

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY  
2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Mayor Jackson acknowledged the passing of resident John Dinato

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present were Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Vice President Quinn, and President Kritz were present.

Also present were Attorney John Iacofano, Mayor Joe Jackson, Town Administrator Patricia Seger, Purchasing Agent Bryan Coward, CFO Lisa Palmieri, Township Engineer Allison Ferrante, Director of Recreation David Dyer, Tax Assessor Kimberly Johnson, Chief Martin McParland, and Municipal Clerk Everett Falt.

Absent was Councilman Pawel Wojtowicz.

- 4. Council President read the following statement into the record: “Notice of this meeting was sent to t 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](http://www.rockawaytownshiporg), and notice was filed in the office of the township clerk.”**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTE(S)**

**A. JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the January 17, 2023 minutes. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilman Brookes.

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

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

**6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Several residents came forward to speak on various township issues.

**7. ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION**

**A. O-23-06 AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY TO REVISE CHAPTER 31 "SMALL CELL INSTALLATIONS**

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce Ordinance O-23-06; Vice President Quinn provided said motion, and Councilman Salberg seconded. There was no discussion for this ordinance.

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

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

**B. O-23-07 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF RICHARD STREET IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$224,785 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce Ordinance O-23-07; Councilwoman Noon provided said motion, and Vice President Quinn seconded. There was no discussion for this ordinance.

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

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

**C. O-23-08 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SITE WORK/CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIELD OPERATIONS UTILITY FACILITY BUILDING IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$614,819.17 THEREFOR, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE ISSUED.**

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce Ordinance O-23-08; Vice President Quinn provided said motion, and Councilwoman Noon seconded. There was no discussion for this ordinance.

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

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. R-23-44            REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#22-004 AGAINST  
BLOCK 10502 LOT 6 KNOWN AS STEPHEN ST.**

**B. R-23-45            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER  
REDUCING THE CONTRACT PRICE OF THE KINGS ROAD SECTION II  
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**C. R-23-46            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PREVIOUSLY POSTED BY REIVAX  
CONSTRUCTION CORP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$289,252.50 AND  
REQUIRING THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR  
ONE YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$264,176.71 APPLICABLE FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE KINGS ROAD SECTION II ROADWAY  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**D. R-23-47            AMENDING RESOLUTION R-23-18 AUTHORIZING  
PURCHASE OF CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE USE  
OF STATE, COUNTY AND REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS  
FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**E. R-23-48            AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A STANDBY LETTER  
OF CREDIT ISSUED BY CONNECTONE BANK ON NOVEMBER 19, 1991  
ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHLANDS OF MORRIS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$101,245.00 IN FURTHERANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
PROPERTY REFERRED TO ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY AS BLOCK 11501, LOTS 24, 29, 41, 45, 46 &  
47, AND BLOCK 11502, LOT 2 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS  
PONDVIEW ESTATES**

**F. R-23-49            RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER  
INCREASING THE CONTRACT PRICE OF THE KINGS ROADWAY  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as drafted. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilman Salberg.

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

NAY    None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the motion carried.

**9. NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:**

**A. APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS**

- i. MANUEL DEUS- FULL MEMBER- 3 YEAR TERM (EXP. 12/2025)**
- ii. JIM SENS- ALTERNATE MEMBER- 2-YEAR TERM (EXP. 12/2024)**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the appointments of Manuel Deus and Jim Sens. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilman Salberg.

Roll Call Vote        AYE Councilman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

                              NAY Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes

With 4 ayes and 4 nays, the motion failed.

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE- MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

- i. NEILL WEISS- 1-YEAR TERM (EXP. 12/23)**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the appointment of Neill Weiss. The motion was provided by Councilman Friedlander and seconded by Councilman Salberg.

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

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Councilman Friedlander wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day, no further report.

Councilwoman Brookes congratulated the Copeland Middle School boys' basketball team on an undefeated season and spoke about the upcoming Challenger Program prime rib dinner.

Councilman Salberg wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and expressed his gratitude for his appointment to the Morris County Open Space Trust Committee

Councilwoman Noon and Councilman Brookes wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day, no further reports.

Councilman Sackett congratulated Copeland Middle School's boys' basketball team on their undefeated season. He also reminded everyone about the upcoming Fighting for Frank Fundraiser.

Vice President Quinn wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and gave updates on the Recreation Committee and Planning Board. He also commended Dial-a-Ride for their recent luncheon at Brick 46.

President Kritz congratulated the Copeland Middle School boys' basketball team on their undefeated season and discussed upcoming spring sports sign-ups and Peterson Field usage by teams.

Attorney Iacofano had no report.

Mayor Jackson discussed several recent events and meetings, including the spring sports program meeting, Copeland Family Night, Birchwood PTA Meeting, Dial-a-Ride's luncheon at Brick 46, the recent Unico Meeting, and a Memorial Day Parade planning/coordination meeting with the Borough. He reported that he has been in contact with Waste Management regarding oil leaks in their trucks. He then gave a business spotlight to local company Ace King Cycle & Cargo Transportation.

Administrator Seger reported that Budget Books have been delivered and should be reviewed prior to the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

CFO Palmieri and Purchasing Officer Coward had no reports.

Town Engineer Ferrante thanked the Mayor and Council for providing Valentine's Day breakfast to the staff.

Chief McParland discussed recent events, including the rescue of a resident in a house fire.

Director of Recreation David Dyer discussed upcoming spring sports signups and scheduling of Peterson Field.

Tax Assessor Kimberly Johnson explained the home reassessment process and the option to appeal.

## **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

### **A. R-23-50 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (N.J.S.A 10:4-6, ET SEQ.) TO DISCUSS ANTICIPATED LITIGATION AND/OR ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve Resolution 23-50. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes.

Roll Call AYE Friedlander, D Brookes, Noon, Salberg, Sackett, R Brookes, VP Quinn,  
President Kritz  
NAY None

**12: ADJOURN**

President Kritz called for a motion to return to Open Session. The motion was provided by Councilwoman Brookes and seconded by Councilman Brookes. Vote was unanimous.

President Kritz called for a motion to adjourn via acclamation. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Everett Falt, MPA, RMC, CMC  
Township Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics