

BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT
33 N. Rochdale Ave, Roosevelt Borough, NJ 08555

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:12pm and read the Open Public Meeting Act statement which stated, Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been provided by a public notice on January 3, 2024 which was posted on the Bulletin Board Roosevelt Post Office and in the Borough Hall. The notice was transmitted to The Times and Asbury Park Press.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
<i>Councilmember Lou Esakoff</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Michael Hamilton</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Constance Herrstrom</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Steven Macher</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Kristine Kaufman-Marut</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Joe Trammell</i>	✓		
<i>Mayor Peggy Malkin</i>	✓		

Also in attendance: Greg Cannon, Esq., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

MAYOR’S REPORT: No Report.

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 7:13 p.m.

PROCLAMATION: M/Malkin read into the record the following:

2024 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 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Roosevelt

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

M/Malkin states the trees at the triangle are in full bloom. Everyone should go and take a look at them. Supposedly, Earle planted some trees after they paved in 2020. They haven't died but need care. Ellen Silverman states they were very small trees that were planted and need to be taken care of for at least 2 years and recommends that we wait until North Valley is paved before we do anything there.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Lyons Environmental Services, LLC, dated March 21, 2024 regarding sewer lines on Lake Drive.
2. Letter from Roberts Engineer Group, LLC, dated March 26, 2024 regarding Sanitary Sewer Improvements on North Valley Road.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2024

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

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Trammell

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 24-56 | Payment of Bills for April 1, 2024 |
| Resolution 24-57 | Amending Resolution 24-52 Appointing Crossing Guard |
| Resolution 24-58 | Resolution Approving New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Administration And Enforcement Shared Services Agreement With Millstone Township Fire District No. 1 To Provide Fire Official And Fire Inspection Services Within The Borough |

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt, with a second offered by C/Trammell, to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution's 24-56 through 24-58. C/Hamilton has a question on the agreement with Millstone Fire, as in one of the sections it about the Roosevelt Borough Volunteer Fire Company, which no longer exists. It also looks like some of the pages from the original agreement was not copied and should be tabled until the Council has a complete agreement. C/Trammell made a motion to table 24-58 and carry until the 4/15/24 meeting, with a second from C/Esakoff by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Trammell

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt resolutions 24-56 and 24-57, with a second from C/Herrstrom by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Trammell

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Environmental, Health & Safety: No Report.

Administration: No Report.

Finance: C/Hamilton highlights the following: The CFO has emailed that he is currently working on the 2024 budget and may be available for a finance meeting the 3rd week of April. We received two

quotes for the tree removal at the amphitheater and both were \$2,800.00. He also forward to the school a copy of the tree report. You have a letter in your packets from Roberts Engineering on Lake Drive, regarding sewer lines, the water mains seem to be ok. There is also a letter from Roberts Engineering regarding N. Valley Road project, which is also no water mains needed.

The street tree inventory report list 140 hazardous trees, 42 require only minor pruning, 45 are at the lowest risk, which leaves 50 trees left. We need do a walk through to see which ones we can handle, develop a time line and assign dollar amount in the budget. Maybe this can be done over a three-year period with the Green Team helping. C/Trammell received an email that we can request Federal grants from Congressman Andy Kim for some of the work we need to do at the sewer treatment plant. The deadline is April 5, 2024. Mayor Malkin will call the Congressman but it will be impossible to meet the deadline of April 5, 2024.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports we are waiting for the school to sign off on the project. A lengthy discussion takes place regarding the grant agreement, the lease and who needs to sign off on the project once complete. Attorney, Greg Cannon will speak directly with Paul Gleitz. Numbers 10 & 11 in the agreement is what is in question. Attorney, Greg Cannon states at the April 15, 2024 meeting we will have a resolution executing the open space agreement and return the agreement to Monmouth County. We will continue to pursue the Board of Education for their authority.

The Senior Group meeting is tomorrow, April 2, 2024.

Public Works: No Report.

Utilities: C/Trammell reports that Ana provided him with a copy of the 2023 summary of the water/sewer report which is fundamentally doing well. North Valley Road were jet vac today. The beavers are back causing drainage problems on North Valley and Farm. The water plant yard stone project is complete, however, questions if the Borough should do the entire driveway, which may cost about \$5,000.00. He will speak to Ana to see if she can get quotes.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

1. Environmental Commission Chair Ellen Silverman, 10 N. Valley Road: Arbor Day is April 26, 2024 and Mayor Malkin will be planting a Pitch Pine at the Pocket Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Improvements to Lake Drive and Spruce Lane: C/Esakoff would like to see the whole road done and new piping for water and sewer, after we review the televised video. C/Trammell states we know North Valley is bad but will not know about Lake Drive until we review the video.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sanitary Sewer Improvements to North Valley Road: The Council discusses the water problem on North Valley Road and now anticipates sewer improvements to be done. A Bond Ordinance for \$50,000 will be on the April 15, 2024 meeting for improvements to the sanitary sewer improvements.

GOOD AND WELFARE: C/Hamilton states:

- Bob Atwood sends his regards and is doing well.
- Today the lines were jet vac on North Valley and was glad we moved so quickly.

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:36pm.

1. Ellen Silverman, 10 North Valley Road: Our plans are to keep our trails looking good, we need to know how the water runs and would like a status on where the Borough Engineer is on the stormwater maps. This will be a great help.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:41pm.

CLOSED SESSION: The Borough Clerk read into record the following resolution. There will be no formal action taken.

Resolution 24-59 Providing for a Private Executive Meeting that Excludes the Public

WHEREAS, the “Open Public Meetings Act” enacted October 21, 1975 permits a public body to exclude the public from meetings or portions thereof wherein matters are to be discussed which are exempted from the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the said Act requires that prior to the holding of a meeting or portion thereof from which the public shall be excluded, the public body should adopt a Resolution at a public meeting providing for the holding of a private meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt has determined that a meeting should be held from which the public should be excluded in order to discuss a subject which is exempted under the said Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, as follows:

- That the next portion of this meeting be held in Private Session.
- That the general nature of the matter(s) to be discussed relate to the matters:
 - a. Potential Litigation
- That no official action will be taken at the meeting but Minutes shall be kept and shall be available to the public after official action on the subject matter has been taken.
- It is anticipated the discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public after no further action is required in the matter.

C/Esakoff offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, which was second by C/Trammell.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Trammell
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

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

Time In: 8:43pm Time Out: 9:19 p.m.

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

Time Out: 9:19 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: April 15, 2024