

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

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2026

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:04pm 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>			✓ 7:12PM
<i>Councilmember Tina Kaufman-Marut</i>	✓		
<i>Councilmember Ralph Warnick</i>	✓		
<i>Mayor Peggy Malkin</i>	✓		
<i>Other Attendees:</i>			
<i>Bill McGinn, 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 7:05pm.

No Public Comment.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:05pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from Roberts Engineering Group, LLC, dated May 11, 2026 regarding MS4 Stormwater permit.
2. Letter from NJ Department of Environmental Protection, dated May 26, 2026 regarding authorizing to advertise for the WWTP Trickling Filters.
3. Letter from Roberts Engineering Group, LLC, dated June 1, 2026 regarding EMS HVAC proposal.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes – May 4, 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/DeFoe, C/Herrstrom, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum, C/Luongo

Regular Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2026

On a motion by C/Warnick to accept the minutes, with a second offered by C/DeFoe the minutes were approved, by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum, C/Luongo

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING BOND ORDINANCE

2026-05 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TRICKLING FILTER REPLACEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, APPROPRIATING \$2,095,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,095,000 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 2026-05, with a second offered by C/DeFoe

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum, C/Luongo

Second reading and public hearing scheduled for July 6, 2026 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

FIRST READING BOND ORDINANCE

2026-06 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02 ADOPTED ON MARCH 2, 2026, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS TO PINE DRIVE, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE BOROUGH'S APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$160,413 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$578,768, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$160,413 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$401,259, 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 2026-06, with a second offered by C/Kaufman-Marut

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: C/Feigenbaum, C/Luongo

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Let the record show that C/Luongo arrived at the meeting at 7:12pm.

FIRST READING BOND ORDINANCE

2026-07 BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03 ADOPTED ON MARCH 2, 2026, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG PINE DRIVE, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE BOROUGH'S APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$47,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$178,232, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$47,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$178,232, 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 2026-07, 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 July 6, 2026 at Borough Hall, 33 North Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

FIRST READING BOND ORDINANCE

2026-08 CAPITAL ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, PROVIDING FOR SEWER MAIN REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT AND LATERAL REPLACEMENTS ON LAKE DRIVE, IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$172,000 THEREFOR, FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000, AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, 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 2026-08, 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

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CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 26-77	Resolution Authorizing Return of Escrow Funds
Resolution 26-78	Payment of Bills for June 15, 2026
Resolution 26-79	Resolution Amending Resolution 26-72 Renewing a 3-Year Contract with Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) to Accept the Sludge from the Sewage Treatment Plant
Resolution 26-80	Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to Execute the FY2027-FY2029 Cooperation Agreement with Monmouth County for

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| | Cooperative Participation in the Community Development Program Pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act |
| Resolution 26-81 | Resolution Ratifying and Awarding Contracts for the Emergency Repair of an Intermediate Pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Borough of Roosevelt |
| Resolution 26-82 | Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Amending Change Order No. 3 and Approving Change Order No. 4 to P.M. Construction Corp. for Improvements to Tamara Drive |

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 26-77 through 26-82, 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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: No Report.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom gives an update on the Amphitheater. Seating and cleaning of the bricks are in place. A lot of the contingency has been used on the project. We are in the process of getting quotes on plinth and the head and a change order will need to be done. Remember half will be paid by the Monmouth County Grant. The permit from Freehold Soil was received but still waiting on the DEP permit. The Fund for Roosevelt would like a table at the 4th of July celebration to discuss the project. The next meeting for the Senior Group is June 18th at the Lavender Farm in Upper Freehold, with lunch to follow at LaPiazza.

Environmental, Health & Safety: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Public Works: C/Warnick asks when will the Amphitheater going to be finished and a bill was sent to the contract for the water that was used at the Amphitheater.

Utilities: No Report.

REPORTS FROM BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

C/Warnick states that the Board of Education has a vacant seat that needs to be filled; the roof needs to be done on the school building and some issues with protecting the art mural, which is key. Mr. LeCompte speaks about the roof.

Michael Ticktin, 37 N. Valley Road, Environmental Commission Chairman has concerns about double charging between Roberts Engineering and the Watershed Institute. C/Warnick explains how the process works.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

C/Luongo states someone is going door to door knocking on resident's doors about pesticide services, there is an ordinance for door to door soliciting (Chapter 4-1 in code book). Residents should call the State Police if they do not have a license from the borough.

C/Herrstrom asked about HVAC system for the former first aid garage. M/Malkin responds that the Borough received a grant from American Rescue Plan for \$87,000 (money from COVID). There are very

specific parameters on what you can use the money for. First priority was the gas station but unfortunately it would be too much of an undertaking to do anything with the property. Topographic is high and low and you the cost would be very high for sewer lines. Second option is the former first aid garage. It has been 5 years since that space is empty and we need the space for a community room. We are down to the wire as the money must be spent by December 2026. Mayor Malkin would like the Borough Council to agree to rehab the first 2 bays and the third bay would be used to store equipment. The Council discussed and is in favor. A resolution will be on the July 6 agenda for Roberts Engineering to prepare the design and bid packet for a fee not to exceed \$12,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 7:46pm.

1. Ken LeCompte, 2 Eleanor Lane: During the snow storms, he lost several trees and two trees were heavily damaged. He received a tree removal permit on May 15 and asked if we could put the branches out for the branch pick-up. The branches were never picked up. We received an email stating they were not picked up because we put out whole trees, instead of branches. The branch pickup flyer says nothing about not cutting down a tree. It says no bamboo and that your branches should be 6 foot lengths and no bigger than twelve inches in diameter. So they were brought to the curb for pickup but did not get picked up because they were too big for the contractor to pick up. Now I have to have to pay a contractor to come to take them away. I asked what are the rules, where does it say you cannot have a fairly large pile of branches. M/Malkin states no disrespect intended in no way would anyone consider what you put out branches. Mr. LeCompte asks how was he in violation? He says every tree is made up of branches. His suggestion is to make the flyer clearer. M/Malkin states we have discussed this and we are going to make the next flyer more explicit. Mr. LeCompte asked about privatizing the sewage with Monroe/Middlesex County sewage. Discussion takes place. Mr. LeCompte reminds the Council that he has a very serious complaint about Roberts Engineering regarding the millings dumped at the water tower property by his house. That is a huge miss on Roberts Engineering's part. M/Malkin closes the public comment at 8:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Time Out: 8:01pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk

Adopted Date: July 6, 2026