

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

Mayor and Council  
 Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:08 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>	✓		7:09PM
<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: No Report.

PROCLAMATION: The Mayor read the following proclamation into the record:

2023 Arbor Day Proclamation

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton Proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife

Whereas, trees are renewable resource giving us paper, wood for building homes, fuel for fires and countless wood products, and

Whereas, trees in our Borough increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

Whereas, trees greatly enhance the lives of our residents.

Now, Therefore, I, Peggy Malkin, Mayor of the Borough of Roosevelt, Monmouth County, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Roosevelt.

Further, I encourage all our residents to plant a tree and celebrate Arbor Day.

The Environmental Commission is sponsoring a planting of a tree on April 22, 2023 on the school grounds at 12:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:12 p.m.

No Public Comment

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:12 p.m.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - March 6, 2023

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

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 23-43 Payment of Bills for April 3, 2023
- Resolution 23-44 Resolution Awarding Contract for Periodic Maintenance and Repair of the Borough’s Emergency Standby Generators
- Resolution 23-45 Sustainable Land Use Pledge Resolution
- Resolution 23-46 Resolution Renewing a 3-Year Contract with Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) to Accept the Sludge from the Sewage Treatment Plant
- Resolution 23-47 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Landscape Architect Services to ETM Associates, LLC for Improvements to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheater
- Resolution 23-48 Resolution Ratifying and Awarding Contracts for the Emergency Replacement of Effluent Pumps for the Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Borough of Roosevelt
- Resolution 23-49 Awarding Contract for Maintenance of Public Lands in the Borough to Kyle’s Lawn and Landscaping

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt, with a second offered by C/Atwood, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution’s 23-43 through 23-49, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Environmental, Health & Safety: C/Atwood states he needs to have 1 or 2 meetings regarding the speed humps. We are leaning towards no speed humps on the Pine Drive project. Council discusses speed humps and speeding in Roosevelt.

Administration: No report.

Finance: C/Hamilton states he has requested a meeting with the CFO and waiting on a date. We do want to look at some long term financing for some projects. M/Malkin asks C/Hamilton to ask George about the cost of running water and sewer to the gas station.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom thanks the Borough Attorney Greg Cannon for getting a resolution on the agenda so quickly for the Professional Landscape Architect Services for the FDR Amphitheater. The invoice was submitted and payment was received today. We are ready to move ahead and the first meeting will be around the week of April 17, 2023. Another meeting regarding the Senior Group was held and they are trying to locate the 501c3 paperwork. Celeste is planning on attending the Millstone Senior Meeting on April 11, 2023. The Millstone Seniors have about 29 members.

Public Works: C/Macher states that we are in the process of getting a new roof on our shed next to the garage.

Utilities: C/Trammel states that the Cedar Court house that burnt down is pretty much demolished. AT&T put new chain and lock on fence, Verizon and T-Mobile have keys, there is a lock box there and we could open if we need to. Water around the sewer plant is starting to get higher again. C/Trammell called Peter Winkler (State) and advised.

#### REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Ellen Silverman, Environmental Commission Chairperson: April is a very busy month for the Environmental Commission. April 22, 2023 is the Stream Cleanup and asked for resident to sign up and join us. M/Malkin will be planting a tree. April 6, 2023 at 3:00pm will be a nature walk from Route 571 to the bike path with Steve Taylor. We will meet at the Post Office parking lot. April 16, 2023 is our dessert and discussion at 6:30pm at Borough Hall, to discuss helping wildlife thrive in Roosevelt and hopefully, we will be building bird houses. Sustainable Jersey is a group that Environmental Commission's usually apply for and use to help with guidelines to help us become more affective in our civic duties. One of the guidelines is for Safe Streets. We can do an inventory of the streets and assess the traffic level. The more community involvement you have the more residents will buy into making the streets safer. The feedback would create more interest. Also, the Environmental Commission will go back to live meetings starting on April 19, 2023.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance Revision regarding Borough Hall Rental: C/Esakoff states we will only rent to residents. Ordinance will go on for first reading at the April 17, 2023 meeting.
2. NJDOT Grant – Improvements to North Valley Road: The grant was awarded in the amount of \$219,400 for improvements to North Valley Road, dated November 23, 2022 and have until we have until November 22, 2023 to award a contract or risk losing the grant. Before any work can be done a Bond Ordinance will need to be adopted. C/Hamilton states that is one of the items that should be discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting. This will be on the April 17, 2023 agenda for further discussion.
3. Speed humps – discussed earlier.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Use of Borough Hall: A request to use the Borough Hall by RAP for a meeting on June 3, 2023 from 10am – 12pm. Request form on file.  
C/Trammell made a motion to approve, with a second offered by C/Esakoff, with an All in favor.
2. Discussion regarding suspending Water/Sewer for 5 & 6 Cedar Court: The Council and the Borough Attorney discussed. The Borough Attorney Greg Cannon states there is a state statute regarding flat charges and usage charges. Usage charge is when you use the water and the flat charge keeps the capital of the system a float. We are not suspending water and sewer services to these addresses you

are waiving the principal of the water bill when rendered. This way the property owner will not have to pay a connection fee again. A resolution will need to be done only after the bill is rendered.

3. Mayor Malkin states that at the next Borough Council meeting of April 17, 2023 a Proclamation will be presented to the representatives from the Millstone Fire and First Aid expressing all our gratitude.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:06pm

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:06pm

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

Time Out: 8:07 p.m.

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: May 1, 2023