

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

Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2025

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:10pm 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: Greg Cannon, Esq., Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

MAYOR’S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:11pm.

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:12pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2025

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/Luongo, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feignbaum

ORDINANCE:

FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE 2025-12 Capital Ordinance Providing for Sewer Main Repairs/Replacement and Lateral Replacements and Appropriating \$28,000 Therefor, Authorized in and by the Borough of Roosevelt, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-12 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Warnick.

Roll Call:

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

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for (Tuesday) September 2, 2025 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

RESOLUTION:

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2025 BUDGET:

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:14pm.  
No Public Comment.  
M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:14pm.

Resolution 24-94 Resolution Adopting the 2025 Budget

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget, with a second from C/Warnick. C/Herrstrom questions if there is a line item for the Seniors group in the budget and where is the dollar amount for the bus trip that was approved at the July 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting? The Auditor stated there is no specific line item for the Seniors group and it's probably in Public Celebrations and Events. Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 25-95 Payment of Bills for August 4, 2025
- Resolution 25-96 A Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Accepting the 2023 Audit Report
- Resolution 25-97 Resolution of Support and Endorsement of Cannasense Cultivators, Inc. for a Class 1: Cannabis Cultivator Microbusiness to be Located at 65 North Rochdale Avenue, designated on the Borough's Tax Map as Block 5, Lots 4, 6 & 7

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution's 25-95 through 25-97, with a second from C/Warnick, C/Herrstrom has a question on the 2023 audit, and also ask when the 2024 audit will be done. The Auditor responded and hopes that the 2024 audit will be done by year end. Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report at this time.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports that the Senior Group has an upcoming event to the Ben Shahn exhibit in New York City on August 22, 2025 and the Borough Council has approved to provide up to \$2,000 to cover the cost for bus transportation for residents. A flyer will go out this week to the community, there is room for 45 people. The participants will pay \$20 to the Senior Group not the Borough. Discussion takes place regarding what that fee will cover. The tour fee has been waived. The Senior Group is fronting the fee to the bus company and the Council will

reimburse the Senior Group for the bus fee only up to \$2,000 for Roosevelt resident's only. The CFO need to certify the funds. A list will need to be given to Ana on who is attending the trip and they need to be only residents of Roosevelt as the taxpayers are paying for the trip.

C/Herrstrom request that at the next Council meeting of September 2, 2025 that the Fund for Roosevelt will give an updated report on the Amphitheater regarding the estimated costs for the project.

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

Finance: C/Kaufman-Marut reports that it's a very basic no frills 2025 budget and the 2023 audit is good. Nothing new to report.

Public Works: C/Warnick reports that work has begun on N. Valley Road. C/Kaufman-Marut ask what is the word "wait" spray painted with what looks like a questions marks on certain spots on the road? C/Warnick was not sure but knows they had to mark of where the utilities were because they had to go underneath them. Attorney, Greg Cannon responds that means there's a water pipe underground that they detected.

Utilities: C/Luongo questions the email regarding more manhole covers.

#### REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

C/Warnick stated that Michael Tickin resigned from his position from the Board of Education. The Board of Education is debating on lowering the amount of members from 9 to 7. All shared services with Millstone Township Board of Education have come to an end.

C/Herrstrom asks if the dumpster at the old deli can be removed as other people are using it. M/Malkin stated that we will need to contact the owner to remove it or lock it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

M/Malkin announces the following and that the flyers are also posted on the Borough website:

- The date to schedule appointments for the mobile unit for your Real Id is August 5 on the NJDMV website. They will be here on August 19 from 9am-3pm, however, you must have an appointment.
- Hydrant Flushing – August 26 and August 28.
- N. Valley Road drainage improvements have begun and then the road will be paved.
- Veterans Resource Fair on August 13, 2025 from 3pm-6pm in Oceanport.

M/Malkin states that the Council needs to discuss the paving project for Lake Drive and that there are already some asphalt sidewalks on some portions of Lake Drive and then there are none on the remainder of the road. Roberts Engineering wants to know if the Council wants to continue with no sidewalks at all or repair the asphalt sidewalks or do we want concrete sidewalks installed on the entire length. The Council discussed and will review the options and discuss at the September 2, 2025 meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:08pm.

1. Heide Mendies, 65 N. Rochdale Road: Thanks the Council for passing Resolution 25-97 tonight supporting and endorsing Cannasense Cultivators, Inc. This will be a new and exciting adventure and a great way of giving back to the community.
2. Ira Krendal, 38 N. Rochdale Road: He met with Zoning Office regarding the two summons for his property and he needs to appear in court. Attorney, Greg Cannon responds you will have to deal with the summons at Municipal Court. This is not the venue to discuss and is aware of the issue with the second driveway.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:21 pm.

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

Time Out: 8:22 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: September 2, 2025