

**MINUTES OF THE SINE/DIE MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH, HELD ON  
JANUARY 8, 2024 AT 26 ROCKLEIGH ROAD, ROCKLEIGH, NJ AT 7:00 PM**

Mayor James Pontone called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the flag salute.

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Mayor Pontone 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 and Website as required.

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

**Present:** Mayor Pontone, Councilman Cumiskey, Councilman Mender, Councilwoman Bresnak, Councilwoman Antine and Councilwoman Altman.

**Also Present:** Robert T. Regan, Esq., Borough Attorney, Marcella Giampiccolo, Borough Clerk, Kunjesh Trivedi, CFO/Tax Collector and Gregory J. Polyniak, Borough Engineer.

**Absent:** Councilman Hansen and William J. McGuire, Borough Administrator.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

Minutes of the Regular Session meeting held on December 4, 2023 were presented for approval. Motion offered by Councilman Cumiskey, seconded by Councilwoman Antine to approve the December 4, 2023 Regular Session Minutes as presented. No discussion took place. All Councilmembers present voted in the affirmative to accept the minutes as presented. The Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Borough's Engineer report dated December 19, 2023 was acknowledged. No discussion took place.

Municipal Court fines were also acknowledged, no discussion took place.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

At this time Resolution 2023-76 was presented for consideration as follows:

**BOROUGH OF ROCKLEIGH  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION 2023-76 AUTHORIZING A BUDGET TRANSFER**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockleigh that upon the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, the following transfer be made at this time between Appropriation Reserve Line items:

**2023 Appropriation Transfer**

Transfer Resolution 01-08-2024

From

Engineer OE (20-165) \$ 4,000.00  
 Unemployment OE(23-225) \$ 2,000.00  
 Fire Clothing OE(25-267) \$ 3,700.00  
 Total \$ 9,700.00

To

Administration OE (20-120) \$ 2,000.00  
 Finance OE(20-145) \$ 1,600.00  
 Tax OE (20-145) \$ 900.00  
 Construction Code OE (22-195) \$ 3,000.00  
 Employee Health (23-215) \$ 2,200.00  
 Total \$ 9,700.00

Dated: January 8, 2023

Councilmember	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Cumiskey						
Mender						
Hansen						
Bresnak						
Antine						
Altman						

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution passed by the Governing Body at their meeting held on January 8, 2023

**MARCELLA GIAMPICCOLO, RMC**  
**Borough Clerk**

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Motion offered by Councilwoman Altman, seconded by Councilwoman Antine to approve Resolution 2023-76 as presented. No discussion took place other than the CFO commenting that this was normal practice towards the end of the year. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Mender, Bresnak, Antine, Altman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hansen

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.



**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockleigh that the claims totaling \$112,176.39 be approved and ratified respectively.

Dated: January 8, 2024

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Resolution passed by the Governing Body at their meeting held on January 8, 2024

**MARCELLA GIAMPICCOLO, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK**

	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Cumiskey				
Mender				
Hansen				
Bresnak				
Antine				
Altman				

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Motion offered by Councilman Cumiskey, seconded by Councilman Mender to approve Resolution 2023-77 as presented. Brief discussion took place regarding clarification to the payment made to Northvale Ambulance Corp. The CFO reviewed that issue with the Council noting that Northvale Ambulance did not cash the original check issued in 2022 in the amount of \$18,000. That check included donations made for the years 2020 and 2021, from the Jewish Home who paid \$12,000 representing two (2) years and the Borough who paid \$6,000 for its donation in 2022. Discussion ended. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Mender, Bresnak, Antine, Altman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hansen

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

At this time Mayor Pontone asked the Borough Engineer, Greg Polyniak, to comment on the correspondence received from Veolia on December 5, 2023. Mr. Polyniak commented that his office issued a response on behalf of the Borough to Veolia identifying paving project that would impact road closures for the year 2024. No discussion took place.

Mayor Pontone commented for the Record that no public was present for this meeting.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Mr. Regan discussed Assembly Bill 4 with the Governing Body. Mr. Regan provided an explanation of Assembly Bill 4 which will abolish the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and that all municipalities will need to provide their 2025 numbers through Resolution no later than January 31, 2025. Special Masters will issue new numbers of units to each

municipality on November 15, 2024. Discussion ensued among the Councilmembers. At the end of this discussion the Council asked Mr. Regan to prepare a resolution in opposition of Assembly Bill 4. In the meantime, Mr. Regan suggested to the Governing Body that a committee of Councilmembers be formed; or a committee including the Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers, to discuss a plan of action for the upcoming 2025 round of affordable housing. Discussion ended.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No discussion took place on the Planning Board/Variance Review for the Year 2023 prepared by Kenneth C. Dolecki, Esq.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to come before the Governing Body a Motion was offered to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Antine, seconded by Councilwoman Altman and approved by all Councilmembers voting in the affirmative to adjourn the meeting of this date. The Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcella Giampiccolo, RMC  
Borough Clerk