

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

Mayor and Council
 Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 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.

The Mayor asked for a motion to go out of order to read the Proclamation to the Millstone First Responders was made by C/Hamilton; second by C/Trammell with an All in Favor.

PROCLAMATION:

The Mayor reading into record and presented the Proclamation to the Millstone First Responders along with a personal letter that includes the Mayor and Council names.

Whereas, on the morning of March 1, 2023, an intentionally set fire suddenly inflamed the usually bright Roosevelt, NJ skies, the Millstone Township First Responders quickly sprang to action. They not only were there prepared to risk their lives, but also ascertained the need for additional Responders from other surrounding communities, who supported the effort to obliterate the blaze; and

Whereas, several heroic efforts were made immediately by a multitude of fire companies and other emergency entities to save the woman who had set the fire, endangering their lives in the process; and

Whereas, unbeknownst to them, they were in the process of trying to save the fifty cats the woman had been harboring, these Millstone responders fought, took charge and stayed throughout the catastrophe; and

Whereas, the Roosevelt community can never be more grateful for Millstone Responders’ resourcefulness, despite the inevitable loss of life and the destruction of the house which resulted by design. Most homes on Cedar Court remained intact and other lives were secured by the courageous efforts of the Responders, who kept the surrounding homes and people on this short and narrow street from suffering irreparable damage; and

Whereas, the actions of the Millstone First Responders, and those of our surrounding communities, cannot be equated with mere words, it is important to our entire community that you are there to support us in time of need. It is also important that you know how grateful we are; hence, our words of gratitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, Peggy Malkin, Mayor of the Borough of Roosevelt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on behalf of the entire Borough Council, and the entire community, express our gratitude and appreciation to Millstone Township and its First Responders for your devotion to community beyond your own borders.

Peggy Malkin, Mayor of the Borough of Roosevelt

Mayor Malkin reads Letter of Appreciation:

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roosevelt we wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to your first responders.

Your actions, attitude and dedication at the tragic fire of March 1, 2023, are to be respected, honored and admired.

The events of that day were horrifying and dangerous; nevertheless, you put yourselves at the forefront of that danger. We are cognizant of that and want to reiterate our deep appreciation.

The residents of Roosevelt can feel safe knowing they are in competent and caring hands.

Thank you so much.

Mayor Peggy Malkin
Councilman Robert Atwood
Councilman Louis Esakoff
Councilwoman Constance Herrstrom
Councilman Michael Hamilton
Councilman Steve Macher
Councilman Joseph Trammell

Tonight we have with us: Capt. Mike Maloney; Capt. Jeff Wagner; Capt. Keith Buckalew; Asst. Fire Chief Sean McManus; Firefighters: Parento, Krause and Curiale

Pictures were taken with the Mayor and Council with the Millstone First Responders and thanked them for all they did.

C/Hamilton states that he and C/Trammell where there and very impressed on how everything was handled. C/Trammell states that he knows you go there to save lives and property. God Bless and thank you for all that you have done.

Capt. Maloney states that there are different circumstances in all fires and different challenges. We were supported by many other agencies in our region for manpower and water supply. We couldn't be more pleased with the operation and thank you for recognizing us.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only):

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

No public comment.

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

MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - March 20, 2023

On a motion by C/Herrstrom to accept the minutes with the amendment made to the first paragraph on page 4 of 7 by removing the remainder of the paragraph after ... as well as the construction schedule. A second offered by C/Hamilton the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

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

ORDINANCE:

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE VII: ADMINISTRATIVE FEES”, SUBSECTION 2-59 BOROUGH HALL RENTAL

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2023-02, with a second offered by C/Hamilton.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Atwood

Public Hearing to be held on May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough of Roosevelt, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 23-50 Payment of Bills for April 17, 2023

Resolution 23-51 Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Assist in Preparing the 2023-2025 Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) Sampling Waivers for the Borough of Roosevelt

C/Trammell made a motion to adopt, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution’s 23-50 through 23-51, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Atwood

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Environmental, Health & Safety: None

Administration: None

Finance: C/Hamilton states on Thursday the Cannabis Regulatory Commission voted not to renew Curaleaf license to sell recreational marijuana but after demonstration in Trenton, they reversed their decision. The Borough saved a lot of money on salt this year. The finance committee will get together to discuss long term planning.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom states that no updates to the Amphitheater and have scheduled a meeting for this Thursday afternoon at 3:00pm. We are looking into generating interest in our senior group and a flyer was posted in the Post Office. Again, our residents are more than welcome to go to Millstone senior meeting as well as Millstone seniors are welcome at Roosevelt senior meetings.

Public Works: C/Macher states the roof is finished on the shed and work has been done around the town hall. We have had our first mowing of the season.

Utilities: C/Trammel states one of the two pumps for the wastewater plant should be in this week and installed. Beaver catchers tore down three dams at the Assunpink Creek and chased the beavers back to the dam. M/Malkin states the beavers have become our local entertainment.

Council discusses the First Aid bays as the Borough can use that space for storage or community events. We can use an additional bathroom as the employees should have their own bathroom. Further discussion is still needed.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. NJDOT Grant – Improvements to North Valley Road. This will be discussed at the Finance meeting and move to the May 1, 2023 agenda to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bulk Pick-up is scheduled for May 1, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:54pm

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:54pm

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

Time Out: 7:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: May 1, 2023