

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2020**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:03 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: “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

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
<i>Councilmember Dermody</i>		✓	
<i>Councilmember Esakoff</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Hamilton</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Trammell</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Vroman</i>	✓		
<i>Vacant</i>			
<i>Mayor Malkin</i>	✓		

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

M/Malkin announced the passing of Roosevelt residents Ginny Edwards, Robert Petrilla and Johnathan Shahn, the sculptor of the Roosevelt Monument at the amphitheater. M/Malkin also announced the resignation of Steve Bowen and thanked him for his dedicated service to the community.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of resignation from Councilman Steven Bowen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **August 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/Vroman, the August 24, 2020 Regular Session Meeting Minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call

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

ORDINANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 20-87 Payment of Bills for September 14, 2020

C/Hamilton made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-87, second offered by C/Esakoff.

Roll Call

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Public Works: C/Hamilton will be overseeing Public Works in addition to Finance. No report.

Administration: No Report.

Community Dev/Code: No report.

Finance: No report.

Utilities: No report.

Envi. Health & Safety: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning Board recommendations for Ordinance No. 20-07 (POD): Council members briefly discussed the Ordinance and the suggestions and recommendations that have already been incorporated in the Ordinance.
2. NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program: There is a fee associated for the Engineer to prepare the grant package; the grant amount is not known at this time; potential projects for the program include the installation of a bikeway through the Borough or renovations to the amphitheater.
3. Bamboo Ordinance: M/Malkin expressed concerns about the amount of the fines included in the Ordinance and the time limitation between the issuance of a citation and required adherence to the code; Attorney Cannon provided clarification regarding specifics of the Ordinance and pointed out an error in the original draft of the Ordinance that will be corrected; Council members entered into a discussion regarding the fees, the time limitation for adherence and procedures for reporting encroachment issues.

C/Trammell made a motion, with a second offered by C/Hamilton and all in favor, to change the order of business to allow for Public Comment at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for any item at 7:45 pm.

Larisa Bondy, 19 Pine Drive: Questioned the date that the Bamboo Ordinance would begin to be enforced and expressed concern regarding the fees and time limits for adherence; questioned the buffer zone and how property lines would be verified.

Michael Tickin, 37 N. Valley Road: Stated that the changes to the Bamboo Ordinance are excellent and as Chairman of the Environmental Commission, the changes are consistent with what

was proposed to protect properties from encroachment from other properties and stated that the fine is reasonable.

Ben Johnson, 36 Pine Drive: Asked about other suggestions and comments that were presented by the Environmental Commission but are not included in the current version of the proposed ordinance; commented on the fines and time limits for adherence.

C/Malkin closed the Public Comment at 8:02 pm and noted that the Bamboo Ordinance will be re-introduced at the September 29th Borough Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Branch Pick Up will take place on September 21, 2020, and a flier with details regarding the pick-up has been distributed; Council members discussed what to do about branches and tree limbs in the road right-of way that are larger than the what the contractor will be picking up.
2. End of Summer Party and Movie Night will be held on September 26, 2020, with a rain date of October 3, 2020; a flier will be distributed with details and the movie that will be shown is The Princess Bride.
3. General Election: C/Hamilton discussed the upcoming election and the mail-in ballot process; Municipal Clerk Hart explained that voters should go to www.MonmouthCountyVotes.com to get information regarding the General Election and informational postcards will be mailed by the Monmouth County Board of Elections to all active Monmouth County voters.

M/Malkin reminded everyone that the next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

At 8:38 pm, C/Esakoff made a motion to adjourn, with a second offered by C/Vroman, and with all in favor the meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: September 29, 2020