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

Mayor and Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2026

Mayor Malkin opened the meeting at 7:18pm 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
Councilmember Gregory S. DeFoe		✓	7:22PM
Councilmember Danelle Feigenbaum	✓		
Councilmember Constance Herrstrom	✓		
Councilmember Claudia Luongo	✓		
Councilmember Tina Kaufman-Marut	✓		
Councilmember Ralph Warnick	✓		
Mayor Peggy Malkin	✓		
Other Attendees:			
Greg Cannon, Borough Attorney	✓		
Kathleen Hart, Borough Clerk	✓		

MAYOR'S REPORT: M/Malkin sends condolences to the DeFoe family. Greg DeFoe moved to Roosevelt around 1970. I knew him as a friend, neighbor and a Borough employee. He was a wonderful man and a good person. As a Borough employee there was nothing that he couldn't do. He was quiet but when you got to know him he was very funny and would tell wonderful stories. He moved away about 3 years ago, and his son Scott and wife took over his house. He just retired from the Borough about 10 weeks ago to have more free time. We all are very sorry; he was such a big part of this town, everyone will miss him. On another note, the 4th of July picnic was well attended by both old and new residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only)

M/Malkin opened the meeting to Public Comment for agenda items only at 7:22pm.

1. Michael Merritt, 6 S. Rochdale Ave, questions Resolution 26-88 and asks for the specific details. M/Malkin replies that it is the path that the children take to get to the school. This was discussed at a previous council meeting. You can reach out to Ana for more detail.

M/Malkin closed the Public Comment for agenda items at 7:25pm.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes – June 15, 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/Luongo, C/Kaufman-Marut, C/Warnick
NAYS: None ABSTAIN: C/Feigenbaum ABSENT: None

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING 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

Mayor Malkin opens the public hearing at 7:27pm
No Public Comment.
Mayor Malkin closes the public hearing at 7:27pm

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-05 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Luongo.

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

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING 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

Mayor Malkin opens the public hearing at 7:29pm
No Public Comment.
Mayor Malkin closes the public hearing at 7:29pm

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-06 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Feigenbaum.

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

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING 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

Mayor Min opens the public hearing at 7:30pm
No Public Comment.
Mayor Malkin closes the public hearing at 7:31pm

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-07 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Kaufman-Marut.

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

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING 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

Mayor Malkin opens the public hearing at 7:32pm
No Public Comment.
Mayor Malkin closes the public hearing at 7:32pm

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-08 on second reading, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom.

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

FIRST READING
2026-09 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT AMENDING CHAPTER 3: “POLICE REGULATIONS” TO PROHIBIT IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE INTO THE BOROUGH’S STORMWATER SYSTEM

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt on first reading Ordinance 2026-09, with a second offered by C/Luongo.

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

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

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 26-83 Resolution Approving the 2026 Municipal Budget
C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Resolutions 26-83, with a second offered by C/Kaufman-Marut.

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

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

Second Reading and Public Hearing is scheduled for August 3, 2026 at Roosevelt Borough Hall, 33 N. Rochdale Avenue, Roosevelt, NJ.

C/Warnick motions to amend the consent agenda by pulling Resolution 26-94 and table to the July 20, 2026 meeting, with a second from C/Herrstrom.

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 26-84	Payment of Bills for July 6, 2026
Resolution 26-85	Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt Amending Change Order No. 4 to P.M. Construction Corp. for Improvements to Pine Drive
Resolution 26-86	Resolution Approving the Bylaws of the Monmouth Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Resolution 26-87	Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"
Resolution 26-88	Resolution: Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department for the Roosevelt Woodland Trail Boardwalk
Resolution 26-89	Resolution for Authorizing the Tax Collector to Process Third Quarter Estimated Tax Bills Due August 1, 2026
Resolution 26-90	Resolution Renewing Monmouth County Shared Services Agreement for Monmouth County to Serve as the Public Answering Point (PSAP) for Roosevelt Borough
Resolution 26-91	Resolution Authorizing Roberts Engineering Group, LLC to Design and Solicit Bids for the Replacement of the HVAC System for the Former EMS Garage/Office Space at Borough Hall
Resolution 26-92	Resolution Adopting the "Rehabilitation Program Operating Manual" for the Borough of Roosevelt
Resolution 26-93	Resolution Awarding Contract for Periodic Maintenance and Repair of the Borough's Emergency Standby Generators
~~Resolution 26-94~~	~~Resolution Approving Change Order for FDR Amphitheater~~

C/Warnick made a motion to adopt Consent Agenda Resolutions 26-84 through 26-93, with a second offered by C/Herrstrom.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Administration: C/Kaufman-Marut reports that Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners along with Brookdale Community College opens up New Jersey's first free dental clinic. More information is posted on the Roosevelt website.

Community Dev/Code: C/Herrstrom reports that Resolution 26-94 was pulled due to certification of funds not being signed. Dave Sitler will discuss the reasons for the Change Order. Dave Sitler, from

ETM Associates states that a restoration specialist inspected the condition of the plinth. The plinth is in poor condition. Two quotes were obtained and the lowest quote is for $47,000 to repair. The plinth needs annual inspections to check on the caulking around the base, which will give it better longevity. The Council discussed. C/Herrstrom stated that ½ will be paid by the grant and the Fund for Roosevelt has raised money. A unanimous straw poll by the Council authorized adding the resolution for the change order approval to the July 20, 2026 agenda. The Senior Group went to the Lavender Farm. The next meeting will be in August, however, no meeting date is set.

Environmental, Health & Safety: No Report.

Finance: No Report.

Public Works: No Report.

Utilities: C/Luongo questions Ordinance 2026-09 Police Regulations. Since Roosevelt does not have a police department, who will enforce? The Borough Attorney, Greg Cannon, states that it will be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

C/Warnick reports on the Board of Education: The kindergarten class moved to a new room equipped with a bathroom to meet state requirements. The contractor who is replacing the roof at the school needed to get additional insurance because of the Mural.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Any item)

M/Malkin opens the public comment at 8:15pm

1. Michael Merritt, 6 S. Rochdale Ave: Thank you for your support on the Plinth, however, encourage you to make sure that part of the work done is documented with maintenance requirements. Make an annual schedule with clear knowledge of who is responsible to do inspections. The caulking doesn't call for a particularly official high skill level, but it appears as though it has not been maintained over the past 20 years. Also as a donation, the Borough could sell off old brick to residents.
2. Judith Goetzmann, 8 School Lane: Thank you for a lovely July 4th celebration.
3. Gail Hutton, 19 Homestead Lane: We did have a discussion with the contractor to include a maintenance plan for the Plinth.

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

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

Time Out: 8:24pm.

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: August 3, 2026