

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

Mayor and Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes of September 2, 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: 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 7:13pm.

1. Mark Tulloss, 21 Lake Drive: Questions if Resolution 25-99 regarding the Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program is that for Lake Drive? Municipal Clerk, Kathleen Hart responds that it is for the Trickle Filters. The Capital Ordinance that is on for second reading tonight is in regards to sewer main repairs/replacement and lateral replacements along Lake Drive.
2. Nona Sherak, 4 Maple Court: Questions that the we received our tax bills and asks when are payments due for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter? M/Malkin states they are due September 26, 2025.

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

PRESENTATION:

Fund for Roosevelt - Update on the revised estimate for the revised Amphitheater:

1. Gail Hunton, 19 Homestead Lane: States that at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting plans were presented regarding the revised scope, which changed from reconstruction to restoration. A resolution was approved by the Governing Body to forward the revised plans to SHPO. Ms. Hunton received a call in mid-August from the consultant saying that SHPO reviewed the plans, again this was verbal, and they only had one objection, which was the transcription of a quote. There has been no official correspondence from SHPO, hopefully we will receive something shortly. \$570,000 is the estimate, which is about \$200,000 less than the original. We are now just waiting on the referendum vote in November. If it passes, we can go out to bid in the winter.

2. Mr. Mallach, 15 Pine Drive: States that basically we all want to see the Amphitheater be beautiful, usable, something we can be proud of and can be used a lot. The issue is the cost and what the increase would be to the taxpayers. That is why in the agreement between the Fund for Roosevelt and the Borough there is a clause that we would work to raise money so the Borough taxpayers and the Borough would not have to bear the full cost and ideally any cost. The Fund for Roosevelt has started that effort. The Borough's share should be between \$250,000 and \$300,000 and the cost should be between \$500,000 and \$600,000. The goal is for the Fund for Roosevelt to try and raise that full amount that the Borough would be responsible for and we have already raised half of the total that would be needed to make the whole thing cost free to Borough taxpayers. Starting in the next week or two we are going to start a more public effort to raise money and is quite confident that we are going to be able to raise the full amount. The Fund for Roosevelt has a new website and it includes a donate feature so people will be able to donate directly on the website. We will also have a table set up at the Post office as we are trying to reach as many people as possible. Big thank you to Korky and Jane Rothfus on setting up the website. We are off to a good start and hoping we can count on you guys. If you know of any former Roosevelt residents who have a soft spot for Roosevelt and who might want to support the Amphitheater, please reach out to them. Ms. Hunton adds we shouldn't under-estimate the power of the Roosevelt residents. Korky Rothfus states that they have already received \$161,800 in pledges and there will be a dedicated checking account for these funds.

3. Jane Rothfus, 3 Tamara Drive: The website is: [www.fundforroosevelt.org](http://www.fundforroosevelt.org)

C/Herrstrom states that for residents who are over 70 ½ and have to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, you can choose a qualified charitable distribution and that money can be subtracted from your income, so you don't have to pay taxes on it and it goes right to charity. It has to go directly from your brokerage IRA account directly to the Fund for Roosevelt. If you have already done your distribution for this year you can do it on January 2, 2026.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter received from Roberts Engineering Group LLC, dated August 22, 2025 regarding AT&T Wireless Upgrade.
2. Letter received from Roberts Engineering Group LLC, dated August 28, 2025 regarding the renewal of Water Allocation Permit No. 5246.

**MINUTES:**

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 21, 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/Luongo, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick  
 NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Feignbaum, C/Herrstrom ABSENT: None

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2025

On a motion by C/Warnick to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Esakoff 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: C/Feignbaum ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE:

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

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

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:34pm.  
No Public Comment.  
M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:22pm.

Roll Call:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 25-98 Payment of Bills for September 2, 2025
- Resolution 25-99 Resolution Authorizing Application for a Loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program
- Resolution 25-100 Resolution of Borough of Roosevelt Adopting the Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026
- Resolution 25-101 Authorizing the Extension of the Due Date for the 3rd Quarter 2025 Tax Payments

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution’s 25-98 through 25-101, with a second from C/Warnick, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report at this time.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports on the Senior Group bus trip on August 22, 2025 to the Ben Shahn Exhibit in New York City. We had 36 people attend and Mr. Bob Kragen recorded the exhibit. Copies will be available and the tour guide also requested a copy of the recording. The Exhibit presented the Borough with a book titled “Ben Shahn, On Nonconformity”. The Senior Group thanks the Borough Council for their support in assisting with the cost of the bus and advertising the trip. The Senior Group has the following events planned: Meet on September 9, 2025 at the Japanese restaurant in Twin Rivers called Tshbaki. You must RSVP by September 6, 2025; On October 21, 2025 a walk on the beach or boardwalk followed by a luncheon. More information to follow. Also, on November 11, 2025 a trip to the Babs Temple in Robbinsville.

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

Finance: No report at this time.

Public Works: C/Warnick reports N. Valley Road is looking good and is almost complete.

Utilities: No report at this time.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

C/Warnick states the Board of Education has a new board member. Roosevelt Public School is a School Choice School and has 4 seats available and if those seats aren't filled the school can lose tax dollars. If you know anyone that lives out of Roosevelt and they would like to have their children come to Roosevelt Elementary School (Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade), contact the school directly. It is free, you just have to provide transportation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident request for 2nd Block Party to be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>; rain date September 28<sup>th</sup>, Triangle Tamara Drive/Pine Drive

C/Esakoff made a motion to adopt, with a second from C/Warnick, and was adopted with an All in Favor.

M/Malkin announced the following:

1. End of summer concert is scheduled for September 20, 2025 from 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Amphitheater.
2. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes are due September, 26, 2025.
3. A free webinar on September 16, 2025 from 6:00-7:00pm regarding Health concerns of keeping chickens. It is given by the Department of Agricultural. Please go to the Borough website for more information.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:49pm.

1. Nona Sherak, 4 Maple Court: Asks if anyone received their real ID yet as she is still waiting to receive. C/Herrstrom said she received hers today.
2. Jane Rothfus, 3 Tamara Drive: Request Public Works to supply traffic cones and barricades for the block party as they did in the past. M/Malkin states yes.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:51pm.

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

Time Out: 7:51pm

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 15, 2025