

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – OCTOBER 23, 2018

The Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 in the Council Chambers located within the Municipal Building, 65 Mt. Hope Road, Township of Rockaway, State of New Jersey commencing at 7:30p.m.

Council President Jedynak led those present in the Salute to the American Flag.

Council President Jedynak called for a Moment of Silence to remember the Service and Sacrifices of the Armed Service Members who Protect our Nation and the First Responders who Protect our Neighborhoods.

Present: Council Member Quinn, Council Member Friedlander, Council Member Puzio, Council Member Palumbo, Council Member Smith, Council Member Sackett, Council Member Kelley, Council Vice-President Abrahamsen and Council President Jedynak.

Present from Administration: Mayor Salberg, Attorney Iacofano, Ms. Palmieri and Ms. Ferrante.

Acting Clerk Christina Clipperton stated that “this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record, the official newspaper for the Township of Rockaway on January 8, 2018. Notice was posed on the Official Bulletin Board of Rockaway Township.”

Captain Wade Ryerson was designated as Sergeant of Arms.

President Jedynak read the Township Code 2-5.15.

Township Code 2-5.15 Decorum:

While the Council is in session, the members shall preserve order and decorum. The Council President, at his/her discretion shall direct the Chief of Police or such other person in the Police Department as he may designate to be the Sergeant of Arms at the Council meeting. The Sergeant at Arms shall employ reasonable means to maintain the proper order and decorum consistent with accepted standards.

President Jedynak stated that a member of the public raised a concern last night that the special meetings of September 20, 2018 and September 26, 2018 that were moved as a result of Yom Kippur and Sukkot might not have met the notice requirements under the OPMA. In light of the recent ruling by Judge Minkowitz and out of an abundance of caution, I am making the following motion:

President Jedynak made a motion, seconded by Vice President Abrahamsen to ratify and approve the actions taken at the September 20, 2018 meeting, including:

R-18-167 CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION Anticipated Litigation
R-18-168 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RETAINING SPECIAL COUNSEL

There was discussion amongst the Council about the possibility of reviewing the material from the September 20, 2018 meeting prior to voting to ratify the actions that took place at that meeting and which Council Members were eligible to vote for the ratification. Council Member Friedlander asked for the Township Attorney's opinion on the ratification. Attorney Iacofano explained that he was concerned that he had not reviewed the material prior to this motion being made, and that he was not in the position to recommend that the Council move forward with the ratification.

Council President Jedynek explained that the motion to ratify the actions of the September 20, 2018 and September 26, 2018 is being made in response to a concern that was brought to the Council by a member of the public.

Council Member Kelley explained that the Council has the ability to make motions on the floor to take action, which has been done in the past. Council Member Kelley asked Attorney Iacofano if there had been any prior communication between himself and Mr. Schmidt in regard to O.P.M.A. issues or concerns. Attorney Iacofano answered no, but he had received the same letter written by Mr. Schmidt and that he had received a phone call in regard to an OPRA request that he had filed. Council Member Kelley and Attorney Iacofano discussed the letter and Attorney Iacofano explained that without further review of the letter and the materials from the meetings in question, he could not form an opinion of what action should be taken at this time. Council Member Kelley explained that actions like the motion being made tonight, have taken place in other municipalities and could minimize the exposure of further litigation.

Motion was made by Council Member Puzio, seconded by Council Member Quinn to table the motion made by Council President Jedynek until the next meeting to allow for the Attorney to review the materials.

Council Member Kelley explained to Council Member Puzio that the member of the public that had raised concerns about the Council's O.P.M.A. compliance has certain time restraints to take action in regard to the September 20, 2018 and September 26, 2018 Meetings. Council Member Puzio stated that he understood, but hoped that the individual would understand that the Council is acting in good faith. Council Member Kelley asked if Council Member Puzio had any prior communications with Mr. Schmidt. Council Member Puzio explained that he had only received the emails that were sent to the Council.

Council Member Smith questioned what could happen if the motion to ratify these meetings were to be tabled. President Jedynek explained that if an individual were to

litigate the validity of these meetings, that only those meetings could be considered by the Court and if the Council were to ratify the actions taken at this meeting, the Court would be able to take this action into consideration.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 5 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio, Sackett)

Nah Votes: 1 (Council Members Palumbo, Smith, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen, President Jedynak)

Motion is not carried.

President Jedynak explained that the Council would not be voting on his previous motion to ratify the action taken at the September 20, 2018 meeting.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 5 (Council Members Palumbo, Smith, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen, President Jedynak)

Nah Votes: 1 (Council Member Friedlander)

Abstentions: 3 (Council Members Quinn, Puzio, Sackett)

Motion is carried.

President Jedynak made a motion, seconded by Vice-President Abrahamsen to ratify and approve the actions taken at the Sept 26, 2018 meeting, including:

Council Appointment of EMS Member Mihir Kansagra

Ordinance for introduction O-18-18 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-6.3 TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

R-18-166 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LISA PALMIERI, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TO THE MORRIS COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER AND PATRICIA SEGER, ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, AS THE ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER THRU 2019

R-18-169 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#17-0015 BLOCK 20506 LOT 10, 14 CAYUGA AVE.

R-18-170 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2018 4TH & 2019 1ST QUARTER TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS ON BLOCK 10601 LOT 34 KNOWN AS 169 PERRY STREET.

R-18-171 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) RescueONE BRAND 1673 X-S CONNECTOR BOAT, TRAILER, AND ACCESSORIES FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$31,050.00

R-18-172 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE DESCRIBED AS A 2018 WESTERN STAR TRUCK WITH CLASS 8 CHASSIS HAVING A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF 27,000 POUNDS OR GREATER AND BEING COMPRISED OF A DUMP BODY, PLOW AND SANDER AND THE PURCHASE OF A

WARRANTY FOR SUCH VEHICLE FOR THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE OF \$175,828.48

R-18-173 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWELVE (12) 4500 PSI AIR-PAK X3 SCBA UNITS WITH ACCESSORIES FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$94,381.20

R-18-174 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PREVIOUSLY POSTED BY AMERICAN ASPHALT & MILLING SERVICES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$261,101.60 AND REQUIRING THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR ONE YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,033.11 APPLICABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SECTION II OF THE DANIEL STREET ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 5 (Council Members Palumbo, Smith, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen, President Jedynak)

Nah Votes: 0

Abstentions: 4 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio, Sackett)

Motion is carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. July 10, 2018 – Regular Meeting
- B. September 20, 2018 – Special Meeting
- C. September 20, 2018 – Closed Session
- D. September 26, 2018 – Special Meeting
- E. October 11, 2018 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made by President Jedynak, seconded by Vice-President Abrahamsen to approve the July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2018 Closed Session Minutes, September 26, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes and October 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 5 (Council Members Palumbo, Smith, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen, President Jedynak)

Nah Votes: 0

Abstentions: 4 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio and Sackett)

Motion is carried.

ORDINANCES TO ADOPT:

(O-18-17) ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$40,000 OF PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO

PROVIDE FOR PETERSON FIELD PARKING REHABILITATION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

The meeting was opened to the public to discuss Ordinance O-18-17, with no members of the public wishing to speak, the meeting was closed to the public.

Motion was made by Council Member Quinn, seconded by Council Member Puzio to adopt Ordinance O-18-17 for final reading.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen and President Jedynak)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTIONS:

(R-18-179) TO REFUND PROPERTY TAXES PAID IN ERROR ON BLOCK: 11301 LOT: 21.02 ALSO KNOWN AS: MT HOPE RD., OWNER: GIANT DEVELOPMENT CORP.

(R-18-180) REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#17-0001 AGAINST BLOCK 10101 LOT 19 KNOWN AS 470 ROCKAWAY RD.

(R-18-182) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO KINGS ROAD

(R-18-183) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO DEBBIE PLACE

(R-18-184) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP TO THE 1772 FOUNDATION FOR A 2019 MATCHING FUND GRANT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE FIRE DETECTION/SECURITY SYSTEM INTO THE NEWLY RESTORED WEST WING OF THE FORD-FAESCH IRONMASTER'S HOUSE c.1770, OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY

RESOLUTION # R-18-179

TO REFUND PROPERTY TAXES PAID IN ERROR ON BLOCK: 11301 LOT: 21.02 ALSO KNOWN AS: MT HOPE RD., OWNER: GIANT DEVELOPMENT CORP.

WHEREAS, payments were received from Valley National Bank on behalf of SAR 1, LLC from 2009 1st quarter through 2017 4th quarter on the following property in error:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>REFUND DUE</u>
11301-21.02	Mt Hope. Rd.	Giant Development Corp.	\$2,542.58

WHEREAS, Valley National Bank has submitted a written request with supporting documentation to the Tax Assessor to correct title/owner information removing SAR 1 as owner of Lot: 21.02 and for a refund to be issued back to them for payments made in error on the wrong property to the following address:

Valley National Bank
1720 Rt 23 North
Wayne, NJ 07470

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has changed the records/owners for Lot: 21.02 to reflect the correct owner: Giant Development Corp. and he forwarded the request for the refund of taxes paid in error to the Tax Collector's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Treasurer is authorized to refund the above and the tax collector to adjust her records accordingly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer and Tax Assessor.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on **October 23, 2018**.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

RESOLUTION # R-18-180

**REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#17-0001
AGAINST BLOCK 10101 LOT 19
KNOWN AS 470 ROCKAWAY RD.**

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector's Office has received payment for redemption of **Tax Title Lien #17-0001** on **Block: 10101 Lot: 19** known as: **470 ROCKAWAY RD.** in the name of: **RYAN**.

WHEREAS, reimbursements are now required to be made to the following Lien Holder,
TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS
575 RT 70
PO BOX 1030, 2ND FLOOR
BRICK, NJ 08723

From Tax Lien Redemption Account, Lien, Penalty, Interest and Costs:

TAX TITLE LIEN: \$ 769.46
PREMIUM: \$ 1,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Township Treasurer is authorized to prepare a check in the amount of: **\$ 1,769.46** made payable to:

"ABOVE LIEN HOLDER"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Township Treasurer.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on **OCTOBER 23, 2018**.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

R-18-182

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO KINGS ROAD

WHEREAS, the Township of Rockaway ("Township") desires to make an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT") for the purposes of securing funds for the Roadway Improvements to Kings Road. Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the project generally consists of barrier free ramps with detectable surfaces, replacement of curb, milling, full width overlay, drainage improvements; the limits are from Fleetwood Drive just before Miller Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been recommended by the Acting Municipal Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, they being the Governing Body thereof as follows:

1. The Township hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Township Clerk to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2019-Roadway Improvements to Kings Road-00624 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Rockaway.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Rockaway and their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk, together with all other appropriate officers, employees, consultants and professionals of the Township, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on October 23, 2018.

Christina Clipperton
Township Clerk

R-18-183

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO DEBBIE PLACE

WHEREAS, the Township of Rockaway (“Township”) desires to make an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (“NJDOT”) for the purposes of securing funds for the Roadway Improvements to Debbie Place. Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the project generally consists of barrier free ramps with detectable surfaces, replacement of curb, milling, full width overlay, drainage improvements; the limits are from Crestmont Drive to Slope Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been recommended by the Acting Municipal Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, they being the Governing Body thereof as follows:

1. The Township hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor and Township Clerk to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2019-Roadway Improvements to Debbie Place-00698 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Rockaway.
2. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Rockaway and their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.
3. The Mayor and Township Clerk, together with all other appropriate officers, employees, consultants and professionals of the Township, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on October 23, 2018.

Christina Clipperton
Township Clerk

R-18-184

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP TO THE 1772 FOUNDATION FOR A 2019 MATCHING FUND GRANT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE FIRE DETECTION/SECURITY SYSTEM INTO THE NEWLY RESTORED WEST WING OF THE FORD-FAESCH IRONMASTER'S HOUSE c.1770, OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY

WHEREAS, the Township of Rockaway ("Township") is the owner in fee of the Ford Faesch Manor House c. 1770, located at 629 Mount Hope Road in Rockaway Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township maintains a lease agreement with the Historical Society of Rockaway Township ("Historical Society") for the purposes of stewardship of the structure and grounds and public historical programming and events; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Society has been engaged in a long-term restoration effort of the Ford Faesch Ironmaster's House spanning nearly three decades; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the 1772 Foundation by the Historical Society for a 2019 Matching Grant for Historic Preservation for the extension of the fire detection/security system at the Ford- Faesch Ironmaster's House into the newly restored west wing.
2. All work will be performed in accordance with guidelines and procedures previously approved by the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust; in compliance with the United States Secretary of Interior Standards and the existing Historical Structures Report for the building.
3. The Historical Society will be requesting \$897.50 through the grant application and the Township will match the requested amount with \$897.50 from the Township Open Space, Recreation, Historical and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund or operating budget, and in accordance with grant rules and regulations for a total project estimated to be \$1795.00.
4. The Mayor, the Business Administrator, and the Township Clerks, together with all other appropriate officers, employees, professionals and staff of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey at a duly convened meeting held on October 23, 2018.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Township Clerk

Motion was made by Vice-President Abrahamsen, seconded by Council Member Friedlander to approve the consent agenda.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen and President Jedynak)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL:

Phyllis Hantman as Planning Board Class IV Member

The Mayor and Council expressed their support and confidence in this appointment.

Motion was made by Vice-President Abrahamsen, seconded by Council Member Kelley to appoint Phyllis Hantman as Planning Board Class IV Member.

Roll Call Was Taken:

Yah Votes: 9 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen, President Jedynak)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

Allison Ferrante as Township Engineer

The Mayor and Council expressed their support and confidence in this appointment.

Motion was made by Vice-President Abrahamsen, seconded by Council Member Kelley to appoint Allison Ferrante as Township Engineer.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen, President Jedynak)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion is carried.

Patricia Seger as Business Administrator

(R-18-181) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA SEGER AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY

TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

R-18-181

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
PATRICIA SEGER AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Rockaway to fill the vacancy currently existing in the position of Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Seger has been performing the job along with performing the duties of the Assistant Business Administrator since June 1, 2018 and:

WHEREAS, Patricia Seger is qualified and has been chosen by the Mayor to serve in the position of Business Administrator and;

WHEREAS, Patricia Seger has stated her intention to accept the position of Business Administrator for the Township of Rockaway for \$140,000.00 per year and;

WHEREAS, the appointment of Patricia Seger to the position of Business Administrator to the Township of Rockaway requires the consent of the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway that it hereby approves of and gives its consent to the appointment of Patricia Seger as Business Administrator for the Township of Rockaway.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on October 11, 2018.

Christina Clipperton
Acting Municipal Clerk

There was discussion amongst the Mayor and Council about this appointment and the position of Assistant Business Administrator.

Motion was made by Council Member Quinn, seconded by Council Member Friedlander to appoint Patricia Seger as Business Administrator.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes: 6 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio, Palumbo, Smith and Sackett)

Nah Votes: 2 (Council Members Kelley and President Jedynek)

Abstentions: 1 (Vice-President Abrahamsen)

Motion is carried.

REPORTS:

COUNCIL:

Council Member Quinn apologized for not being able to attend the Fire Department Inspections on October 20th, but he had attended the Banquet. Council Member Quinn announced that he had received complaints from residents in Townsquare Village about the early morning garbage pickup, and is working with Administration to address the residents' concerns.

Council Member Friedlander announced that the Morris Hills Regional School Board has come to a tentative agreement with their contract.

Council Member Puzio attended the Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Committee meeting, a documentary will be presented on December 21st at Christ Church about substance abuse, bullying and making positive choices. Council Member Puzio also informed the public that there is a treatment facility in Rockaway Township, Ascend Treatment and Wellness Center, which provides treatment for drug and alcohol abuse, addiction and mental health conditions.

Council Member Palumbo attended the Fire Inspection on October 20th, he found the inspection to be very informative. Council Member Palumbo thanked Director Sheard, Chief Heath, the Township's Fire Marshall Craig Babcock, and all of the men and women who volunteer their time and service to our Fire Departments.

Council Member Smith commended the Rockaway Township Fire Departments for a very impressive and informative presentation of their equipment and facilities during the October 20th inspection and thanked everyone in the Rockaway Township Fire Department for their hard work. Council Member Smith also stated that she attended the October 15th Planning Board Meeting and informed the public of the outcomes of the applications heard. Council Member Smith asked the Administration to consider budgeting for a digital sign to be placed on Mt. Hope Rd. for 2019, several other towns utilize them and they keep the public informed. Council Member Smith also stated that she was recently unable to attend the pre-construction meeting regarding the drainage correction on Richard Mine Rd, and asked Ms. Ferrante to update the public.

Council Member Sackett announced that there will be a Rockaway area Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 26th at the Atlantic Health Building, the Parks Lake Fall Clean-up is October 27th at 9a.m., and the Trunk or Treat will be held at Dwyer School on October 27th at 3p.m.

Council Member Kelley announced that a young Township resident was lost recently to opioid abuse, and believes the Township needs to be get more involved in the awareness and prevention of substance abuse. Council Member Kelley also attended the Fire Department Inspection and Banquet, and spoke about the hard work of our volunteers. Council Member Kelley informed the public of the fire that took place in Dover recently and what is being done to assist the individuals who lost their homes and businesses in the fire. Council Member Kelley informed the public about cars being stolen in the Lake Telemark area, and congratulated Allison Ferrante on her appointment of Township Engineer.

Vice-President Abrahamsen attended the Fire Department Inspection and Banquet found it to be very impressive, but found the volunteers to be even more impressive.

The facilities and equipment are very well kept, and their hard work shows. Vice-President Abrahamsen also informed everyone that gas lines are being replaced in the Birchwood area, and thanked the DPW for doing an outstanding job. Vice-President Abrahamsen thanked the Women's Auxiliary for their hard work in supporting our Fire Department.

President Jedynak thanked the Fire Department for inviting the Council to their Inspection and Banquet, the facilities and equipment are very well maintained. President Jedynak informed the public that the Fire Department is in need of volunteers. President Jedynak also announced that we will have a new Mayor come November, Michael Puzio, and expressed that he would like to meet with Mr. Puzio and work together.

MAYOR:

Mayor Salberg also attended the Fire Department Inspection and Banquet, and commended the Fire Department for their professionalism and the dedication of our volunteers, they are inspiring. Mayor Salberg also addressed a letter that was sent from the Morris County Prosecutor's Office to John Inglesino, and questioned whether President Jedynak or the Acting Clerk had received the letter, and if they had received the letter, why Administration and the rest of the Council wasn't informed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Joy Weinreich, 7 N. Brookside Drive – Ms. Weinreich thanked the Council and residents for supporting White Meadow Lake's blood drive, and invited everyone to the Stop the Bleed event being held on October 25, 2018 at 7pm at the White Meadow Lake Clubhouse.

Frank Jeckell, 16 Faesch Court – Mr. Jeckell congratulated Patricia Seger on her appointment as Business Administrator, commented on the voting patterns of the Council, and raised concerns about Ms. Seger's position with the Township if she had not been appointed.

Derek Wing, 23 Miller Avenue – Mr. Wing stated that he has attended several meetings and commented on the change in voting patterns this evening.

John Schmidt, Gloucester City, NJ – Mr. Schmidt raised several concerns about Open Public Meetings Act compliance and stated that the actions taken by the Council this evening were a step in the right direction. Mr. Schmidt also raised concerns about annual notice requirements and Closed Session minutes.

Tim Shutts, 209 Perry Street – Mr. Shutts stated that he was Mayor Mike’s neighbor for several years and that he was a great guy, and raised concerns about the tension with the public and Council, as well as the past behavior of the Council.

Barry Silbger, 12 Lake Shore Drive – Mr. Silbger raised concerns about the actions of the Council, the public discussion of the sewer assessments, Closed Session minutes, and the Council’s compliance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

Dave Press, 71 Oakland Avenue – Mr. Press raised concerns about the sewer assessments and the rush for Administration to provide a report, the public discussion of Ms. Seger’s appointment, the Council Meetings not being relocated, the salary of the Acting Clerk, and Minute approvals.

Patrick Deo, 11 Valley Road – Mr. Deo stated that he is hearing impaired and has a hard time hearing the Council, he asked that microphones be provided for each Council Member. Mr. Deo raised concerns about the Council not operating under Robert’s Rules of Order and asked that it be considered.

Fred West, 3 Barry Drive – Mr. West thanked Council Member Palumbo for voting in favor of Ms. Seger’s appointment, and raised concerns about meeting packets and the Sunshine Law.

Pat Degnan, 88 Valley View Drive – Ms. Degnan raised concerns about the brush at the recycling center encroaching on the driveways, the proposed Wawa construction increasing the traffic congestion on Green Pond Rd., the dredging of Parks Lake and the public discussion of Ms. Seger’s appointment.

Mary Noon, 454 Herrick Drive – Ms. Noon raised concerns about the catch basin at the corner of Swede Mine Rd. and Sunnyhill Rd. and asked that it be addressed before Halloween.

Lisa Salberg, 12 Bergen Hill – Ms. Salberg raised concerns about the actions of the Majority of the Council, positions within the Township being cut and therefore cutting public services, the failed legal action, the law firm representing the Acting Clerk in the Recall Election matter, the actions of John P. Inglesino, Esq., Open Public Meetings Act violations, unethical behavior and a letter that was sent to John Inglesino, Esq. from the Morris County Prosecutor’s office.

Carol Lucas, 37 Stonybrook Road – Ms. Lucas stated that she had emailed the Council with a list of her questions that she would like answered. Ms. Lucas questioned what was being removed from the January 2, 2018 minutes with the approval of R-18-147, Ordinance O-18-18, and the amount of money that had been billed to the Township for the recent litigation.

With no further business to attend to this evening, a motion was made by Council Member Kelley, seconded by Vice-President Abrahamsen to adjourn the meeting at 10:23p.m.

Roll Call Was Taken.

Yah Votes – 9 (Council Members Quinn, Friedlander, Puzio, Palumbo, Smith, Sackett, Kelley, Vice-President Abrahamsen and President Jedynak)

Nah Votes – 0

Motion is carried.

The next Regular Meeting of the Council of the Township of Rockaway is scheduled for November 8, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Clipperton
Acting Municipal Clerk