

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2017**

Mayor Ellentuck opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and 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 January 3, 2017, 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.

	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: Richard Shaklee, Borough Attorney, George Lang, CFO, Gerry Stankiewicz, Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk, Kelly Tyers, Deputy Clerk

MAYOR’S REPORT:

- Borough Staff made a good dent with the records in the attic.
- On 6/27/17 malfunction in pump which raised pH level. Thanked Toby Moore, Debbie Thomas, Kelly Tyers.
- Borough Hall had a flea infestation last week and had to close down. Thanked C/Bonna, C/Lipoti, and Kelly Tyers for cleaning and wiping down the Borough Hall.
- On 7/9/17 brown water called in. The pH levels were high at 11.54, acceptable levels is below 8.5.
- Thanked July 4th volunteers.
- Ed Goetzmann passed away. He was a former principal, school board and planning board member. Extend Condolences to the family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting

On a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Lipoti the May 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes were approved by the following vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bonna, C/Lipoti, C/Malkin, C/Ticktin,

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: C/Hamilton, C/Trammell

ABSENT: None

May 17, 2017 Special Meeting

On a motion by C/Malkin second by C/Ticktin the May 17, 2017 special meeting minutes were approved by the following vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bonna, C/Lipoti, C/Malkin, C/Ticktin,

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: C/Hamilton, C/Trammell

ABSENT: None

May 22, 2017 Regular Meeting

On a motion by C/Ticktin second by C/Lipoti the May 22, 2017 regular meeting minutes were approved by the following vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bonna, C/Lipoti, C/Malkin, C/Ticktin,

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: C/Hamilton, C/Trammell

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CONSENT AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 17-89: Authorizing the Filing of a Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

Resolution 17-90: Authorizing Monmouth County Shared Services for Street Sweeping

Resolution 17-91: Registering its Opposition to H.R. 38 and S. 446, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 and the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017

Resolution 17-92: Self-Examination of 2017 Budget

Resolution 17-93: Read Budget by Title Only

Resolution 17-94 Payment of Bills for July 10, 2017

On a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Malkin the Consent Agenda was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bonna, C/Hamilton, C/Lipoti, C/Malkin, C/Ticktin, C/Trammell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

OTHER RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17-86: Adoption of the 2017 Municipal Budget

Mayor Ellentuck opens the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Mark Connors - 23 N. Rochdale Ave:

- Discussed his concerns with several items: Public Works down to \$7,000 and Clerk Salary looks like an increase. George Lang said these figures have been adjusted in the salary/wages line item and that the Borough is following the State Budget format.
- The budget is hard to read and understand. Moving forward would like a clean and easy to read budget for the residents.

Mayor Ellentuck closes the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Ellentuck said the adopted Budget will be posted on the Borough website at www.rooseveltnj.org.

On a motion by C/Malkin, second by C/Ticktin Resolution 17-86 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bonna, C/Hamilton, C/Lipoti, C/Malkin, C/Ticktin, C/Trammell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

C/Hamilton, Public Works:

- Shared service agreement with Monmouth County for street cleaning approved for \$1,600.

- Received 4 additional quotes for roof replacement at Borough Hall. Lowest price was Trenton Roofing at \$14,875 on the Borough Hall section, but this did not include gutters or flashing. Both Ana Debevec, Purchasing Agent and Jim Blair, Construction Official, reviewed. Bids are not needed and the funds have already been authorized. The Council discussed the project and if it goes over \$17,500 it will need to go out to bid. C/Lipoti asked if C/Hamilton contacted the Borough Engineer yet to look at the 1st Aid Building and give us a price quote. C/Hamilton contacted the Borough Engineer about 2 or 3 months ago and will be able to come in when we are ready to do the 1st Aid building. Will address the roof replacement at the next Public Works meeting.

C/Tickin, Community Dev/Code/Senior Rep.:

- The County will take ownership of the Dexheimer property in September.

C/Bonna, Administration/Environmental Rep.:

- Stream Monitoring on June 29 was held.
- Posting NO ATV signs at the trail entrances in the near future.
- EC participated in the 4th of July celebration and was a big success.

Richard Shaklee, Borough Attorney: No Report

C/Malkin, Finance/Planning Board Rep.:

- Planning Board has not met but will not be the same without Ed Goetzmann.
- A lot of good feedback from the 4th of July celebration and thanked all who helped.

C/Lipoti, Utilities:

- Discussed the incident regarding the water system. The operator discovered the tank had a pump fail which acted as a siphon and siphoned 14 gal of sodium hydroxide into the water system which should have been less than 1 gal. This disrupted the water treatment and created the brown water condition. The entire tower had to be drained and hydrants flushed. New pump and anti-siphon valve was ordered on June 30th. Same problem happened on July 9th. New pump was not shipped due to error on the company. It will be shipped overnight with the anti-siphon valve. Toby has since elevated the pump to alleviate the problem. Council approved a device with an alarm to be placed on the finished water line after treatment process to tower. This checks the chlorine and pH levels and has an alarm to alert the operator. Apologizes for the incidents.
- Sewer treatment plant has a number of problems previously reported at the Council meetings. The Sodium Hypochlorite tanks have not been changed. Still working down the Sodium Hypochlorite supplies. The valves at the base of the primary settling tanks have been replaced. Toby installed a bypass which sent sewage directly to the trickling filter. Auger has been sent out for repair due to wipes being thrown down the toilet. A notice was sent out to residents, "Don't throw out wipes down your toilet." The bar screen (a rake and a bucket) is being used to take out that kind of material. See attached photos.

- Sulfur dioxide line is slowly leaking and dissolving the concrete floor under the cylinders. Alleviate by putting a line through the conduit that we use to introduce chlorine that is underground.
- Hydrant leak next to the trickling filters which has caused a compromise of the hill side (approximately 30,000 gallons a day). A new valve and hydrant will be installed with a shut off valve.
- Maintenance is an issue at the water/sewer plants and it's a tenuous situation with the public being affected.

C/Hamilton asked if the pump was received and installed. C/Lipoti stated that it will be delivered tomorrow. George repaired the pump but not properly repaired. Mayor Ellentuck said that the original pump went bad and was unplugged to get the pH levels down. C/Hamilton asked if the utilities engineer was consulted and concerned we are doing design changes. C/Lipoti will contact R3M about the pump system and design. Mayor Ellentuck said that better communication is needed. There is only one license operator (Toby), not George. C/Trammell said the pump is smaller than a bread box and is about 8 - 9 years old. Need more maintenance to the system and job responsibilities. Would like to know who does what. Had a long talk with Toby, George and Ali. Would like a diagram of the system and have the Council understand how the systems works and this information be put into a binder. The Council needs to oversee and know routine and prevent maintenance that deal with these plants. Mayor Ellentuck said that it is mostly handled by the utilities engineer. It is a highly regulated area. C/Ticktin asked C/Lipoti if there has been any legal action against any manufacturer of these flushable wipes. C/Lipoti will check on it.

C/Trammell, Envi, Health & Safety: No Report

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cemetery Discussion regarding Ordinance: Ordinance needs to be changed regarding the central section (Jewish section) for historical purposes only. Anyone can be buried anywhere in the cemetery.
2. Use of Borough Hall on July 15, 2017 from 3 p.m. to 7 pm - Chesier: This has been brought up at prior council meeting. Mayor Ellentuck asked for a motion to deny request.

On a motion by C/Bonna, second by C/Ticktin the request to use Borough Hall on July 15, 2017 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Chesier was denied by the following vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bonna, C/Lipoti, C/Ticktin

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: C/Hamilton, C/Malkin, C/Trammell

ABSENT: None

A letter will be sent out notifying the Chesier's the Council's decision to deny.

3. Recreation Camp: Mayor Ellentuck read a letter from Leeann Dmochowski to the Council dated July 10, 2017 (see attached). The Council discussed an alternative solution. C/Malkin and C/Hamilton will put together a parent advisory committee for the future summer camp program and possibly transfer to the school.

4. Gas station parking lot: C/Malkin concerned about the many cars parking at the gas station. Would like No Parking signs installed at the gas station as it is Borough property.

C/Malkin thanked the following for helping in the 4th of July celebration: C/Hamilton, C/Trammell and Dee Sheean, Eric Schubiger and his three sons, Joe Trammell and Dee, Jeb Shahn, Maureen Parrott, Bruce Reimbold, Bob Clark, Bob Thorne, Kenny Horowitz, Roosevelt 1st Aid Squad, Millstone Twp., Fire Department, Mary Tulloss, The Sisterhood of Roosevelt and many others who brought food. The Sisterhood of Roosevelt held a 50/50. Mayor Ellentuck pointed out that a 50/50 is a game of chance and regulated by the State of NJ. All applications must go through the Borough Clerk and approved by the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 5 Minute limit

Robert Masterson, 62 Pine Drive:

- Expressed his concerns regarding the water system and the recent events.
- Wants Council people replaced.
- Consider selling to private company.

Lee Dmochowski, 22 Pine Drive:

- Concerned about the Summer Recreation program and thanked the Council for hearing the parents' concerns.

Jeb Shahn, 18 Tamara Drive

- In favor of going out to bid for entire roof project.
- Asked if Administration Committee received all job descriptions for the employees
- Concerned about the generators failing and the maintenance on them.
- Need public awareness on the wipes; post a flyer on the bulletin board at the post office.

C/Lipoti said we need to go out for a new contractor for generator maintenance and a notice is on every water bill regarding the flushable wipes.

Dan Leibowitz, 78 Pine Drive:

- Expressed his concerns about the water issues and would like to review the daily logs.

Mary Tulloss, 21 Lake Drive:

- Supports C/Lipoti and thanked her for all she does. She is very knowledgeable.

- Aging system and needs to prioritize.

Eitan Grunwald, 5 Eleanor Lane:

- Supports C/Lipoti; Council deserves our respect and support.

Jed Barrett, 10 Homestead Lane:

- Expressed his concerns about the water system and notification going out to residents.

Ken LeCompte, 2 Eleanor Lane:

- Concerned about the Summer Recreation Camp and asked about doing a shared service agreement with Millstone for Summer Recreation.
- Concerned about the current operations of the valve. Baffled that Roberts Engineering won an award for the design of the water plant and it has this many issues.

Mark Connors, 1st Aid Squad:

- Request Borough send out notification about reflective house numbers on all properties.
- Supports C/Lipoti; very happy with the job you are doing. Not getting support from the governing body and residents; no one will buy the system, it's not profitable.

Deb Connor, 23 N. Rochdale:

- Supports C/Lipoti; very fortunate to have you. Not getting support from the governing body and residents.

Kevin Balon, 35 Farm Lane:

- Expressed his issues with the zoning officer and the pending litigation regarding his property (see attached).

Robert Kragen, 7 School Lane:

- Town is falling apart.
- Expressed his issues with the zoning officer.
- Questioned cost on an OPRA request that was submitted.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Ellentuck closed the public portion at 9:49 p.m.

C/Hamilton said that they are all to blame and this is the right place to come for complaints. C/Lipoti works hard, always up at the plants. Very difficult to come up with the money as it's a small town. It's a 1937 infrastructure. The Council needs to discuss and stop the infighting. Welcome the residents to continue to come out and give suggestions. C/Malkin would like all Council members be informed of all issues at the same time.

CLOSED SESSION: None

Mayor Ellentuck asked for closed session. The Council agreed it was late and a Special Meeting will be scheduled for next week.

Mayor Ellentuck asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Ticktin moved to adjourn at 9:58 p.m., Councilmember Bonna second. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: August 14, 2017