

## September 21, 2010

A Neighborhood Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was held on September 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM, in the meeting room of the Company No.1 Firehouse located on Main Street in Succasunna. 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: Notice was faxed to the Daily Record, the Newark Star Ledger and the Roxbury Register on December 18, 2009; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 18, 2009.

**ROLL CALL (Present):** Councilman Gary Behrens  
Councilwoman Kathy DeFillippo  
Deputy Mayor Fred Hall  
Councilman Timothy Smith (arrived at 7:20PM)  
Councilman Richard Zoschak  
Mayor Jim Rilee

**Absent:** Councilman Martin Schmidt

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

### OPENING REMARKS – Mayor Jim Rilee

Mayor Rilee spoke about the success of the Neighborhood Meetings. He thanked the local business community for their commitment to Roxbury Township.

#### A. Introduction of Council Members

Mayor Rilee introduced members of the Council.

#### B. Introduction of Staff

Mayor Rilee introduced the Township Manager and Township Clerk.

#### C. Introduction of Special Guests

Mayor Rilee welcomed the following individuals and thanked them for attending:

- Assemblyman Anthony Bucco, 25th Legislative District
- Maggie Peters, Executive Director, Morris County Economic Development Committee
- Paul Boudreau, President, Morris County Chamber of Commerce
- Mike Rousseau, President, Roxbury Chamber of Commerce
- Michael Shadiak, Chair, Roxbury Economic Development
- John Galandak, President, Government Affairs Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey

### PRESENTATION-RECOGNITION OF MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS IN ROXBURY

Mayor Rilee presented honorary plaques on behalf of the Township Council to representatives from the following manufacturing businesses. Assemblyman Bucco presented recipients with Joint Senate and Assembly Citations:

- ◆ Bomar Interconnect Products, Inc. (Bob Behrent)
- ◆ Gas Drying Inc. (Gary Behrens)
- ◆ Holland MFG. Co., Inc. (Jack Holland)
- ◆ Prudent Publishing (Bernard Avella)
- ◆ R.P. Smith and Son, Inc. (Martha Peach)
- ◆ SanLee, LLC (Peter Hunkele)
- ◆ Tony Sanchez, LTD (Antonio Sanchez)
- ◆ West Chester Machinery and Supply (Jim Gordon)

*Representatives not in attendance (plaques to be distributed to recipients):*

- ◆ Adam Metal
- ◆ Environmental Research Corp.
- ◆ JS Welding Fabricators
- ◆ Kenvil Weldery and Machine
- ◆ Major Police and Fire Supply
- ◆ Petillo
- ◆ PRC Laser Corporation
- ◆ RTM Holding, LLC
- ◆ Rudolph Research Corporation
- ◆ Troy-Onic Inc.

Assemblyman Bucco spoke about the current economic conditions around the State and his hope that the initiative implemented by the Christie Administration would bring relief to businesses in New Jersey. As their elected Assemblyman, he reminded attendees to utilize the services of his office.

Maggie Peters, Paul Boudreau, Mike Rousseau, Michael Shadiak spoke about the importance of the manufacturing businesses and the appreciation they have for all the owners for their resilience and teamwork. They acknowledged the challenges faced by small businesses and expressed great respect for their efforts.

Mr. Shadiak reminded attendees that the Economic Development Committee is available to assist manufacturers and businesses. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building.

As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Councilwoman DeFillippo also expressed her appreciation to the recipients.

#### **PRESENTATION-COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF NJ**

John Galandak, President Government Affairs, acknowledged the risks that the manufacturing business industry takes. He spoke of challenges such as, increasing taxes and excessive red-tape that they must cope with. He said they are the “unsung heroes” of the communities and thanked them for their contributions.

#### **2010 “TO DO” LIST**

Chris Rath, Township Manager, reviewed the completed items, as well as the outstanding items, on the 2010 “To Do” List.

Mr. Rath informed attendees that the Township planned on getting proposals from outside sanitation services so that a comparative analysis could be done.

Mr. Rath spoke about the Health Officer position and the savings that were expected due to the implementation of a shared arrangement with Randolph.

Mr. Rath reminded the public about the availability of the “Service Request Form” on the Township website that can be utilized to submit complaints and concerns.

#### **STATUS OF OPEN ITEMS**

Mr. Rath also spoke about the reorganization of the Township’s police department. Discussion took place about the ongoing investigation of the core functions of all areas of all municipalities being a result of the current economic conditions.

Further discussion took place regarding the rebuilding of the Imagination Station playground (completed with all volunteer help), the ability to pay taxes on-line, and the possibility of merging construction department services with Randolph.

**QUESTIONS**

Questions were asked and answered and items were discussed regarding several subjects, including:

- oil tank removal process
- possibility of outsourcing Building & Grounds services (field maintenance)
- the 2% CAP
- Township’s COAH plan and potential use of the old DPW property
- the possible historic value of the old DPW building on Main Street
- existence of contamination on the old DPW site
- status of the bike path at the Horseshoe Lake facility
- fencing installation around HSL bikeway (aesthetics)
- run-off from the lake onto or near the railroad tracks
- need for grant money to extend Patriot’s Path
- Mount Arlington train – arrival and departure issues
- changing the Fire Prevention department to a self-sufficient department, staffed with all part-time employees
- complaints about a person (or people) walking in the dark with a baby carriage(s) on Route 46 being a dangerous situation

Mayor Rilee thanked Fire Company No.1 for the use of their building for the meeting.

At 8:40 PM, Councilman Zoschak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman DeFillippo seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All in Favor – Yes

Motion carried 6 to 0.

Submitted By:

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Amy E. Rhead  
Acting Township Clerk

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

**DATE:** October 11, 2011

**ROLL CALL:** Councilman Behrens – Yes  
 Councilwoman DeFillippo – Yes  
 Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes  
 Councilman Schmidt – Abstain  
 Councilman Smith – Yes  
 Councilman Zoschak – Yes