

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

**Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2021**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:04 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. Standard protocols for remote meetings set forth in Resolution 20-108 adopted November 23, 2020, will apply. 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 4, 2021, 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**

|                               | <b>PRESENT</b> | <b>ABSENT</b> | <b>LATE<br/>ARRIVAL</b> |
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| <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., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

**MAYOR’S SPEECH:** None.

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

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:06 pm.

Kimberly Felong, 6 Pine Drive: Questioned source and time frame for First Aid Squad response statistics presented at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting; explained that she is against partnering with Millstone for First Aid Squad service.

Neil Marko, 3 Eleanor Lane, Roosevelt First Aid Squad President: Discussed First Aid Squad response statistics for 2020, mutual aid and support of surrounding communities; contacted Millstone Volunteer Fire Department to schedule a meeting; held a First Aid Squad open house during which seven applications for membership to the First Aid Squad were received.

Maureen Parrott, 2 Tamara Drive: Is happy that the contract amendment addresses and clarifies billing and compensation; questioned how the current emergency response system works under mutual aid and how it will be different under the contract amendment; asked if Millstone is billing Roosevelt residents for ambulance services; questioned the number of active Roosevelt First Aid Squad members; Neil Marko responded that there the Roosevelt First Aid Squad includes four EMTs and eight members in total.

Sharyn Walz, 23 N. Valley Road: Discussed the meeting between Roosevelt First Aid Squad and the Millstone Fire Department and contract renegotiation in 2022.

The Borough Attorney clarified the fire services and emergency services contract terms.

Kelly Scibetti, 2 Pine Drive: Discussed transparency regarding First Aid Squad services and Borough Council discussions; opposes partnering with Millstone; expressed concern regarding tax increases related to emergency services.

C/Hamilton discussed the municipal budget and the impact of emergency services on property taxes; addressed residents' concerns regarding the shared service agreement with Millstone and other regional arrangements if Millstone increases the cost of providing emergency services.

Jeb Shahn, 18 Tamara Drive: Expressed concern regarding first aid call response when there is only one EMT and the driver cannot assist with lifting; is currently in favor of the contract with Millstone which doesn't have to mean the destruction of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad.

Kirk Rothfuss, 3 Tamara Drive: Expressed concern and doesn't think the contract with Millstone is in the best interest of Roosevelt; has had a positive experience with the Roosevelt First Aid Squad.

Carol Wachler, 2 Elm Court: Discussed being a former member of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad and having a positive experience when being the recipient of services from the squad; is in favor of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad for Roosevelt residents.

Ronald Scibetti, 2 Pine Drive: Questioned the Millstone shared services contract payment terms.

M/Malkin addressed questions and provided clarification regarding the shared service contract.

John Vo, 19 Farm Lane, Roosevelt First Aid Squad Captain: Discussed the open house held by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad and services provided by the Roosevelt volunteers.

Neil Marko, 3 Eleanor Lane, Roosevelt First Aid Squad President: Discussed billing, fees and the acquisition of the Millstone Township ambulance.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 8:30 pm.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter, dated February 15, 2021 from Roberts Engineering Group LLC regarding design and inspections costs for Improvements to Pine Drive.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 21-39** Resolution Authorizing First Amendment to the Borough's Shared Services Agreement with Millstone Fire District No. 1

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-39, with a second offered by C/Vroman.

C/Hamilton requested a full Council discussion prior to voting on the resolution. C/Esakoff explained that the Borough needs a First Aid Squad that responds in a timely manner; there is no need for additional discussion as there have already been numerous discussions to address questions from the public; the Council has enough information to vote on the resolution;

C/Vroman stated that he is in agreement with C/Esakoff; if costs increase there are alternatives such as negotiating with other surrounding towns; will receive EMT service in a timely manner; discussed response time for mutual aid; has concerns about repercussions if the Council continues to table the vote on the addendum. M/Malkin explained that the Millstone squad is staffed and ready to respond as soon as a call comes in; C/Trammell would love to have both a Roosevelt volunteer first aid squad and the Millstone paid squad; would like to see Roosevelt and Millstone work together; it looks like Millstone is the way to go at this time; C/Macher is in agreement with C/Trammell; this is not about money; comfortable with signing on with Millstone as long as it doesn't destroy the Roosevelt First Aid Squad; C/Hamilton discussed the county emergency management plan; wants to do the best for the residents and commit to working with volunteers on the First Aid Squad; there is no additional cost to the Borough for this addendum to the shared services agreement; M/Malkin reiterated that the Council is not in any way attempting to dissolve

the Roosevelt First Aid Squad.

Roll Call

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

**Resolution 21-40** Payment of Bills for February 22, 2021

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-40, with a second offered by C/Esakoff. No Discussion.

Roll Call

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

**Resolution 21-41** Authorizing the County of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations within Roosevelt Borough

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-41, with a second offered by C/Vroman. No discussion.

Roll Call

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

**Resolution 21-42** Resolution Adopting the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-42, with a second offered by C/Trammell. M/Malkin discussed the hazard mitigation plan.

Roll Call

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Administration:** No report.

**Finance:** No report.

**Public Works:** C/Macher reported that snow removal went well with the last snow storm; the Borough generator should be up and running this week.

**Community Dev/Code:** No report.

**Utilities:** C/Trammell reported that everything is moving along well with both the water and waste water plants.

**Envi. Health & Safety:** C/Vroman briefly discussed speed bumps in relation to the road improvement program.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Speed Bumps: C/Esakoff discussed speed bumps throughout the Borough; C/Macher discussed signage and markings to warn drivers that they are approaching speed bumps; C/Trammell explained that the Borough Engineer confirmed that speed bumps for the road improvement project will be the appropriate shape and height; M/Malkin explained that the Borough is working with the County on traffic calming measures for Route 571.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):**

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 9:11 pm.

Terry Holland, 3B North Valley Road: Discussed concerns about the Roosevelt First Aid Squad.

C/Malkin closed the meeting to Public Comment at 9:17 pm.

At 9:18 pm, C/Trammell made a motion to adjourn, with a second offered by C/Esakoff, and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 9:18 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: March 15, 2021