

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Kritz called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

FLAG SALUTE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council President led those present in the salute to the American flag and the moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Township Attorney John Iacofano, Township Clerk Everett Falt, Township Administrator Pat Seger, Township CFO Lisa Palmeri, and the Engineer Allison Ferrante.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The Council President read the following statement into the record: "Notice of this meeting was sent to the Daily Record and the Star Ledger, the official newspapers for the Township of Rockaway in compliance with public law 1975, chapter 231 (the Open Public Meetings Act OPMA). Additionally, notice was posted on the township website, the official bulletin boards of Rockaway, and filed in the office of the Township Clerk"

APPROVAL OF MINUTE(S)

A. MAY 9 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Quinn offered a motion to approve the May 9 Meeting minutes, with Councilwoman Brookes offering the second. President Kritz asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, SACKETT, R. BROOKES, SALBERG, VP QUINN, PRESIDENT KRITZ
NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

B. MAY9 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Councilman Quinn offered a motion to adopt the May 9 Executive Session Minutes, with Councilwoman Brookes offering the second. President Kritz requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE NOON, D. BROOKES, R. BROOKES, SALBERG, VP QUINN, PRESIDENT KRITZ
NAY FRIEDLANDER, SACKETT

With six (6) ayes and two (2) nays, the motion carried.

C. MAY 18 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Councilwoman Brookes offered a motion to adopt the May 19 Minutes, with Councilman Salberg offering the second. President Kritz requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, R. BROOKES,
SALBERG, PRESIDENT KRITZ

NAY NONE

ABSTAIN SACKETT, VP QUINN

With six (6) ayes, no nays, and two abstentions, the motion carried.

D. MAY 18 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Councilwoman Brookes offered a motion to adopt the May 18 Minutes, with Councilwoman Noon offering the second. President Kritz requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, R. BROOKES,
SALBERG, PRESIDENT KRITZ

NAY NONE

ABSTAIN SACKETT, VP QUINN

With six (6) ayes, no nays, and two (2) abstentions, the motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

President Kritz opened the public comment. Several residents came forward to speak before the Council. With no one else coming forward, President Kritz closed the public comment.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

E. O-23-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Vice President Quinn offered a motion to Introduce Ordinance 23-16, with Councilwoman Brookes offering a second. President Kritz requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, SACKETT, R.
BROOKES, SALBERG, VP QUINN, PRESIDENT KRITZ

NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION(S) FOR A SEPARATE VOTE

F. R-23-113 GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

Vice President Quinn offered a motion to adopt Resolution 23-113, with Councilwoman Brookes offering the second. President Kritz requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE

NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

G. R-23-114 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR 2022 TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, COUNTY OF MORRIS

Vice President Quinn offered a motion to adopt Resolution 23-114, with Councilwoman Noon offering the second. President Kritz requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE NOON, D. BROOKES, R. BROOKES, SALBERG, VP QUINN, PRESIDENT KRITZ

NAY FRIEDLANDER, NOON

With six (6) ayes and two (2) nays, the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

H. R-23-106 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR HOMEOWNER QUALIFYING AS AN 100% DISABLED, TAX EXEMPT VETERAN

I. R-23-107 REDEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #18-00020 AGAINST BLOCK 11403 LOT 14 KNOWN AS RICHARD MINE RD.

J. R-23-108 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

K. R-23-109 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PREVIOUSLY POSTED BY J.L. SOUTHARD, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,300.00 ALONG WITH THE RELEASE OF ANY CASH ESCROW BEING HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP WHICH IS APPLICABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY DEPICTED AS BLOCK 40701 LOT141 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, WHICH IS MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 54 VALLEY ROAD, ROCKAWAY, NJ.07866

L. R-23-110 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY AS BLOCK 22401, LOTS 3.06 AND 3.07 MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 600 AND 700 COMMONS WAY

- M.** R-23-111 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF A TAX COURT JUDGMENT ENTERED ON MAY 23, 2023
- N.** R-23-112 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAXES FOR THE TAX YEARS 2019 - 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF A TAX COURT JUDGMENT ENTERED ON MAY 23, 2023
- O.** R-23-115 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ROBERT H. HOOVER AND SONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GARBAGE PACKER IN THE TOTAL BID AMOUNT OF \$167,815.00
- P.** R-23-116 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT
- Q.** R-23-117 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO ROBERT H. HOOVER AND SONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PLOW TRUCK IN THE TOTAL BID AMOUNT OF \$106,469.00
- R.** R-23-118 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024
- S.** R-23-119 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL OF APPEALS FILED BY ROCKAWAY CNTR ASSOCIATES BY NJ ROCKAWAY LLC.
- T.** R-23-120 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDOT FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO RESERVOIR ROAD

Councilwoman Brookes offered a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as drafted, with Councilman Friedlander offering a second. President Kritz requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, SACKETT, R. BROOKES, SALBERG, VP QUINN, PRESIDENT KRITZ
NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION:

A. APPOINT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER(S)

- i ROBYN BARB – COMPANY 5**
- ii LIAM DURNING – JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP - COMPANY 3**

Vice President Quinn offered a motion to approve the fire department members, with Councilwoman Brookes offering the second. President Kritz requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, SACKETT, R.
BROOKES, SALBERG, VP QUINN, PRESIDENT KRITZ
NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. R-23-121 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 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

President Kritz informed all those present that the Council needed to go into Executive Session. Councilwoman Brookes offered a motion to adopt Resolution 23-121, with Councilman Salberg offering the second. Council President Kritz requested a roll call vote

Roll Call Vote AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, SACKETT, R.
BROOKES, SALBERG, VP QUINN, PRESIDENT KRITZ
NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public. The Council reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 8:55PM.

RESOLUTION(S) FOR SEPARATE VOTE:

B. R-23-122 APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY AND ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #31 (SUPERIORS)

President Kritz requested a motion to adopt Resolution 23-122. Councilman Salberg offered said motion, with Councilwoman Brookes offering the second.

Roll Call Vote AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, SACKETT, R.
BROOKES, SALBERG, VP QUINN, PRESIDENT KRITZ
NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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