

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND FLAG SALUTE

Council President Kritz lead those present in the salute to the American Flag and a 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 Clerk Everett Falt, Township Administrator Pat Seger, Township Attorney John Iacofano, Mayor Joe Jackson, Township CFO Lisa Palmeri, and the Township Engineer Allison Ferrante.

Absent was Councilman Wojtowicz.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT (OPMA)

Council President Kritz 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 Laws of 1975, Chapter 231 (the Open Public Meetings Act). Additionally, notice was posted on the township website, the official bulletin boards of Rockaway Township, and a copy was filed in the office of the Township Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTE(S)

A. JUNE 13 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

President Kritz requested a motion to adopt the June 13 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Vice President Quinn offered said motion, with Councilman Friedlander offering the second. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote

Roll Call 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. JUNE 13 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

President Kritz requested a motion to adopt the June 13 Regular Executive Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Brookes offered said motion, with Councilman Friedlander offering the second. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote
Roll Call AYE FRIEDLANDER, NOON, D. BROOKES, SACKETT, R.
BROOKES, SALBERG, PRESIDENT KRITZ

NAY NONE
ABSTAIN QUINN

With seven (7) ayes, no nays, and one (1) abstention the motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

The following residents came forward to address some concerns to the Township Council as whole:

Michael Illardi, John Knob, Karen Lambert, Patricia Anfra, Heather Ficca, April Royal, Emily Kullman, and Donna Swzynksi.

2. ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION

A. O-23-17 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT RANK AND FILE PERSONNEL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

President Kritz requested a motion to introduce Ordinance 23-17. Vice President Quinn offered said motion, with Councilwoman Brookes seconding. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call 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. O-23-18 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPERIOR OFFICERS PERSONNEL IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

President Kritz requested a motion to introduce Ordinance 23-18. Vice President Quinn offered said motion, with Councilwoman Brookes seconding. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote.

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

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

C. O-23-19 AMENDING CHAPTER VII TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, SECTION 7-6.9 PARKING PROHIBITION, SECTION 7-8 ONE WAY

STREET, SECTION 7- 10 STOP INTERSECTION, SECTION 7- 11 YIELD INTERSECTION, SECTION 7- 12 TURN PROHIBITIONS, SECTION 7-18 SPEED LIMIT AND SECTION 7-22 DO NOT ENTER OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

President Kritz requested a motion to introduce Ordinance 23-19. Vice President Quinn offered said motion, with Councilman Salberg seconding. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote.

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

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

D. O-23-20 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 - ARTICLE II OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN ORDER TO ADD NEW ORDINANCE SECTION 65 ET. SEQ. ESTABLISHING A PARTIAL TITLE 39 ENFORCEMENT PLAN FOR THE REGULATION OF PARKING, STANDING INGRESS, EGRESS, AND THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNED BY PONDVIEW, INC. IDENTIFIED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP AS BLOCK 11501 LOTS 41, 45 & 47 AND BLOCK 11502 LOT 2

President Kritz requested a motion to introduce Ordinance 23-20. Vice President Quinn offered said motion, with Councilwoman Brookes seconding. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote.

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

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

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

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

President Kritz opened the public hearing on Ordinance 23-16. With no one coming forward, President closed the public comment on Ordinance 23-16

President Kritz requested a motion to finally adopt Ordinance 23-16 following the public hearing. Vice President offered said motion, with Councilwoman Brookes seconding. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote.

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

NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

President Kritz made a motion to cancel the second Township Council meetings in July and August. Vice President Quinn offered the second. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote.

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

NAY NONE

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. R-23-123 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT

B. R-23-124 REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#18-007

C. R-23-125 REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#22-019

D. R-23-126 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO NIELSEN OF MORRISTOWN, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 RAM 3500 OR EQUIVALENT IN THE TOTAL BID AMOUNT OF \$97,698.00

E. R-23-127 RESOLUTION APPROVING A PLACE-TO-PLACE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR ROCKAWAY LIQUOR BARN

F. R-23-128 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY 2024 PROGRAM GRANT

G. R-23-129 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2024 ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE II GRANT

H. R-23-130 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC WATER SAMPLING SHARED SERVICES

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY AND THE TOWN OF BOONTON FROM JULY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

- I.** R-23-131 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO NIELSEN OF MORRISTOWN, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 RAM 5500 CAB AND CHASSIS IN THE TOTAL BID AMOUNT OF \$81,765.00
- J.** R-23-132 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYEE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM
- K.** R-23-134 REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#22-023 AGAINST BLOCK 21501 LOT 38 KNOWN AS 98 OAKLAND AVENUE
- L.** R-23-135 REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#22-001 AGAINST BLOCK 10101 LOT 28 KNOWN AS 3 EAST DEHART AVENUE
- M.** R-23-136 REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#22-015 AGAINST BLOCK 20301 LOT 30 KNOWN AS 8 WEST LAKE SHORE DRIVE
- N.** R-23-137 TAX REFUND FOR 2023 TAX OVERPAYMENT BLOCK 10718 LOT 14, 287 MT. HOPE AVE.
- O.** R-23-138 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AMENDING AN EXISTING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY AND THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADD A SUMMER HOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE PROVISION OF TWO CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-10 (B)
- P.** R-23-139 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR WATER RESOURCES PLANNING MANAGEMENT - STORMWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT

President Kritz requested Resolution 23-132 be pulled from the Consent Agenda. He then requested a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Vice President Quinn offered said motion, with Councilman Friedlander offering the second. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote

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

With all ayes and no nays, the motion carried.

President Kritz requested a motion to adopt Resolution 23-132. Vice President Quinn offered said motion, with Councilwoman Brookes seconding. President Kritz requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call 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:

Councilman Friedlander informed the residents about several events he had attended. Councilwoman Brookes had no report. Councilman Salberg had no report. Councilwoman thanked Recreation, more specifically Dave Dyer for the successful NJ DMC event. She also informed of a passport event that will be held in October. Councilman Brookes also thanked the Recreation Department for all that they do. Vice President Quinn thanked Dial-a-Ride as they provide an invaluable service to resident. Councilman Sackett expressed his support for celebrating the Pride Flag. Township Counsel had no report.

Mayor Jackson recognized Dominico's Pizzeria as a local business owner. They began their business almost 30 years ago. The Mayor informed on a ribbon cutting for North Jersey Tattoo opening where the old blockbuster had been. He further informed on a graduation ceremony for Copeland School. The Mayor informed on marriage ceremony's he had the pleasure of officiating in Town Hall.

Mayor Jackson also informed on the Green Pond Fire Department's event, Pancake Breakfast, and the Green Pond Fourth of July Parade. He further commended Green Pond for recognizing veteran recognition following the parade. The mayor also informed on presenting a proclamation at Ford Faesche House. The mayor further expounded on his belief that only the American Flag should be flown at Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President requested a voice vote to adjourn the meeting. All those present voted in favor of adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59PM

Respectfully submitted,



Everett Falt, MPA, RMC, CMC
Township Clerk