

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

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2025

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:06pm 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: Attorney, Greg Cannon and Borough Clerk, Kathleen Hart

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:06pm.

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:07pm.

DISCUSSION:

TNR Program – Sharon Gaboff, Animal Control Officer states she is the Animal Control Officer for Western Monmouth Animal Control and discusses Trap, Neuter and Release (TNR) for feral cats. We are contracted as your Animal Control Officer 24/7. M/Malkin asks Ms. Gaboff to explain exactly what the Trap, Neuter and Release Program is. Ms. Gaboff states that the TNR program is with feral cats that live in all communities, these cats have not been raised by human’s and live outside. The TNR program trap cats, have them spayed or neutered and receive a rabies and distemper shot. You would need to trap the feral cat, have them fixed, receive their first rabies shot (which is good for 1 year) and released back into the community. Then they would require to be trapped again a year later to receive their second rabies shot (which would be good for 3 years) and released back into your community. Ms. Gaboff asks if the Borough was to adopt a TNR program, who will be paying the bill, the Borough or the people doing the TNR? Once a cat is released back into the community the cat needs shelter, food and vet care and who will be responsible for that cat. In a nearby clinic the expense for spay/neuter for a cat is approximately \$65, but then again who will be responsible for the cat moving forward. The law states if you feed the feral cats, then they are yours. We are ACO for 6 towns and not one of our towns have a TNR program. C/Feigenbaum ask what involvement is Animal Control if your services don’t include TNR. Ms. Gaboff states if we pick up a stray cat, feral or not, we bring it to the shelter. The Borough then gets a bill from the shelter for \$250 for an adult cat and \$100 for a kitten. There aren’t that many being picked up in the Borough. C/Feigenbaum introduces Lucy Craig who would like to volunteer her services. Ms. Gaboff asks Ms. Craig if she has the funds to spay/neuter and take care of the feral cats. Lucy Craig, 39 N. Valley Road, joins the conversation

and states there was an issue with a resident feeding feral cats at her home. Ms. Craig's states her team would educate and transport the feral cats if the Borough has a TNR program. Ms. Gaboff states that if the Borough allows, then you are now responsible for the volunteers. Ms. Gaboff states that if the Borough would have a TNR program, you would make the rules and they would have to be followed and the Borough is responsible. If someone is feeding the cats and the cats roam off to a neighbor's property and tears it up and urinate on the property that resident has the right to call and complain. C/Feigenbaum would like to see proof or video of the feral cats destroying the properties. Ms. Gaboff also states how one town started a TNR program and the people from surrounding towns started dropping their cats off because they had a TNR program. C/Luongo asks when someone dumps a cat does that cat become a feral cat? Ms. Gaboff states it becomes a stray. All strays go to Monmouth SPCA. The negative of feeding feral cats is it brings in all other animals. C/Luongo states we did have a farmer that would provide a space for the cats. Ms. Gaboff states it would become his responsibility. Borough Attorney Greg Cannon states that he has seen this before and the cat colony becomes the responsibility of the property owner. The Council discusses and Ms. Gaboff will send additional literature to the Borough. If people refuse to follow the rules they will go before the Judge and have to explain why they are not following the rules. Borough Attorney Greg Cannon states the Borough ordinance says you are not allowed to feed feral cats. Ms. Gaboff states if someone is feeding feral cats in their backyard and someone makes a complaint, ACO goes out and tells them they have to stop feeding the feral cats. At that point if they stop feeding the feral cats they leave as they don't stay around if there is no food. If the cats are still hanging around after a couple weeks that means they are still being feed and the homeowner will get a summons for feeding the feral cats and then that homeowner will have to explain it to the Judge. C/Feigenbaum states if it you have a cat and it strays off the property into your neighbor's yard and Animal Control is called, what do you do? Ms. Gaboff states that you would go around to the surrounding neighbor's and find out who owns the cat. If it is your cat, then you would be told to keep tabs on your cat or it will get picked up as a stray. Borough Attorney Greg Cannon states any animal you let go without a microchip or without a collar that is not with you or on your property is a stray animal. TNR is different because you allow people to feed feral cats under strict guidelines. Strict enforcement and monitoring it very important part of TNR. The Borough Council will discuss at the October 6, 2025 meeting. Borough Attorney Greg Cannon states there are a ton of resources available with the Monmouth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Community Investment and Economic Revitalization Historic Preservation Office, dated September 10, 2025 regarding Amphitheater proposed plans, dated June 30, 2025, have met the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties-Rehabilitation.

MINUTES:

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2025
On a motion by C/Warnick 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/Luongo, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Esakoff

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 25-102 Payment of Bills for September 15, 2025
Resolution 25-103 Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Design and Construction Administration/Inspection for Additional Repairs to the "Improvements to Lake Drive Project"

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolution's 25-102 through 25-103, with a

second from C/Herrstrom, and was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

AYES: C/Feigenbaum, C/Herrstrom, C/Luongo, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Esakoff

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report at this time.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom states that the 16 members of the Senior Group met last week at the Tsubaki Restaurant in Twin Rivers. The next meeting will take place on October 21, 2025 and will be a walk on the beach or boardwalk, including lunch. And the November meeting might possibly meet at the Temple in Robbinsville. More information to follow. Referendum will be voted on at the November General Election on November 4, 2025. Fund for Roosevelt will be at the Post Office to discuss a mailing that will be coming out regarding the Amphitheater. They have already received pledges up to \$172,000. Possible have a breakfast for residents, do door knockers, or even go door to door to get the word out. C/Feigenbaum asks if there is an official Facebook for the Borough? M/Malkin responds there is no official Facebook page associated with the Borough. Residents can get all official information from the Borough's website, call a Borough Official or go to Borough Hall. C/Herrstrom asks if it is allowed that if residents want more information they can email her Borough email? Borough Attorney Greg Cannon states no and she should use her personal email address regarding the amphitheater. C/Herrstrom states that the video from the Ben Shahn show can't be given out as per the museum.

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: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: M/Malkin mentions the following:

1. End of Summer Concert is scheduled for Saturday, September 20 from 5pm – 7pm at the Roosevelt Amphitheater.
2. Bulk Pick-Up is scheduled for October 6, 2025. You can start to put things out on the curb on September 27 and no later than Sunday night October 5 per Stormwater regulations.
3. The Borough needs a substitute crossing guard; morning from 8:00am – 8:30am and the afternoons from 2:40pm – 3:10pm and it pays \$20.00 per hour.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:24pm.

1. Jason DeMatteo, 39 N. Valley Road states that the FFR website is up and running and the donate button is working.
2. Lucy Craig, 39 N. Valley Road thanks the Council for bringing the Animal Control Officer to tonight meeting and she is still offering her help.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:26pm.

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

Time Out: 8:27pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: October 6, 2025