

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

**Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of December 28, 2020**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:00 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. M/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 6, 2020, which was posted on the Bulletin Board at the Roosevelt Post Office, on the Bulletin Board in 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 Dermody</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Esakoff</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Hamilton</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Macher</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Trammell</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Vroman</i>		✓	
<i>Mayor Malkin</i>	✓		

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** M/Malkin explained that there is no formal Mayor’s report for tonight; the 2021 reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021; M/Malkin asked Council members to dispense with Committee reports provided there is no urgent business to discuss.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only):**

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:08 pm.

No public comment.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:08 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **December 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

C/Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second offered by C/Esakoff. Council members entered into a discussion regarding the vote count for Resolution 20-110 and the Borough Attorney provided the following clarification statement: Resolution 20-110 was not adopted, as a result of the vote count, based upon the Borough Attorney’s interpretation of Robert’s Rules of Order and NJ case law, including but not limited to Booker v. Rice, 431 N.J. Super. 548 (App. Div. 2013).

C/Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment, with a second offered by

C/Esakoff and the December 14, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: C/Dermody  
ABSENT: C/Vroman

**ORDINANCES**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**Bond Ordinance 2020-14** Bond Ordinance Providing for Trickling Filter, Phosphate Remediation and Treatment Plant Upgrades, Appropriating \$50,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$47,600 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized in and by the Borough of Roosevelt, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey

M/Malkin opened the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

No public comment.

M/Malkin closed the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

C/Trammell made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-14, second offered by C/Esakoff. No discussion.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: C/Vroman

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 20-118** Payment of Bills for December 28, 2020

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-118, second offered by C/Esakoff. No discussion.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: C/Vroman

**Resolution 20-119** Resolution Pledging Support of Sustainable Land Use Pledge

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-119, second offered by C/Esakoff. C/Hamilton commented on aspects of the resolution and the regional approach to land use.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: C/Vroman

**Resolution 20-120** Resolution Awarding Contract to U.S. Environmental for Iron Sludge Removal from the Aerator and Settling Tanks at the Borough's Water Treatment Plant

C/Trammell made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-120, second offered by C/Esakoff. C/Trammell explained that the sludge needs to be removed periodically and discussed the process of removing the sludge.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: C/Vroman

**Resolution 20-121** Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations for 2020

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-121, second offered by C/Esakoff. No discussion.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: C/Vroman

**Resolution 20-122** Resolution Canceling Appropriation Balances

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-122, second offered by C/Esakoff. C/Hamilton provided a brief explanation regarding this resolution.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: C/Vroman

**Resolution 20-123** Resolution Canceling Capital Improvement Appropriation Balances

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-123, second offered by C/Esakoff. C/Hamilton provided a brief explanation regarding this resolution and the need to clean up appropriation balances at year end.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: C/Vroman

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** No Committee Reports were provided.

**REPORTS**

1. Certificate of Determination and Award: C/Hamilton thanked CFO George Lang for his efforts in working with First Constitution Bank to consolidate the Borough's Bond Anticipation Notes at an interest rate of 0.46%.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):**

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 7:29 pm.

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: On behalf of the Environmental Commission, thanked the Council for adopting the Resolution pledging support of sustainable land use and requested that the signed document be forwarded to the Environmental Commission for submission to Sustainable Jersey.

M/Malkin closed the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 7:30 pm.

M/Malkin reminded everyone that the next meeting is the reorganization meeting and will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

At 7:33 pm, C/Esakoff made a motion to adjourn, with a second offered by C/Trammell, and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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: January 4, 2021