

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2017**

Mayor Ellentuck opened the meeting at 7:00 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 |
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| <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, Auditor, Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk, Kelly Tyers, Deputy Clerk

MAYOR’S REPORT:

- Received telephone calls and emails from PEOSHA. Time is up tomorrow with fines of \$250 a day. A designated Air Quality Specialist is required. C/Trammell will look into it.
- 36 OPRA’s have been received in the past month; with a 7 day deadline. All OPRA request go to the Borough Clerk and in her absent, the Deputy Clerk.
- High speed internet was installed at the water/sewer plants a few months back for the purpose of installing cameras.
- Locks have been changed at the water/sewer plants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 1, 2017 Special Meeting

On a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Bonna the June 1, 2017 Special Meeting minutes were approved by the following vote:

Roll Call:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CONSENT AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Resolutions under the Consent Agenda were pulled for separate discussion. No Consent Agenda.

C/Hamilton pulled Resolution 17-96 Authorizing Repair of the Auger at the Sewage Treatment Plant from the Consent Agenda to discuss separately.

C/Trammell pulled Resolution 17-97 Authorizing Purchase of Monitor to Detect Chlorine and Ph of Water Before it Goes to the Water Tower from the Consent Agenda to discuss separately.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17-96: Resolution Authorizing Repair of the Auger at the Sewage Treatment Plant

C/Hamilton stated there have been a number of issues when first installed. The auger needs to be installed properly and maintained.

C/Lipoti stated that rags and flushable wipes accumulate and got into the motor which sheared a part off. Municipal Maintenance was called to repair and the auger is back in service. The sewer treatment plant needs to be redesigned.

The Council discussed and on a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Bonna, Resolution 17-96 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

Resolution 17-97: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Monitor to Detect Chlorine and Ph of Water Before it Goes to the Water Tower

C/Trammell would like this monitor being purchased to alert the Council when issues arise.

The Council discussed and on a motion by C/Lipoti, second by C/Ticktin, Resolution 17-97 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

Resolution 17-98: Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Authorizing Payment of Certain Sums to R3M Engineering

George Lang, CFO, can certified the funds using the Bond 2016-018 and the balance from the

2016 budget. Richard Shaklee, Borough Attorney, feels there is substantial risk if we don't pay. If there is a judgement, it would come out of the current fund, not the bond.

C/Hamilton, C/Malkin and C/Trammell are against paying R3M and feels there is not any potential litigation. It also ignores the residents who voted no at the special election.

C/Bonna, C/Lipoti, C/Ticktin and M/Ellentuck agree with the professionals to pay.

George Lang, CFO feels we should move forward with the NJEIT funding. Currently at .77% plus get 25% principle forgiveness and to move forward with the necessary improvements to the water/sewer plants using this funding.

The Council had a lengthy discussion and on a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Bonna, Resolution 17-98 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bonna, C/Lipoti, C/Ticktin, M/Ellentuck (Broke Tie)
 NAYS: C/Hamilton, C/Malkin, C/Trammell
 ABSTAIN: None
 ABSENT: None

Resolution 17-99: Payment of Bills

The Council discussed and on a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Bonna, Resolution 17-99 was approved by the following vote:

Roll Call:

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

C/Hamilton, Public Works:

- Waiting on an additional quote from Trenton Roofing for gutters.
- Salt Storage is exposed to the elements; need other solutions.
- Complaints received about weed growth along Pine Drive.
- Stairs at water treatment plant need to be fixed.

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

- Forestry plan has been approved by the State.

C/Bonna, Administration/Environmental Rep.:

- Continue to work on job descriptions.
- Sustainable NJ - Received a preliminary response from the application for the Bronze Certification. None of the submitted actions were rejected; most were approved. Have till September to update the submission.
- Invasive Species – proposed policy by the EC for the Council to approve.

Richard Shaklee, Borough Attorney: No Report

C/Hamilton left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

C/Malkin, Finance/Planning Board Rep./Recreation:

- Planning Board has not meet.
- Summer Camp program, Science and Technology, begins next week.
- Recreation Director will meet with some parents to discuss next year's Summer Camp program.

George Lang, CFO:

- Working on the tax bills; going out late with an extended grace period.
- Working on conversion to new program to pay online.

Gerry Stankiewicz, Auditor:

- 2016 Audit is about 80% complete.

C/Lipoti, Utilities:

- Ph has been running steady since the replacement of pump at the water treatment facility.
- Water/Sewer Operator sent report to the DEP. EPA is satisfied with the report and DEP is looking for a few more items.
- Routine maintenance being done at plants.
- George Vasseur resigned and a replacement is needed.
- Training needed for all plant operators on the "Duck Hunter"
- Investigation into the 2 incidents is still ongoing.

C/Trammell, Envi, Health & Safety:

- Concerned about the quality of maintenance at the water/sewer plants.
- Continue to investigation the 2 incidents at the water plant. A report will be given at the next council meeting.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Joe McGrath, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer:

- Code Enforcement has been very busy. Spoke with a few residents whose vegetation is growing into the street.
- 2 court orders on 2 properties with a hearing on August 1st; Judge to determine the extent of the penalties. Each property is receiving a daily summons until properties are cleaned up to the Court's satisfaction. If not,
- 6 Farm Lane has a pending rental application with Council. The Building Department has failed them for the final inspection and a CO can't be issued until items are cleared. Recommends the Mayor and Council to deny the ability to rent the property. The owner continues to rent out the property without approval.

C/Trammell asked if it is the town's position to send people to jail, as it seems harsh, for code enforcement issues and if there is anything else we can do. Councilmember Malkin is against overzealous code enforcement. Roosevelt is a free spirit, free thinking and creative town. If it is a safety or health hazard then yes, but clutter no. Joe McGrath, Code Enforcement stated he is not

overzealous. Neighbors have had it with these two properties. These two cases are exceptions and have very large files that go way back.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Council approved RAP to use Borough Hall on December 16, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. All in favor.
2. Received resignation letter from George Vasseur

PUBLIC COMMENT: 5 Minute limit

Mark Connors, 1st Aid Squad Chair:

- Requesting their donation now that the budget has passed.
- Would like to have a say in what needs to be repaired. Has not heard from any committee. A meeting will be set up with C/Hamilton and C/Trammell.

Burt Ellentuck, 22 Homestead Lane:

- Happy that the business with the Engineer is resolved!

Deb Lenart, 5 Elm Court:

- Questioned PEOSHA and the fines.

Bob Clark, 59 Lake Drive:

- Questioned if the work was done at the lift station on Lake Drive to connect the generator.

Mayor Ellentuck closed the public comment at 9:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: None

Mayor Ellentuck asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilmember Ticktin moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m., Councilmember Bonna second. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: October 11, 2017