

**May 15, 2018**

A Neighborhood Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was held on May 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Berkshire Valley Fire House located in Wharton, New Jersey. This meeting was held for the purpose of general discussion with Township residents.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Crowley 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, 2017, 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 Dan Kline, Councilman Jim Rilee, Councilman Richard Zoschak, Mayor Mark Crowley; **Absent:** Deputy Mayor Robert DeFillippo, Councilman Fred Hall

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

**Staff:** Richard Blood, Public Works Director; Robyn Lance, Assistant to the Tax Assessor

**Public:** approximately thirty (30) members of the public were in attendance

**OPENING REMARKS – Mayor Mark Crowley**

Mayor Crowley welcomed everyone to the Neighborhood Meeting and thanked Fire Company 3 for hosting.

**Introduction of Council Members**

Mayor Crowley introduced members of the Council.

**Introduction of Staff**

Mayor Crowley introduced staff members who were in attendance.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Revaluation update**

W. Mark Duda, SCREA, Vice President, Appraisal Systems, provided information on the status of the revaluation process, which included the following:

- Revaluation process was ordered by the County (*last revaluation was 18 yrs. ago*)
- Market Value – goal for valuation to be equivalent to actual market value
- Final figures should be available by Fall of 2018
- Percentage rates of entry – single-family dwellings v. condominiums
- Agricultural properties
- Circumstances that may affect valuation – pond on property, sewer v. septic, etc.
- Importance of reviewing property record cards for accuracy – homeowners responsibility
- Tax rate
- Appeal deadline extended to May 1, 2019

**2018 Paving List**

Mr. Blood reviewed the 2018 Street Paving List, \$980K paving budget and use of the box paver (shared with Denville) for small sections in need of repair.

**Public Works update – current/upcoming projects**

Mr. Blood provided an overview of the following projects:

- Fire Co. No. 3 – new doors, roof, and alarm system
- Roxbury Public Library – bathrooms to be upgraded for ADA compliance
- Brush pick-up
- Street sweeping
- Adopt-A-Spot community involvement

- Clean Communities event in the Fall
- Storm clean-up

**Area News**

- Old Lafayette School building – potential tenants
- Memorial Day Parade – John “Jack” Hogan to be Grand Marshall
- Kowalski Tract – mining
- Roxbury Auto Wreckers – in litigation with NJDEP due to contamination
- Miss Lotta’s Veterans Cruise on Lake Hopatcong – scheduled for June 30, 2018

**QUESTIONS – PUBLIC PORTION**

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


- Complaint procedures – report to the appropriate department head; contact Township Manger if response/action is unsatisfactory.
- Speeding and reckless driving deterrents – suggestions included increasing police presence in certain areas, more frequent DWI checks, vehicle weight limits on roadways, speed bumps, speed radar, and solar powered speed signs on various roads
- Noise Ordinance – noises from Jake brakes and large trucks in the early morning hours
- Graffiti on bridge – State will remediate as reports are received
- Littering concerns
- Area businesses storing multiple cars without license plates – Zoning Dept. will address
- Cupids Treasures – back door patrons
- Residents expressed appreciation members of Co. 3 Fire House for opening their doors during storms, disasters, etc.
- Request for installation of a street light on the corner of Gail Drive and Eyland Avenue
- Apartment building being built on West Dewey
- Request for “Watch for Children/Children Playing” sign on Little Lane
- Cliff’s Dairy Maid – safety concerns regarding patrons waiting in line by highway
- Concern that there will be increased use of railroad tracks – not anticipated
- Representative from “Moms Demand Action” requested Council adopt a resolution regarding *Gun Sense in America*

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:35PM, Councilman Kline made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Albrecht seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All in Favor – Yes; Motion carried unanimously, 5 to 0.

Submitted by:

  
 Amy E. Rhead  
 Township Clerk

**MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL:**

**DATE:** September 25, 2018

**ROLL CALL:**

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