

BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT
33 N. Rochdale Ave, Roosevelt Borough, NJ 08555

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:20pm and read the Open Public Meeting Act statement which stated, Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, has been provided by a public notice on January 6, 2025 which was posted on the Bulletin Board Roosevelt Post Office and in the Borough Hall. The notice was transmitted to The Times and Asbury Park Press.

LETTER FROM ROOSEVELT DEMOCRATIC MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE SUBMITTING THREE NOMINEES TO FILL THE VACANCY

C/Esakoff made a motion to present the name of Danelle Feigenbaum as Council Member, with a second from C/Warnick.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

Resolution 25-32 Resolution Appointing Danelle Feigenbaum to an Unexpired Term as Councilperson Within the Borough of Roosevelt, County of Monmouth with Said Term Expiring December 31, 2025

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-32, with a second from C/Warnick by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

M/Malkin announced that Danelle Feigenbaum will be sworn in at the February 3, 2025 council meeting.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
<i>Councilmember Lou Esakoff</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Constance Herrstrom</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Tina Kaufman-Marut</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Joe Trammell</i>		✓	
<i>Councilmember Ralph Warnick</i>	✓		
<i>Mayor Peggy Malkin</i>	✓		

Also in attendance: Greg Cannon, Esq., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Clerk Hart stated that the agenda needs to be amended with the following:

Under Correspondence, the following letter added:

Roberts Engineering Group, dated January 17, 2025, regarding performing limited structural and internal investigation of the amphitheater at a cost not to exceed \$4,400.00

Revise the title of Ordinance 2025-02 as follows:

Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Roadway Improvements To Lake Drive, Spruce Lane And South Valley Road, Appropriating \$1,700,000 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,380,753 Bonds And Notes To Finance A Portion Of The Costs Thereof, Authorized In And By The Borough Of Roosevelt, In The County Of Monmouth, New Jersey

Add the following resolutions under Consent Agenda:

Resolution 25-36 Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Perform Limited Structural and Internal Investigation of the Amphitheater

Resolution 25-37 Providing for a Private Executive Meeting that Excludes the Public

C/Herrstrom motions to amend the agenda, with a second from C/Warnick by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:26pm.

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:26pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Roberts Engineering, dated January 15, 2025 regarding award recommendation letter for Improvements to North Valley Road.
2. Letter from Roberts Engineering, dated January 17, 2025 regarding performing limited structural and internal investigation of the amphitheater at a cost not to exceed \$4,400.

MINUTES: None Presented

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

2025-02

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO LAKE DRIVE, SPRUCE LANE AND SOUTH VALLEY ROAD, APPROPRIATING \$1,700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,380,753 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2025-02, with a second offered by C/Kaufman-Marut. Council has a lengthy discussion regarding a televised investigation on Lake Drive and should half the road be done or the whole road.

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for February 18, 2025 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

FIRST READING

2025-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AMENDING SECTION 5-13: "PET WASTE" OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO COMPORT WITH NJDEP STORMWATER REGULATIONS AND MODEL ORDINANCE

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2025-03, with a second offered by C/Esakoff

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

Second Reading and Public Hearing is scheduled for February 18, 2025 at Roosevelt Borough Hall, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 25-33 Payment of Bills for January 21, 2025
- ~~Resolution 25-34 Appointing Councilmember to Serve as Representative to the Environmental Commission of the Borough~~
- Resolution 25-35 Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$2,121,750 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Borough of Roosevelt, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey to the Monmouth County Improvement Authority, and Determining Various Matters In Connection Therewith

C/Herrstrom made a motion to pull Resolution 25-34 for further discission, with a second from C/Warnick, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution's 25-33, and 25-35, with a second from C/Esakoff, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

- Resolution 25-34 Appointing Councilmember to Serve as Representative to the Environmental Commission of the Borough

C/Herrstrom made a motion to table Resolution 25-34, with a second from C/Esakoff, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

RESOLUTION:

- Resolution 25-36 Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Perform Limited Structural and Internal Investigation of the Amphitheater

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt the Resolution 25-36, with a second from C/Warnick, by the

following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

Mayor’s Appointments to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board – Mayor’s Alternate

Mayor Malkin appoints the following person to serve as member on the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that Lou Esakoff shall serve as Mayor’s Alternate as a Class I member to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these appointments be forwarded to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board and to the appointees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: C/Esakoff reports that they had an Administration meeting regarding the order of the agenda, and have decided to leave it as it is. C/Esakoff makes a motion to leave Public Comment (agenda items only) at the beginning of the agenda and Public Comment (any item) will stay at the end of the agenda), with a second from C/Warnick. All are in favor.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports the Roosevelt Senior group went to the Monmouth County Library for a tour of the renovated library. On February 4, 2025 the Roosevelt Senior Group will have a speaker from the Monmouth County Office on Aging. They will discuss general services. A flyer will be sent out and there will also be a pot luck.

Administration: No report at this time.

Finance: No report at this time.

Environmental, Health & Safety: No report at this time.

Public Works: No report at this time.

Utilities: No report at this time.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

1. C/Warnick reports on the Board of Education: Kenneth LeCompte was appointed School Board President. Dr. Karen Barry, Superintendent spoke about the grading system, the school calendar, and there are 2 seats open on the School Board.
2. Michael Ticktin, Chairman Environmental Commission: We had our re-organization meeting last Wednesday, Sam Ashburner was elected as the Vice-Chairman and Maria Dellasala was re-elected as the Secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution 25-02 Resolution Establishing Council Committees for the year 2025

The Council discussed and established the following Council Committees for 2025.

COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE CHAIR		
Administration	Louis Esakoff	Constance Herrstrom	Danelle Feigenbaum
Community Development/Code Enforcement	Constance Herrstrom	Louis Esakoff	Danelle Feigenbaum
Environmental Health & Safety	Danelle Feigenbaum	Ralph Warnick	Constance Herrstrom
Finance	Kristine Kaufman-Marut	Louis Esakoff	Joseph Trammell
Public Works	Ralph Warnick	Kristine Kaufman-Marut	Joseph Trammell
Utilities	Joseph Trammell	Ralph Warnick	Kristine Kaufman-Marut

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt the Resolution 25-02, with a second from C/Esakoff, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Trammell

NEW BUSINESS:

1. C/Warnick would like the Council to consider in the future taking the two bays and converting them into a community center. To convert a rough estimate would be \$250,000.
2. C/Herrstrom reports that we are thinking about the date for the referendum – no date has been set yet but looks like it will be November 2025. Two items that are in need of repair; the FDR Bronze Bust and the Shed – leaking roof. C/Herrstrom will come back to the council.

GOOD AND WELFARE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:18pm
 No Public Comment.
 M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:18pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution 25-37 Providing for a Private Executive Meeting that Excludes the Public

C/Warnick offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption, which was second by C/Herrstrom.

WHEREAS, the “Open Public Meetings Act” enacted October 21, 1975 permits a public body to exclude the public from meetings or portions thereof wherein matters are to be discussed which are exempted from the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the said Act requires that prior to the holding of a meeting or portion thereof from which the public shall be excluded, the public body should adopt a Resolution at a public meeting providing for the holding of a private meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt has determined that a meeting should be held from which the public should be excluded in order to discuss a subject which is exempted under the said Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council, as follows:

- That the next portion of this meeting be held in Private Session.
- That the general nature of the matter(s) to be discussed relate to the matters:
 - a. Items falling Under Attorney/Client Privilege
- That no official action will be taken at the meeting but Minutes shall be kept and shall be available to the public after official action on the subject matter has been taken.
- It is anticipated the discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public after no further action is required in the matter.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: C/Esakoff, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: C/Trammell

Clerk Hart states that formal action may be taken.

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom, to adjourn closed session meeting with an All in Favor.

Time In: 8:19pm Time Out: 9:06 p.m.

C/Esakoff made a motion, with a second offered by C/Warnick, to adjourn meeting with an All in Favor.

Time Out: 9:07pm.

The audio tape is available in the Clerk's Office at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: April 7, 2025