

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

**Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2020**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:04 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>	✓		7:07 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

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

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:05 pm.

Carol Wachtler, 2 Elm Court: Discussed the proclamation declaring racism a public health crisis and thanked the Council for placing the proclamation on the agenda.

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Questioned the absence of the Report of Public Officials from this meeting’s agenda.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:11 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **June 22, 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/Trammell, the June 22, 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

## **PROCLAMATION**

M/Malkin read the Proclamation Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis

# **PROCLAMATION**

## **Declaring Racism A Public Health Crisis**

WHEREAS, race is a social construct with no biological basis, but a social reality that shapes our lives; and

WHEREAS, racism is a social system with multiple dimensions: individual racism is internalized or interpersonal; systemic racism is institutional or structural, and is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on race, this unfairly disadvantages specific individuals and communities, while unfairly giving advantages to other individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, all across the country we are witnessing moral outrage against police brutality against Black Americans and the pervasive impacts of racism on the Black community's health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, data that suggest Black New Jerseyans are dying at a disproportionately higher rate from COVID-19 than their counterparts of other races; and

WHEREAS, women of color account for nearly 60% of all pregnancy-related maternal deaths in New Jersey and Black women are over four times more likely to lose their lives during childbirth than their white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, communities of color, those of low socio-economic status and those that suffer from disabilities, are more likely to experience poor health outcomes as a consequence of the social determinants of health - health inequities stemming from economic stability, education, physical environment, food and access to health care systems; and

WHEREAS, structural racism influences many areas of life, including housing, education, employment, health care, and criminal justice; and an emerging body of research demonstrates that racism itself is a social determinant of mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, health varies markedly by income within every racial group, and racial or ethnic differences can be seen at each level of income. These patterns are seen across a wide range of health conditions. At the same time, findings from studies in the U.S. and other countries have found that perceived racial/ethnic bias-and the resulting toxic stress-makes an additional contribution to racial or ethnic disparities in health; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association (APHA) launched a National Campaign against Racism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is our duty to assure all in our communities are considered and included and that the Mayor and Council of Roosevelt will assert that racism is a public health crisis affecting our entire community and advocate for relevant policies that support local, state, regional, and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

M/Malkin discussed the proclamation and  
C/Trammell thanked Ms. Wachtler for submitting a draft of the Proclamation.  
The Proclamation will be posted on the Borough's website.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **BOND ORDINANCE 20-09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 12: "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO CLARIFY SECTION 12-2 REGARDING BOROUGH OFFICIALS' RESPECTIVE DUTIES FOR PROCESSING LIENS FOR REMEDIATION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTIES**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** This ordinance amends Borough Officials respective duties for processing liens for remediation on delinquent properties.

M/Malkin opens the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Requested confirmation that this Ordinance is specific to administrative duties.

M/Malkin closes the public hearing at 7:22 pm.

C/Bowen made the motion to adopt Ordinance 20-09, second offered by C/Dermody.

**Roll Call**

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 20-70** Payment of Bills for July 13, 2020

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-70, second offered by C/Trammell. No discussion.

**Roll Call**

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

**Resolution 20-71** Resolution Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Pine Drive

C/Trammell made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-71, second offered by C/Hamilton. No discussion.

**Roll Call**

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

**Resolution 20-72** Resolution Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Provide Plans and Specifications for Rehabilitation of Well No. 3, Advertise, Receive Bids and Recommend Award of a Contract

C/Esakoff made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-72, second offered by C/Bowen. C/Trammell discussed issues with Well No. 3 and the need for rehabilitation.

**Roll Call**

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

NAYS: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: C/Vroman

**Resolution 20-73** A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Awarding a Contract for Improvements to Nurko Road, Elm Court and Borough Hall

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-73, second offered by C/Trammell.  
 C/Hamilton explained that there are no water lines in the section of Nurko Road, that this project addresses drainage issues in addition to paving and the Borough received a \$350,000 grant for road work.

Roll Call

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

**Resolution 20-74** Resolution Renewing a 3-Year Contract with Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) to Accept the Sludge from the Sewage Treatment Plant

C/Trammell made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-74, second offered by C/Hamilton. No discussion.

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 explained that the DPW has been focused on work at sewer plant including painting and masonry work; discussed the Borough’s policy on green space trees falling in residential backyards.

**Administration:** Discussed the tree removal application.

**Community Dev/Code:** C/Dermody noted that all chairs made in conjunction with RAP are in place on the woodland trail; the chairs will be stored indoors when the weather turns cold; discussed preparing a map of the trail and posting it on bulletin board.

**Finance:** C/Hamilton will be holding a finance meeting to discuss the municipal budget; encouraged the Council to utilize Clean Communities funding.

**Utilities:** C/Trammell discussed the curb installation on Homestead Lane, Elm & Cedar Courts in preparation of paving; the Borough Hall generator battery died; AT&T has been working at the water tower; structural steel will be installed to brace the water tower; will contact Jim Markey regarding power lines at the water plant; discussed water billing issues.

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

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Borough Council meetings – discussion tabled.

2. C/Trammell discussed holding a drive-in movie night at the school.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):**

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

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Questioned the mailing of the tax bills; questioned when the second reading of the bamboo ordinance will occur.

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: July 27, 2020