

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

**Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2020**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and explained that due to the Coronavirus and the need for social distancing, this meeting is being held remotely and available to the public in a live feed. M/Malkin read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which state, “Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been provided by a public notice on January 6, 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**

	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>LATE ARRIVAL</b>
<i>Councilmember Bowen</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Dermody</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Esakoff</i>	✓		7:11 PM
<i>Councilmember Hamilton</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Trammell</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Vroman</i>		✓	
<i>Mayor Malkin</i>	✓		

Also in attendance: Greg Cannon, Esq., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

**MAYOR’S SPEECH:** M/Malkin announced the passing of long-time resident Helen Barth, who was one of the original Roosevelt settlers, lived in Roosevelt for almost her entire life, served the community as an active member of the First Aid Squad for many years and also served as the Roosevelt Public School secretary for many years; M/Malkin reviewed the number of COVID-19 cases in the Borough; discussed the Tree Ordinance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only):**

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:13 pm.

Carol Wachtler, 2 Elm Court: Has comments regarding the Borough’s contribution to the First Aid Squad.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:15 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **May 26, 2020 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by C/Hamilton to accept the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk, with a second offered by C/Esakoff, the May 26, 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/Dermody  
 ABSENT: C/Vroman

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter, dated June 1, 2020, from Roberts Engineering regarding Improvements to Farm Lane and School Lane.
2. Letter, dated June 1, 2020, from Roberts Engineering regarding Improvements to Homestead Lane, Cedar Court and Elm Court.

**ORDINANCES**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**BOND ORDINANCE 20-05**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO FARM LANE AND SCHOOL LANE, APPROPRIATING \$725,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$160,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: Providing for various roadway improvements to Farm Lane and School Lane, including, but not limited to, milling and paving as well as curb and sidewalk replacement as necessary.

M/Malkin opens the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

No public comment.

M/Malkin closes the public hearing at 7:19 pm.

C/Bowen made the motion to adopt Ordinance 20-05, second offered by C/Dermody. No discussion.

Roll Call

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

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**BOND ORDINANCE 20-06**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$730,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$695,200 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: Providing for various water/sewer improvements within the Borough, including the replacement of existing water mains along School Lane and Farm Lane and the televising and inspection of sewer mains along School Lane and Farm Lane.

M/Malkin opens the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

No public comment.

M/Malkin closes the public hearing at 7:20 pm.

C/Trammell explained that the bond will cover the expense of televising the sewer lines on Farm and School Lanes. C/Esakoff made the motion to adopt Ordinance 20-06, second offered by C/Hamilton.

Roll Call

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

**FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE 20-08**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AUGMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO INCLUDE NEW CHAPTER 19: “TREE PROTECTION” TO REGULATE THE REMOVAL OF TREES FROM ALL LANDS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: Preserve trees and woodlands throughout the historic Borough of Roosevelt, and to restrict the removal of trees, thereby maintaining the beauty and character of the Borough, preventing erosion, and restricting any action that could create a hazard to persons or properties.

C/Hamilton made the motion to introduce Ordinance 20-08, second offered by C/Esakoff. No discussion.

Roll Call:

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

Public Hearing to be held on June 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough of Roosevelt, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ 08555

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 20-65** Payment of Bills for June 8, 2020

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-65, second offered by C/Esakoff. No discussion.

Roll Call

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

**Resolution 20-66** Resolution Approving Change Order for Road Replacement and Water Main Replacement Project On Homestead Lane, Elm Court, and Cedar Court

C/Esakoff made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-66, second offered by C/Trammell. M/Malkin explained the need for the change order due to the mismarking of a gas line by PSE&G. C/Trammell discussed the cost to the Borough associated with the mismarked gas line. A claim will be submitted to PSE&G for reimbursement of the expense.

Roll Call

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Vroman

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Public Works:** C/Bowen provided a brief update regarding the cleanup of storm-damaged trees; painting of the Public Works garage; pet waste signs for the triangle at Pine & Tamara have been ordered.

**Administration:** C/Esakoff asked Committee Chairs to make arrangements with Ms. Debevec and go in to Borough Hall to sign vouchers.

**Community Dev/Code:** No report.

**Finance:** C/Hamilton explained that the 99-year lease for the FDR memorial has been prepared and is ready for signature; the storm that occurred on June 3<sup>rd</sup> caused a power surge which resulted in problems at the sewer treatment plant and a claim has been submitted to JIF for reimbursement of the loss associated with the damage; the generator failed during the power outage and the contractor is being contacted to determine the reason for the failure; the incorrect gas mark out by PSE&G cost the Borough over \$12,829.67 and the Borough is seeking reimbursement for the expense.

**Utilities:** C/Trammell discussed the failure of the generator and costs associated with parts and labor to get the generator up and running; snakes were found in the generator.

**Envi. Health & Safety:** No report.

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Michael Ticktin, Environmental Commission Chair: Questioned the status of the Bamboo Ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Cleaning and Televising Farm and School Lanes: The Borough Engineer is recommending repairs to sections of the sewer lines as a result of televising the sewer lines.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):**

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 7:43 pm.

Carol Watchler, 2 Elm Court: Urged Councilmembers to provide a contribution to the First Aid Squad from the Borough for this year and include the contribution in next year's budget as well; discussed adopting a resolution to affirm the Borough's stand against racism and support for social justice.

Mary Tulloss, 21 Lake Drive: Requested an explanation regarding the status of the funding for the First Aid Squad.

John Vo, 19 Farm Lane, Roosevelt First Aid Squad Captain: Discussed First Aid Squad membership, call response and squad expenses.

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Questioned reimbursement of Borough expenses associated with the mismarked gas line.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment at 8:07 pm.

At 8:08 pm, C/Esakoff made a motion to adjourn, with a second offered by C/Trammell and all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: June 22, 2020