

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2020**

Mayor Malkin 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 06, 2020, 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 Bowen</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Dermody</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Esakoff</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Hamilton</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Trammell</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Vroman</i>	✓	
<i>Mayor Malkin</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Andrew Sobel, Esq., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only):

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:07 pm.

No public comment.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:08 pm.

C/Hamilton made a motion, with a second offered by C/Esakoff and all in favor, to change the order of business to allow for a presentation by a guest speaker.

Ms. Elena LeCompte, a fifth grade student at Roosevelt Public School, addressed the Mayor and Council and explained that each year the graduating class does a project called “Do One Good Thing”. Ms. LeCompte explained that the Roosevelt School currently only recycles paper and cardboard and converting to a co-mingled dumpster at the school would double the cost. Ms. LeCompte asked the Governing Body if the Borough’s recycling company would be able to pick up the school’s non-paper and cardboard recyclable material. M/Malkin explained that the Governing Body will look into the Borough’s recycling contract to determine if this is covered under the current contract and will notify Ms. LeCompte of the outcome. Council members thanked Ms. LeCompte.

C/Trammell made a motion, with a second offered by C/Vroman and all in favor, to return to the regular order of business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **February 24, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by C/Esakoff to accept the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk, with a second

offered by C/Hamilton, the February 24, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call

AYES: C/Bowen, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Trammell
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: C/Vroman
ABSENT: C/Dermody

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ORDINANCES

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 20-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15: "WATER AND SEWER" OF THE BOROUGH CODE AT SECTION 15-4 TO CLARIFY THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOROUGH AND PROPERTY OWNERS AS TO THE REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER TAPS AND SERVICE CONNECTIONS

C/Trammell made the motion to introduce Ordinance 20-01, second offered by C/Esakoff. C/Esakoff questioned section 15-4.3 regarding liens.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bowen, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Trammell, C/Vroman
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: C/Dermody

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FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 20-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. (60), LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH'S 1961 MINUTE BOOK AT PAGE 1459 TO PROVIDE AN AUTOMATIC RENEWAL PROVISION TO THE BOROUGH'S 99-YEAR LEASE WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR A FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

C/Hamilton made the motion to introduce Ordinance 20-02, second offered by C/Esakoff. No discussion.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bowen, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Trammell, C/Vroman
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: C/Dermody

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**FIRST READING
ORDINANCE 20-03**

AN ORDINANCE AUGMENTING CHAPTER 12: “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO INCLUDE NEW SECTION 12-6: “BAMBOO” TO PROHIBIT THE FUTURE PLANTING AND REGULATE THE EXISTING RUNNING BAMBOO WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE BOROUGH

C/Esakoff made the motion to introduce Ordinance 20-03, second offered by C/Trammell. No discussion.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Bowen, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Trammell, C/Vroman

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Dermody

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 20-44 Payment of Bills for March 9, 2020

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-44, second offered by C/Vroman. No discussion.

Roll Call

AYES: C/Bowen, C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Trammell, C/Vroman

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Dermody

Resolution 20-45 Resolution Authorizing Lyons Environmental Services, LLC of Neptune, New Jersey to Televis and Inspect the Sewer Mains Under School Lane and Farm Lane and to Provide the Borough Engineer with a Report Regarding Same

C/Trammell made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-45, second offered by C/Vroman. Council members discussed the wording of the resolution and that Lyons Environmental Services would be obtaining quotes and would be sub-contracting the work. C/Trammell withdrew the motion and the second was withdrawn by C/Vroman. Resolution Tabled.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Public Works: C/Bowen explained that work is being done on the computer wiring and LED lighting has been installed at Borough Hall; a new heater will be installed in the chemical room at the sewer plant; a street sign has been ordered for the corner of Clarksburg Road and Rochdale Avenue.

Administration: C/Esakoff explained that the water and sewer billing is going well.

Community Dev/Code: No report.

Finance: C/Hamilton discussed the need to have a structural engineer look at T-Mobile’s plan to install equipment and the structural modifications that AT&T would like to do to install additional equipment on the water tower.

Utilities: C/Trammell explained that pumps have been replaced; there is crumbling pavement on Tamara Drive near the sewer main man hole cover that should be investigated to determine if there is an underlying issue that needs to be addressed.

Envi. Health & Safety: No report.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Michael Ticktin, Environmental Commission Chair: Thanked Council members for moving on the Bamboo ordinance; asked the Council to address the eradication of bamboo that has encroached onto Borough land.

Michael Ticktin, Borough Historian: Thanked Council members for the 99-year lease of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Donation to RAP: C/Hamilton and C/Trammell recused themselves from the discussion. Ben Johnson, 36 Pine Drive: Discussed expenses associated with the Benjamin Brown project that exceeded expectations and requested financial relief from the Borough; Council members asked Mr. Johnson to submit the request, for a specific amount, in writing.
2. Coronavirus: M/Malkin provided an update regarding this morning's conference call with the Governor's office. Council members discussed community response to a virus outbreak.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 8:04 pm.

Ben Johnson, 36 Pine Drive: Asked about the bamboo ordinance, bamboo in the green space and the buffer for bamboo on private property.

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Drive: Discussed bamboo on private property and in the green belt.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment at 8:10 pm.

C/Hamilton moved to adjourn at 8:22 pm with a second offered by C/Trammell. With all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: March 23, 2020