

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

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026

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 261, P.L. 1975, has been provided by a public notice on December 24, 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.”

ROLL CALL

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

MAYOR’S REPORT: None

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 7:11pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MINUTES:

1. Reorganization & Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2026

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: C/DeFoe ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum

2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2026

On a motion by C/Warnick to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/Luongo 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: C/DeFoe ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

Bond Ordinance 2026-02 Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Roadway Improvements To Pine Drive, Appropriating \$418,355 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$240,846 Bonds And Notes To Finance A Portion Of The Costs Thereof, Authorized In And By The Borough Of Roosevelt, In The County Of Monmouth, New Jersey

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2026-02, with a second offered by C/Kaufman-Marut

Roll Call:

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

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for March 2, 2026 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

FIRST READING

Bond Ordinance 2026-03 Bond Ordinance Providing For Various Water Utility Improvements Along Pine Drive, Appropriating \$131,232 Therefor And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$131,232 Bonds And Notes To Finance A Portion Of The Costs Thereof, Authorized In And By The Borough Of Roosevelt, In The County Of Monmouth, New Jersey

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2026-03, with a second offered by C/DeFoe

Roll Call:

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

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for March 2, 2026 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 26-40 Payment of Bills for February 17, 2026

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Resolutions 26-40, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom.

Roll Call:

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

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT:

Mayor’s Appointments to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board

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

BE IT RESOLVED that John Impellizari is hereby appointed as a Class IV to the Borough of Roosevelt Planning Board to fulfill the unexpired term of June Ord, term expiring December 31, 2029.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: C/Kaufman-Marut thanked C/DeFoe for filling in this week as a crossing guard.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports bids on the FDR project were due on February 12, 2026 and 3 came in as follows: \$596,447, \$667,363 and \$801,975. Dave Sitler is reviewing and Attorney Greg Cannon will review for proper documentation. We have until February 21 to decided and the 60 days after to award the bid. C/Kaufman-Marut asked if the Borough is obligated to take the lowest bid and if not, there has to be a really substantial good reason why you would not go with the lowest bidder? Attorney Greg Cannon answers that is correct. The Borough Engineer is calling the references and doubling checking sub-contractors. Mr. Cannon has reviewed the bid packages and one bid had a number of calculations errors. Overall they all looked pretty good in terms of what he usually sees.

The Seniors meeting on February 19th will be a luncheon at 1st Wok and the March 10th meeting will take place at Borough Hall and pizza will be served.

Finance: No Report.

Public Works: C/Warnick reports that the Borough Engineer is reviewing cracks on Homestead Lane on the portion that was done in 2008.

Utilities: No report.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Environmental Commission - Michael Ticktin, Chairperson reports on Beech Trees on the Trail from the sewer plant to the cemetery. The problem is we need a recommendation on saving the Beech Trees. It will be costly and we need to discuss this because the remedy is controversial. Both the State and Federal Government are saying that the remedy is not effective at all and is costly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:36pm

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closes the public comment at 7:37pm

NEW BUSINESS: Tax Demonstration Program Assessment (ADP) – Attorney Greg Cannon gives an overview of the program, the issues with the program and the resolution that Aberdeen Township adopted requesting the Monmouth County Board of Taxation and/or the NJ State Legislature amend the regulations and statutes authorizing the Monmouth County Assessment Demonstration Program to permit each municipality with the option to participate or withdraw from. The Council discussed and agrees to adopt such resolution at the next council meeting of March 2, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out: 8:10pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: April 6, 2026