

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Kritz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO LEAD THOSE PRESENT IN THE SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICES OF THE ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS WHO PROTECT OUR NATION AND THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

4. ROLL CALL

Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, and President Kritz were present. Also present were Township Clerk Everett Falt, Attorney John Iacifano, Mayor Joe Jackson, Town Administrator Patricia Seger, Purchasing Agent Bryan Coward, CFO Lisa Palmieri, Township Engineer Allison Ferrante, Director of Recreation David Dyer, Director of Fire Prevention Jeff Heinzelman, and Chief Martin McParland.

After roll call was complete, Mayor Jackson introduced Jeff Heinzelman, who gave the public information about winter fire safety.

5. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS SENT TO THE STAR LEDGER AND PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY RECORD ON JANUARY 12, 2023. NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARDS, THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE: WWW.ROCKAWAYTOWNSHIPORG, AND NOTICE WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTE(S)

- A. 2023 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**
- B. JANUARY 2023 REORG EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the January 3, 2023 Regular and Executive Session minutes. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilman Friedlander.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

With 9 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

7. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Several residents came forward to speak on various township issues.

8. ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

A. O-23-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 54-4.1 ENTITLED “DEFINITIONS,” 54-14.3 ENTITLED “NOTICE OF HEARING; WHEN REQUIRED,” AND 54-30.15 ENTITLED “REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDITIONAL USES” OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO ESTABLISH DEFINITIONS AND CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO COOPERATIVE SOBER LIVING ARRANGEMENTS AND OXFORD HOUSE MODEL RECOVERY

Township Attorney Iacifano, with Mayor Jackson, gave a brief explanation of the ordinance for the public before President Kritz called for a motion to introduce Ordinance O-23-05. The motion was provided by Councilwoman Brookes and seconded by Vice President Quinn.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

With 9 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

9. ORDINANCE(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARING/FINAL ADOPTION

A. O-23-01 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INTERIOR RESTORATION AND ROOF REPLACEMENT OF THE FORD-FAESCH HOUSE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$179,272 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.

President Kritz open the public hearing on Ordinance 23-01. Following the public hearing, the Council President closed the hearing. President Kritz called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-01. The motion was provided by Councilman Friedlander and seconded by Vice President Quinn. There was no public comment for this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY None

With 9 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

B. O-23-02 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$880,517.93 THEREFOR, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE ISSUED

President Kritz opened the public hearing on Ordinance 23-02. Following the public hearing, the Council President closed the public hearing. President Kritz called for a motion to adopt Ordinance O-23-02. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes. There was no public comment for this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY None

With 9 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

C. 0-23-03 ORDINANCE REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS CHAPTERS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

President Kritz opened the public hearing on Ordinance 23-03. Following the public hearing, the Council President closed public hearing. President Kritz called for a motion to adopt Ordinance O-23-03. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilman Friedlander. There was no public comment for this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY None

With 9 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

D. O-23-04 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PONDVIEW ESTATES, INC. A SIGN EASEMENT WITHIN THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP RIGHT-

OF-WAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF PONDVIEW DRIVE AND UNION TURNPIKE

President Kritz opened the public hearing on Ordinance 23-04. Following the hearing, Council President Kritz closed the public hearing. President Kritz called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 23-04. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes. Township Engineer Allison Ferrante gave a brief explanation of the ordinance.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon,
Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman
Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY None

With 9 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

**A. [R-23-35](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRACTING
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

**B. [R-23-36](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF
ROCKAWAY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE
WITH IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**C. [R-23-37](#) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF
MOUNT OLIVE WHEREBY THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE SHALL
PROVIDE ROCKAWAY EMPLOYEES WITH ENTRY-LEVEL CDL
DRIVER TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINIMUM FEDERAL
CURRICULA REQUIREMENTS**

**D. [R-23-38](#) RESOLUTION OF MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
#22-009 AGAINST BLOCK 11212 LOT 22 KNOWN AS 24 SEMINOLE AVE.**

**E. [R-23-39](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF
ROCKAWAY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
HUNTERDON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

**F. [R-23-40](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR WATER SUPPLY
MAINTENANCE SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY WATER
SUPPLY PUBLIC PRIVATE CONTRACTING ACT N.J.S.A. 58:26-19, ET.
SEQ.**

**G. [R-23-41](#) MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 58:26-19.**

**H. [R-23-42](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A LOCAL
RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

I. R-23-43 RESOLUTION, REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR FIELD OPERATIONS AND WATER BUILDING

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

With 9 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

11. RESOLUTION(S) FOR SEPARATE VOTE(S)

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

Councilman Friedlander spoke about the Hibernia Library opening; the Substance Abuse Alliance's year ahead; and grant status for the Historical Society.

Councilwoman Brookes congratulated Mr. Brennan on his Fire Department appointment.

Councilman Wojtowicz congratulated Mr. Brennan on his Fire Department appointment.

Councilman Salberg commented on the recent tree trimming in the Lake Telemark neighborhood.

Councilwoman Noon congratulated Mr. Brenna on his Fire Department appointment.

Councilman Brookes commented on recent street cleaning operations.

Councilman Sackett informed the public of an upcoming blood drive for a local resident.

Vice President Quinn discussed the Planning Board's recent Reorganization meeting and dial-a-ride's website updates; he congratulated Mr. Brennan on his Fire Department appointment.

Mayor Jackson congratulated Mr. Brennan. He discussed an upcoming Lions Club fundraiser, as well as some recent interviews and ceremonies that have taken place through his office.

Township Administrator Seger reported on cyber-security upgrades and the recently-signed shared services agreement with Mt. Olive.

CFO Palmieri reported that the township audit is upcoming.

Purchasing Agent Coward had no report.

Township Engineer Ferrante had no report.

Chief McParland reported that the Police Academy is underway.

Recreation Director Dyer congratulated Mr. Brennan and gave updates on various township upgrades.

Fire Prevention Director Heinzelman congratulated newly-appointed Fire Department members throughout the township and updated the public on progress for the new Fire Engine currently in production.

A. APPOINT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS:

- i SCOTT LOVENBERG – COMPANY 5 – FIRE ONLY**
- ii JACK BRENNAN – COMPANY 3 – JUNIOR TO REGULAR MEMBER**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the appointments of Scott Lovenberg and Jack Brennan. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

With 9 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

B. APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS

- i MANUEL DEUS – FULL MEMBER - 3-YEAR TERM**
- ii JIM SENS – ALTERNATE MEMBER – 1-YEAR TERM**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve Zoning Board of Adjustment members. Councilman Sackett requested that the matter be tabled until resumes could be obtained. After a brief discussion between council members and Township Administrator Patricia Seger, President Kritz called for a motion to table the appointments until a later meeting. The motion was provided by Councilman Sackett and seconded by Councilman Friedlander.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Wojtowicz, Vice President Quinn

NAY President Kritz

With 8 ayes and 1 nay, the motion carried and the Appointments were tabled.

13. ADJOURN:

President Kritz called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilman Friedlander.

Roll Call Vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Everett Falt, MPA, RMC
Township Clerk