, sirens and lights.

Mayor Zimmerman wanted the Borough to be aware that AT&T is making plans to acquire T- Mobil. Mayor Zimmerman informed the Council both of the entities have antennae's on the water tower, so there could be a reduction of rents in the future.

Mayor Zimmerman informed the Council that the Rocky Hill First Aid and Rescue Squad (RHFARS) has temporarily been removed from being dispatched by the County. Currently Montgomery is a first responder for Rocky Hill and Princeton is the back up. Mayor Zimmerman stated it was a temporary move that had to be done as several executive members resigned, thus creating more issues. Mayor Zimmerman stated if the Borough was aware of these issues and did nothing, the Borough would be liable. Mayor Zimmerman read the response email that was sent to Captain Seeley of the Rocky Hill First Aid Squad, stating that the Borough was still very concerned about the operational side of the rescue squad. Mayor Zimmerman stated he informed Captain Seeley that the Borough has no authority to remove him from his position; however, the Borough has lost confidence in his ability to properly handle the operations and call responses. Mayor Zimmerman commented that he was stunned that no one from the Rescue Squad was in attendance at this meeting. Mayor Zimmerman stated that the financial side of the squad had improved dramatically, however, the operational side has not. Mayor Zimmerman stated that he is looking for an operational "get well" plan. In the interim, Mayor Zimmerman stated he saw several options he would like the Council to consider. One of them would be to help them recruit members and reorganize, however Mayor Zimmerman stated that several former members/residents have expressed a desire to volunteer, except they would not under the current Chief. The second option Mayor Zimmerman suggested was to have Montgomery Township EMS help them rebuild; however they too have expressed not wanting to work with the current Chief. The final option Mayor Zimmerman suggested would be to allow Montgomery Township EMS to have a South sub station in Rocky Hill possibly, and disband the Rocky Hill Squad for good. Mayor Zimmerman stated his personal wish would be to see the squad fixed and returned to its former glory. Mayor Zimmerman stated if the Borough can fix it, the Borough should fix it.

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Council President Pausch stated that in order to reconstitute the squad, professionals need to volunteer not amateurs simply to fill voids. Council Member Hasser stated that she attended a meeting and it was clear they have no plan that is clear and concise. Council Member Hasser stated that they have several ideas to improve things, but no plan to implement them. Council Member Hassser also stated they have recruited 2 new members. Mayor Zimmerman stated that he has learned there is no credential or back round checking being done when members are recruited. Mayor Zimmerman also stated he has heard, unconfirmed, that the RHFARS was still going into Franklin to make calls, which should not be happening if the Borough is paying for the insurances. Mayor Zimmerman stated the vehicles are insured but there is no workman's compensation insurance any longer. Borough Attorney Cruz suggested a letter be sent informing the members of this. A discussion ensued and members of Council felt that the Borough should retain keys to the ambulance that is Borough owned until these issues could be resolved. Mayor Zimmerman asked the Councils sentiments regarding him contacting Mayor Levine of Franklin to inform him of the ongoing issues, so that he can be aware, as RHFARS is the back up for Franklin.

Resolution 2011-33 Resolution Ratifying Actions Taken By Mayor Zimmerman Designating Montgomery Township EMS the Primary Responder Temporarily – Attorney Cruz summarized and read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Donahue to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by Pausch. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: None

Motion was made by Pausch, if necessary, for the Mayor to make contact with RHFARS for voluntary removal of the new ambulance, rescue truck, OEM boat, and for Mayor Zimmerman to contact Mayor Levine of Franklin Township to update him on the status of the squad. Motion was seconded by Steen. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes –March 7, 2011 – Motion was made by Bremner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: None

REQUEST OF COUNCIL FOR NEW OR OLD BUSINESS (NOT ON AGENDA)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions. Cliff Moore, inquired whether a court order could be obtained to return the Borough equipment. Attorney Cruz responded that the Borough is not going to speculate.

Martin Englebrecht, - Mr. Englebrecht stated that he has met the current Chief of the RHFARS and Mr. Englebrecht felt that he has no concern or contrition regarding any of these ongoing issues.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed to the public

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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Bill Listed dated 3/21/11 was distributed. Motion was made by Steen to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion was seconded by Donahue. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: None

**Change in order was requested by Zoning Officer Whitlock and granted.*

Zoning Officers Report-Zoning Officer Whitlock stated that the barn at 45 Washington Street collapsed so the Construction Official, Mr. Ward, issued a permit to demolish it for safety reasons.

**Regular order was resumed*

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector Report – February 2011
Court Administrator Report – February 2011
Tax Collectors Annual Report- 2010

Mayor Zimmerman summarized the Court Administrators report for the month of February. Motion was made by Hasser to approve the reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Steen. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records –Nothing to report at this time.

Buildings & Grounds – Council Member Donahue extended thanks to Council Member Bremner for fixing the leaking faucet in the Borough Hall. Mayor Zimmerman stated the tennis court signs need to be put up, as the weather is getting nicer. Mayor Zimmerman also stated that the Council should consider hiring another half constable, for the summer months.

Finance & Insurance - Nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety & Emergency Services- Nothing to report at this time.

Streets & Roads – Council Member Bremner updated the Council that a sign fell over on Princeton Ave. and now the top of the sign is missing. Council Member Bremner stated that he completed the task of creating a sidewalk map for the constables to enforce shoveling.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – Council Member Steen summarized the water and sewer report for February. Council Member Steen stated that 2,184,000 gallons of water were pumped from well # 2. Council Member Steen stated there are plans to fix some of the leaking man hole covers once the weather is warmer to ensure the seals set right. Council Member Steen stated that the bacteriological tests performed were fine.

Council Representative to Planning Board – Council Member Hasser stated there was no meeting in March.

Council Representative to Board of Health – Nothing at this time.

Grants Committee – Council Member Bremner stated he is currently evaluating the Historic Preservation Grant for the Borough Hall. Council Member Bremner stated that the Arts grant he was working on for the October Historic event did not work out. Council Member Bremner stated that there were problems with timing, there was a match the Borough would be required to fund and the scope of the grant did not match the needs.

Recreation Committee- Nothing at this time.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions:

Hearing no comments the floor was closed to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hasser with a second by Steen to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk

Explanation: This Resolution ratifies and confirms the action taken by the Mayor, in consultation with appropriate parties, to temporarily designate the Montgomery Township First Aid Squad, Inc., d/b/a Montgomery EMS, as the primary responder for Borough of Rocky Hill medical emergency calls.

RESOLUTION 2011-33

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, effective March 17, 2011, the Mayor of the Borough of Rocky Hill, in consultation with the Borough Council President, Borough Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Borough Attorney, and representatives of the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, and the Montgomery Township First Aid Squad, Inc., d/b/a Montgomery EMS, temporarily designated the Montgomery EMS as the primary responder for Borough of Rocky Hill medical emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor took this temporary action to allow the Rocky Hill Rescue Squad to develop a plan which would ensure that the Rocky Hill Rescue Squad would be able to respond to medical emergencies timely; and

WHEREAS, this action is temporary in nature; and

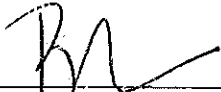
WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill desires to ratify and confirm the action taken by the Mayor.

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:

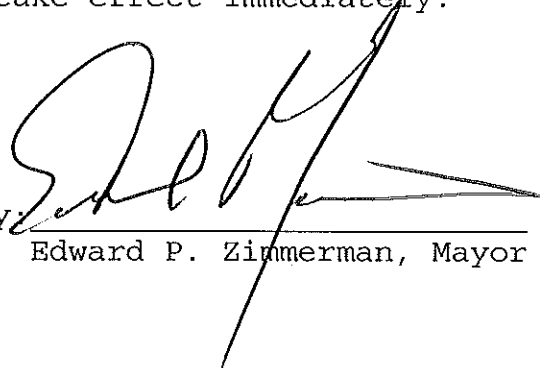
1. That the action taken by the Mayor, in consultation with the appropriate parties, is hereby ratified and confirmed.
2. That the Montgomery EMS will continue to temporarily serve the Borough of Rocky Hill's emergency medical services.
3. That this Resolution shall continue in effect until rescinded by the Council.

4. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to both the Rocky Hill Rescue Squad and the Montgomery EMS.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: 

Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk

By: 

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

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 March 21, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk

Bill List 3/21/11
List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH
CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6410	29 - BOLLINGER INC	PO 3145 2011 Workers Compensation insurance	5,562.00	5,562.00
6411	39 - CENTRAL JERSEY SECURITY	PO 3205 alarm monitoring 4-1 to 6-30-2011	87.00	87.00
6412	58 - COUNTY GOVERNING OFFICIALS	PO 3200 march mtg exp 2011	70.00	70.00
6413	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 3193 2010 tax dup final rock & ord 2-201	63.16	63.16
6414	60 - COURIER NEWS	PO 3202 legal notice 2011 budget	123.44	123.44
6415	122 - KENCOR INC	PO 3195 bimonthly elevator insp	73.00	73.00
6416	433 - MONTGOMERY TWP BD OF ED	PO 3196 final school payment april 2011	221,484.03	221,484.03
6417	169 - MUNICIPAL CLERKS OF SOMERSET COUNTY	PO 3203 2011 dues deputy clerk	75.00	75.00
6418	174 - NJ MAYORS ASSOCIATION	PO 3204 2011 dues	100.00	100.00
6419	210 - PSE&G	PO 3192 street lights to 3-3-2011	773.54	773.54
6420	210 - PSE&G	PO 3198 panicaro park electric	4.44	4.44
6421	210 - PSE&G	PO 3199 boro hall electric	315.53	315.53
6422	210 - PSE&G	PO 3201 crescent pt park electric	4.88	4.88
6423	319 - RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL INC	PO 3156 Trash removal December 2010	3,808.49	3,808.49
6424	319 - RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL INC	PO 3190 trash removal feb 2011	3,808.49	3,808.49
6425	251 - SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH	PO 2679 Resolution 2010-35 2010 Contract ma	4,540.65	4,540.65
6426	253 - SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS	PO 3191 mayor's & clerk's blackberries	176.19	176.19
6427	259 - NEW JERSEY STATE TREASURER	PO 3194 elevator reg fee 2011	476.00	476.00
6428	285 - VALLEY OIL COMPANY	PO 3197 heating oil del 3-11-11	880.56	880.56
6429	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3189 gen eng service february 2011	1,663.10	1,663.10
6430	297 - RAYMOND E. WHITLOCK JR.	PO 3206 county clerks mtg exp	25.00	25.00

TOTAL

244,114.50

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND

244,114.50

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List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH
UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
5968	447 - HACH CO. C/O NORTHEAST TECH SALES	PO 2628 sewer meter along princeton ave	995.00	995.00
5969	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	PO 3209 feb 2011 one calls	2.14	2.14
5970	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 3207 postage mach rental mar 2011	29.00	29.00
5971	210 - PSE&G	PO 3208 water dept electric	2,000.00	2,000.00
5972	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3210 gen eng water sewer work	266.00	266.00

TOTAL

3,292.14

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

3,292.14

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