

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

Mayor and Council
 Regular Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2023

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:07 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: Christina Malamut, Esq., Borough Attorney 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 7:08 p.m.

1. Dave Herrstrom, 15 Farm Lane: Read the letter from Victoria Estok and stated her determination and perseverance on trying to get this grant for the radio station.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:10 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter, dated October 3, 2023, from Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners regarding the Municipal Open Space Grant Program awarding grant funding in the amount of \$330,000 for the Restoration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheatre and Grounds.
2. Letter from Roberts Engineering Group, LLC, dated October 10, 2023 regarding NJDOT Application for Safe Routes to Schools resolution required for maintenance commitment.
3. Correspondence from Victoria Estok requesting the Borough Council support for a radio station application to be submitted.
4. Roosevelt Borough has been awarded Bronze Level certification from Sustainable Jersey.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2023

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

Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE 2023-10 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AUGMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO INCLUDE NEW SECTION 9-22: "YARD WASTE COLLECTION" UNDER CHAPTER 9: "REFUSE AND RECYCLING" TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:13pm

No Public Comment

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:14pm

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-10 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE 2023-11 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AUGMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO INCLUDE NEW SECTION 12-7: "SALT STORAGE" UNDER CHAPTER 12: "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE STORAGE OF SALT AND OTHER SOLID DE-ICING MATERIALS.

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:15pm

No Public Comment

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:15pm

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-11 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Atwood.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

SECOND READING:

ORDINANCE 2023-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AUGMENTING THE BOROUGH CODE TO INCLUDE NEW SECTION 5-14: "WILDLIFE FEEDING" UNDER CHAPTER 5: "ANIMAL CONTROL" TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF UNCONFINED WILDLIFE IN PUBLIC PARKS AND/OR ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:17pm

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Just wants to state for the record that this has no effect on Roosevelt, residents may feed animals in their own yards just not on Borough property.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:18pm

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-12 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom.

Roll Call:

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

SECOND READING
ORDINANCE 2023-13

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 ADOPTED ON MAY 2, 2022, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TAMARA DRIVE BETWEEN PINE DRIVE AND SOUTH ROCHDALE AVENUE, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$155,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$574,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$155,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$574,000, AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:19pm
No Public Comment
M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:20pm

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-13 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Trammell.

Roll Call:

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

FIRST READING
ORDINANCE 2023-15

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AND APPROPRIATING \$31,000 THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH.

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2023-15, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom.

Roll Call:

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

Public Hearing to be held on November 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough of Roosevelt, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 23- 110 Payment of Bills for October 16, 2023
- Resolution 23-111 Resolution: Borough Commitment to Own and Maintain the Proposed Improvements Along North Rochdale Avenue Between Homestead Lane and Farm Lane Under the NJDOT Safe Routes to School Grant
- Resolution 23-112 2024 Software Support and License Agreement with Edmunds GovTech, Inc.

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt, with a second offered by C/Hamilton, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution's 23-110 through 23-112, 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

C/Hamilton informs residents about the Monmouth County Library how your tax dollars support the library. You can use either the Manalapan or Allentown libraries. Also, you have access to the SCAT program. Michael Ticktin will include this information into the Borough Bulletin.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Environmental, Health & Safety: No Report.

Administration: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Public Works: No Report.

Utilities: C/Trammell reports that large tanks at the waste water plant need to be replaced; hopefully under the bid threshold. There may be 6-10 trees around the water plant that are dead and can fall onto either the fence or power lines. Ana will call the tree company to get quotes for tree removal.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports that the Borough has received a \$330,000 grant from Monmouth County; we asked for \$500,000. It is a matching grant so the total will be \$660,000, which will be short for the project we anticipated. Soft costs for project were estimated at \$49,900 and the Fund for Roosevelt committed to paying the soft costs. However, the costs were above the \$49,900 so it was broken down to 3 items. Construction portion is about \$17,000 and will be separated out. We also were made aware that we need a wetlands delineation of the property in order to do the project, which is estimated to be between \$5,000-\$6,000. Also, a water source was discussed from the school to the amphitheater and the engineering was not included which will be another \$3,500; we will go back the Fund for Roosevelt and ask for additional soft costs of approximately \$26,000. We will meet tomorrow night to discuss. C/Herrstrom asks for a special meeting to be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023. This way we can move forward with the project.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Ellen Silverman, 10 N. Valley Road: Speaks about the importance of collaboration and how the Environmental Commission is collaborating with many groups: The Millstone Township Environmental Commission, ANJEC (we receive a lot of education through and have attended many virtual meetings), The Watershed (we do stream cleanup with them and they oversee the water testing), The Assunpink Watershed and Sustainable Jersey. The Borough achieved the Bronze Certification and would like to thank the Council on helping out on achieving the certification. We are doing a seed saving workshop this weekend and a winter sowing in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ben Johnson, 36 Pine Drive: Speaks about the rail system. The white rail system will be ordered. The mini rail clips will hold more weight than the 1inch system, it will include an anchor system. M/Malkin asks if someone from the public wants to hang something can someone from RAP come and show them how? The answer is yes, there will always be someone available to show how to set it up. There will be a small box with the clips for residents to use. The Council continues with a lengthy conversation regarding how will clip rail system will work.

NEW BUSINESS:

M/Malkin announces the following:

1. Free Rabies Clinic – November 13, 2023 from 6-7pm
2. Branch Pick-Up – November 13, 2023
3. Today was bulk pickup
4. JCP&L has contracted with Davey Tree Service to remove branches that are a threat to power lines. Door knockers will be placed doors of homes where they plan on doing any work. Be vigilant of any trees that are not in danger of power lines. Lengthy discussion takes place on trees.
5. Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – there are now 3 options for voting: Vote by mail, in person or early voting. Notice will be posted on Borough website. BBQ and Band concert was held on Sunday, October 8, 2023 and was a huge success.
6. Victoria Estok – Community Radio Station – M/Malkin reads Victoria’s letter into the record. She was born and raised in Roosevelt and comes back frequently to visit her mom. She is also a member of RAP. Discuss Start-up costs of \$20,000 which include an antenna, transmitter, permits, and a bare bones studio setup. We will have 3 years to get this up and running. It will cost about \$5,000 annually to run the system. Victoria will submit the application. Tonight what is needed is your vote to set aside a portion of the recreation budget to move this project forward. M/Malkin states that Vicki needs our support both emotionally and financially, she needs about \$20,000 which can be spread out over 3 years and about \$5,000 a year. There are many things that have to be approved before she can submit an application. The transmitter would be set up in Twin Rivers. M/Malkin introduces Victoria Estok, 27 S. Cedar, Beacon, NY and 6 Tamara Drive, Roosevelt, NJ. She gives an overview of the process and how this project would bring the Borough together. Some programs can include local news, children’s programming, stories from residents, legacy of the arts. The first step is to apply for the license. Right now all that is needed is the Borough’s support. The Council gives verbal support for applying for license.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:48pm

1. Ellen Silverman, 10 N. Valley Road: Monmouth County came out to the last senior meeting and we asked about SCAT and the library. They would have to be contacted and added to their schedule.
2. Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Spoke about the achievement for Bronze Certification as every year there are more requirements. Ellen’s leadership was very valuable.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:50pm

M/Malkin states that there is no Council meeting scheduled on November 6, 2023. The Council will hold a special meeting on November 9, 2023 at 7:00pm with the next council meeting on November 20, 2023.

C/Atwood states for the record that Jeb Shahn donated the bust of FDR to the Borough.

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

Time Out: 8:51 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: November 20, 2023