

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

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:11pm 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.

The Borough Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Claudia Luongo, Borough Council (fulfill unexpired term of Joe Trammell, until the certification of the General Election)

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
<i>Councilmember Lou Esakoff</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Danelle Feigenbaum</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Constance Herrstrom</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Claudia Luongo</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Tina Kaufman-Marut</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Ralph Warnick</i>	✓		
<i>Mayor Peggy Malkin</i>	✓		

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

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:14pm.

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:14pm.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2024

On a motion by C/Esakoff to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Warnick the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Feigenbaum, C/Luongo, C/Warnick ABSENT: None

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2024

On a motion by C/Herrstrom to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Warnick the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Feigenbaum, C/Luongo, C/Warnick ABSENT: None

3. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2024

On a motion by C/Esakoff to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom the minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 25-49 Payment of Bills for March 17, 2025
 Resolution 25-50 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Appropriations for 2024
 Resolution 25-51 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Waiving January/February Water and Sewer Utility Billings for 5 & 6 Cedar Court
 Resolution 25-52 Resolution Amending Council Committees for the Year 2025
 Resolution 25-53 A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Awarding a Contract for Improvements to North Valley

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution’s 25-49 through 25-53, with a second from C/Herrstrom, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports the revise plans for the Amphitheater are still being worked on. Senior meeting on April 24, 2025 will be going to Holland Ridge Farms and lunch in Allentown. May 6, 2025 Health Fair in Borough and June will be a boat trip.

Environmental, Health & Safety: No Report

Finance: No Report.

Public Works: No Report.

Utilities: No Report.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N Valley Road – Just wanted to report that at the Environmental Commission meeting on March 19, 2025, there will be a joint meeting with Millstone Township and a representative from the Watershed Institute, here at Borough Hall. All are invited.
2. C/Warnick reports on his first Environmental Commission meeting – topics covered: Indians - that lived here long ago, Bats – being kidnapped by the power company, Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification, Woodland Trail – Maureen Parrott wants the trail from school to triangle, request \$1000 increase in this year’s budget. Board of Education – budget meeting adoption is tomorrow, March 18, 2025. They also approved school trips and professional training.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:32pm.

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N Valley Road – 5 & 6 Cedar Court are there any updates? M/Malkin states that 5 Cedar Court is before the Planning Board tomorrow evening. Amphitheater – is there a new

resolution subject to the referendum – is there a new Bond Ordinance? Attorney, Greg Cannon states no action has been taken. M/Malkin states the referendum question will be on the General Election Ballot in November. it now
 M/Malkin closes the public comment at 735pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

Resolution 25-54 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.

The Municipal Clerk reads the resolution into the record:

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 – Discuss North Valley Road Stormwater Easements
- 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/Luongo, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick, C/Esakoff, C/Feigenbaum, C/Herrstrom
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

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

Time In: 7:42pm Time Out: 8:06 p.m.

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

Time Out: 8:07pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: May 5, 2025