

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

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2025

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:12pm 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.

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: William McGinn, 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 7:13pm.

1. Burt Ellentuck, 22 Homestead Lane – Asks what is the Sanitary Collection System – is that the garbage men? The answer is, it’s the sewer plant.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Compliance Evaluation Inspection Report received from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the Sanitary Collection System.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2025

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/Feigenbaum, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Esakoff,

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

2. Regular Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2025

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

Roll Call:

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

ORDINANCES:

First Reading:

Ordinance 2025-08 An Ordinance Setting the Salary Range and Compensation of Certain Officials, Positions and Employees in the Borough of Roosevelt, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2025-08, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom.

Roll Call:

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

Second Reading and Public Hearing is scheduled for May 5, 2025 at Roosevelt Borough Hall, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 25-64 Payment of Bills for April 21, 2025
Resolution 25-65 Resolution Amending Resolution 25-01 Selecting a President of the Council for the Year 2025

C/Herrstrom made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution’s 25-64 through 25-65, with a second from C/Feigenbaum, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report at this time.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom updates the next three senior group meetings: April 24 – Holland Ridge Farm, (tulip picking) we will meet there at 10:00am. So far 12 people have signed up at \$17 per person. If we get 3 more people signed up the cost will be reduced to \$15 per person. Lunch will follow at LaPiazza; May 5 – There will be a Resources and Health Fair (about 20 vendors) 11:30am-1:30pm at Borough Hall; June 5 – River Lady Lunch Cruise. Up to 30 people (first come first serve) \$27.50 member, \$55.00 non-member.

Update on the Amphitheater: Still trying to get together project agreement addendum #3. We received the check for \$4,995 from the Fund for Roosevelt today at Borough Hall. Expecting by the end of next week the revised plans on the restoration.

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

Finance: No report at this time.

Public Works: No report at this time.

Utilities: No report at this time.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS: No report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

C/Herrstrom asks about the ordinance regarding cannabis from the last meeting and who is taking charge of getting more information for both the council members and the public? M/Malkin states that Attorney Greg Cannon with consult with Planning Board Attorney, Michele Donato and then he will re-write the ordinance. M/Malkin states she would also like to visit a few cannabis farms. C/Herrstrom states she would like to also visit a few cannabis farms. M/Malkin will let C/Herrstrom know when she has set up appointments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Branch Pick up – May 5, 2025. M/Malkin states there has been a lot of push back regarding the flyer and that the branches cannot be put curbside more than 7 days prior to the pickup or you will be fined. This is coming directly from the State and not the Borough – this has to do with the new Stormwater Regulations. The curb is where your lawn ends and the road starts.
2. Bulk Trash Pickup – May 5, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:28pm.

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Questions Bulk and Branch pick-ups being on the same day.
2. Burt Ellentuck, 22 Homestead Lane: States he reviewed the State regulations on Cannabis – 1 important thing is the States says very little about cannabis, they allow it and it is not covered by the Federal Government. They have 1 requirement, if you are going to approve an ordinance you must have it in place before you approve the application. The CRC approves the application not the Borough. C/Feigenbaum states she spoke with someone that has a license and they told her the Borough would have to request it from the State. M/Malkin states the process is that we put the ordinance in place and then the farmer submits an application. C/Feigenbaum states what she has seen under the Right to Farm Act – it doesn't say you can't grow cannabis, it says you can grow soy, corn, tomatoes including but not limited to other forms of vegetation or agricultural products. The town has a specific ordinance that states you can't grow it; you can't refine it. M/Malkin responds as soon as it was legal we had a choice and at that time we opted out and we had 5 years to change our mind and now we are considering opting in. Attorney, William McGinn states it was legalized in 2021 and the bill gave municipalities until August 21, 2021 to opt in or opt out. You are allowed at any time to opt in. If you allowed it, you cannot within 5 years disallow it. That is not in place here what's so ever. This is not time period to allow it.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:36pm.

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

Time Out: 7:36pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: June 16, 2025