

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:07pm 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. Mayor 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 12, 2022, which was posted on the Bulletin Boards at 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 |
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| <i>Councilmember Robert Atwood</i> | ✓ | | |
| <i>Councilmember Lou Esakoff</i> | ✓ | | |
| <i>Councilmember Michael Hamilton</i> | | ✓ | |
| <i>Councilmember Constance Herrstrom</i> | ✓ | | |
| <i>Councilmember Steven Macher</i> | ✓ | | |
| <i>Councilmember Joe Trammell</i> | ✓ | | |
| <i>Mayor Peggy Malkin</i> | ✓ | | |

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

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:08pm.

1. Maureen Parrott – 2 Tamara Drive, addresses her concerns about the issue of pesticide spraying by Monmouth County and did some research that was forwarded to C/Hamilton on the dangers of the pesticide that the County is using. They are extremely dangerous to all. There are other much more effective ways to banish mosquitos and they don’t harm humans, animals and the environment. Ms. Parrott opposes the spraying and asks the Council to tell the County not to spray in Roosevelt for West Nile Virus.
2. Mary Tulloss – 21 Lake Drive, said she hasn’t seen the name of the chemicals that are being used and is glad Maureen Parrott did the research.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:17pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Roberts Engineering, dated September 22, 2022, regarding an Asset Management Plan to be prepared for Homestead Lane, Cedar Court and Elm Court.

ORDINACE: None

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 22-93 | Payment of Bills for October 3, 2022 |
| Resolution 22-94 | Authorizing the Extension of the Due Date for the 3 rd Quarter 2022 Tax Payments |

Resolution 22-95 Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Prepare an Asset Management Plan for the Water Main Replacement Project on Homestead Lane, Cedar Court and Elm Court

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Atwood, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution 22-93 through 22-95

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Atwood, C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Trammell

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Hamilton

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Environmental, Health & Safety: No report

Administration: No report

Finance: No report

Community Dev/Code: No Report

Public Works: C/Macher reports that over the weekend a limb came down and shut down Route 571. The Fire Department assisted until JCP&L arrived. Greg was working on clearing some inlets today and also painted the cover on well 4. We had a boiler failure at Town Hall and Greg took care of that with the help of Millstone BOE through our shared services agreement.

Utilities: No report

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Michael Ticktin – Environmental Commission: Mr. Ticktin reports that the Environmental Commission needs someone from the Council to participate in the Core training in order to continue with the certification under the Urban Forestry. We need nine more people to volunteer in being responsible for cleaning a storm drain and file the paperwork. C/Atwood states that he had someone who is interested in the adoption of a drain but questioned their liability and can they get sued. Michael Ticktin replies they will not get sued, they are a volunteer. C/Atwood states maybe you can detail what the volunteer’s responsibilities are. M/Malkin asks Michael Ticktin to put a statement together and have it posted on the Borough website. C/Atwood will reach out again to Kim Felong again regarding the Core training.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. C/Atwood asks if the cemetery issue regarding the request from Robin Middleman headstone was finalized. M/Malkin states that the Council passed a resolution in August granting a waiver from the Borough.
2. M/Malkin states that we are in dire need of one or two crossing guards for the school and so far has had no interests. It’s crucial that we have someone. The Mayor reached out to the Lieutenant at the State Police and they did cover temporarily 10 shifts. His recommendation is to hire a Class 3 Police Officer who could be the crossing guard on County Rte. 571 in front of the Post Office from 8:00am – 8:30am every morning and 2:40pm-3:10pm. The going rate is about \$30-\$35 per hour. Attorney Greg Cannon states that you can also do a shared service agreement with another town. M/Malkin states that there is a Resource Police Officer assigned to our school, however, I was told by the Principal that he is there strictly for school security and would not be permitted to be a school crossing guard but will reach out again. M/Malkin will reach out to other towns to see if they will do a shared service.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Use of Borough Hall: RAP Event – Abstract Photography to be held on December 3, 2022 from 1PM – 5PM and requesting setup date on December 2, 2022.

Motion to approve moved by C/Trammell with a second by C/Herrstrom.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Trammell

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Atwood ABSENT: C/Hamilton

2. Use of Borough Hall: RAP Events – January 14, 2023, February 11, 2023, April 1, 2023 and May 7, 2023.

Motion to approve moved by C/Trammell with a second by C/Esakoff.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Trammell

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Atwood ABSENT: C/Hamilton

3. Borough of Roosevelt will be hosting a mobile health clinic in conjunction with CentraState Healthcare System, offering vaccines and screenings at Roosevelt Borough Hall parking lot on October 25, 2022 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Services being offered are: COVID – 19 vaccines (Pfizer bivalent/updated booster shots), Diabetes (A1c) screenings, Hypertension (Blood Pressure) Screenings
4. M/Malkin states that movie night on September 24, 2022 was amazing, about 60 people attended and it was very successful. The Borough will try to do another movie night indoors next February.
5. Monmouth County Mosquito Control Operations – West Nile Spraying: M/Malkin said that Chris Merkel, Monmouth County Public Health Coordinator sent an email to the Borough and it stated that it is up to the town officials whether the County will perform the adulticide treatment in Roosevelt. He said all the larvae have morphed into adults, however, there are still many adult mosquitos and they did find West Nile in Roosevelt. The County does recommend the adulticide treatment in town. Since his tenure as Public Health Coordinator they never had a town refuse an adulticide treatment when tests indicate the presence of positive pools of West Nile Virus within said town. Mr. Merkel goes on to say that the County has a very specific plan when it comes to treating for adult mosquitos, treatments are always done as a result of testing evidence that mosquito borne disease (not limited to West Nile Virus) is present in a particular area of the county. Treatment is always considered as a public health protective measure. There have been two human West Nile Virus cases in Monmouth County, while the County understands the concern of the use of pesticide use, West Nile Virus can be a fatal disease and there is presence of West Nile Virus in Roosevelt. Delaying adulticide treatment in the town can potentially increase the chance of residents in town getting bitten and developing the disease. Also, the County would need to re-notify all the beekeepers within 24 hours of adulticide application require by NJDEP and these applications are weather and temperature dependent which could further delay any adulticide treatments within the town. The Division of Mosquito Control has dropped off pamphlets related to the importance of the use of repellent at the post office and Borough Hall. Mayor Malkin also states that we have received at least 7 e-mails from residents asking us to spray, so we have opinions on both sides. It's up to the Council if the County sprays or not and suggests a town meeting to get the feelings of the residents and not just the opinion of 2 people who attend the meeting or the 7 e-mails that have been received.

Council discussed if Monmouth County Health Department should spray: C/Esakoff states that the County has sprayed over all the years that I have been here. They are very careful and I do not see any problem. Chris Merkel from Monmouth County said he has never received any requests from towns not to spray. Michael Ticktin said he would rather rely on the knowledge of the professionals at the County Health Department and questions what happens if the Borough doesn't spray and someone gets West Nile. I think then there will be individuals on the Council that will be regretful that we didn't spray. C/Atwood asks if there is another chemical that can be used? M/Malkin states this is their protocol. C/Macher states he'd also like to see input from the residents but that would probably take too long. C/Herrstrom states she would probably be voting for it as we have done it many times before and would be concerned about other people that have implored the Council to go ahead and have it done. C/Trammell states he has been here a long time and spoke about other virus that lead up to West

Nile. It is something serious and I would like to know more, but we don't have a lot of time. If we don't spray would there be more mosquitos next spring? Feelings are we can't wait and need to vote tonight. The County will be spraying in the water at 4:00am and will give the residents ample notice. M/Malkin states we can send out a code red and have the residents email a response within 24 hours.

C/Esakoff made a motion for Monmouth County Mosquito Control Commissions to spray for West Nile, with a second by C/Herrstrom.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher

NAYS: C/Atwood ABSTAIN: C/Trammell ABSENT: C/Hamilton

The motion was approved for Monmouth County Mosquito Control Commission to spray.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:08pm

Maureen Parrott - 2 Tamara Drive: States that the Council is making a mistake and didn't look at the dangers or harm these chemicals can do and about the symptoms of being exposure. Recommends that residents can go on the County Do Not Spray List.

Mary Tulloss – 21 Lake Drive: States she doesn't believe it's a feasible plan to ask the residents to vote or express their opinion if we should spray or not. Code red should not be used for this survey.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:18pm

ADJOURNMENT:

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Trammell, to adjourn meeting with an All in Favor.

Time Out: 8:19pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: November 21, 2022