

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR &
COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH, HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2016 AT
BOROUGH HALL, 26 ROCKLEIGH RD., ROCKLEIGH NJ AT 8 PM**

Mayor Robert Schaffer called the meeting to order at 8:00 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*, 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 Johnsen, Councilman Cumiskey
Also Present: Robert T. Regan, Esq., Borough Attorney; William J. McGuire, Deputy Borough Clerk and Administrator; Gregory J. Polyniak, Borough Engineer and Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO.
Absent: Councilman Pontone, Councilman Mender, Councilwoman Ewald and Marcella Giampiccolo, Borough Clerk.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Minutes of the July 6, 2016 Mayor and Council meeting were carried due to lack of voting eligible quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carla Plotkin came forward to speak to the Mayor and Council (without the meeting being opened to the public) to address her concerns regarding the Rockleigh Road Safety Roadway project. The Mayor stated that there was a consensus of the residents who were present at the July Mayor and Council meeting who were not in favor of speed bumps. There were three (3) items that the residents and the Council did come to a consensus on which included: widening the road in certain areas, repair of catch basin and installation of a centerline groove on Rockleigh Road without any yellow striping. Discussion took place and the Borough Engineer, Gregory Polyniak, addressed the benefits of the centerline groove and made the suggestion that reflectors be installed in the centerline groove pavement. Discussion moved to the NJDOT funding of all current proposed projects with NJDOT. Mr. Polyniak, stated the Governing Body should still proceed on the previously discussed timeline to confirm decisions as to the project at the September Mayor and Council meeting to ensure October bids can be received and/or re-bid a second round if necessary. The question was raised if the NJDOT does not grant the award for this project and how the town will handle making some of the necessary repairs to the roadway. The Mayor responded it will be dealt with when the time comes, if necessary. Mr. Polyniak confirmed with the Council their wish to have pricing of solar signs looked into for the next meeting. The Mayor confirmed there will be no reflectors along the sides of Rockleigh Road, but there will be white striping. In addition to the white side lines, the chevron signs will be helpful.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Committee reports were provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Schaffer provided to the Council the estimates for crack seal on Rockleigh Road, Willow Avenue, Concklin Lane, Rose Haven Lane and Haring Farm Lane. The Mayor stated an estimate was also provided for sealing the Borough Hall parking lot, which is separate from the crack seal on the roads. The following resolution (2016-44) was presented for a vote.

MOTION:

SECOND:

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

Re: RESOLUTION (2016-44) AWARDING A CONTRACT TO RAFFERTY'S BLACKTOP MAINTENANCE CORP. FOR SEALING OF CRACKS IN MUNICIPAL ROADWAYS.

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited proposals for the sealing of cracks in municipal roadways, the removal of debris from the area of such roadways, and pothole repairs; and

WHEREAS, Rafferty's Blacktop Maintenance Corp. ("the Contactor"), 7 Badger Street, New City, New York has submitted a proposal for such work in the amount of \$3,100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for such purpose, and are provided for in Roads/OE, Account No. 01-2010-26-2502-01.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockleigh that it does hereby award a contract for the aforesaid work to the Contractor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Robert R. Schaffer and Borough Clerk Marcella Giampiccolo be and are hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Agreement for such services.

Dated: August 1, 2016

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Bresnak				
Ewald				
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 August 1, 2016.

Marcella Giampiccolo, RMC

Motion offered by Councilman Cumiskey, seconded by Councilman Johnsen to approve Resolution 2016-44. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Johnsen, Bresnak

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pontone, Ewald, Mender

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

The Mayor discussed with the Councilmembers the option of sealing the Borough parking lot (and driveways) and replace all existing markings and symbols on the parking lot. It was the consensus of the Councilmembers present to move forward with the project. Mr. Regan will memorialize this in a resolution for the September Mayor and Council meeting. The Mayor briefly discussed the work of the vendor who will be in charge of this project.

Discussion took place regarding the 2016 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund – Application. It was the consensus of the Councilmembers present not to move forward with any Open Space applications.

Municipal Court fines were acknowledged for June. No police report was provided in time of the meeting since the previous month just ended.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS/PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Discussion took place regarding a question on the Bill List dated August 1, 2016 regarding the accounts charged for the County Open Space payment and the County taxes payment. The CFO stated the wrong account was charged and will be corrected to reflect the county taxes payable line item and not the school taxes payable line item as indicated on the August 1, 2016 current fund bill list. The Mayor briefly discussed the Borough taxes are going to be mailed along with the Mayor's letter outlining the continued reduction in property taxes. The Bill List dated August 1, 2016 presented for approval. Brief discussion took place regarding the understanding of what UCC fees are. A Motion was offered by Councilman Johnsen, seconded by Councilwoman Bresnak to approve the Bill List dated August 1, 2016, noting the total claims and accounts amounting to \$392,931.01 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, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ewald, Mender, Pontone

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

At this time a Motion was offered by Councilman Cumiskey, seconded by Councilman Johnsen to open the meeting to the public. All Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative. The Motion passed. Mrs. Plokin inquired about the school bus for Rockleigh children and inquired if the size of the bus could be reduced to a smaller bus. The Mayor stated the buses are under the control of the Board of Education. The Borough Administrator commented that Rinaldi Bus Company often complains about the conditions on Rockleigh Road noting overgrown trees and narrow roadway, especially during the winter months.

Motion offered by Councilman Cumiskey, seconded by Councilman Johnsen to close the meeting to the public. All Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative. The Motion closed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mayor reviewed the items listed as correspondence on the agenda. Open Space gave a very positive report for Rockleigh. Brief discussion took place regarding the other items listed on the agenda, including a possible donation made to the James F. McGuire Memorial Center. It was the consensus of the Councilmembers present not to make a donation to the Center at this time.

Mayor Schaffer announced that the Governing Body was entering into Closed Session with the Borough Engineer. Mr. Regan read aloud the following resolution into the Record:

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 option that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss item relating to ***Borough of Rockleigh Docket No. BER-L-5761-15.***

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that at **8:30 p.m.** on **MONDAY, August 1, 2016** 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 Councilwoman Bresnak, seconded by Councilman Johnsen to approve the Closed Session. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Bresnak, Johnsen, Cumiskey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ewald, Mender, Pontone

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

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Prior to going into Closed Session, Councilwoman Bresnak returned to the discussion regarding donations to the James F. Memorial Center and suggested to the Governing Body that private, non-Borough related, donations would be made by anyone as was the case for donations solicited by Spectrum For Living fund raisers.

Upon returning to the Regular Session of the meeting, no further business came before the Governing Body. Motion offered by Councilman Cumiskey, seconded by Councilwoman Bresnak 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
Borough Administrator