

BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT
33 N. Rochdale Ave, Roosevelt Borough, NJ 08555

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:14p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act statement which stated, Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been provided by a public notice on January 3, 2024 which was posted on the Bulletin Board Roosevelt Post Office and in the Borough Hall. The notice was transmitted to The Times and Asbury Park Press.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
<i>Councilmember Lou Esakoff</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Michael Hamilton</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Constance Herrstrom</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Tina Kaufman-Marut</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Steven Macher</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Joe Trammell</i>	✓		
<i>Mayor Peggy Malkin</i>	✓		

Also in attendance: Greg Cannon, Esq., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

MAYOR’S REPORT: M/Malkin will report at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:15p.m.

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:16 p.m.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2024

On a motion by C/Esakoff to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Trammell. C/Hamilton questions what were the changes that were made. Clerk Hart states the Mayor’s comments have been reduced and no changes were made to the public portion. The minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Macher, C/Trammell

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter received from Roberts Engineering regarding the 2025 NJ Department of Transportation that Roosevelt has been awarded \$135,910.000 through the 2025 Municipal Aid Program for the Improvements to Lake Drive and South Valley Road.
2. Received from the Monmouth County Board of County Canvassers the 2024 General Election Statement of Determination.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 24-124 Payment of Bills – December 16, 2024
- Resolution 24-125 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40a:4-87
- Resolution 24-126 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Curbside Recycling Services
- Resolution 24-127 Resolution Awarding a Contract to DG Acoustical Ceilings, LLC
- Resolution 24-128 Resolution Authorizing Return of Escrow Funds
- Resolution 24-129 A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Awarding Contracts for Provision of Certain Chemicals to Borough’s Water and Sewer Utilities

- Resolution 24-130 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Approving Change Order No. 1 and Final Payment No. 2 to Earle Asphalt Company for the Emergency Sewer Main Extension at South Valley Road

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolution’s 24-124 through 24-130, with a second from C/Herrstrom by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Macher, C/Trammell
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 24-131 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations for 2024

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt resolution 24-131, with a second from C/Hamilton by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Macher, C/Trammell
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report.

Finance: C/Hamilton reports on the NJDOT grant money received for Lake and S. Valley Roads (\$135,910) and for Lake and Spruce (\$183,337).

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom gives an update on the Amphitheater and states that we are still waiting on a proposal from Roberts Engineering Group.

Environmental, Health & Safety: No Report. The Environment Commission is waiting to receive a new date to be scheduled for the joint meeting with the Watershed Institute and Millstone Township regarding MS4 permit.

Public Works: No Report.

Utilities: C/Trammell reports that this past Saturday at 1:00 a.m. the power went down at the water plant and the generator came on. No damage to the plant.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Ellen Silverman – 10 N. Valley Road: There is no date as of yet for the joint meeting with the Watershed Institute and Millstone Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding Petition received under the NJ Local Bond Law – To be discussed at the reorganization meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss the 2024 and 2025 NJDOT Municipal Aid funding awarded for Lake/Spruce and Lake/S. Valley: C/Trammell wants to compare the DOT grants (with previous grants) first and would like to televise again. Tabled until the 01/20/24 Council agenda. C/Trammell will follow up with Roberts Engineering.
2. Discuss Generator Maintenance for 2025: Quotes were received from Cooper and Modern. The Council discussed some of the current issues. A resolution will be prepared for the January 6, 2025 agenda to award the contract.
3. Municipal Housing Liaison: C/Hamilton asked if we need to appoint a municipal employee as a housing liaison. M/Malkin replies that it is not certain yet, there is a planning board meeting tomorrow night and she will discuss with Michele Donato and Andy Thomas.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

C/Kaufman-Marut discusses the AT&T issue that occurred over the weekend.

C/Hamilton discusses some issues with the past election and absentee ballots. Post office box number was used and the County did not accept the post office boxes and need to use a physical address. Lengthy discussion takes place. M/Malkin will be calling Andy Kim's office for an appointment to discuss this matter as everyone in Roosevelt has a post office box, no mail is delivered to the homes. Attorney, Greg Cannon will email the Superintendent of Elections.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:07pm.

1. Ari Krendel, 38 N. Rochdale Ave.: Questions what is going on at the factory and why the town will not allow anything to open there as he would like to buy it. M/Malkin replies that it is privately owned and the Borough has no jurisdiction. Also the owners have chosen to keep it empty, to not open a business there. Attorney, Greg Cannon explains the process for opening a business at that location. You can check Chapter Z (Land Use) in the Borough's Administrative Code for what is permitted in the zone. Mr. Krendel also asks about his property which is zoned agricultural and would like make it a farm and be farm assessed. Is there anything he needs from the town before he goes to the County and State? Attorney, Greg Cannon states yes you need the same land use approvals. You need to make \$1200 a year in production. Again, you go to Chapter Z to see what's approved in the zone and again explains the process. You should speak with the Borough Tax Assessor and the Zoning Officer.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:29pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

M/Malkin reports on the AT&T issues, hopefully Ana will be able to get through to someone. M/Malkin clarify some of the issues of a text she received that was distributed to about 30 people and was previous discussed at the August 5, 2024 meeting. M/Malkin states that Santa is coming this Saturday at 1:00pm. Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Borough Sewer Plant which is at the end of Pine Drive right side, through January 31, 2025. M/Malkin expresses her gratitude to Councilmember Steve Macher as his term ends December 31, 2024. He has been on the Council for many years and the Chair of Public Works Committee. He is extremely knowledgeable with both Public Works and the infrastructure. He has helped us to understand these two. We will miss him and express our appreciation. C/Trammell states he is a real professional, he takes job very seriously and it's been a pleasure to work with you. C/Herrstrom thanks C/Macher with all his help on the Amphitheater, especially the survey. C/Hamilton states C/Macher was very professional.

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

Time Out: 8:41pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: March 17, 2025