

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR &  
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH, HELD ON JULY 5, 2017 AT  
BOROUGH HALL, 26 ROCKLEIGH RD., ROCKLEIGH NJ AT 8 PM**

Mayor Robert Schaffer called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 Deputy Borough Clerk called the Roll Call of the Mayor and Council:

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

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

**Absent:** Councilman Mender, Borough Clerk Marcella Giampiccolo

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

Minutes from the June 5, 2017 Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meeting were presented for approval. No discussion took place. A Motion was offered by Councilman Pontone, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey to accept the June 5, 2017 Regular Meeting and Closed Session Meeting Minutes as presented. All Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative to accept the Minutes as presented, except Councilman Hansen who abstained from the vote. The Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

No Committee reports were presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Mayor discussed the proposed resolution regarding the release of the security deposit for 33 Piermont Road which is closing due to the death of owner. Mr. Regan commented that the current lease expires in March of 2018. The Mayor read aloud the last paragraph of the resolution. Motion offered by Councilman Johnsen, seconded by Councilman Cumiskey to approve the following resolution:

**MOTION:**

**SECOND:**

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

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**Re:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SECURITY DEPOSIT PERTAINING TO 33 PIERMONT ROAD.

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 31, 2015, the Borough of Rockleigh entered into a Lease Agreement with John Verdigi III Electrical Contractors, LLC ("Tenant") whereby Tenant agreed to rent from the Borough certain property known as Block 102, Lot 4 as depicted on the Borough tax map, being more commonly known as 33 Piermont Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the principal owner of the Tenant recently passed away; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is agreeable to the termination of the Lease and a refund of the three month security deposit which was paid by the Tenant pursuant to paragraph 4.3 of the Lease Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockleigh that it does hereby authorize the return of the security deposit to the Tenant and further confirms that the Lease Agreement is hereby terminated.

**Dated: July 5, 2017**

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The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Hansen, Johnsen, Pontone, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mender

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

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The CFO confirmed the interest on the security deposit will also be returned. Discussion moved to the amount of rent to be charged in the bid notice as the minimum bid. The current bid is \$2,600. The Council agreed to the starting bid to be \$3,000.00. Mr. Regan will prepare the bid notice and the Borough Clerk will advertise in the newspaper as legally required. The suggestion was made to also run an ad where the Classified Real Estate notices are published. Discussion took place regarding the current restrictions outlined in the prior bid notice, and the council agreed to restrict landscapers as well.

Court Fines and Police Report were briefly acknowledged. Some discussion took place regarding the police report.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS/PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

The Bill List dated July 5, 2017 was presented for approval. Brief discussion took place regarding entries on the Bill List. A Motion was offered by Councilman Pontone, seconded by Councilman Johnsen, to approve the Bill List dated July 5, 2017, noting

the total claims and accounts amounting to \$54,969.55 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, Johnsen, Hansen, Pontone, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mender

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

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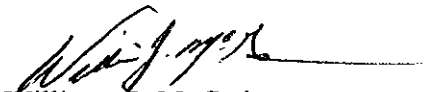
**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Mayor commented that any Council member who wants to attend the November 2017 NJLM Conference in Atlantic City should advise the office at the August meeting to make timely reservations.

Councilwoman Bresnak discussed the recycling letter dated June 14, 2017 from the State. Mr. McGuire commented that Rockleigh is covered with most of the requirements as some do not apply to Rockleigh.

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

Respectfully submitted,



William J. McGuire  
Deputy Borough Clerk