

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

Mayor and Council
Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:08pm and read the Open Public Meeting Act statement which stated, “Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by Chapter 261, 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 published in The Times and Asbury Park Press.

OATH OF OFFICE was administered by Borough Clerk, Kathleen Hart to Ms. Constance Herrstrom for a 3-year term to the Borough Council, term expires 12/31/28 and Ms. Claudia Luongo for a 1-year unexpired term to the Borough Council, term expires 12/31/26.

ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE ARRIVAL
<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>	✓		
<i>Other Attendees:</i>			
<i>Greg Cannon, Borough Attorney</i>	✓		
<i>Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk</i>	✓		

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Malkin welcomes everyone to the first meeting of the Borough Council for 2026, this is both our reorganization and regular meeting. 2026 was a very full year with a great deal that happened in town, both happy and some sad things. M/Malkin reads a beautiful tribute to Lou Esakoff from his daughter Lauren Esakoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:37pm.

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:37pm.

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 16, 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/Herrstrom, C/Luongo, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum

2. Closed Meeting Minutes – December 16, 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/Herrstrom, C/Luongo, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum

ORDINANCE:

FIRST READING

2026-01 Calendar Year 2026 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2026-01, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for January 20, 2026 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

- Resolution 26-01 Selecting a President of the Council for the Year 2026
- Resolution 26-02 Establishing Council Committees for the Year 2026
- Resolution 26-03 Appointing the Planning Board Class III Member for the Year 2026
- Resolution 26-04 Adopting “Roberts Rules of Order”
- Resolution 26-05 Providing for 2026 Temporary Budget Appropriations
- Resolution 26-06 Designating Official Newspapers for the Borough Trenton Times and Asbury Park Press
- Resolution 26-07 Consent to Appointments for 2026 – Borough Officials
- Resolution 26-08 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Legal Services
- Resolution 26-09 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Engineering Services
- Resolution 26-10 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Auditing Services
- Resolution 26-11 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Bond Counsel Services
- Resolution 26-12 Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Professional Planning Consultant Services
- Resolution 26-13 Resolution Adopting Cash Management Plan
- Resolution 26-14 Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer
- Resolution 26-15 Designating Northfield Bank as Depository for the Roosevelt Municipal Court
- Resolution 26-16 Designating Provident Bank as Depository for the Borough of Roosevelt
- Resolution 26-17 Authorizing the Roosevelt Tax Collector to Cancel Property Tax Refunds and Delinquencies of Less than \$5.00 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A17.1
- Resolution 26-18 Establishing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes and Other Municipal Charges

- Resolution 26-19 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with Millstone Township for the Utilization of Millstone Municipal Court and Related Personnel Services
- Resolution 26-20 Appointments of Municipal Court Officers and Employees
- Resolution 26-21 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Millstone for Repair, Maintenance and Snow Removal on Nurko Road for the Year 2026
- Resolution 26-22 Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Millstone for Certified Municipal Recycling Coordinator and Recycling Reporting Services
- Resolution 26-23 Acknowledging Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
- Resolution 26-24 Appointing Councilmembers to Serve as Representatives to the Various Boards and Committees of the Borough
- Resolution 26-25 Appointment of a Representative and an Alternate Representative to the Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Resolution 26-26 Designating a Borough Historian for the Borough of Roosevelt
- Resolution 26-27 Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Assunpink Watershed Group Organized by The Watershed Institute

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Resolutions 26-01 through 26-27, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

Mayor Malkin appoints the following person to serve as the Mayor’s Designee on the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board

BE IT RESOLVED that Claudia Luongo shall serve as Mayor’s Alternate as a Class I member to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board for a one (1) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

Mayor Malkin appoints the following people to serve as members on the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board

BE IT RESOLVED that June Ord is hereby appointed as a Class IV to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board for a four (4) year term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

Mayor Malkin appoints the following people to serve as members on the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael Ticktin is hereby appointed as a member to the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission for a three (3) year, term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

BE IT RESOLVED that Michael Ticktin is hereby appointed as Chairperson to the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission, term ending December 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hilary Wilder is hereby appointed as a member to the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission for a three (3) year, term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tim Hartley is hereby appointed as a member and the Planning Board Liaison to the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission to fulfill the unexpired term, ending December 31, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kathleen Murphy is hereby appointed as a member to the Borough of Roosevelt Environmental Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Sam Ashburner, term ending December 31, 2026.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports the next Senior meeting will take place on Sunday January 11, 2026 with lunch at Robbinsville Bar & Grille on Route 130 which will be followed by a 2pm performance at the Kelsey Theater at Mercer College. The officers will be the same as last year; President - Mark Zuckerman, Vice President & Events Coordinator – Ellen Silverman, Secretary – Hilary Wilder and Treasurer – Michael Merritt. A tentative schedule is set for the year – February 17, which is Chinese New Year – which we decide to have lunch at Chinese First Wok Restaurant in West Windsor. March 10th. meeting will be a Borough Hall – decided the senior group will pay for Pizza and invite the residents of Solar Village. April – Princeton Art Museum Tour, with lunch at the museum café, will keep everyone updated on future meetings. The art tour is \$150 for 8-25 participants. Amphitheater Update – Engineer, Carmella Roberts and Dave Silter from ETM Associates are finalizing the bid documents for notice to go out January 16, 2026. We have had communications with Paul Gleitz from Monmouth County, at no time has the grant been in jeopardy, extensions are to be granted. There is no change in donations.

Environmental, Health & Safety: No Report.

Finance: C/Kaufman-Marut reports that the CAP Ordinance has been introduced.

Public Works: C/Warnick reports that there were a few complaints regarding the snow on the roads.

Utilities: No Report.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS: C/Warnick reports on the Board of Education, they are looking to improve Math and reading scores. They are also working on chronic absenteeism (kids with more than 10 days absent). Judy Kurtzman resigned from the Boards after 10 years. The Board of Education post their minutes the following month. Environmental Commission is working on signs for the trails. The Council passed the resolution tonight participating in the Assunpink Watershed Group. The Environmental Commission would like to participate in a tree inventory, which is part of the Community Forest Management Plan. The cost would be about \$15,000 – previous contractor would do another inventory for about \$7,000. We would pay the \$7,000 upfront – there is a give back in the form of an 80% grant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:23pm

1. Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road: Request to make a correction in Ordinance 2026-01 title from a small a to a capital A.
2. Nona Sherak, 4 Maple Court: Thanks the Council for cleaning the Lake behind her. With the sanding/salting & plowing people need to know that street does not end at the telephone pole, it goes on for another 30 feet, we are solid ice at the end of the road.
3. Ed Johnson, Brookdale Community College, Executive Director of Government Affairs and Community Relations. He has been visiting many municipalities and shares well wishes from

President Dr. David Stout and hopes you will be attending the annual summit of Mayors on April 17, 2026.

M/Malkin thanks Judy for her 10 years on the School Board.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:27pm.

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

Time Out: 8:27 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: February 17, 2026