

**Borough of Roosevelt
33 N. Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555**

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2022**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:01 pm and explained that due to the Coronavirus and the need for social distancing, this meeting is being held remotely and available to the public in a live feed. Mayor Malkin read the Open Public Meetings Act statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been provided by a public notice on January 12, 2022, which was posted on the Bulletin Boards at the Roosevelt Post Office and in the Borough Hall. The notice was published in The Times and Asbury Park Press.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
<i>Councilmember Robert Atwood</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Lou Esakoff</i>	✓		7:10 PM
<i>Councilmember Michael Hamilton</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Constance Herrstrom</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Steven Macher</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Joe Trammell</i>	✓		
<i>Mayor Peggy Malkin</i>	✓		

Also in attendance: Andrew Sobel, Esq., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk.

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only):

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:05 pm.
No public comment.
M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **December 6, 2021 – Closed Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by C/Hamilton to accept the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom, the December 6, 2021 Closed Meeting Minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call

AYES: C/Atwood, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Trammell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: C/Esakoff

- **January 18, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by C/Herrstrom to accept the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk, with a second offered by C/Atwood, the January 18, 2022 Regular Session Meeting Minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call

AYES: C/Atwood, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Trammell

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: C/Hamilton
ABSENT: C/Esakoff,

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Board of County Commissioners resolution opposing the extension of Executive Orders by Governor Murphy beyond the Public Health Emergency, adopted January 27, 2022.
2. Board of County Commissioners resolution authorizing the annual allocation from the Monmouth County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, adopted February 10, 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-39 Payment of Bills for February 22, 2022

C/Hamilton made a motion, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution 22-39.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Atwood, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Trammell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: C/Esakoff

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Environmental Health & Safety: No report.

Administration: No report.

Finance: No report.

Community Development/Code Enforcement: No report.

Public Works: No report.

Utilities: C/Trammell reports that last week after the storm a couple of large branches fell into one of the trickling filters and stopped it from working. Mike Lyons was called and the trickling filter was repaired. Thank you very much to Mike and his guys.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Environmental Commission:

Michael Ticktin reports that the Environmental Commission passed three items:

- 1 – Supporting a resolution, which we received from ANJEC asking us to support the NJDEP that municipalities should be allowed to impose more stringent Storm Water Management standards than the statewide standards. ANJEC would like the Council to pass a similar resolution.
- 2 – Recommends a contract with Forester Ron Farr for \$8,500 and has forward to the Borough Attorney for review. This is part of a grant where he will be identifying hazardous trees and identifying different species found in different parts of the borough woodlands.
- 3 – Ellen Silverman prepared and the Environmental Commission adopted a Trail Management Plan which we will try to follow in maintaining the trails.

C/Esakoff arrives at 7:10 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Use of Borough Hall – RAP on 3/26/22 from 8 pm – 10 pm for the event “The Cozy Concert Life is a Sunny Day”.

C/Esakoff made a motion to allow the use of Borough Hall, with a second offered by C/Atwood, all in favor.

2. Water Treatment Plant – Flat roof vs pitched roof: M/Malkin states that the price difference from a flat roof to a pitch roof would be over the bid threshold and would need to go out to bid. C/Esakoff states that flat roofs do not work in Roosevelt and questions the need for the hatch. C/Trammell states about 10 years ago the Borough Engineer redid the filtration at the plant and now there are three large filters (15 feet tall and 10 feet wide) that are used. They left a hatch on the inside of the building to have access to these filters. C/Esakoff states we would need to cut a hole again to get to the filters. C/Esakoff prefers to have a pitch roof, make it wide enough to put a dormer in, big enough so the filters can go in and out. C/Trammell states he'd like to meet at the Water Treatment Plant with John Holden, Carmela Roberts and Public Works to review the situation. C/Esakoff said he'd also like to be in attendance. C/Hamilton asks how often do those filters need to be replaced? C/Trammell states the filters get backwashed every month or so but doesn't know how often they are replaced. C/Hamilton asks what's the life of a flat top roof and what's the life of those filters and will they ever need to be replaced before the roof needs to be replaced. If the filters don't need to be replaced very often, then install another flat top roof. C/Esakoff is opposed to a flat top roof. C/Trammell will set up the meeting with the Borough Engineer and inform the Council and Public Works of the meeting date.

M/Malkin states that Fred Septak is willing to help out with Public Works and will be appointed at the next council meeting. C/Hamilton questions C/Trammell about the replacement of the panel at the sewer treatment plant with a more expensive water proof electrical panel in the chemical room. C/Trammell states they had to order the waterproof panel and will follow up to see if this is complete. The total cost to replace was about \$6,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 7:28pm

Michael Tickin, 37 North Valley Road, states that as of last month he has lived in Roosevelt for 50 years; a year after that was appointed to the Planning Board and two years after that elected to the Council.

M/Malkin states she's been here almost 48 years; C/Esakoff it going on 62 years; C/Herrstrom will be 47 years; C/Hamilton about 31 years; C/Atwood about 26 years; C/Macher is 19 years and C/Trammell is 10 years.

M/Malkin closed the meeting to Public Comment at 7:32pm

C/Hamilton made a motion, with a second offered by C/Esakoff, to adjourn meeting, all in favor.

Time Out: 7:33pm

The audio tape is available in the Clerk's Office at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: March 21, 2022