

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

Mayor and Council
Special Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ellentuck at 7:02 p.m. 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 February 7, 2017, 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 Hamilton</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Lipoti</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Malkin</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Ticktin</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Trammell</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Ellentuck</i>	✓	

Also in attendance, Kathleen Hart, Municipal Clerk, Kelly Tyers, Deputy Clerk.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Ellentuck stated that this is a Special Meeting. The only discussion can be the language of the Resolution and Referendum Question.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 17-34: Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Authorizing and Setting a Date for a Special Election for a Referendum on Ordinance No. 16-022

On a motion by Councilmember Bonna, second by Councilmember Lipoti, to approve Resolution 17-34

Mayor Ellentuck asked the Council if they would like to discuss.

Councilmember Hamilton stated the following:

- Stands opposed to having a special election
- The law allows for a referendum for a bond be placed on the ballot at the next general election at no cost to the taxpayers.
- Does not see any reason to put this particular bond ordinance to move so quickly and spend public funds at a cost of \$10,000 - \$20,000 for a special election.

Mayor Ellentuck stated:

- The Engineer is going to be paid. Has potential to be reimbursed via loan or grant.
- By law, the Council could wait until the next general election in November and not have the study done until after the November election.
- System is being treated solely with chemicals and is falling apart.
- The study needs to be completed now.

Councilmember Trammell asked a question about the bond and the Mayor stated that this can't be discussed at this meeting as this is a Special Meeting for the setting the date of the Special Election and the Referendum question. Councilmember Trammell stated he agrees with Councilmember Hamilton that there is no need to spend the money for this special election and it can wait until the general election.

Mayor Ellentuck stated:

- If we pay out of current fund, water/sewer bill will go up \$30 – \$50 pay period effective immediately.
- The bond can be rolled into other NJEIT funds and can be financeable and be subject to grants.
- If the bond does not pass, we can't apply for long term financing.

Councilmember Lipoti stated:

- Met with NJEIT regarding financing and all councilmembers were invited to attend.
- NJEIT has new programs to finance smaller pieces of a larger project.
- Can't apply until we have a bond in place. This is a requirement for NJEIT.

Councilmember Trammell questioned why the election can't be held in November. Councilmember Hamilton read N.J.S.A. 40:49-10 Time of election; special election; ballot into the record (see attached).

Mayor Ellentuck stated that if we wait until November a number of things happen:

- Interest rates go up and over long-term going to cost us more.
- No studies will be done on our water/sewerage infrastructures.
- Infrastructures are in really bad shape.
- The engineer study will help us decide what direction the Borough should go in (sell, pump or fix it).
- Eventually DEP will come in and fine the Borough.

Councilmember Malkin stated that the water/sewer bills are going up regardless and questioned why the engineers still need to complete the study as it has been over a year.

Mayor Ellentuck stated that the study was stopped back in November 2016.

The Mayor asked for a roll call vote to adopt Resolution 17-34:

Roll Call:

AYES: Bonna, Lipoti, Ticktin, Mayor Ellentuck (broke the tie)
 NAYS: Hamilton, Malkin, Trammell
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

Resolution 17-35: Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Setting the Referendum Question and Interpretive Statement to be put to the Voters in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-10 and Borough Council Resolution 17-34

On a motion by Councilmember Lipoti, second by Councilmember Bonna, to approve Resolution 17-35.

Mayor Ellentuck asked the Council if they would like to discuss.

The Council discussed the language in the Interpretive Statement on Resolution 17-35. Councilmember Hamilton feels that the voters are being swayed or manipulated and feels that the language specified in the state law is not being followed and should be strictly adhere to. Mayor stated that all bonds have an interpretive statement.

Mayor Ellentuck asked for a vote to approve Resolution 17-35.

Roll Call:

AYES: Bonna, Lipoti, Ticktin, Mayor Ellentuck (broke the tie)
 NAYS: Hamilton, Malkin, Trammell
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Councilmember Ticktin moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., Councilmember Bonna second. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: March 27, 2017