

**Meeting Minutes
Roosevelt Borough Council
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ellentuck at 7:00 pm and he read the Open Public Meetings 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 November 27, 2015, which was posted on the Bulletin Board 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
<i>Councilmember Bonna</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Impellizzeri</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Lipoti</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Malkin</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Ticktin</i>	✓	
<i>Vacancy</i>		
<i>Mayor Ellentuck</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Debra Sopronyi, Borough Clerk; and Richard Shaklee, Borough Attorney.

Councilmember Ticktin moved the minutes of the February 8, 2016 executive session minutes for approval, Councilmember Lipoti seconded.

Council members Lipoti, Malkin, and Ticktin voted yes.

Consent Agenda adopted 3-0.

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Council members Lipoti, Malkin, and Ticktin voted yes.

Consent Agenda adopted 3-0.

Councilmember Lipoti moved the minutes of the February 22, 2016 session minutes for approval, Councilmember Ticktin seconded.

Council members Lipoti, Malkin, and Ticktin voted yes.

Consent Agenda adopted 3-0.

Kelby Warner of 28 Farm Lane and a Sixth Grade Student of the school, addressed Council advising them that she would like to do her service project to raise funds to help stop dog fighting. She gave statistics regarding dog fighting and noted that she would hold the event on April 9th. The event would have a fun run, concessions and a pet show at the memorial; all money raised will be donated to the ASPCA.

There was discussion regarding getting permission from the school to use their property and speaking with the
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JIF regarding Borough coverage for the event.

Councilmember Ticktin moved to approve the use of the memorial for the pet project, Councilmember Lipoti seconded. All Ayes.

Mayor Ellentuck opened the public comment period on the consent agenda and the following individuals spoke:

Bob Clark asked for an explanation of the NJEIT resolutions. Mayor Ellentuck explained that they are to finalize the financing for the projects previously completed.

Mary Tullos inquired as to what was done under sewer. Councilmember Lipoti explained that this is for prior work, the sewer line was fixed.

Mayor Ellentuck explained the low interest rate and forgiveness associated with the financing.

Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Lipoti moved resolutions 16-39, 16-40, 16-41, 16-42, 16-43, 16-44, 16-45 and 16-46, and the payment of bills as the consent agenda for approval, Councilmember Ticktin seconded.

Council members Lipoti, Malkin, and Ticktin voted yes.

Consent Agenda adopted 3-0.

Resolution 16-39: Shared Services – Recycling Coordinator

Resolution 16-40: Determining the Form and Other Details of not Exceeding \$1,620,000 Bonds, Series 2016, of the Borough of Roosevelt, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey, and Providing for their Sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey Pursuant to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program

Resolution 16-41: Resolution of the Borough of Roosevelt Declaring its Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Project Costs from the Proceeds of Debt Obligations in Connection with its Participation in the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program

Resolution 16-42: Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Loan Agreements to be Executed by the Borough of Roosevelt and each of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the State of New Jersey, Acting by and Through the Department of Environmental Protection, and Further Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Escrow Agreement, all Pursuant to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program

Resolution 16-43: Authorizing the Installation of a Historical Marker by the Jewish American Society for Historical Preservation

Resolution 16-44: Authorizing Temporary Emergency Appropriations

Resolution 16-45: Authorizing a Transfer of Appropriations in the 2015 Budget

Resolution 16-46: Authorizing the Terms of the Fire Assistance Grant Agreement

Payment of Bills

Reports/Meetings of Council Committees:

Councilmember Ticktin: noted that he has been speaking with the Zoning Officer and the vacant property list is being prepared.

Councilmember Lipoti: noted that the Environmental Commission applied for and received a grant for the trails, which they are working on. She reviewed the possible re-routing of the trails that may be required and noted that she has recommended that the Environmental Commission hold a public hearing regarding the trails. There was discussion.

Borough Attorney Shaklee: noted that the liquor license hearing was held today and submissions are due to the court by April 4th; Mr. Marini has advised that the ordinance has not yet been approved by the State; there has been movement on Witches Hollow and there were issues regarding the square footage that have been resolved, an ordinance is forthcoming.

Councilmember Malkin: commented that she attended the Planning Board meeting and there was lengthy discussion regarding the rezoning of the gas station; a letter has been received from the Fire Department in which they said they cannot head up the July 4th celebration, she has contacted the Recreation Director to take it over.

Councilmember Lipoti: advised that she, Councilmember Impellizzeri, and Councilmember Bonna attended the Elected Officials training at Brookdale; Councilmembers also attended the JIF training which saves the Borough \$250.00 off the insurance assessment for each attendee; the litter pick-up is scheduled for May 1st; an update to the Borough's rating is required for the NJEIT and the CFO will taking care of the update; a delivery truck fell in a hole at the water plant and a new electrical box is needed; information is being sent to the Utility Engineer for his evaluation on ways to save money; she gave an explanation of a whole affluent toxicity test; PSE&G will be installing gas at the lift station; a special meeting is needed on May 16th for the NJEIT, Council needs to confirm their availability; the storage of salt is improper and is being corrected.

Old Business

Firefighter Equipment Storage

Mayor Ellentuck asked that this discussion be held temporarily.

Use of Borough Hall

Councilmember Ticktin moved to approve the requested uses of Borough Hall, Councilmember Lipoti seconded. All Ayes.

Borough Hall uses approved 3-0.

New Business

Affordability Assessment

Councilmember Lipoti reviewed the assessment (a copy of which is attached and made a part of these minutes). There was discussion and it was noted that this is a tool that could be used should Roosevelt decide to sell assets.

Fire Company/Department Election

Mayor Ellentuck noted that the Fire Department held elections, and inquired as to the results. April Suk advised that the following was determined:

Fire Company	President:	John Lenart
	Vice President:	Justin Lenart
	Treasurer/Secretary:	April Suk
Fire Department	Chief	Chris Suk
	Assistant Chief	None

She also noted that two letters of resignation have been received and there are now 16 total members, 12 of which are active.

Councilmember Ticktin moved to accept Chris Suk as Fire Chief, Councilmember Malkin seconded.

Council members Lipoti, Malkin, and Ticktin voted yes.

Chris Suk approved as Fire Chief 3-0.

FIOS Service

Mayor Ellentuck reviewed the Borough's present phone and internet service at a cost of approximately \$1,500 per month, noting that he has met with FIOS who estimate a cost of approximately \$493.00 per month for television, phone and internet at Borough Hall and phone and internet at the Water Plant.

There was discussion regarding Comcast franchise agreement obligations and having two sources of internet.

Councilmember Ticktin moved to move to FIOS if the Borough Attorney approves, Councilmember Lipoti seconded.

Council members Lipoti, Malkin, and Ticktin voted yes.

Motion approved 3-0.

Firefighter Storage

Mayor Ellentuck explained the use of the trailer and the storage that is needed for the Fire Department. He reviewed the quotes received and the difference between custom cabinetry and mobile ready racks. There was discussion and the Fire Department was requested to get two more quotes for ready racks.

It was noted that KTK did a temporary repair to the hole in front of the fire truck door, but it has again sunk. The cost for a permanent repair is \$2,625.00 for the 3 x 10 foot area.

Councilmember Ticktin moved approve the repair to the hole in front of the fire truck door, Councilmember Lipoti seconded. All Ayes.

Motion approved 3-0.

Mayor Ellentuck opened the public comment period and the following individuals spoke:

Jeb Shahn, Tamara Drive – inquired as to the status of the deli and liquor store. Mayor Ellentuck explained the liquor license history and Council’s challenge to the special ruling for renewal in an attempt to get the owner moving on the deli opening. He noted that the court wants Roosevelt to work with Gade and the main concern for Council is that the deli be opened; at the hearing they said the deli would be open soon. A court decision will not be made for at least 45 days.

Assenka Oksiloff, Pine Drive – inquired that if the deli opened would Council rescind their objection. Mayor Ellentuck responded that they probably would.

Ms. Oksiloff then inquired as to when Council is going to respond to the letter she sent in December regarding the Fire Department’s misuse of equipment and harassment, noting that she has not received anything official and in writing regarding the outcome of the investigation; she wants assurance that nobody in leadership was involved and that action will be taken against the violators. She noted that the SOP of the Fire Department should be reviewed and revised.

Mayor Ellentuck advised that the members and leadership of the Fire Department have been told both in private, and in public with Ms. Oksiloff present, that they are not to take actions of the type that Ms. Oksiloff accused them of. They have agreed that they will not. There is no purpose to be served by conducting investigations; no law was broken. He offered to put it in writing if Ms. Oksiloff would like. Ms. Oksiloff commented that this is not about a political fight, it is a matter of having safeguards in place.

Mayor Ellentuck advised that the SOP can be reviewed and if changes are needed they will be done. Ms. Oksiloff noted that she has copies of other SOPs and offered to provide them; Mayor Ellentuck requested that she send them to him. Councilmember Ticktin noted that records are kept regarding who operates what vehicles for the Fire Department, but that is for calls only.

Mary Tullos, Lake Drive – noted that the weekend of April 9th will be a big weekend for the Environmental Commission and a flyer is being distributed; there will be an invasive species meeting and removal, and stream cleaning training. The rain date will be April 16th and lunch will be provided. She asked that the flyer be put on the website and in the bulletin.

Ms. Tullos then noted that there are tire tracks on the cemetery lawn that need to be addressed. There was Council discussion regarding the cause and including the repair in the landscaping quotes being acquired.

Ms. Tullos thanked Councilmember Lipoti for letting the groups know that there are funds available for performing clean-ups, and inquired as to a powder residue on Lake Drive and Farm Lane. Mayor Ellentuck advised that it is salt spray residue.

Jeb Shahn commented that every year weeds by the Muller House at the triangle is a safety issue and this should be added to the quotes as well.

Eitan Grunwald, Chair of the Environmental Commission – advised that the contract with Audubon has been signed and the state will be visiting prior to approval of the contract. He then inquired as to when the Environmental Commission must come to Council before spending funds. Mayor Ellentuck advised when the purchase is over \$2,600.00; otherwise they would contact their Council Chair and Ana for a purchase order.

Beth Battel, Lake Drive – suggested that the Environmental Commission clear from Brown Street to the pool club, it would be a nice addition to the trails.

April Suk, Tamara Drive – noted that there are various Geo-cache throughout the trails.

There being no further comments, the public comment period was closed.

Councilmember Tickin moved to adjourn at 8:20pm, Councilmember Lipoti seconded. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra L. Sopronyi, RMC
Borough Clerk