

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2022**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:07 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>			7:11PM
<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: Greg Cannon, Esq., and Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Malkin states the 4th of July celebration was the first one in three (3) years. It was well attended by about 130 people. Thank you to H&H gas for the two (2) large grills, propane and a refrigerator. Residents also brought food and it ended later than usual. We did not have enough of volunteers this year. However, thank you to the volunteers who went out of their way to help; Tom Curry (he did all the grilling), Eric Vole, Melissa Bondy, the LaCompte daughters, Eric Schubergger, Recreation Coordinator (who has been doing this for 20 years and is responsible for the picnic being a success).

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:12 pm.

1. Mary Tulloss, 21 Lake Drive, has questions regarding Ordinance 2022-06 and asks if the FEMA special flood hazard map of Roosevelt be made available. C/Hamilton states it’s in our map box at Borough Hall. Attorney Greg Cannon, advises that these are also available on the FEMA website as they are federal flood maps at FEMA.gov. Mary questions the ordinance to exceed the budget cap? C/Hamilton states this is standard procedures and the ordinance is done every year in case something unexpected comes up.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:17 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from State of NJ, Department of Transportation, dated June 16, 2022 informing the Borough that the Sidewalk Improvements to North Rochdale Avenue Project was not selected for Safe Routes to School Program.
2. Resolution from the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners supporting Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 31 Increasing The Property Tax Deduction for Veterans to \$1,000.00 and Base Future Deductions on Annual Consumer Price Index Increases. This will be added to the July 18, 2022 agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None presented

ORDINACE:

PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2022-06 An Ordinance Replacing Chapter 14: “Flood Damage Prevention” of the Borough’s Revised General Ordinances to Adopt Flood Hazard Maps and to Create the Position of Floodplain Administrator and to Provide for Severability and an Effective Date

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:20pm

Mary Tulloss, 21 Lake Drive, questions why it states that it seems odd that improvements for replacement of windows, doors, cabinets, etc. must be evaluated by the flood plains administrator. Attorney Greg Cannon explains what the evaluation means and that this is standard requirement.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:23pm

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-06 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Atwood.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2022-07 Calendar Year 2022 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (NJSA. 40A:4-45.14)

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2022-07, with a second offered by C/Esakoff.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Public Hearing to be held on July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough of Roosevelt, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-71 Payment of Bills for July 5, 2022

Resolution 22-72 Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Survey, Design, Permit, Bid, Administer and Inspect a Road Replacement Project on Tamara Drive

Resolution 22-73 Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Survey, Design, Permit, Bid, Administer and Inspect a Water Main Replacement Project on Tamara Drive

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolutions 22-71 through 22-73.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 22-74 Introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget

C/Hamilton made a motion, with a second offered by C/Esakoff, to adopt the Introduction of the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Public Hearing to be held on (Tuesday) August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough of Roosevelt, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ 08555

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Environmental, Health & Safety: No report

Administration: No report

Finance: C/Hamilton reports that the Finance Committee met with the CFO and reviewed the 2022 budget and made some minor adjustments. The utility budget is in great shape due to good management. The general fund looks good too. We do not anticipate any major increases. We are looking to purchase Office 365 and that is to protect our email accounts from hacking. Fire services are going up and it is contractual based. Increased the Environmental Commission for grant applications. Tax collection is at 99%, which is great considering we are in a pandemic. We also increased animal control, since we have had some problems. Some salary increases to our staff, since they are doing a great job. M/Malkin explains that the municipal budget and the utility budget are two (2) separate budgets and they do not benefit from each other.

Community Development/Code Enforcement: No report

Public Works: No Report

Utilities: No Report

C/Esakoff and C/Hamilton state that the flooding that would occur in the garage and behind the Borough Hall have been fixed and the drainage is working.

M/Malkin reports that Millstone Fire and EMS is now have cover 24/7.

M/Malkin states that she spoke with Ross Licitra, Executive Director of Monmouth SPCA.

Unfortunately, we can't join them as we are too far to the west in Monmouth County, however, in an emergency SPCA can help us out and suggest to contact the Mayor of Manalapan Township, who is in charge of Western Monmouth Animal Control. A meeting is scheduled for next week. Our current animal control officer advised the Mayor that things have loosened up regarding dog ownership even after a dog has committed an unholy act and Judges are reluctant to take dogs away.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Michael Ticktin, 37 North Valley Road, stated that the 4th of July picnic was very successful and the dedication of the Roosevelt Woodland Trail entrance regarding the Kiosk. M/Malkin states that Dave Teich did a great job on the kiosk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Liquor License Fee: M/ Malkin discusses with the council what the minimum bid for the liquor license should be. Back in 2016 the minimum bid was \$150,000.00. C/Trammell thinks \$75,000.00 would be more appropriate. C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Atwood and C/Marcher have no objection to start at \$150,000.00. C/Herrstrom states no less than \$100,000.00 but is ok with

\$150,000.00. Mayor Malkin asks Attorney Greg Cannon to have a resolution for the July 18, 2022 meeting starting at \$150,000.00

NEW BUSINESS:

Robin Middleman is requesting relief from size of headstone per Borough Code 16-9. The council discusses the request relief on the size of her husband's headstone. The council discussed and needs additional information from Robin Middleman. This will be tabled until the July 18, 2022 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:02pm

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 North Valley Road, asks what the dimensions are and how are they different from the ordinance? There is precedent that saying a monument is a work of art and was given special preference.
2. Celeste Zimmerman, 14 North Valley Road, questions if there is going to be any road work soon. M/Malkin states that a DOT grant application for FY2023 for North Valley Road.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:10pm

Celeste Zimmerman sent an email to the Borough Clerk regarding a town wide yard sale in mid to late September and whoever wants to participate can. The time would be from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Anyone who would like to participate would put their stuff on their front lawns. Celeste would advertise in the newspapers and post a flyer at the post office. C/Hamilton states he has a little concern with traffic along Rochdale and would like some cones be put out and turn on the blinking lights. The Council is in favor and M/Hamilton states that this is not a sponsored municipal event. Celeste will coordinate with the date of the trash day pick up in October.

C/Atwood states that Jeb Shahn would like to donate a bust of Roosevelt that Jonny had made to put in Borough Hall but only if the plaster bust is removed.

ADJOURNMENT:

C/Esakoff made a motion to adjourn, with a second offered by C/Atwood, and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: August 2, 2022