

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

**Mayor and Council
Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:07 pm and 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.” M/Malkin 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.

OATH OF OFFICE Administered by Borough Clerk, Kathleen Hart:

Borough Council (3 Year Term expires 12/31/23)**Louis Esakoff**
Borough Council (3 Year Term expires 12/31/23) **Joseph E. Trammell**

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<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: Andrew Sobel, Esq., Greg Cannon, Esq., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

MAYOR’S SPEECH

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Borough of Roosevelt's first council meeting of 2021, which is both a reorganization and a regular meeting.

We have just ended what was, most likely, one of the most difficult years in all of our lifetimes. I think we are all relieved to see 2020 finally end.

Obviously, the overriding issue of the past year was the Corona Virus. It changed our lives overnight. We are very lucky in Roosevelt. First of all, our numbers for the virus are quite low. As of today, there are 28 confirmed cases. We have close to 900 residents, so that works out to be approximately 3.1%. Almost everyone was quite compliant with mask wearing and socially distancing. If we had to adhere to a lockdown, we couldn't have been in a better place. There's lots of open space and fresh air to take walks and still be able to interact with our neighbors. I saw many people out walking every day on our streets and on our trails.

It was disappointing not to be able to hold our annual Roosevelt Public School graduation ceremony, and our time-honored July 4th picnic, and many RAP events. Hopefully, they will resume by next spring or summer.

Probably, the next issue of concern to everyone, was the election. It's no secret that the vast majority of voters in Roosevelt are Democrats, but there are Republican and Independents here as well. In

our town, we don't let that hinder our friendships, people peacefully agree to disagree. On a local level I want to extend my congratulations to Councilman Lou Esakoff and Councilman Joe Trammell on their re-election. I also want to formally welcome our new councilman, Steve Macher.

Government has changed dramatically in the last 10 years, and Roosevelt is no longer able to operate as the quirky, independent, free-spirited town that it is. We are mandated by County, State, and the Federal government to comply with every law, ordinance and regulation, just as the much larger towns and cities must. To that end, I want to commend our council members. Though it may not be obvious to the public, they are working very hard behind the scenes. As I've said before, Roosevelt runs on volunteerism, and we are so fortunate to have these dedicated, involved people, willing to give up their time to contribute to town.

Once again, I want to express my appreciation to our exemplary administrative staff. They are simply the best and we are extremely fortunate to have them here. Included in this appreciation is also our professional staff, such as our engineer, financial professionals, our attorney, and last but not least, our Public Works department. It takes a lot of people to make this little town run.

Segueing from running the town, I'd like to address the two weather related events which occurred in the past few months. Hurricane Isaias was an unexpected and extremely strong storm the first week of August. We had so many downed trees, it was very upsetting. I must say though, 24 hours later, on that Wednesday, our trash was picked up. There wasn't a single street that was missed. Kudos to our Public Works Department and some Council members for getting right out and clearing as much as possible, until a professional tree service company could come. None were able to come immediately because, as a small town, we weren't a priority for them, as the larger towns are. As you are aware, we had no power for five days. When that occurs, we open the Borough Hall as a shelter and command center. Unfortunately, the Borough Hall generator died. It was old, and we had been repairing it for the last few years, but this time, it was kaput. That meant that no one could even work at Borough Hall; everyone worked from home. Soon after, the Council voted to purchase a new generator. It's a very long process, and though we approved the purchase and funding, we still do not have the new generator. At this point in the process, we are waiting for PSE&G to complete their part. As I said, everyone worked diligently, through the storm and its aftereffects. We obtained a temporary portable generator for Solar Village, knowing there are certain needs for their residents, that must be met. A resident actually knocked on Councilman Mike Hamilton's door at 12:30 am to inform him that the generator at Solar Village had shut off. Being a known night person, he called me, and I along with a friend from town, went over and determined that the generator had run out of gas. We then made a Wawa trip, bought gas, and got it running and babysat it until morning, to make ensure it didn't run out again. That's how everything runs in Roosevelt: a large collaborative effort.

This brings me to our recent snowstorm. This was another surprise. About three inches was forecast for our area, but we ended up with six to eight inches in some parts of town. I understand that the streets were not plowed to the satisfaction of some residents. But this was a freaky storm: It snowed, then it rained, then it sleeted, then it snowed again. It was difficult for the plow to have a significant impact on the streets. We did call the County to come and salt, when the ice-packed snow was resistant to plowing. We have already met to discuss how to better plow and handle the next snow storm.

On a more positive note, you may have noticed that two streets in town were repaved: Cedar Court and the second half of Homestead Lane. We have received grants for Nurko Road and Elm Court, both of which should be paved in the spring since the contract was recently awarded. Farm Lane, School Lane and parts of Pine Drive will be done next. This is all part of our larger plan to incrementally improve and upgrade the infrastructure in town.

We are very proud that our Water and Sewer Plants are running safely, efficiently, legally, and at a reduced cost than in previous years. The water is never brown anymore, and it tastes perfect!

Concerning the gas station, I am looking into many possibilities. Our surrounding areas are currently undergoing many changes, which leaves open an array of choices for that property. The station sat

empty for over thirty years, and was quite an eyesore, we don't want to repeat the same scenario with an empty lot.

I think everyone is aware that Roosevelt Public School has lost major State Funds, and is under threat of closing. This Mayor and Council have been, and will continue to fight that with every resource available to us.

I can't sum up this past year without mentioning the devastating number of people who have died in 2020, most of them very long-time residents: Helen Barth, Jonny Shahn, Ginny Edwards, Lenny Sacharoff, Shan Ellentuck, Tessie List, Allen Newrath, Bob Petrilla, Linda Greyson, Robin Gould, Cynthia Imbrue and Donna Muzer. Most of these are people I have known for a very long time, and who were cherished by their families and neighbors. Ironically, no one died from Covid. And so now, we have many new families moving to town. In keeping with Roosevelt tradition, I have no doubt that eventually they'll become cherished members of our community.

On a personal note, I want to say that I have lived here for 46 years. I have known so many people in that time, and have seen so many changes. I even remember when Roosevelt had its own trash truck and we did our own collection twice a week, on Fridays and Mondays! It was handled by a man named Simon, who was a beloved member of our town. Throughout these changes and evolutions, though, I still love it here. The core of Roosevelt, it's beliefs, it's eccentricities, and most of all, its heart, have remained constant. I think there is nowhere better to live. I walked my dog very late last Saturday night. After all these years, I still marveled at how beautiful it looked on that icy night with the full moon shining through the tree branches. It was so still and there was no wind, and not a sound. It was simply silence and beauty, nature at its best. And under the trees were all the houses dotted all around, filled with people who were mostly sleeping, but at peace at least knowing that they live in a town that truly cares about its residents. I felt incredibly lucky to be living here.

Let's do all we can in 2021 to maintain our little gem.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only):

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:22 pm.

No public comment.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:22 pm.

- **December 28, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

C/Esakoff made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second offered by C/Trammell. No discussion.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: C/Vroman

ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Lyons Environmental Services, LLC, dated December 29, 2020 regarding the sewer blockage on the main line and requesting a cleaning schedule to be done annually to prevent situation from recurring. C/Trammell will discuss under the Utilities Committee report.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 21-01 Selecting a President of the Council for the Year 2021

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Esakoff, Michael Hamilton was nominated as Council President for 2021; no other nominations were made and C/Hamilton accepted the nomination which was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-02 Establishing Council Committees for the Year 2021

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Esakoff, the Borough Council Committees were established for 2021, as read by M/Malkin, and approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-03 Appointing the Planning Board Class III Member for the Year 2021

On a motion by C/Hamilton with a second offered by C/Trammell, C/Vroman was nominated as the Class III Member of the Planning Board for the year 2021; C/Vroman accepted the nomination which was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-04 Adopting “Roberts Rules of Order”

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Vroman, Resolution 21-04 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-05 Establishing Schedule of Public Meetings for the Year 2021

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Esakoff, Resolution 21-05 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-06 Designating Official Newspapers for the Borough: Trenton Times and Asbury Park Press

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Hamilton, Resolution 21-06 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-07 Consent to Appointments for 2021 – Borough Officials

On a motion by C/Hamilton with a second offered by C/Esakoff, Resolution 21-07 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-08 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Legal Services to Gregory J. Cannon, Esq.

On a motion by C/Hamilton with a second offered by C/Trammell, Resolution 21-08 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-09 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Engineering Services to Carmela Roberts, P.E., of Roberts Engineering Group, LLC

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Vroman, Resolution 21-09 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-10 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Auditing Services to Gerard Stankiewicz, CPA, RMA, of the firm Samuel Klein & Company, for the Calendar Year 2021

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Hamilton, Resolution 21-10 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-11 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Bond Counsel Services to the Firm Gluckwalrath LLP for the Calendar Year 2021

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Hamilton, Resolution 21-11 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-12 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Planning Consultant Services to Thomas A. Thomas, P.O., A.I.C.P. of Thomas Planning Associates, LLC for the Calendar Year 2021

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Trammell, Resolution 21-12 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-13 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Labor Counsel to Kerry E. Higgins, Esq. of McKenna, DuPont, Higgins & Stone, P.C. for the Calendar Year 2021

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Esakoff, Resolution 21-13 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-14 Providing for 2021 Temporary Budget Appropriations

On a motion by C/Hamilton with a second offered by C/Esakoff, Resolution 21-14 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-15 Designating Ocean First Bank as Depository for the Roosevelt Municipal Court

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Trammell, Resolution 21-15 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-16 Designating First Constitution Bank, Hightstown Branch, as Depository for the Borough of Roosevelt

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Hamilton, Resolution 21-16 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-17 Authorizing the Roosevelt Tax Collector to Cancel Property Tax Refunds and Delinquencies of Less than \$5.00 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:17.1

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Hamilton, Resolution 21-17 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-18 Establishing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes and Other Municipal Charges

On a motion by C/Hamilton with a second offered by C/Esakoff, Resolution 21-18 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-19 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Millstone Township for the Utilization of Millstone Municipal Court and Related Personnel Services

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Hamilton, Resolution 21-19 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

AYES: C/Dermody, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell, C/Vroman

NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

Resolution 21-20 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2021

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Vroman, Resolution 21-20 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-21 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Millstone for Repair, Maintenance and Snow Removal on Nurko Road for the Year 2021

On a motion by C/Hamilton with a second offered by C/Esakoff, Resolution 21-21 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-22 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Millstone for Certified Recycling Coordinator

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Trammell, Resolution 21-22 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-23 Appointing Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Vroman, Resolution 21-23 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-24 Appointing Councilmembers to Serve as Representatives to the Various Boards and Committees of the Borough

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Hamilton, C/Esakoff was appointed as representative to the Roosevelt Senior Organization, C/Vroman was appointed as representative to the Roosevelt Environmental Commission and C/Hamilton was appointed as representative to the

Roosevelt Board of Education. Resolution 21-24 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-25 Appointment of a Representative and an Alternate Representative to the Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Esakoff, Michael Ticktin was appointed as Representative and C/Esakoff was appointed as Alternate Representative. Resolution 21-25 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-26 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Information Technology Services to Cross Over Networks, LLC 34 Almond Drive, Toms River, NJ 08753

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Trammell, Resolution 21-26 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-27 Designating a Borough Historian for the Borough of Roosevelt

On a motion by C/Trammell with a second offered by C/Hamilton, Resolution 21-27 designating Michael Ticktin as Borough Historian was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-28 Accept Contract for Website and Email Hosting to City Connections LLC

On a motion by C/Esakoff with a second offered by C/Trammell, Resolution 21-28 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

1. Mayor's Appointments to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board:

- **Michael Hamilton** shall serve as the Mayor's Alternate as a Class I member to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.
- **Fred Septak** is hereby appointed as Class IV member to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board for a four (4) year term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024.
- **David Teich** is hereby appointed Alternate I member to the Roosevelt Borough Planning Board for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.
- **Ester Psarakis** is hereby appointed Alternate II member to the Roosevelt Borough Planning Board for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021.

2. Mayor's Appointments to the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission

- **Sam Ashburner** is hereby appointed as a Regular Member to the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.
- **Ellen Silverman** is hereby appointed as Alternate I to the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Public Works: C/Macher reported on trees that came down, as a result of the recent storm, at Town Hall and the water treatment plant. Council members discussed quotes received for the removal of various dead trees throughout the Borough.

Administration: C/Esakoff complimented Borough administrative staff; will be contacting PSE&G regarding the installation of the new generator at Borough Hall.

Community Dev/Code: No report.

Finance: No report.

Utilities: C/Trammell explained that there will be a meeting at the waste water treatment plant on Saturday to discuss the trickling filters and phosphate remediation; discussed the manhole at the sewer plant that needs to be jetted and televised; discussed the rehabilitation of well #3.

Envi. Health & Safety: No report.

C/Vroman left the meeting at 8:01 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 8:06 pm.

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Rd.: Discussed the vacant seat on the Environmental Commission as a result of the expiration of C/Dermody's term on December 31, 2020.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment at 8:07 pm.

C/Trammell moved to adjourn at 8:08 pm with a second offered by C/Esakoff. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

The next Borough Council meeting will be held on January 25, 2021.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: January 25, 2021