

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

Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2024

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:09pm 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:**

M/Malkin reports that Monmouth County has partnered with EZ Ride to provide transportation services for residents. It is designed to support Monmouth county residents with transportation services for essential needs, doctor’s appointments, pharmacy visits, health department and food shopping and pantries. Guidelines are; up to two round trips per week to medical, wellness and nutrition appointments, regardless of the applicant’s income. Medical, wellness and nutrition appointments include doctor, dentist, therapist, pharmacy and lab work, grocery store, food pantry, farmers market, etc. Individuals must have a working cell phone in order for EZ Ride to text them details about their upcoming trip. Children may use the service when accompanied by a parent or guardian over 18, and the child’s parent or guardian will be responsible for providing and installing any required booster seat or car seat. Each person is allowed to make two round-trip rides each week, rides are limited to the resident and one additional person, if children require a car seat or booster seat it is the parent’s responsibility and you must be able to get in and out with gentle assistance, so now it’s free to anyone who needs it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)**

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:12 p.m.

1. Kim Volanoski, 29 North Valley Road: Was not able to make the previous meeting, however, I am experiencing a lot of water as the manhole is above ground. Sump pump is running all the time and would like to know if there is a work around until the project starts. C/Trammell gives a history of what they have found out regarding the catch basins and no main drain. C/Macher states probably can lower the catch basin grate. Ms. Volanoski asks if you are still going to put a camera down to see the damage, if any, to the pipe going from 29 down? C/Macher states it would be a good idea to do that depending on what the Engineer thinks. The Council continues to discuss the water problem on North Valley Road. M/Malkin states she will contact the Engineer tomorrow and ask her to televise it.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:24 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 15, 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 the Environmental Commission, dated April 17, 2024, regarding hazardous trees.
2. Letter from Richard Burkhart, 14 Tamara Drive, dated May 1, 2024, regarding rental properties.

**ORDINANCES:**

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

**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 states there is an original pipe that is clay and it is failing. A lot of groundwater is coming in and the men have gone into the manholes to try to repair them.

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:26pm

1. Kim Volanoski, 29 North Valley Road: Asks if you are going to move the pipe out to the street? M/Malkin states this is just agreeing to get the money for the project, then the Engineer will determine the method. C/Trammell states this is for the sewer pipe not the drainage. Attorney, Greg Cannon explains that the Engineer has to survey the area to determine what is best moving forward.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:29pm

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-03 on second reading, with a second offered 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

**SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:**

**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/Hamilton.

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:31pm

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N Valley Road: Would like to know what the summary of changes are? Attorney, Greg Cannon, states the borough already had a tree protection ordinance but it didn't comply with the DEP model in a couple of ways; first the DEP requires replacement for the

removal of any tree so now no tree may be removed except in accordance with the tree replacement requirement. Next, the tree replacement used to go by zone and you now have to replant more trees depending on the volume of trees taken down. Example, if you take down a 33-inch tree you have to replant with 4 trees and a 6-inch tree you would have to replant 1 tree.

Some of the exemptions are, the Borough, the State, the County, JCP&L, Christmas tree farms and any working on behalf of the Borough. The Council discusses further.

2. Ellen Silverman, 10 N Valley Road: A lot of times people pay more for the planting of trees than the cost of the tree.
  3. Municipal Clerk, Kathleen Hart states that a Shade Tree Trust Fund has to be set up.
- M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:43pm

Roll Call:

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

**FIRST READING**

**2024-06** BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04 ADOPTED ON MAY 2, 2022, AS AMENDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 16, 2023, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TAMARA DRIVE BETWEEN PINE DRIVE AND SOUTH ROCHDALE AVENUE, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$70,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$644,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$70,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$644,000, 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

C/Trammell made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2024-06, with a second offered by C/Esakoff. C/Trammell states that some of the sewers will have to be replaced. That’s what the additional funds are for.

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 20, 2024 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

- Resolution 24-65 Payment of Bills – May 6, 2024
- Resolution 24-66 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Waiving March/April Water and Sewer Utility Billings for 5 & 6 Cedar Court

C/Hamilton made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution’s 24-65 through 24-66, 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: Ms. Kaufman-Marut has questions regarding the hazardous trees; are they marked? How do we address that? Ellen Silverman responds that there are some that are marked with yellow tape, (3 street trees, 2 on North Valley (Solar Village) and 1 on Pine). They are not the only hazardous trees. M/Malkin states we have to discuss how we want to handle the hazardous trees. C/Trammell asks about the giant tree by Eric's house – they are right on the street? Ellen Silverman states that one is marked. C/Hamilton states there are 14 high priority trees that need to be removed. C/Trammell explains to C/Kaufman-Marut that on the Borough website there is a video regarding the tree inventory, it's very educational.

Administration: No Report.

Finance: C/Hamilton states he was at a school board meeting with C/Herrstrom to discuss the Amphitheater project. C/Hamilton also had a conversation with the School Business Administrator who stated some good news that due to an increase in state aid and a 10-year bond that is maturing, school taxes will be reduced by about \$45 for the average home (\$341,000 assessment). The Board of Education no longer going to continue with the shared service agreement with Millstone; Millstone ended the relationship. The Board of Education requested that we have the Amphitheater cleaned up by June 6, for graduation.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports that she went to the School Board and did a presentation on the Amphitheater and it was very well received. The school will go ahead with its approval, they also spoke about the Certificate of Insurance and that we put on it that the school is an additional insured. Carmella Roberts does the bidding and Greg Cannon reviews, once approved he draft's the resolution, the contractor is responsible for getting the insurance. C/Herrstrom states we are hoping by the next meeting to have Carmela Roberts estimate for the amphitheater for coordinating bids for front end and utility shed.

Public Works: No Report.

Utilities: C/Trammell reports that there the trickling filters are coming up, he has seen some billings from Carmella Roberts. The muffin monster, needs repair, it's only the motor; which is good news, it should only be a couple hundred dollars. Clarksburg Road issues, the best way, is to go across Clarksburg Road, we jetted the lines 5 times. Rochdale Ave (model house), sewer lines were jammed and had to be jetted 2 times, which the backyard backs up to 4 different properties on Rochdale Ave. When they jetted it out there was a lot of grease and roots. Manhole in front of 18 Farm Lane, the sewer line needs to be done, lateral broken at the main.

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:**

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Reports on the weekend of Old Monmouth, 15 people came on Saturday and 4 people came on Sunday. Ben Johnson and Ellen McGuff came by and assisted. Municipal Clerk, Kathleen Hart reports that Michael Ticktin wrote an article about Roosevelt for the Monmouth County "At a Glance" feature, which will also include 2 pictures.
2. Environmental Commission Chair Ellen Silverman, 10 N. Valley Road: The tree giveaway was a success and we still have some to give away. We have left some Hickory, Bald Cypress and Sweet Gum.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Improvements to Lake Drive and Spruce Lane: No update, still waiting to get another quote regarding televising the sewer lines.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Bulk pick up – May 6, 2024
2. Branch Pickup – May 13, 2024

3. 33 and 36 Clarksburg Road – Ongoing Sewer Line Issues: Need a quote from Carmella Roberts and the Council discusses and states this is an emergency repair.
4. Monmouth County introduces Wellness Transportation Program for Residents

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

C/Hamilton states school taxes are going down and the sun goes down at 8:00pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)**

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:33pm.

No Public Comment

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:33pm.

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

Time Out: 8:34 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: May 20, 2024