

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2017**

Mayor Ellentuck opened the meeting at 7:02 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, Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk, Kelly Tyers, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 1, 2017 Special Meeting Executive Session

On a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Lipoti the June 1, 2017 Special Meeting Executive Session minutes were 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

June 12, 2017 Regular Session

On a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Bonna the June 12, 2017 regular session minutes were 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

June 12, 2017 Executive Session Meeting

On a motion by C/Bonna, second by C/Ticktin the June 12, 2017 Executive Session minutes were 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

July 10, 2017 Regular Session

On a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Lipoti the July 10, 2017 regular session minutes were 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

July 18, 2017 Special Meeting Regular Session

On a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Bonna the July 18, 2017 special meeting regular session minutes were 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

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CONSENT AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

C/Trammell pulled Resolution 17-100, Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 17-97 Authorizing Purchase of Monitor to Detect Chlorine and pH of Water Before it goes to the Water Tower for discussion separately.

Resolution 17-101: Resolution to Accept Maintenance Agreement with Modern Group Power Systems

Resolution 17-102: Authorizing Implementing Mitigation of Invasive Species Policy on Municipal Properties

Resolution 17-103: Authorizing Refund for Overpayment of Tax Court Counterclaims

Resolution 17-104: Resolution Agreeing To Enter Into a 3-Year Contract with Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) to Accept the Sludge from the Sewage Treatment Plant

Resolution 17-105: Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Awarding a Contract to Municipal Maintenance for \$4,200 for PVC Piping and Fittings on Chlorine Storage Tank

Resolution 17-106: Resolution Authorizing Trenton Roofing & Siding to Replace the Roosevelt Borough Hall Roof, Gutters and Soffits

Resolution 17-107: Payment of Bills

The Council discussed and on a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Bonna, Consent Agenda without Resolution 100, Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 17-97 Authorizing Purchase of Monitor to Detect Chlorine and pH of Water Before it goes to the Water Tower 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 17-100 Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 17-97 Authorizing Purchase of Monitor to Detect Chlorine and pH of Water Before it goes to the Water Tower

The Council discussed and on a motion by C/Ticktin, second by C/Lipoti, Resolution 17-100 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:

- A Resolution was approved at tonight’s meeting for Trenton Roofing. Approval is needed from the State Historic Preservation Office prior to work being done.
- Met with Carmella Roberts, Borough Engineer, to discuss the NJDOT Grant Program with a deadline of October 6, 2017. Engineer recommends 2nd half of Nurko Road to County Route 571 and to tag another project – Elm Court.
- Borough Engineer is aware of the situation with the 1st Aid Building HVAC system and the air quality. M/Ellentuck reminded the Council that in August the extension runs out with PEOSHA.

- Public Works meeting scheduled for Monday night.
- Received grant funds for Homestead Lane.

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

- Attending conference this weekend regarding The New Deal Today in Hyde Park.

C/Bonna, Administration/Environmental Rep.:

- Environmental Commission received a letter from the State of NJ approving the Forest Management Plan for 2017-2021.

Richard Shaklee, Borough Attorney: No Report

C/Malkin, Finance/Planning Board Rep./Recreation: No Report

C/Lipoti, Utilities:

- Modern Group Power System maintenance agreement was approved tonight for all 4 generators to be maintained.
- Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) was approved tonight accepting the sludge for the next three years.
- Municipal Maintenance completed the works on the tanks.
- Leak in the SO2 room was repaired.
- Alum pit area has been cleaned out.
- New locks and lock boxes have been installed at the water/sewer plants.
- Water Quality Reports were sent out in mail.

C/Trammell, Envi, Health & Safety:

- Spoke with Paula Skelton from PEOSHA regarding the problems with the Air Quality. Completed paperwork and is now the Borough Representative for Indoor Air Quality. Changed the filters in the air conditioning and sent all forms to Ms. Skelton. Fines have stopped for this item. Fines will be calculated from the end of July and the Borough can dispute the fines.
- Received quote for venting the 1st Aid building and gave to Ana who will get some additional quotes.

M/Ellentuck asked about a Committee Meeting prior to the Council meeting tonight but did not hear a report on it during the Reports of Committee. C/Trammell stated is was a Code Enforcement Committee. They discussed the pending court case of Kevin Balon, 35 Farm Lane.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Council approved RAP to use the Borough Hall on February 3, 2018. All in favor.

C/Malkin made a motion to have a resolution placed on the next agenda for George Vassaur, who recently retired from working at the water/sewer plants for over 60 years. C/Ticktin second the motion.

C/Malkin read a statement regarding a complaint made by Sharon Waltz at the last council meeting (see attached).

C/Malkin stated the Philadelphia Inquirer wrote an interesting article about Louis Kahn, who was the architect of our historic homes in Roosevelt. Copies will be available at Borough Hall.

The Mayor stated that he received two resignations tonight from Deborah Thomas and Kelly Tyers and read their resignation letters (see attached).

Kelly Tyers, Deputy Clerk, left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

C/Lipoti read a statement regarding the resignations of C/Lipoti, C/Bonna and Mayor Ellentuck (see attached).

Mayor Ellentuck, C/Lipoti and C/Bonna handed their resignation letters to the Clerk and stepped down (see attached).

C/Malkin, as the most senior member of the Council, took over the remainder of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

C/Malkin opened the public comment at 7:52 p.m.

Tim Curry, 3 Pine Drive:

- Questioned what happens next?
- Thanked Mayor for doing a great job.

Bert Ellentuck, 22 Homestead Lane:

- Questioned the procedures going forward with the vacancies and does the community get to vote?

Richard Shaklee, Borough Attorney stated the Democratic Committee proposes 3 names within 15 days to the Council. Next council meeting is August 28th and the Committee has until August 29th. The vacancy is filled by the Council until the next general election.

Beth Battel, 64 Lake Drive:

- Thanked the individuals involved for their tremendous hard work and understand their frustration.

Deb Lenart, 5 Elm Court:

- Thanked the 3 councilmembers and Kelly for all of the years of service and asked Council to recognize them.

Shan Ellentuck, 22 Homestead Lane:

- Terrified and appalled that the destruction of this town is coming from within.

Mark Connors, 23 Rochdale Avenue:

- Very upset with what has happened and grateful to everyone who left.
- Voiced his concerns.

Gus Vuolle, 19 Pine Drive:

- Grew up in Roosevelt, lives in Main now and cares about the betterment of the town.
- Questioned how the 3 elected councilmembers can resign after being elected.

Jeff Ellentuck, 40 Pine Drive:

- Stated he was elected to do a job, but was not able to achieve anything. Stepping down to allow the work to get done.

Nancy Warnick, 4 Homestead Lane:

- Kelly has given her time and heart to Roosevelt.
- Stated a small percentage of your taxes runs the entire Borough. It takes money to run properly.

Brad Garton, 17 Pine Drive:

- Asked the Council how it feels to be accused of criminal activities.

Deirdra Sheean, 18 Pine Drive:

- Last election was pretty ugly. All need to work together.
- Appreciates all the work everyone has done.

Bert Ellentuck, 22 Homestead Lane:

- Two referendums in town (fire house and water/sewer) were turned down.
- Going to spend millions of dollars to fix.

Jill Lipoti, 17 Pine Drive:

- Resignation letter states the reasons why she resigned and will post on the bulletin board at the Post Office and put in the Borough Bulletin.

Sam Lopez, 7 Homestead Lane:

- Asked the Council what they are going to do now.

Stacey Bonna, 17 Homestead Lane:

- Thanked the Borough and Council. Wonderful educational experience and have no regrets.

Tim Curry, 3 Pine Drive:

- Kelly is tremendous and when the snow starts who is going to be plowing?

C/Malkin closed the public comment at 8:19 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: None

C/Malkin stated if anyone thinks she is getting any pleasure from this, they are completely mistaken. Very sad day and sorrowful that it came to this. The Councilmembers work very hard and put in very long hours. The situation over the past few years has been horrendous. We will carry on and do the best that we can do.

C/Ticktin expressed clearly very much the opportunity to serve with Jeff, Jill, Stacey, Kelly and Deb. Hope we can come together and listen to what the community has to say. Let us have peace!

C/Hamilton thanked Jeff, Jill and Stacey. Very surprised and shocked. Hoping to move forward as a community to heal these wounds. Need to compromise.

C/Trammell thanked Jeff, Jill and Stacey.

Councilmember Ticktin moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., Councilmember Trammell second. All ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: October 11, 2017

Statement from Councilwoman Malkin:

I would like to address a complaint that was made by Sharyn Walz at a previous council meeting. This concerns primary election day of June 6, 2017. Ms. Walz implied that somehow the finance committee, which met in the Borough Hall on June 5, 2017, was able to tamper with the voting machines and change the outcome of the election.

At the time, I chose not to respond to these accusations because they seemed ridiculous. The Finance Committee is comprised of Mike Hamilton, Michael Ticktin and myself. Also present was George Lang, our Chief Financial Officer.

I spoke with Michael Ticktin after the meeting and he simply laughed at the absurdity of these accusations. However, as part of her coverage of town council meetings for the Borough Bulletin, Ms. Walz printed these implications for the town to read. At this point, I felt it became a serious matter.

I have been on the Council for 13 years. I am also a Committeewoman, Planning Board member and have been a Welfare Director in the past. I value my reputation as an open and honest person. Mike Hamilton has been the Mayor, as well as a Councilperson and a Board of Education member. Michael Ticktin has held many positions in Roosevelt, including Councilmember, Planning Board member and Historic Commission Chair. George Lang is the CFO in many towns and has a sterling reputation.

If Ms. Walz is disappointed that the candidates she supported didn't win, I'm sorry. But, to accuse my colleagues and me of a felony, is reprehensible, irresponsible and completely out of line.

So to begin with I would like Michael Ticktin to recount the steps that he told me that are necessary to tamper with a voting machine and why it was impossible for any of us to have done so.

C/Ticktin stated that he doesn't think anyone was alleging that anybody had done this, that Ms. Walz was suggesting that it was inappropriate for anyone to be in the building. None the less, no one can tamper with the machines. You need keys to get into the machines and the keys are not with the machines at this point.

In addition, the Mayor has installed cameras inside and outside of the Borough Hall. Ms. Walz could have requested that the film be viewed. This could have alleviated her concerns immediately and she would not have had to resort to false accusations at a public meeting. Also, the office staff was in the Borough Hall on the day prior to the election, when the machines were delivered, as well as Election Day. And by the way, the Finance Committee met in a separate conference room and not the main room where the machines are.

And finally, this is the case at every polling place in the United States. The machines don't magically appear at 6am. They are delivered days early, with employees coming and going. This is of no consequence, since no one has the capability of opening the machine, except for well-trained, paid professional poll workers.

These accusations are a serious injustice and I believe that in the interest in responsible reporting, Ms. Walz owes it to the Financial Committee and the public to print a retraction.

Resignation Statement from Mayor Ellentuck, Councilwoman Bonna and Councilwoman Lipoti:

Each of us, Mayor Ellentuck, Councilwoman Bonna, and myself, joined the Council because we each believe that citizens have an obligation to volunteer public service. Our individual visions, concerns, and priorities for Roosevelt may differ slightly. Each of us, however, believed, and still believe, that we have experience, expertise, and, mostly, a willingness to roll up our sleeves and do work that can help Roosevelt to survive in a way that will allow our residents to afford living here. While none of us has accomplished all of our goals, we are proud to be able to say that each of us has helped Roosevelt in many ways.

We have devoted countless volunteer hours to the needs of Roosevelt. We have done this because we know that small towns such as ours can only survive if elected officials and residents perform many tasks that would otherwise have to be performed by additional paid employees.

We are certainly not alone in our willingness to volunteer for the town. There are devoted and hard-working residents on the First Aid Squad, Planning Board, the Environmental Commission, the School Board, Fund for Roosevelt, Roosevelt Arts Project, the Solar Village Board, and others. We appreciate the countless hours they have devoted to the needs of Roosevelt.

We have been honored to work with many employees of the Borough. We are constantly amazed at the staff's devotion to the Borough and their willingness to go above and beyond for the Borough and residents, sometimes without bothering to charge the town for their time. The business hours of Borough Hall are 9 to 4. We have no night crews. Except for our utilities, we have no weekend crews. Unlike in many other towns with limited budgets, if you need help at 6:00 a.m., 10:00 p.m., or 2:00 a.m., seven days a week, you have been able to get the help you need. That is part of what makes Roosevelt special. Neither the members of our staff, nor we, are willing to tolerate the continuing dismissal, denigration, and harassment, which has resulted in the staff resignations this evening.

Over the last two years, it has become increasingly difficult and costly to the town to accomplish the work for which we were elected and for which we have devoted our time and energy. The Council, which previously acted with reasonable efficiency and effectiveness despite their differences, now reflects the national spirit of political divisiveness, truthiness, incivility, and personal attacks. Proposals are rejected out of hand simply because they were proposed by one of us. This is not helpful for the town.

As we are no longer effective as Council members, we, Jill Lipoti, Stacey Bonna, and Jeff Ellentuck, are resigning effective tonight. We wish to thank our supporters for their faith in us. We know that many of you understand why we can no longer serve.

**JEFF ELLENTUCK
40 PINE DRIVE
ROOSEVELT, NJ 08555**

August 14, 2017

Ms. Kathleen Hart , RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk
Borough of Roosevelt
33 North Rochdale Ave.
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Dear Ms. Hart,

When I joined the Council in 2006 I had a list of goals for the Borough. I'm glad to say that during my tenure on the governing body I saw many of those goals achieved.

We all successfully prevented the importation of "black water" into our sewage system. We were successful in the yeshiva litigation. Along with Pat Moser, I was successful in convincing the Council to have our historic and iconic water tower refurbished at a cost of \$520,000 versus replacing it at a cost of \$1.3 million to \$1.8 million. We obtained cut-rate financing to rebuild our water plant. The Council (not the Mayor) sets the budget. The Councils on which I served kept municipal taxes almost flat for ten years, even as the budget and surrounding towns increased. I am particularly proud of the fact that I was able to find a way to refund our "unrefundable" 40-year high-interest utilities bonds, thereby saving us \$50,000 a year in interest payments.

There were some disappointments as well. We expanded our fire department from just a few active volunteers to a full contingent of 18 fully trained firefighters over a period of ten years. I was disappointed that the voters chose to contract for outside fire services, as were the many young people who had trained to be volunteer firefighters. I had also hoped that we would sell the old gas station for use as a business to employ local residents, pay taxes, and provide useful services for the Borough. I have met with a company that is interested in purchasing property and have urged them to make a presentation to the Council. I am still hopeful that our gas station property will be put to good use.

I was immensely proud of the Borough's response to our hurricane-then-snowstorm. Some of our employees worked around the clock, with at least one only sleeping a total 6 hours over a week's time. Our volunteer firefighters and public works personnel cut their way through town with chainsaws so that our First Aid volunteers could get through to aid and check on residents. Volunteers operated the shelter and the required "OEM center". Even our younger residents helped out by preparing food to share and by helping out wherever possible. This is how Roosevelt has worked and should work.

Volunteering to do the hard work and actually doing that work is how residents make Roosevelt financially sustainable. This is true whether those volunteers serve on municipal boards and commissions, serve as emergency service volunteers on the First Aid Squad or former Fire Department, plant gardens, clean our trails and woods, or perform myriad other tasks large and small. The job of the members of the governing body in a town of less than 900 residents is not just to "set policy" or sit in judgement. It is incumbent on elected officials to roll up their sleeves and work every day.

Ms. Kathleen Hart, RMC, CMR

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In the past, there were often disagreements among members of the Council concerning goals, priorities, and policies. The issues were discussed civilly, though certainly not always dispassionately, and were resolved by compromise, concession, or vote. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. Borough employees did their jobs mostly without interference, insult, or harassment. This, also, is no longer the case.

It has become increasingly difficult to accomplish anything for the benefit of the town, or even to maintain the basic services upon which residents rely. Having grown up here, I know that Roosevelt has always been different from its neighbors and, often, much of the nation. Even when faced with the most contentious issues, we were able to work our way through them. We did this by assuming that each person was honest and had the best interests of the Borough at heart. When the issue was resolved, we could share a glass of wine. Unfortunately, the Council now reflects the national spirit of political divisiveness, alternate facts, incivility, and personal attacks. Proposals are rejected out of hand, not because of their virtues, but because of who proposed them. This is no way to govern a town that faces numerous difficult issues and choices. We need action to resolve issues with our buildings. The Borough Hall roof continues to leak and the Council delays. PEOSH may start fining us shortly unless action is taken with our HVAC systems and indoor air quality. The DEP will fine us heavily if we fail to complete the study of our sewer pipes soon. Our sewage is treated by chemical treatments instead of being treated the way our sewer plant was designed because of the plant is old and decaying. I urge the Council to take the steps necessary to fix these issues before the costs to do so increase.

I have devoted thousands of volunteer hours over the years. I would be willing to continue to do so if I thought things would change. I am now convinced they will not. For this reason I am resigning effective tonight.

I have returned with this letter all keys and access information in my possession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Ellentuck', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Ellentuck

17 Pine Drive
Roosevelt, NJ 08555
August 14, 2017

Ms. Kathleen Hart, RMC, CMR
Clerk, Borough of Roosevelt

Dear Ms. Hart,

I joined the Council with a vision for Roosevelt. I was concerned about the sustainability of our town, whether it could survive as an entity for the next generation. Immediate problems facing the town were the need to house the emergency services, address the aging infrastructure, reopen the only store in town, organize the files at Borough Hall, and attract a buyer for the old gas station property. Roosevelt had a number of abandoned houses, and properties in need of maintenance.

Roosevelt's assets included:

- the active fire company which had swelled to 18 members,
- the first aid squad which was responding to calls from neighboring towns as well as Roosevelt,
- the environmental commission who successfully obtained grants to support their activities,
- the Roosevelt Arts Project with their full schedule of events,
- the Solar Village, which was getting a much needed make-over, and
- the wonderful Roosevelt Public School.

The town was effectively using its volunteer power and community spirit to attempt to overcome the challenges it faced.

During my council service, I contributed my time and energy to identify funding sources to address the aging infrastructure, listen and support staff, respond to emergencies, assist in bringing Roosevelt into compliance with the Joint Insurance Fund requirements, assist with Sustainable Jersey initiatives, and encourage the building of a pollinator garden for butterflies to stop on their migration pathway. After questions were raised about the need for the emergency services building, I served on the committee to flesh out the options, and provide cost estimates for each. At times, I had to join the Council meetings via conference call, but I listened to every person during public comment period, and I carefully considered their concerns.

All of these tasks brought me in daily contact with the Roosevelt staff, who were amazing in their dedication and focus on working through the plethora of problems brought to them by the Roosevelt residents.

To address the economic vitality of our town, we pursued legal action to get the liquor license back, as a way to goad the deli-owners into reopening our town store. To address the issue of vacant houses in Roosevelt, we adopted a more aggressive enforcement stance for our zoning regulations, to pursue the house owners to bring them up to code and get them on the market. This added to all property values

in town, as the town became well-maintained. I remain hopeful that we will have a vibrant business in the old gas station property eventually.

To address the social issues, the fire, first aid, environmental commission and Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) were all committed to working to create a place where everyone in Roosevelt felt needed, supported, and engaged. Even the butterfly garden idea brought people together and brought some beauty to our borough hall. The Environmental Commission's work with the Student Conservation Association brought us a newly developed woodland trail, and RAP held an art walk along the trail. The Environmental Commission submitted its first application to Sustainable Jersey for the Bronze category of recognition.

In infrastructure issues, the water plant was upgraded, painted, and a grand opening was held. Financed by a bond, the water tower was inspected and brought up to NJDEP standards. The sewage treatment plant was assessed by a well-respected engineering firm and recommendations made for upgrading systems.

Nevertheless, things keep breaking in our infrastructure. Even now, the valve at the base of the water tower is held together with a strap. Every incident at the water/sewer facility meant that I was on site, discussing the issues with our water/sewer operator, and our engineering firm. At each Council meeting, the issues were brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council through the Committee reports.

The vision that I had for the town was one where we would address our long-term issues through long-term investment, paid off in a long-term strategy, unless grants were available. The costs would be borne by the people living in town benefitting from the services. That is what bonds do for towns – spread the costs over time.

At some point in time, a group of people formed who felt that the town's direction was misguided. They were effective in their campaigns. After a number of costly referenda, countless argumentative Council meetings, and general hard feelings, I concede that my vision is not shared by the majority of Roosevelt voters or by some members of Council.

The decisions made are permanent. The dismissal of the Roosevelt volunteer fire company and selling of the fire department assets means that Roosevelt is now committed to contracting with neighboring towns for fire coverage. A town asset has been lost, and I can only imagine how hurt the firefighters were at the end of their service to the town.

Roosevelt's problems have not been solved. There are daily issues. Roosevelt is subject to daily fines for the air quality in the Borough Hall because the First Aid vehicles start up inside the building without ventilation. Roosevelt residents have chosen to have different people make decisions on their behalf through their choices on the referenda and primary election.

As I am no longer effective as a Council member, I am resigning, effective tonight. I have dedicated many hours to Borough business, however, without appreciation for my work, the volunteer hours are no longer rewarding. I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Ripoti". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Stacey Bonna
PO BOX 307
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

August 14, 2017

Ms. Kathleen Hart, RMC, CMR, Borough Clerk
Borough of Roosevelt
33 North Rochdale Ave.
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Dear Ms. Hart,

I agreed to run for office in 2015 not because I had more ambitious political aspirations, nor any desire to be in the spotlight, but rather I wanted to volunteer my time to contribute toward the improvement of our community. I have been fortunate to meet so many wonderful neighbors, been involved with interesting and fun activities, and seen the engagement and involvement of residents. Over the course of my term I have accomplished many things for and with Roosevelt Borough:

- Voted unanimously Council President by the Roosevelt Borough Council.
- Appointed to Finance, Public Works, Utilities, and Administration Committees.
- Chair of Administration Committee 2016 and 2017.
- Volunteered to be the Green Team Representative to Borough Creative Team.
- Roosevelt Borough Alternate Community Development Representative.
- Council Representative to the Environmental Commission (Regular Member since Nov 2014).
- Volunteer to raise money by teaching multiple Pilates classes for the RPS Education Foundation.
- Participated in the EC Attack on Autumn Olive, Butterfly Park planting, and Stream Monitoring class.
- Contributor to the Bulletin, Mendies Farm, First Aid Squad, and former Fire Company.
- Hosted the Student Conservation Association (trail workers).
- Recruited family member to conduct research and provided suggestions for certain EC projects.
- Perfect attendance at Council Meetings (my attendance pre-dates taking office).
- Attended trainings and conferences for the betterment of the Borough:
 - ANJEC "Landscaping with Native Plants" 2017
 - Freeholder Curley's "Seminar for Elected Officials" 2016 and 2017
 - NJLM "Public Officials Seminar" 2017
 - "NJ State League of Municipalities Conference" 2016
 - Rutgers Center for Government Services "Elected Officials Course" 2016
 - ANJEC "Fundamentals of Effective Environmental Commissions Training Course" 2015

- JIF "Public Officials Seminar" 2015 and 2016 (\$250 savings to Borough for each attendance).

Being a Roosevelt Borough Council Member is an undertaking that has consumed my personal time and resources and exposed me to public scrutiny. Over the course of my term I have watched the Council go from a cohesive unit to becoming split on almost every issue. There are those who not only consistently vote against progress, but openly lobby against progress with misinformation and disinformation. These are the same people who do very little to contribute to the Borough and take pride in criticizing those who actually do the work.

Given these circumstances I have come to the realization that I am no longer able to effect a change for the better in Roosevelt as Councilwoman. It is for these reasons and many more I do hereby resign my position as Roosevelt Council Member effective immediately.

Sincerely,



Stacey Bonna

6 Glen Oak Dr
East Windsor, NJ 08520
July 31, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Ellentuck, Mayor of the Borough of Roosevelt
PO Box 128
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Dear Mayor Ellentuck:

I regret to inform you that I am resigning from my position as Administrative Assistant to the Clerk of the Borough of Roosevelt. My last day of employment will be August 14.

My time with the Borough has been quite interesting and has taught me a great deal about the operation, goals and challenges of local government. I wish to thank you, the Council and members of the community for the support that I have received during the past several years. I have enjoyed my time with the Borough.

If I can be of any assistance during this transition or in the future, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah L. Thomas". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style.

Deborah L. Thomas

**Kelly Tyers
5 Farm Lane
Roosevelt, NJ 08555**

August 7, 2017

Mayor Jeff Ellentuck
Borough of Roosevelt
33 N. Rochdale Avenue
Roosevelt, NJ 08555

Dear Mayor Ellentuck,

I hereby resign all positions held by me in the Borough of Roosevelt effective August 21, 2017. I will be taking a portion of my accumulated vacation time from August 15 through August 21.

I have greatly enjoyed my 20 years working with the Borough and have been fortunate to be able to assist many of our residents. Unfortunately, the current atmosphere in the Borough makes it difficult to continue and I have decided to take other employment.

I am grateful for the time I have spent working for the Borough and the professional relationships I have built.

I wish you all well.

Sincerely,



Kelly Tyers

C: Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk