

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY  
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 14, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Council 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**

Following the Moment of Silence, Mayor Jackson congratulated Eagle Scout Andrew Scott on his project building 5 gaga ball courts at Rockaway Township schools.

**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 Mayor Joe Jackson, Attorney John Iacofano, Business Administrator Patricia Seger, CFO Lisa Palmieri, Purchasing Officer Bryan Coward, Township Engineer Allison Ferrante, Director of Recreation David Dyer, Director of Fire Prevention Jeff Heinzelman, Police Chief Martin McParland, and Municipal Clerk Everett Falt.

**5. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS SENT TO THE DAILY RECORD AND THE STAR LEDGER, THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, ON JANUARY 12, 2023. NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARDS OF ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. FEB 28<sup>TH</sup> TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the regular session minutes from the February 28<sup>th</sup> township council meeting. Vice President Quinn provided the motion, with Councilman Friedlander seconding.

AYE- Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Salberg, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY- none

ABSTAIN- Councilman Brookes, Councilman Wojtowicz

With 7 ayes and 2 abstentions, the motion passed.

**7. PRESENTATION BY TILCON**

Josh Benson addressed township concerns regarding recycled asphalt piles and truck traffic in and out of Tilcon's facility. He also answered questions from the public, Mayor Jackson, and township staff members.

**8. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Several residents came forward to voice concerns, commend township staff, and make announcements regarding upcoming events.

**9. INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

President Kritz thanked the council and staff for a successful budget hearing.

**A. ORDINANCE TO INTRODUCE:**

**i O-23-09 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce Ordinance O-23-09. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes.

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 ordinance was introduced with no council discussion.

**B. RESOLUTIONS:**

**i R-23-61 A RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS**

President Kritz called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-23-61; the motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes.

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 resolution was adopted.

**ii R-23-62 ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE BUDGET RESOLUTION**

President Kritz called for a motion to adopt Resolution R-23-62. Vice President Quinn provided the motion, with Councilwoman Brookes seconding.

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 resolution was adopted.

**10. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**A. 0-23-10 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS**

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce Ordinance 0-23-10. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilman Salberg.

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 ordinance was introduced with no council discussion.

**B. 0-23-11 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS**

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce Ordinance 0-23-11. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Noon.

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 ordinance was introduced with no council discussion.

**C. 0-23-12 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,730,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,677,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, FOR THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP**

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce Ordinance 0-23-12. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes.

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 ordinance was introduced with no council discussion.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. R-23-63 2023 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER TAX OVRPAYMENT REFUND BLOCK 21301 LOT 38, 131 OMAHA AVE**
- B. R-23-64 REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#22-00 AGAINST BLOCK 10502 LOT 6 KNOWN AS STEPHEN ST.**
- C. R-23-65 REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#21-003 AGAINST BLOCK 11302.11 LOT 2.02 KNOWN AS 1202 BUSH CIRCLE**
- D. R-23-66 AMENDING RESOLUTION R-23-18 AND R-23-47 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF STATE, COUNTY AND REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS FOR THE YEAR 2023**
- E. R-23-67 RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THE COST OF WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO EXCEED THE BID THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW**
- F. R-23-68 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER REDUCING THE CONTRACT PRICE OF THE HUDSONIA DAM REMOVAL PROJECT**
- G. R-23-69 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PREVIOUSLY POSTED BY RIVERLOGIC SOLUTIONS LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,025,043.50 AND REQUIRING THE POSTING OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR ONE YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$990,543.00 APPLICABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUDSONIA DAM REMOVAL PROJECT**

**H. R-23-70 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE**

President Kritz called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was provided by Vice President Quinn and seconded by Councilwoman Brookes.

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 consent agenda was adopted.

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

**13. NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION**

Councilman Wojtowicz and Councilwoman Noon had no reports.

Councilman Brookes announced that Morris Hills is beginning the hiring process for a new Superintendent.

Councilman Sackett had no report.

Councilman Friedlander thanked the Engineering Department for their work on electrical box issues. He also thanked Tilcon for their presentation. He gave updates on the library budget, and the Substance Abuse and Historical Societies.

Councilwoman Brookes announced that the School Board will be having strategic planning sessions for their 5-year plan.

Councilman Salberg thanked the township for the recent tree removal services on Meggins Road. He also informed the council that he attended the recent Morris County Open Space Trust Fund meeting, and will give updates moving forward.

Councilman Quinn announced that the Recreation Committee has reorganized. He also informed the public of the upcoming Planning Board meeting.

Mayor Jackson reported that Phases 3A and 3B of the Peterson Field project are underway. He gave a business spotlight to local chiropractor 100% Chiropractic. He reminded everyone about the upcoming PAL prime rib dinner and the Lions Club line dancing fundraiser. He reported on recent Stony Brook, DBO and KDM PTA meetings, as well as a meeting with Christ Church to discuss upcoming projects. He announced that he recently visited a

Randolph retirement facility, where he read a State Senate Resolution for a 105 year-old resident who previously resided in Rockaway Township.

Counsel Iacofano had no report.

Business Administrator Seger thanked everyone involved in the 2023 Budget process.

CFO Palmieri read a statement regarding the safety of municipal deposits through the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act, in light of recent nationwide bank issues.

Purchasing Officer Coward had no report.

Township Engineer Ferrante thanked the council for their support in passing resolutions regarding the Hudsonia Dam Removal Project and upland restoration. She also announced that construction will soon be underway at Parks Lake.

Fire Prevention Chief Heinzelman reminded the public about the importance of smoke detectors in light of another recent Township fire.

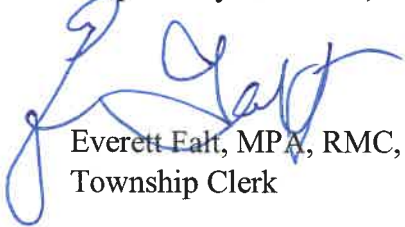
Recreation Director Dyer had no report.

Chief McParland announced that the Police Department is increasing patrols on Mt. Hope Avenue in response to increased truck traffic. He also announced that several officers will be honored by the 200 Club of Morris County on 4/27.

#### **14. ADJOURN:**

President Kritz called for a motion to adjourn. Vice President Quinn provided the motion; Councilwoman Noon seconded. The vote was unanimous; meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Everett Falt, MPA, RMC, CMC  
Township Clerk