

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

**Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2022**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:04pm 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**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>LATE ARRIVAL</b>
<i>Councilmember Robert Atwood</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Lou Esakoff</i>	✓		
<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: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)**

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:05pm.

No Public Comment

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:05pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter received from the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs Re: loss of S&P’s credit rating.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **July 5, 2022 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by C/Esakoff to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Atwood. The minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

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

On a motion by C/Esakoff to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Atwood. The minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

**ORDINANCES:  
PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING**

ORDINANCE 2022-08 An Ordinance Amending Section 5-7: “Impounding and Destruction of Certain Dogs” of Article I: “Dogs” of Chapter 5: “Animal Control” to Clarify Certain Regulations to Comport with the Borough’s New Animal Control Contract and Implement Certain Administrative Fees for the Return of an Impounded Dog

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:07pm  
No Public Comment  
M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:08pm

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-08 on second reading, 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

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

- Resolution 22-77 Payment of Bills for August 2, 2022
- Resolution 22-78 Authorizing the Budget to be Read by Title Only
- Resolution 22-79 Resolution 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
- Resolution 22-80 Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement with Manalapan Township for the Provision of Animal Control Services to the Borough by Western Monmouth Animal Control
- Resolution 22-81 Resolution Authorizing Self Examination of the 2022 Budget
- Resolution 22-82 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Authorizing the Advertisement of Bids for a Plenary Retail Liquor Distribution Alcoholic Beverage License
- Resolution 22-83 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Granting Waiver from Borough Code Section 16-9 to Robin Middleman Filepp for the Placement of an Over-Sized Monument within the Roosevelt Municipal Cemetery Upon the Plot of Ronald P. Filepp, Deceased and Interred Therein
- Resolution 22-84 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Authorizing the Filing of a Request for Adjudicatory Hearing with the Department of Environmental Protection to Appeal the Reassignment of the Borough from Tier B to Tier A Under the State’s Stormwater Permitting Program

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Atwood, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolutions 22-77 through 22-84

Roll Call:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2022 BUDGET**

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:09pm

- 1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road asks if the tax levy is being slightly reduced? CFO, George Lang, states that the levy is going up but with the ratable increase in 2022 – the tax rate will go down for anybody whose value that didn’t change. Our finances are stable.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:11pm

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 22-85            Resolution to Amend 2022 Budget

C/Hamilton made a motion, with a second offered by C/Esakoff, to adopt Resolution 22-85. CFO, George Lang states this is due to the additional state aid Roosevelt received this year.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS:            None    ABSTAIN: None            ABSENT: None

Resolution 22-86            Adopting the Amended 2022 Budget

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom, to adopt Resolution 22-86.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS:            None    ABSTAIN: None            ABSENT: None

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

**Environmental, Health & Safety:** No report

**Administration:** No report

**Finance:** C/Hamilton states that the Finance Committee met yesterday with CFO - George Lang and Auditor - Gerry Stankiewicz. We discussed a letter that the Borough received from the State regarding our Standard and Poors rating stating the loss of the AA rating as we didn’t meet the state deadline on some reports that were submitted late. However, it will not affect any projects. A letter will be submitted to the State with an action plan. C/Hamilton would like the letter be added to correspondence.

**Community Development/Code Enforcement:** C/Herrstrom reports that at the last meeting C/Hamilton asked her to reach out to Kate Alder and Gail Hutton regarding the Amphitheater. C/Herrstrom spoke with Kate Alder and discussed the Amphitheater and the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program. They also discussed support from the Fund for Roosevelt. Gail suggests that there is a 12-acre parcel of land that can be designated for Open Space with an estimate purchase amount of \$60,000. The grant would pay 50% with a matching 50% from the municipality. The Fund for Roosevelt discussed paying 50% of the Borough’s portion. This would be about \$15,000 for that 12-acre parcel of land. The amphitheater project, which is upgrading the space we already have, would be a Capital Improvement Project. The Borough would need to start to work on a concept design and then get proposals. Fund for Roosevelt would also be involved. Mayor Malkin states that she met with Gail Hutton and Carmela Roberts about a year and a half ago and Gail had some excellent ideas on how to improve and enhance the amphitheater, make it safer and beautify it. Mayor Malkin also asks if the 12-acre parcel was part of the Green Acres land swap. C/Herrstrom states its next to Empty Box Creek. C/Hamilton states that Gail has said that the County has never denied an Open Space Acquisition Fund Grant and it is a very easy process. Attorney, Greg Cannon states that these are usually bi-annual grants awarded by the County up to \$250,000 for the purpose of acquisition of Open Space and will send over a resolution of support for the project. C/Hamilton states that the Fund for Roosevelt voted unanimously to help fund both projects.

**Public Works:** C/Macher reports the Public Works Department identified some roads signs that were missing and have been replaced and currently working on the new cover for well #4.

**Utilities:** C/Trammell reports we are still waiting for Borough Engineer regarding the trickling project. There was an accident on Rochdale Ave on July 24<sup>th</sup> and the Fire Department came out quickly as did the State Police along with Public Works. Power came back on around 12:30pm. Only one block was still without power until the evening. Thank you to JCP&L for doing such a quick job. The borough generator did not kick on and Public Works was able to get it started. Ana is talking with Warshauer to find out why the generator didn't work.

Council discusses Code Red Emergencies, for power outages.

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:**

C/Hamilton states that at the Environmental Commission meeting on July 20, 2022, 4 members signed up for CEU's for forest management; the Tree Inventory will start in August with the Forester Ron Farr and also a photographer. Stream monitoring continues with Mary, Corkey and Jane. We have 100 points approved for Sustainable Jersey and we are working on more. The activities set up for the July 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ were very successful. We received an email from the Watershed Institute, which was an invitation for elected officials to attend an Assunpink Table on September 24, 2022. They would like the 12 municipalities that waters drain into the Assunpink to share ideas and work together to solve the flooding and water issues that the towns are having. It's from 10am to 2pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion regarding Monmouth County Open Space Trust Fund Grant – Amphitheater. C/Hamilton states he would like to see all the partners come together with a plan to move forward. Consensus of the council is to move forward.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)**

**M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:58pm**

1. Michael Ticktin – 37 North Valley Road asked if a resolution of support for the Open Space Grant will be on for the next meeting? JCP&L is the source of information for the power outages and the Borough is the source for water outages. The 12-acre acquisition is wetlands and wooded on the North side of Lake Drive and there are no buildings (Block 7 Lot 10.04 its mostly swamp land).

**M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:06pm**

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Trammel, to adjourn meeting with an All in Favor.

Mayor Malkin reminds everyone that there is no second meeting in August and that the next meeting will take place on September 6, 2022.

Time Out: 8:07pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: September 6, 2022