

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 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. 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 25, 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

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
<i>Councilmember Robert Atwood</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Luke Dermody</i>		✓	
<i>Councilmember Lou Esakoff</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Michael Hamilton</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 announced that the Roosevelt School graduation will be held on June 10th and will be held outside at the amphitheater, weather permitting, but will be limited to graduates and their families. The Borough has not been selected to receive the grant from the DoT Set Aside Program. This is the start of EMS week and M/Malkin thanked both the Millstone EMS Responders and the Roosevelt First Aid Squad for their service to the community.

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

- **January 25, 2021 Closed Session Minutes**

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

Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: C/Atwood
ABSENT: C/Dermody

- **April 19, 2021 Closed Session Minutes**

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

Roll Call

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

- **May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

Roll Call

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 21-67 Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC, to Prepare an Application for the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant FY2021

M/Malkin opened the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

No public comment.

M/Malkin closed the public hearing at 7:12 pm.

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Trammell, to adopt Resolution 21-67. Council members discussed the grant application for improvements to the amphitheater and including a handrail for safety into the project specifications and possibly including a brick fundraiser as part of the project. Ms. Roberts will be asked to attend the next Borough Council meeting to discuss the project details.

Roll Call

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

Resolution 21-68 Payment of Bills for May 17, 2021

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-68, with a second offered by C/Esakoff. No discussion.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Atwood, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Macher, C/Trammell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Dermody

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Environmental Health & Safety: C/Atwood discussed placing platforms at trails.

Community Dev/Code: No report.

Administration: No report.

Finance: C/Hamilton discussed allowable uses for the American Rescue Act funding, including water, sewer and broadband infrastructure; interim project expenditure reports are required; Council members should submit suggestions for uses of the funding to C/Hamilton.

Public Works: Council members discussed Borough Hall improvements including the parking lot and new generator; C/Hamilton explained that the Borough's risk assessment report stated that the Borough is in compliance and there were no violations at any of the Borough facilities including Borough Hall, the water treatment plant and the sewer plant.

Utilities: C/Trammell discussed the trickling filters, televising of the input to the sewer plant, issues with the sewer main at N. Valley Road; Well No. 3 is online; the water tower structure work began today.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discuss the NJDOT FY2022 Road Program: Council members discussed the two options for the road program and agreed to move forward with improvements to Tamara Drive between Pine Drive and South Rochdale Avenue.
 - a. Improvements to Pine Drive from Tamara Drive to the dead-end at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - b. Improvements to Tamara Drive between Pine Drive and South Rochdale Avenue

Resolution 21-69 Resolution Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Make a Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Improvements to Tamara Drive between Pine Drive and South Rochdale Avenue

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-69, with a second offered by C/Esakoff.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Dermody

NEW BUSINESS None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 7:43 pm.

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Drive: Commended the Mayor and Borough Council on the improvements to the Borough Hall parking lot and asked Council Members if there is an Ordinance prohibiting parking in the front of Borough Hall.

C/Malkin closed the meeting to Public Comment at 7:45 pm.

C/Hamilton discussed continuing to have Zoom meeting capability after returning to in-person Borough Council meetings at Borough Hall.

CLOSED SESSION

C/Esakoff made a motion to move to Closed Session, seconded by C/Trammell.

The Borough Clerk read Resolution 21-70: Providing for a Private Executive Meeting that Excludes the Public.

WHEREAS, the “Open Public Meetings Act” enacted October 21, 1975 permits a public body to exclude the public from meetings or portions thereof wherein matters are to be discussed which are exempted from the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the said Act requires that prior to the holding of a meeting or portion thereof from which the public shall be excluded, the public body should adopt a Resolution at a public meeting providing for the holding of a private meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt has determined that a meeting should be held from which the public should be excluded in order to discuss a subject which is exempted under the said Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, as follows:

- That the next portion of this meeting be held in Private Session.
- That the general nature of the matter(s) to be discussed relate to the matters:
 - a. Potential Litigation – Encroachment on Green Acres
 - b. Potential Litigation – Nurko Road Right-of-Way Encroachment
- That no official action will be taken at the meeting but Minutes shall be kept and shall be available to the public after official action on the subject matter has been taken.
- It is anticipated the discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public after no further action is required in the matter.

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Dermody

Time in: 7:54 pm

C/Hamilton made a motion to adjourn from Closed Session, second by C/Esakoff. All in Favor.

Time out: 9:20 pm

At 9:20 pm, C/Esakoff made a motion to adjourn, with a second offered by C/Trammell, and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: June 7, 2021