

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

**Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act notice which stated, Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been provided by a public notice on January 6, 2023 which was posted on the Bulletin Board 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 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: Christine Malamut, Esq., and Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk.

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

PRESENTATION:

Captain Mike Maloney and Chief Jeff Wagner from Millstone Township Fire/EMS discussed speed humps. Captain Mike Maloney spoke about the concerns with speeders and understands the residents position. He is very familiar with the community. However, the fire department’s opinion has always been simple in terms of roadways and that anything in any capacity that may alter or slow down our potential response we have historically have been against it. Over 25 years ago speed bumps were installed on Carrs Tavern Road in Millstone Township. The Fire Chief and the First Aid at the time articulated a very solid case against the whole project. The town went ahead and installed the speed bumps, but the Fire Department had a documented case. We are currently working with residents in Millstone on speeding problems on Pine Drive and Olde Noah Hunt Road. About 15 years ago the decision was made to close Olde Noah Hunt Road at Rte. 537 due to speeding and people cutting in to get to Great Adventure. The Fire Department then documented the case that they were against closing off the road for several reasons including access for mutual aid departments. We have recently met with Millstone residents who live on Pine Drive and they would like to see it closed and become a cul-de-sac. However, the Fire Department is against. We are sympatric to everyone who has speeders on their roads, however, we have always maintained a strong position that anything that can alter our response time we will never support publicly. At the end of the day it is the Borough Council’s decision and anything that you decide we will respond the same way we always have. C/Atwood asks if the town has done anything other than speed bumps? Captain Maloney states that in Millstone Carrs Tavern Road is the only road that has had speed bumps and that the Township has installed a couple of blinking stop signs. C/Trammell states we have new speed humps on Farm Lane and they are a little more structured. Captain Maloney stated that we’ve been in the town about a dozen times over the past month. Everything is a restriction for speed for us. We have to slow down to go over them. We are both Fire Service and EMS and when someone is affixed to a stretcher that stretcher is attached to the floor of the ambulance feeling every bump, speed hump and pot hole so we have to proceed with caution and slow down. There are

studies within their industry that states that seconds are added to response times and we are in a business where seconds count.

M/Malkin opens the floor to ask questions:

1. Maureen Parrott, 2 Tamara Drive: Stated that she appreciates and understands their position, however, she was hit by a car as a pedestrian and was thrown 78 feet and landed on her head and still has injuries. Ms. Parrott asked Captain Maloney is familiar with speed cushions? Captain Maloney stated that he has but has not encountered any in all the surrounding towns they answer calls for. Any change in the pavement will cause us to slow down and a larger truck takes even longer to slow down and then to return to speed. Ms. Parrott states that speed cushions are designed to have ambulances and fire trucks not go over the cushion, they go on the road. Captain Maloney said that without seeing it or physically driving over it he can't comment. Ms. Parrott appreciates the Millstone Fire Department and EMS for their services.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only):

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:17 p.m.

1. Maureen Parrott, 2 Tamara Drive: Ms. Parrott stated that after the last meeting I was inclined not to come to any more meetings and felt that her concern about safety was not worthy of the Council's attention based on the responses that she got. She is here because on Sunday Ben Johnson came to my house with a petition. It stated "Concerned about speeding on Pine Drive. Too many cars speed on my street, creating an unsafe condition. I support action by municipal authorities to reduce this danger to pedestrians and motorists but does not impede emergency vehicles." Ms. Parrott stated she was inspired to go knock on doors and received 37 signatures and proceeds to read the names. Ms. Parrott stated that several people told her they are afraid to walk on Pine Drive as cars don't slow down. The residents are concerned about their safety. Ms. Parrott feels the Council is not interested in hearing from the community regarding this safety and would like advertised open meetings on this solving this problem. Princeton purchased and will be installing speed cushions. M/Malkin stated that this Council is very concerned with the speeding on our roads and that is why we continue to discuss at our meetings. The Council have to determine if speed humps detrimental or not, and what are the alternatives to speed humps. C/Atwood states he is still waiting on the book to be delivered and once he reads it we will set up a committee.
2. Claire Burkhart, 14 Tamara Drive: Ms. Burkhart stated that she would like to be a member of the committee. Also stated that drivers even swerve around the speed humps that are installed on Farm Lane which is a problem. We need to focus on pedestrian safety.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:43 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter, dated February 15, 2023, from Roberts Engineering Group, LLC regarding preparing the 2022 Tier B NJPDES Stormwater Permit.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2023

On a motion by C/Atwood to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Esakoff the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Atwood, C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Trammell
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Hamilton

ORDINANCE:

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2023-01 An Ordinance Repealing And Replacing Current Code Section 12-5: “Registration And Maintenance Of Vacant And Abandoned Residential Properties In Foreclosure” With New Code Section 12-5: “Vacant And Foreclosed Properties; Registration” Within Chapter 12: “Property Maintenance” Of The Borough’s Revised General Ordinances To Update Regulations Pertaining To Vacant Properties Within The Borough To Comport With Newly Adopted State Law

C/Trammell made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2023-01, with a second offered by C/Atwood.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Atwood, C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Trammell
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Hamilton

Public Hearing to be held on March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough of Roosevelt, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ 08555

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 23-35 Payment of Bills for February 21, 2023
- Resolution 23-36 A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Accepting the 2021 Audit Report
- Resolution 23-37 Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Prepare the Annual Certification and Stormwater Permit for the Borough of Roosevelt

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt, with a second offered by C/Trammell, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolutions 23-35 through 23-37, by the following roll call vote:

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: None.

Administration: C/Esakoff stated that the Administrative Committee met and discussed the building use permit and have scheduled another meeting.

Finance: None.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom stated that we received 3 proposals for the FDR Amphitheater and the committee is in the process of reviewing them. A recommendation should be decided by March 2, 2023.

Public Works: C/Macher stated that DPW finished their safety inspections on the 4 buildings; serviced the bollards; filled the nail holes and re-painted all the trim in the council room; ordered vandal resistant sign screws and reinstalled the new sign on Oscar Drive; cleaned storm drains.

Utilities: C/Trammel stated the following:

2/8/23 He spoke with Carmela and she in turn spoke with our DEP rep Larry Cyer who said he would meet with C/Trammell and Mike Lyons at the WWP tomorrow.

2/9/23 Larry, Mike Lyons, C/Hamilton and C/Trammell met at WWP and observed water almost surrounding the WWP. Larry said he would follow up on the situation.

2/10/23 A crew from Assunpink walked from WWP toward the lake and found three one-foot-tall beaver dams between the main dam (the one with the beaver deceiver) and the WWP and removed them.

2/11/23 C/Macher took his kayak from the boat launch at the far end of the lake to the main beaver dam and saw that the beaver deceiver was working and this three-foot-tall dam was spilling over with water, probably as a result of clearing the smaller dams. Steve took pictures and forwarded them to all parties. Over the next few days the water seemed to be receding but slowly.

2/14/23 A crew of about ten from the Assunpink met at the WWP and walked to the main dam and “poked a few holes” in it. The water appears to be receding even more. We will keep an eye on it. John Holden reported water dripping into the water plant. Greg went to the roof and cleared leaves that had accumulated over the drains.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS: Ellen Silverman, 10 North Valley Road, Environmental Commission Chairperson stated that the year has started out pretty well. We have re-routed the trail, added new benches and signs. We are trying to get more of the community involved with environment issues and education. Dave Teich has signed up for the Core Classes. We would like to do more to help the Council. Ellen Silverman attend the Watershed Institute Conference on MS 4 and we will be Tier A whether we want to or not. The DEP Commissioner announced that every Tier B municipality that is becoming a Tier A is eligible for \$75,000 grant. More information will be available next month. Would like to reach more people. Stated that the Borough website has some links that don’t work and additional information needs to be posted and suggest to have a committee to update the Borough website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Speed Humps – Pine Drive: No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Movie Night – February 25, 2023 at 7PM – Sonic the Hedgehog
2. Use of Borough Hall: A request to use the Borough Hall by RAP for the Roosevelt String Band Concert on May 6 – May 7, 2023. Request form on file.
C/Esakoff made a motion to approve, with a second offered by C/Trammell, with an All in Favor.
3. Use of Borough Hall: A request from the Environmental Commission to use the Borough Hall on February 28, 2023 from 7-9pm for Dessert & Discussion. Request form on file.
C/Atwood made a motion to approve, with a second offered by C/Trammell, with an All in Favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item):

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:10 p.m.

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out: 8:11 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: March 20, 2023