

September 27, 2012

A Neighborhood Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was held on September 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Company No.1 Firehouse located on Main Street in Succasunna, New Jersey. This meeting was held for the purpose of general discussion with Township residents.

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 19, 2011, 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): Councilman Gary Behrens
Councilman Mark Crowley
Deputy Mayor Kathy DeFillippo
Councilman Richard Zoschak
Mayor Fred Hall

Absent: Councilman Jim Rilee
Councilman Martin Schmidt

Also Present: Christopher Raths, Township Manager
Amy Rhead, Township Clerk

Staff: Rick Blood, Director of Public Works

Public: approximately thirteen (13) members of the public

Mayor Hall announced that Councilman Rilee was absent due to being delayed at work and Councilman Schmidt was not able to attend the meeting as he was visiting family out of state.

OPENING REMARKS – Mayor Fred Hall

Mayor Hall spoke about the relaxed atmosphere of the Neighborhood Meetings and noted that attendance is not limited to residents who live in the ward where the meeting is held. He noted everyone is welcome at any of the meetings.

INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Hall introduced the members of the Council.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Mayor Hall introduced the Township Manager, Director of Public Works, and Township Clerk

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- **Route 10**
Mr. Raths reviewed the improvements being completed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

- **Hillside Avenue**
Mr. Raths gave a detailed report of the Hillside Avenue project being undertaken by the County of Morris.

NEW TRAIL SYSTEMS

- **Horseshoe Lake to Chester**

Mayor Hall described the location and distance of the Horseshoe Lake to Chester trail and acknowledged all the volunteer help that went into its completion.

- **Black River Trail**

Mr. Rath stated that the Roxbury portion of the Black River Trail extends for about 1.5 miles. Deputy Mayor DeFillippo described the location of the Trail and explained that those utilizing it can cross over from Roxbury into portions of Randolph and Mine Hill where the Black River Trail continues.

LANDING ROAD RECREATION

Mayor Hall spoke about the commitment of the Recreation Committee and their dedication to this project and the Recreation Master Plan as a whole. He credited Councilman Zoschak for his perseverance in seeing this project through to its fruition. Mr. Rath described the location and layout of the facility and detailed specific uses for designated areas within the park complex. Deputy Mayor DeFillippo shared some of the ways in which a community can experience economic growth due to a complex such as this.

QUESTIONS – PUBLIC PORTION

Discussion took place regarding various topics including:

Landing Recreation Complex

- Parking Lots
- Restroom Facilities
- Traffic Flow

Berkshire Valley Park

- Tennis Courts
- Street Hockey

Dell Avenue Park

- Upgrades

Horseshoe Lake

- Signage at Crosswalk on Eyland Avenue

Main Street, Succasunna

- Curbing
- Driveway Width
- Council Jurisdiction vs. Zoning Board Ruling
- Alternate Pedestrian Walkway

Affordable Housing – Port Morris

- Habitat for Humanity (4 Units)
- Environmental Study
- COAH Obligation

Former Fenimore Landfill

- Alternate Access Route
- NJDEP Lawsuit with SEP
- Safety of Residents
- Solar Farm Plan
- Expenses (Court, Fire Departments, Office of Emergency Management & Police)

Recreation

- Goal – “Every Kid Must Play”
- Annual Enrollment
- Girls Softball
- Nalron Park

Deputy Mayor DeFillippo reviewed the dates, times and locations for the following upcoming Township events:

- Puptoberfest hosted by 11th Hour Rescue
- “Value This” Radio Program
- Roxbury Fire Company No. 2 Haunted House
- Santa Land – Craft Fair for Children
- Tree Lighting
- Roxpac Theatre – Vagabond Family Christmas
- Silas Riggs Saltbox House - Christmas Soup Supper

Mayor Hall thanked Company No. 1 again for allowing the Council to utilize the building for the meeting.

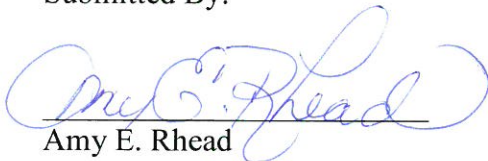
ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00PM, Councilman Zoschak made a motion to adjourn the Neighborhood Meeting. Councilman Crowley seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All in Favor – Yes

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Submitted By:



Amy E. Rhead
Township Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

DATE: June 9, 2015

ROLL CALL:

Deputy Mayor Behrens	-	Yes
Councilman Crowley	-	Yes
Councilman DeFillippo	-	Abstain
Councilman Hall	-	Yes
Councilman Schmidt	-	Abstain
Councilman Zoschak	-	Yes
Mayor Rilee	-	Abstain