

September 17, 2019

A Neighborhood Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was held on September 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Lake Hopatcong Foundation located at 125 Landing Road, Landing, New Jersey (*change in location*). This meeting was held for the purpose of general discussion with Township residents.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor DeFillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: On December 21, 2018, notice was faxed to the Daily Record, the Newark Star Ledger, The Roxbury Register and published in the Daily Record; notice shall also remain posted throughout the year on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL (Present): Councilwoman Jaki Albrecht, Councilman Mark Crowley, Deputy Mayor Fred Hall, Councilman Dan Kline, Councilman Richard Zoschak, Mayor Robert DeFillippo; **Absent:** Councilman Jim Rilee

Also Present: John Shepherd, Township Manager; Amy Rhead, Township Clerk

Staff: Richard Blood, Public Works Director; Marc Palanchi, Chief of Police;

Public: Forty Five (45) members of the public

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor DeFillippo welcomed everyone to the Neighborhood Meeting. The Council expressed condolences regarding the passing of Senator Anthony R. Bucco. Members commented on the attributes that defined him, such as his approachability and advocacy that contributed to the positive impact he had during his successful and dedicated service to his constituents. Mayor DeFillippo asked the Clerk to contact the Governor's office in support of lowering the flag in remembrance of Senator Bucco.

Introduction of Council Members

Mayor DeFillippo introduced members of the Council and provided a brief overview of the following area projects:

- Paving
- Landing Bridge
- New Shopping Center in Ledgewood

Introduction of Staff

Mr. Shepherd recognized the attendance of Rick Blood, Public Works Director, and Marc Palanchi, Chief of Police.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Horseshoe Lake Field Improvements update

Mr. Shepherd and Deputy Mayor Hall provided an overview of the New Turf Field project:

- Turf Field Ribbon Cutting Oct 5, 2019
- Review of Phase I improvements
- Three Fields (1Turf and 2 Grass fields); Irrigation plans
- Increased number of parking spaces
- Donated scoreboard

Public Works update – current/upcoming projects

Mr. Shepherd introduced Mr. Blood who provided an overview of the following Department of Public Works projects:

- Paving plans for Mt. Arlington Boulevard and Landing Road
- Cost, timeline, and installation of New Jersey Natural Gas lines

- Working on 2020 Top 50 List
- Landing Park – backstop, equipment storage shed

Area news

Councilmembers shared details surrounding various upcoming events scheduled to take place within the Township.

Questions – Public Portion

Members of the public commented and asked questions. General discussion occurred regarding issues/topics such as:

- **Emmans Road** – poor condition, paving
- **Horseshoe Lake** – beautification project
- **Intersection of Righter Road & Eyland Avenue** – pedestrian safety; crosswalk
- **Lake Hopatcong** – cause/monitoring the presence of algae bloom, and toxins; education and prevention; location of algae level markers; NJDEP disbursement of test results; welfare of residents and local commerce
- **Well Fleet/Ryan Homes Mansel Drive** – construction of 161 single family homes; traffic impact; Planning Board involvement
- **Maintenance Ordinance** – status of Ordinance; Succasunna Road; Vacant Property Registration process and enforcement; abandoned vehicles
- **Roads – Paving, Potholes, Overgrowth and Plowing** – responsible party (*Township, County or State*)
- **Parking on Roads when snow covered** – police enforcement; alert notification
- **Pathmark Shopping Center** – vacancies; Economic Development Committee support
- **Port Morris Park** – Port-A-John; soccer net replacement; modification, drainage and general maintenance of fields; inclusion on recreation master plan
- **National Night Out in Port Morris** – highly successful event; appreciation for Police, First Responders, Volunteer Firefighters and EMT attendance
- **King Road** – detention basin; drainage issues and erosion
- **Trails Committee** – committee members; hiking trails; overgrowth; display case maintenance and keys; resident awareness and communication
- **Orben Drive** – litter clean up
- **Atlantic Ambulance/Emergency Response Vehicles** – unnecessary use of lights

ADJOURNMENT

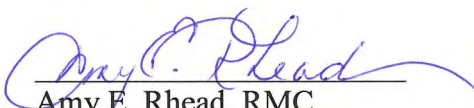
At 9:05PM, Councilwoman Albrecht made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Crowley seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All in Favor – Yes; Motion carried unanimously, 6 to 0.

MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

Submitted by:

DATE: October 29, 2019


 Amy E. Rhead, RMC
 Township Clerk

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Albrecht	-	Yes
Councilman Crowley	-	Yes
Deputy Mayor Hall	-	Yes
Councilman Kline	-	Yes
Councilman Rilee	-	Abstain
Councilman Zoschak	-	Yes
Mayor DeFillippo	-	Yes