

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR &
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH, HELD ON MAY 1, 2017 AT
BOROUGH HALL, 26 ROCKLEIGH RD., ROCKLEIGH NJ AT 8 PM**

Mayor Robert Schaffer called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. and led the meeting with a flag salute.

OPENING STATEMENT:

Mayor Schaffer announced that the meeting of this date is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey and that adequate notice of same was given in writing to *The Record*, *The Star Ledger*, and that notice of same was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board as required.

The Borough Clerk called the Roll Call of the Mayor and Council:

Present: Mayor Schaffer, Councilwoman Bresnak, Councilman Hansen, Councilman Johnsen, Councilman Mender, Councilman Cumiskey and Councilman Pontone

Also Present: Robert T. Regan, Esq., Borough Attorney; Marcella Giampiccolo, Borough Clerk, William J. McGuire, Administrator, and Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Minutes from the April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. No discussion took place. A Motion was offered by Councilman Mender, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey to accept the April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative, except Councilman Hansen, who abstained from the vote, to accept the Minutes as presented. The Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion took place regarding the ordering of the new "no littering" signs. Mr. McGuire confirmed the order was placed. Councilwoman Bresnak commented that Suez Water did a beautiful job regarding the paving of Rockleigh Road between 1 Rockleigh Road and 4 Rockleigh Road. No other Committee Reports were presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2017-32 was presented.

MOTION:

SECOND:

**BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey**

Re: RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR THE ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING ON AUGUST 31, 2018.

WHEREAS, on or about August 19, 2013, the Borough of Rockleigh (hereinafter “the Borough”) entered into a Contract with Gaeta Recycling Inc. (hereinafter “the Contractor”) located at 278-282 West Railway Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, for the providing of solid waste collection and disposal and recycling services for the Borough for a one (1) year period commencing September 1, 2013 and terminating on August 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, said Contract was based upon uniform bid specifications which required bidders to submit a bid price for the cost of annual services over a five (5) year period and further provides that the Borough has the option to renew the Contract on a year-to-year basis; and

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted the lowest price proposal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockleigh that it does hereby authorize the extension of the Contract to Contractor for the period commencing September 1, 2017 and terminating on August 31, 2018 for the sum of \$16,185.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Robert R. Schaffer and Borough Clerk Marcella Giampiccolo be and are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement extending the Contract for the aforesaid period at the price set forth above.

Dated: May 1, 2017

Motion offered by Councilman Pontone, seconded by Councilwoman Brenak to accept Resolution 2017-32 as presented. No discussion took place. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Hansen, Johnsen, Mender, Cumiskey, Pontone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor announced the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 2017-3 entitled, “An Ordinance to Amend and Ordinance Entitled “An Ordinance to Fix the Salary, Wage or Compensation of Persons Holding Office, Position or Employment in the Borough of Rockleigh, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey”.

**BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-3**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on May 1, 2017 at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockleigh, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for

further consideration for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on June 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at which time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Marcella Giampiccolo,
Borough Clerk

**AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-3**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION OF PERSONS HOLDING OFFICE, POSITION OR EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY”

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockleigh as follows:

1) SECTION 1: That Section 1 of the Ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE OR COMPENSATION OF PRESONS HOLDING OFFICE POSITION OR EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY be amended and supplemented as follows:

A) The annual wage or rate of compensation to be paid to the following officers or persons holding office or employment with the Borough of Rockleigh is hereby fixed and determined to be as follows for the year 2017:

Administrator/ Dpty. Clerk	\$43,794.44
Dpty. Registrar	\$ 1,991.90
Administrator, Sewer Authority	\$ 6,957.99
Fire Prevention Official	\$ 8,376.88
Fire Inspector	\$ 9,645.69
Zoning Officer	\$ 3,765.50
Cons.Code;Bldg.Insp.;Bldg.Secy.	\$31,174.55
Fire Sub-Code Official	\$ 5,593.68
Bldg. & Grounds Coordinator	\$ 4,897.88
Recycling Coordinator	\$ 1,583.63
Municipal Housing Liaison	\$ 2 500.00
Borough Clerk	\$ 28,063.91
Registrar	\$ 3,315.28
Secretary, Sewer Authority	\$ 3,765.50
Liaison, Orangetown	\$ 3,670.00
Accounts Clerk, Sewer Authority	\$ 4,283.94
Deputy Administrator	\$ 2,705.36
Chief Finance Officer/Treasurer	\$ 17,062.07

Tax Collector	\$ 9,929.53
Finance Officer, Sewer Authority	\$ 8,394.45
QPA	\$ 4,120.00
Administrative Assistant	\$ 15,000.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Inspector	\$ 3,497.19
Electrical Sub-Code Inspector	\$ 5,410.72
Tax Assessor	\$ 10,432.44
Alternate Fire Inspector	\$ 541.07
Temporary Office Assistance	\$ 9.50-\$15.00 per hour
Professional Consulting	\$25.00-\$100.00 per hour

Rockleigh Volunteer Fire Department

Clothing Allowance for Rockleigh
 Volunteer Fire Department \$0.00-\$1,000.00

*Based upon a point system as designated by the Rockleigh Fire Dept. Chief.

This Ordinance will take effect immediately upon passage as required by law.

ROBERT R. SCHAFFER, Mayor

MARCELLA GIAMPICCOLO, Borough Clerk

Introduced:
Adopted:
Approved:

No discussion took place. A Motion was offered by Councilman Cumiskey, seconded by Councilman Mender to approve the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 2017-3 as presented. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Hansen, Johnsen, Mender, Pontone, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The Motion passed.

Discussion moved to the Rockleigh Road repair scour project. The Mayor reported the Borough Engineer will obtain prices and report back to the Council. A Motion was offered by Councilman Mender, seconded by Councilman Johnsen to authorize the Borough Engineer to solicit pricing for the Rockleigh Road repair scour project. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Cumiskey, Hansen, Johnsen, Mender, Pontone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The Motion passed.

Discussion moved to the request of the Borough of Northvale to consider supporting a resolution regarding the Development of Green Way within Northern Valley towns. Following discussion, Mr. Regan stated the form of resolution provided by Northvale was acceptable as long as “Northvale” was changed to “Rockleigh” and could be adopted by the Governing Body this evening. A Motion was offered by Councilman Pontone, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Hansen, Johnsen, Mender, Cumiskey, Pontone

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Bresnak

ABSENT: None

The Motion passed.

Mayor Schaffer announced that Rosanne Antine’s term for the Board of Education had expired and she was to be reappointed to an additional five (5) year term to expire on April 30, 2021. A Motion was offered by Councilman Mender, seconded by Councilwoman Bresnak to approve the re-appointment of Rosanne Antine to the Rockleigh Board of Education. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Hansen, Johnsen, Mender, Pontone, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The Motion passed.

Mayor Schaffer asked the Council to consider the request of a Rockleigh resident (Allison Porto) to post a “Go Fund Me Page” link onto the Borough website in addition to including that link within the next Town Newsletter. This link references a seven year old Northvale resident who has cancer. Following very brief discussion, a Motion was offered by Councilman Pontone, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey to approve the request of

Mrs. Porto. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Hansen, Johnsen, Mender, Pontone, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The Motion passed.

Discussion moved to the request of Mrs. AnnaMaria Porto to use the Borough Hall for a private function. The Mayor noted in addition to Borough hosted seasonal parties, the Borough Hall has been used to conduct wedding ceremonies only, and no celebrations followed. The Council discussed the need for potential hosts to have proper insurance, in addition to adhering to a policy the Borough would have to draft outlining rules, costs, etc. After much discussion, it was a consensus of the Council not to allow private parties to occur at the Borough Hall.

Municipal Court fines were acknowledged. No Police Report for April, 2017 was available. No discussion took place.

Resolution 2017-33 was presented for consideration.

MOTION:

SECOND:

**BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH
County of Bergen
State of New Jersey**

Re: RESOLUTION (2017-33) PROVIDING FOR A REFUND OF A FIRE PERMIT FEE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Borough’s ordinances, Crestron Electronics established an application for a fire permit, no. 17-00005, for relocation of fire sprinkler heads at 15 Volvo Drive, Rockleigh, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, Crestron Electronics was overcharged \$102.00 for said fire permit and has requested a refund of \$102.00, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockleigh that the Chief Financial Officer shall issue a refund in the total amount of \$102.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a refund shall be returned to the applicant upon final adoption of the resolution and the CFO is authorized to issue a refund check to Creston Electronics in the amount set forth below.

Crestron Electronics, 15 Volvo Drive, Rockleigh, NJ 07647 \$102.00

Dated: May 1, 2017

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Bresnak				
Hansen				
Cumiskey				
Johnsen				
Mender				
Pontone				

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution passed by the Governing Body at their meeting held on May 1, 2017.

MARCELLA GIAMPICCOLO, RMC
Borough Clerk

Motion offered by Councilman Pontone, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey to approve resolution 2017-33 as presented. The Roll Call vote recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Hansen, Johnsen, Mender, Pontone, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The Motion passed.

Motion to open the meeting to the public was offered by Councilman Mender, seconded by Councilman Pontone. All Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative to open the meeting to the public. The Motion passed. No public came forward. Motion to close the meeting to the public was offered by Councilman Pontone, seconded by Councilman Mender. All Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative to close the meeting to the public. The Motion passed.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS/PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

The Bill List dated May 1, 2017 was presented for approval. Brief discussion took place regarding an entry on the Bill List. A Motion was offered by Councilman Johnsen, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey, to approve the Bill List dated May 1, 2017, noting the total claims and accounts amounting to \$378,820.59 is paid and that checks be issued therefore, in accordance with established procedure, upon confirmation from the Borough Treasurer/CFO that sufficient monies are available to pay said obligations. No further discussion took place. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Hansen, Johnsen, Mender, Pontone, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

Mr. Regan stated it would be necessary to enter into Closed Session to discuss tax appeals. The following resolution was read into the record:

MOTION:

SECOND:

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss items relating tax appeal - Hartzband.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that at **8:50p.m.** on **MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017** the Governing Body determined to exclude members of the public to discuss the aforesaid items; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceedings relative to the Closed Session may be made public as such time as the Governing Body determines the Borough's interests may not be adversely affected.

Motion offered by Councilman Pontone, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey to enter into Closed Session. All of the Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative to enter into Closed Session to discuss tax appeal - Hartzband. The Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Upon returning to Regular Session, the Mayor briefly reviewed the correspondence listed on the agenda, including the Notice of Site Inspection by the Bergen County Agriculture Development Board and the correspondence regarding the pet shops and puppy mills. It was the consensus of the Councilmembers not to take action with respect to the request to adopt a pet ordinance against puppy mills. In addition, it was the consensus of the Councilmembers to inquire of the Borough Engineer if Rockleigh could apply for grant funds for synthetic turf for the Rockleigh playground.

No further business came before the Governing Body. A Motion was offered by Councilman Pontone seconded by Councilman Cumiskey to adjourn the meeting. All Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned. The Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Marcella Giampiccolo, RMC
Borough Clerk