

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

Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. 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 Tina Kaufman-Marut</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Steven Macher</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 states she will report at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:10 p.m.

No Public Comment.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Resignation letter from Tim Hartley resigning from the Environmental Commission.
2. Letter received from Jeb Shahn, dated July 15, 2024 regarding support for the Amphitheater.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 24-81      Payment of Bills – July 15, 2024
- Resolution 24-82      Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Waiving May/June Water and Sewer Utility Billings for 5 & 6 Cedar Court
- Resolution 24-83      Resolution: Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Lake Drive and South Valley Road
- Resolution 24-84      Resolution Ratifying Emergency Contract to Replace the Submersible Pump Within Well #4 of the Borough’s Water Supply Facilities

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution’s 24-81 through 24-84, with a second from C/Herrstrom, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS:                    None                    ABSTAIN: None                    ABSENT: C/Hamilton, C/Trammell

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports the Amphitheater Committee had a table at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic to inform the residents on the project. On June 19, 2023 there was presentation about the project, (the audio is posted on the Borough website). Also, there was a handout available regarding funding and the matching grant funds. The bond ordinance for the amphitheater would cost about \$72 per year for a house with an assessed value of \$300,000 and these numbers are estimates only. There was some discussion at the last meeting that Burt Ellentuck was not on board with this project. This past week the Amphitheater Committee had a zoom meeting with Burt Ellentuck to discuss any questions he had with the project in more detail. Mr. Ellentuck wanted them to describe what would happen with the drainage on this project. He also states that the Amphitheater was not maintained properly and that the right materials were not used when repairs were done over the years. He wanted details and was very pleased. C/Esakoff questions who will maintain the Amphitheater going forward? C/Herrstrom responds they are going to build it so water doesn't go in. M/Malkin asks C/Herrstrom is it true you can't go out to bid until the bond is passed and what happens if the cost comes in more than the bond? C/Herrstrom states they put in two contingencies. C/Kaufman-Marut asks questions about the entire project coming out, except the bust, and starting from scratch. C/Herrstrom states that you need to look at the civil engineer report and the bricks are going back in. M/Malkin asks is it true the County receives final approval on the project before moving forward. C/Herrstrom states yes, it's true. C/Herrstrom also states at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic we had FDR quotations that will be selected and would like some be added to the base.

Environmental, Health & Safety: C/Kaufman-Marut reports she was asked if a stop sign could be added instead of a yield sign at the triangle (Tamara and Pine). The Council discussed and the Borough Attorney, Greg Cannon will research the Borough Code, Section 7.14 Stop Intersection for a Stop sign from Maple to Pine. Attorney, Greg Cannon states that a municipality may establish, by ordinance, a Stop sign.

Public Works: No Report. M/Malkin did report there was a water main break at Tamara on July 6, 2024 at 3am. The pipe had a big hole and was rusted through. The repair was completed.

Utilities: No Report.

C/Herrstrom reads letter of support for the Amphitheater from Jeb Shahn.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS: NoneOLD BUSINESS:

1. Improvements to Lake Drive and Spruce Lane: M/Malkin states that the pipes were televised and we are awaiting Mr. Lyons report.

NEW BUSINESS: NoneGOOD AND WELFARE:

M/Malkin states that the goal as mayor is to preserve Roosevelt as much as possible, to stay true to its history, culture arts and a strong sense of community and family. M/Malkin states again she is in support rehabilitation to the FDR Memorial Amphitheater and not redesigning it to the scope and scale of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:09 p.m.

1. Nona Sherak, 4 Maple Court: States that she noticed deep holes on Pine Drive and is concerned someone might get hurt. C/Macher states that it's a valve box and needs to be cleaned out, and cones

should be placed around the holes. States that Jeb's letter was lovely, but getting free medical care is not going to help me pay the \$72. Jeb is concerned with someone getting hurt because something may break off but not concerned with someone burning their feet or falling on Blue Stone. Ms. Sherak asked to see a copy of the plans and wants to know where the Blue Stone is going.

2. Bob Atwood, 12 Pine Drive: States the Amphitheater needs to be totally restored and doesn't think that \$72, for each resident, is too much but he cannot speak for everyone. Blue Stone is questionable and maybe can be replaced with something else. He disagrees that the Memorial should be moved to the Amphitheater. Also comments that the white chairs in Borough Hall were purchased by RAP.
  3. Jeff Klein, 21 Homestead Lane: States he is trying to understand the project and would like to see the grant details. Clerk, Kathleen Hart states he can send her an OPRA request for the grant application.
  4. Bob Atwood, 12 Pine Drive: Questions if it is possible to change any of the material if you decided that the Blue Stone is not acceptable? C/Herrstrom states that yes you can change materials.
- M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:31 p.m.

C/Esakoff states originally there was water at the Amphitheater and questions how do you clean it now?

C/Kaufman-Marut questions if the Amphitheater is going to look the same? C/Herrstrom states it is not going to look exactly the same.

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

Time Out: 8:37 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: September 5, 2024