

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

**Mayor and Council
Special Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2023**

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:01p.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 July 31, 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: George Lang, CFO, Jerry Stankiwicz, Auditor and Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 23-83 Resolution to Amend 2023 Budget

CFO, George Lang states that this amendment adds \$8,539.00 in municipal relief fund money to the budget; these dollars were not available at introduction, so we need to include this item as a revenue. It increases State Aid and the offset reduces taxes by \$8,539.00 and that is the only requirement that we have.

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Atwood, to adopt Resolution 23-83.

Roll Call:

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

Resolution 23-84 Adopting the Amended 2023 Budget

CFO, George Lang states that this incorporates the amendment that was just approved and the amount to be raised by taxation goes from \$839,311.00 to \$830,772.00 again the budget is reduced by \$8,539.00 and increases the State Aid by \$8,539.00, this amount is double what we have received in previous years; last year we received about \$4,200.00. C/Atwood asks what the State Aid is for? CFO, George Lang responds it is a municipal relief fund, its somewhat new, last year was the first year we received it. Our tax rate is increasing by 1.5 cents. We are part of Monmouth County, where towns reassess 20 per cent of the town each year and the values of property in Roosevelt increased by about 7 million dollars, so we have an increased tax base which can absorb the tax increase. Jerry Stankiwicz states the budget has been

approved by the State and the amendment the Council adopted does not require an advertisement nor a public hearing. There is nothing stopping us from adopting.

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom, to adopt Resolution 23-84.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Macher

C/Esakoff asked if his meeting was advertised and posted on the bulletin board? The answer is yes, it was advertised in the Times of Trenton, the Asbury Park Press and posted on the bulletin board at the Post Office, in Borough Hall and the Borough Web Site. C/Esakoff states maybe no one from the public was interested in the budget. C/Hamilton states if we need to raise taxes by a lot you can guarantee that the public would be here. Auditor, Jerry Stankiwicz states when the residents receive their tax bills, that's when you get a lot of calls. C/Hamilton states also when the school taxes go up the public will come to us.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:08pm

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:09pm

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

Time Out: 7:09pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: September 5, 2023