

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

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:06pm 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 7:06 p.m.

1. Jeb Shahn, 18 Tamara Drive: Thanks Connie Herrstrom for spearheading the Amphitheater Committee as it needs work and rebuilt. The Committee worked to pare down the expenses in order to keep costs down.
2. Mary Tulloss, 21 Lake Drive: Asks if any decision has been made about Lake Drive and if you are bonding for the Amphitheater, as it is a wonderful project. C/Hamilton states we are voting on executing the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Agreement only and not bonding the project and no decision made for Lake Drive.
3. Ellen Silverman, 10 N. Valley Road: Glad to see that the first reading on the tree protection ordinance is on for tonight. The contact with Kyle’s Lawn and Landscaping list the trails and the Environmental Commission can do and let Kyle to concentrate on a different area like the pocket park and amphitheater. The Council discussed and Ana will see if Kyle can work on a different area.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:16 p.m.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 1, 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

2. Closed Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2024

On a motion by C/Esakoff 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/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Trammell
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Roberts Engineering Group, LLC, dated April 12, 2024, recommending bid award for Improvements to Tamara Drive.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING
2024-03

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG NORTH VALLEY ROAD, APPROPRIATING \$59,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$56,100 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

C/Trammell made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2024-03, with a second offered by C/Hamilton. C/Trammell states a lot of the sewer lines on North Valley need to be patched.

Roll Call:

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

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for May 6, 2024 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

FIRST READING
2024-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AT ARTICLE VI: "SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS" TO UPDATE THE BOROUGH'S STORMWATER REGULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH UPDATED NJDEP STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2024-04, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom. Attorney, Greg Cannon states the DEP revised their preferred stormwater manual and now we need to update the Borough's to comply. C/Hamilton asks will this affect the homeowners, re: flood insurance. Attorney, Greg Cannon states that is a question for Carmela Roberts. C/Hamilton states we are getting more storm events that last longer.

Roll Call:

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

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for June 17, 2024 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

FIRST READING
2024-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AMENDING CHAPTER 19: "TREE PROTECTION" TO UPDATE REGULATIONS AS TO THE REMOVAL OF TREES FROM LANDS WITHIN THE BOROUGH IN

ORDER TO COMPLY WITH UPDATED NJDEP STORMWATER REGULATIONS

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2024-05, with a second offered by C/Trammell. C/Trammell states this is piggybacking off the previously adopted tree ordinance? Attorney, Greg Cannon states yes due to the stormwater renewal requirements. Every municipality has to have a tree ordinance that requires tree replacement plans. There are additions and subtractions to the current tree ordinance. The additions are underlined and subtractions are stricken text, in the new ordinance. A new Shade Tree Trust needs to be set up. Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement will be in charge of processing these tree permits. There is a difference between needs and wants when taking down trees. M/Malkin states that residents have been getting notices from the Code Enforcement Officer that their branches are at the street already along with bulk pickup. You are only allowed to put bulk pickup items or branches out one week before the scheduled pickup date. This rule comes from the stormwater regulations, not from the Borough.

Roll Call:

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

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for May 6, 2024 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

RESOLUTION:

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

M/Malkin states this is a different arm of the Millstone Fire Department. This arm has more authority and their job is to go to any public building to make sure it is safe (life hazard uses), not residential or schools.

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt resolution 24-58, 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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 24-60 Payment of Bills – April 15, 2024
 Resolution 24-61 Resolution Awarding Contract for Maintenance of Public Lands in the Borough to Kyle’s Lawn and Landscaping
 Resolution 24-62 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Municipal Open Space Program Grant Agreement with Monmouth County for the Restoration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Amphitheater and Grounds

C/Trammell made a motion to adopt resolutions 24-60, 24-61 and 24-62, with a second from C/Esakoff by the following roll call vote: C/Esakoff states he is voting no on 24-62.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Hamilton, C/Herrstrom, C/Macher, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Trammell
 NAYS: C/Esakoff (24-62) ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 24-63 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Emergency Appropriations #3

C/Trammell made a motion to adopt resolution 24-63, 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

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 24-64 A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Awarding a Contract for Improvements to Tamara Drive

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt resolution 24-64, with a second from C/Trammell 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: C/Esakoff states that the tree stump at the Memorial needs to be grinded, it looks awful. Council agrees for Ana to go out for quotes.

Finance: No Report.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom gives an update on the Amphitheater and states that Ana was having a hard time getting contractor to come out to remove the stump. This week we are expecting an updated cost estimate on preliminary construction plans. Next senior group meeting will be May 7, 2024 and will be coordinated by Ellen Silverman.

Public Works: No Report.

Utilities: C/Trammell reports that on Clarksburg Road there are 2 houses with common sewer lines and lateral lines that the Borough thinks goes to Brown Road. They have had 3 sewer backups and it has been jet-vacced 3 times. They are finding wipes in the pipes, it's become a problem. DO NOT FLUSH WIPES. They are trying to find out where the sewer lines go to. We are waiting for radiator at the Sewer Plant for the generator.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: The weekend of May 4 (10-5) and May 5 (12-5) is the Weekend of Old Monmouth and he will be at the school.
2. Environmental Commission Chair Ellen Silverman, 10 N. Valley Road: For Arbor Day, she will be picking up the trees by April 18, 2024 and at that point she will know what kind of trees the Borough will be receiving.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Improvements to Lake Drive and Spruce Lane: Table until televised.

2. C/Hamilton states that 5th Grade Graduation will be June 6, 2024 at 4:00pm and the school has asked if the Borough can do some repair work at the Amphitheater. The Council discusses and agrees to go out for quotes to do a cleanup, stump removal and repairs some loose bricks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bulk Trash Pickup – May 6, 2024
2. Branch Pickup - May 13, 2024
3. C/Hamilton states that in the green belt there are trees and furniture dumped.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- C/Trammell states this past week he met with a Monmouth University Professor, Kristen Bluemel, an Interim Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. She came out and toured Roosevelt.
- M/Malkin states we are so lucky in Roosevelt as we have some of the best employees. We are very lucky and our employees are very loyal, hardworking and that they choose to work here. I'm talking about Kathleen, Ana, Kim, Greg, Jeremy, Ed, Maria, Fred and Maryann, they deeply care about Roosevelt. It's a blessing that we have Ana. About 75% of the work Ana does during the day is not in her job duties, she does it because she loves this town and us. She's never taken a vacation only takes occasional days off here and there and she never took a lunch until closing Borough Hall for an hour during lunch time. M/Malkin feels the same way about Kathleen and everyone else, however, Ana is our only full-time employee. M/Malkin does not anyone to think that she is not exemplary, she is the closest thing to a perfect employee that M/Malkin has ever seen. C/Esakoff states she speaks with everyone. M/Malkin states she goes home and does work, some of her emails come in the night and on the weekends. C/Trammell states that some people come in and vent on her. M/Malkin states that is why I am stating this, because she doesn't deserve any negativity from anyone. Some of the Council is even demanding of her. All have to be polite, civil and nice. C/Esakoff states she is very conscious of her work.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:23pm.

1. Jeb Shahn, 18 Tamara Drive: States she didn't understand the wording on Resolution 24-62 regarding execution of grant agreement? M/Malkin replies we have to sign an agreement with the County for the Amphitheater, they are giving us \$333,000 so we have to sign an agreement. Jeb Shahn also states that she received a letter from Code Enforcement about my branches being out and wants to know how far off the curb do they have to be? She does not see why she would have to put a pile and then have to move that pile. C/Hamilton states if it's on your property and not the public right-a-way, that should be sufficient., (25 feet from the center line).
2. Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: He would caution to include in the tree ordinance that there should be some way of stopping people from decapitating trees and should be included in the ordinance. Ask the Council what they think about a conditional use for auxiliary units (additional unit on your property, such as tiny houses). M/Malkin states we would need to do a lot of research and we would have to check the Planning Board and Master Plan.
3. Jeb Shahn, 18 Tamara Drive: States there is a problem with more and more houses in town are being bought by people for the single purpose to rent and this is detrimental to the town. Don't you have to sign a year lease? M/Malkin states it has to be a minimum of 30 days. Ms. Shahn states the house next to her has had such turn over, people have no interest in becoming part of the community. Attorney, Greg Cannon states they are single family homes and they are allowed to rent them out, they have laws that they have to follow. A discussion takes place regarding rental properties. Jeb Shahn thinks we need to have a committee to welcome residents. M/Malkin states we do have a packet that we give to new residents.

4. Mary Tulloss, 21 Lake Drive: States on S. Rochdale the Day Lily leaves are sprouting and the County mow's them down and ask if we can we put flags down in that area to prevent them from mowing?
M/Malkin states it's County land so we cannot put anything there, but we can ask the County.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:44pm.

M/Malkin state the next meeting will be May 6, 2024.

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

Time Out: 8:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: May 6, 2024