

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council March 24, 2005

PRESENT: Acting Mayor Matarante; Councilmembers Badillo, Harms, Murphy and Rubilla; Borough Attorney Bill Lane

ABSENT: Mayor DeIorio (Out of State) and Councilman Zeglarski

Acting Mayor Matarante called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and said it is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required by law.

All contracts awarded by Mayor and Council must comply with the affirmative action requirements of P.L. 1975, C172. (NJAC 17:27).

As required by the Fire Prevention Code, he indicated the fire exits and the procedure to be followed in case of fire.

Borough Clerk Arlene Triano read a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Mayor Matarante welcomed Girl Scouts from Troops #193 and #38, who will be acting as Borough Officials this evening: Jessica Johns and Kristen Olson/Acting Mayor Matarante, Lindsay Sweeney/Councilman Kevin Murphy, Lauren Falces/Councilman Robert Rubilla, Michelle Gualano/Councilman Loren Harms, Jacklyn Kelleher and Erica Knoepfel/Councilman Ricky Badillo, Gina Naranjo/Borough Attorney Bill Lane, and Danielle Rose/Borough Clerk, Arlene Triano, Lindsay Sweeney/Color Guard-Caller, Gabby Clauer and Lauren Falces/Color Guard/Flag Holders. He recognized Troop Leaders Beth Baranowski, Teresa Rose, Joan Brennan, Pat Kubik and Linda Uhrig.

A resolution from the Township of South Brunswick objecting to the Federal Government's cuts to Community Development Block Grant Funds and a resolution urging the State of New Jersey to specifically prohibit the practice known as "Engine Braking". (Received and filed).

Resolution from the Township of Scotch Plains supporting Senate Bill S-1023 and Assembly Bill A-1835, which require the State to reimburse municipalities for payment of exempt disabled veterans property taxes. (Received and filed).

Request from Girl Scout Leader Linda Uhrig for permission for the Girl Scouts to use the parking lot across from the High School as a pick up and drop off location for the yearly Girl Scout camping trip. (Referred to Council).

Councilman Badillo moved to grant permission to the Girl Scouts to use the parking lot across from the High School for a pick up and drop of location for their yearly camping trip; seconded by Councilman Rubilla and adopted.

Notice of Public Hearing by the Planning Board of the Township of Union for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Master Plan to add a Stormwater Management Plan Element. (Received and filed).

Public Notice from Public Service Electric and Gas regarding a hearing on propose bondable stranded costs rate order. (Received and filed).

Notice of Public Hearing by the County of Union to discuss the diversion of Green Acres property resulting from the exchange with the Township of Springfield of Recreational and Open Space Inventory. (Received and filed).

Chief Wielgus said he had a public service announcement for the residents of Roselle Park. He said the Borough of Roselle Park will be participating in a congressionally mandated international exercise on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. He said the Roselle Park Board of Education will be involved in the exercise and the High School will be used during the drill. He said all of the students will be in no danger and their day will only be slightly disrupted. Chief Wielgus said the drill will also affect other parts of the community, as well as other municipal services, such as the Police, Fire, First Aid Squad, Office of Emergency Management, DPW and the Board of Health. He said if anyone has any questions they can feel free to give him a call, and they will try to answer questions as best they can at the Roselle Park Police Department.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION

A transfer resolution authorizing transfers between appropriations in the amount of \$25,000.00 was offered by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Badillo. (See app. pg. #).

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said resolution was adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following routine bills listed on a consent agenda were offered by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Badillo.

Current Account Cks. #4547-4690 (Void 4551, 4324) #90110-90116

2004 Reserve	\$ 98,704.37	
2005	2,116,917.97	
Reserve for Grants	<u>25,062.95</u>	2,240,685.29
<u>Capital Account Ck. #249-259</u>		79,987.80
<u>Animal Control Trust Account Ck. #133</u>		12.00

Recreation Trust Account Cks. #190-194 16,767.30

Sewer Utility Account Cks. #244-250

Sewer Utility Account	2004	1,371.00	
Sewer Utility Account	2005	163,645.21	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		2,414.60	
U.S. Healthcare		1,722.69	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	02/18/05	11,375.81	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	03/04/05	12,985.38	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	03/18/05	<u>12,949.72</u>	206,464.41

Hud Trust Account Ck. #191-193

Hud Trust Account		3,546.68	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	02/18/05	922.83	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	03/14/05	868.64	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	03/18/05	<u>1,004.22</u>	6,342.37

Trust Others Account Ck. #28

Trust Others Account		1,257.00	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	02/18/05	2,294.01	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	03/04/05	4,026.51	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	03/18/05	<u>7,561.51</u>	15,139.03

Public Assistance Trust Cks. #991-1003 3,280.00

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RESOLVED: The Collector-Treasurer is hereby authorized to reduce the Sewer Utility charges on the following account for 2004:

NAME	BLOCK	LOT	BILLED	ACTUAL	AMOUNT REDUCED
Gurwitz, Harvey					
Clark, Rosilin	913	6.01	159	19	140

The Collector-Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund overpayment on the 2004 Sewer Utility payment to the following homeowner:

Gurwitz, Harvey					
Clark, Rosilin	913	6.01	\$213.65 Overpayment Amt.	Ck. #	

Paperwork confirming the above figures is available in the tax office.

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Roll called, all members voting Aye, said resolutions were adopted.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Badillo moved that the Treasurer's Report for February 28, 2005 be accepted and spread upon the minutes with the exception of the budget detail; seconded by Councilman Murphy and adopted. (See app. pg. #).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Badillo moved that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2004, the Special Meeting of December 28, 2004, the Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2005, the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2005, the Special Meeting of February 3, 2005, and the Closed Session Meeting of February 17, 2005, be dispensed with as all members have received copies and they be approved as recorded; seconded by Councilman Matarante and adopted.

PRESENTATIONS

Acting Mayor Matarante invited Joe DeMaio from the Boys & Girls Club to the dais. He read and presented a proclamation declaring April 4-April 9, 2005 as "Boys & Girls Club Week" in the Borough of Roselle Park and called on all citizens to join him in recognizing and commending the Boys & Girls Club organizations in our state for providing comprehensive, effective services to the young people in our communities. Mr. DeMaio, on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club and staff members, thanked Mayor and Council for providing them with the Proclamation.

Acting Mayor Matarante invited Judi Laganga and her family to the dais. He presented her with a Certificate of Achievement for designing the Sherman School PTA parent/volunteer Character Education Program, which was presented the NJPTA Award for "Outstanding Character Education Program".

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

Second Reading & Public Hearing

An Ordinance (#2145) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY", was brought up and read by title only on its second reading and public hearing.

Councilman Badillo moved that the public hearing on Ordinance #2145 be opened; seconded by Councilman Murphy and adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Rubilla moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Councilman Badillo moved that Ordinance #2145 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Harms.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said ordinance was adopted.

An Ordinance (#2146) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND BOROUGH CODE ASSISTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK", was brought up and read by title only on its second reading and public hearing.

Councilman Badillo moved that the public hearing on Ordinance #2146 be opened; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Rubilla moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Councilman Badillo moved that Ordinance #2146 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Harms.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said ordinance was adopted.

An Ordinance (#2147) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND BOROUGH CODE ASSISTANT FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK", was brought up and read by title only on its second reading and public hearing.

Councilman Badillo moved that the public hearing on Ordinance #2147 be opened; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Badillo moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Matarante and adopted.

Councilman Badillo moved that Ordinance #2147 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Harms.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said ordinance was adopted.

Introduction

An Ordinance (#2149) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109-7 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK REGARDING THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU", was introduced and read by title only on its first reading. (See app. pg. #).

Councilman Badillo moved that Ordinance #2149 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on April 21, 2005; seconded by Councilman Murphy.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

An Ordinance (#2150) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 47-24 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK REGARDING BENEFITS FOR NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES"" was introduced and read by title only on its first reading. (See app. pg. #).

Councilman Badillo moved that Ordinance #2150 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on April 21, 2005; seconded by Councilman Rubilla.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

An Ordinance (#2151) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29 OF CHAPTER 170 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF CHARGES FOR SEWER USERS IN THE BOROUGH", was introduced and read by title only on its first reading. (See app. pg. #).

Councilman Badillo moved that Ordinance #2151 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on April 21, 2005; seconded by Councilman Rubilla.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

An Ordinance (#2152) entitled, "CHAPTER 92 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ESTABLISH A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION FEES IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK", was introduced and read by title only on its first reading. (See app. pg. #).

Councilman Badillo moved that Ordinance #2152 be adopted on first reading and public hearing on April 21, 2005; seconded by Councilman Rubilla.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

An Ordinance (#2153) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19-8 AND CHAPTER 182-120 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND SMOKE DETECTOR CERTIFICATES", was introduced and read by title only on its first reading. (See app. pg. #).

Councilman Badillo moved that Ordinance #2153 be adopted on first reading and public hearing on April 21, 2005; seconded by Councilman Rubilla.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Acting Mayor Matarante thanked the Girl Scouts for representing the Governing Body and presented them, and the Troop Leaders, with certificates in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Harms moved to interrupt the regular order of business for a five minute recess; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

RESUME THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Harms moved to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

The following routine resolutions, listed on a consent agenda, were offered by Councilman Harms and seconded by Councilman Rubilla. (See app. pg. #).

- #53-05 – Setting salary for part-time Senior Citizen Handyman (Anthony Zambujo)
- #54-05 – Setting fees in connection with the Board of Education elections
- #55-05 – Requesting approval from the Union County Board of Feeholders to close Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue on May 30, 2005 to hold a Memorial Day Parade
- #56-05 – Appointing Robert McGillis, Jr. as Special Marshall to conduct the 2005 Dog/Cat Canvass
- #57-05 – Supporting the adoption of S-1990 and A-2432 authorizing the imposition of additional fines for overcrowding in dwellings containing four or fewer units
- #59-05 – Authorizing additional hours for John Fitzpatrick, Jr., Esquire to represent the Borough in connection with a Zoning Board matter

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- #60-05 – Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation
- #61-05 – Accepting bid of New Cingular Wireless for lease for Wireless Telecommunications Monopole (\$35,000.00).
- #62-05 – Accepting bid of Jenicar Builders Contractors for the reconstruction of Colfax Avenue from Hemlock Street to Galloping Hill Road (\$208,394.00)
- #63-05 – Accepting bid of Jenicar Builders Contractors for reconstruction of Meadow Street from Warren Avenue to West Grant Avenue (\$109,876.51)
- #64-05 – Accepting bid of Ace Waste Services for furnishing refuse roll-offs
- #65-05 – Reducing salaries of Mayor and Council for 2005
- #66-05 – Appointment of part-time Custodians for Municipal Buildings
- #67-05 – Appointment of Planning Board Clerk
- #68-05 – Approving participation in the Safe & Secure Communities Program
- #69-05 – Extending the term of Acting Detective Sergeant in the Police Department

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said resolutions were adopted.

Resolution #58-05, authorizing Robert T. Norton, Esquire to represent a Police Officer in the Roselle Park Police Department, was offered by Councilman Badillo and seconded by Councilman Harms. (See app. pg. #).

Councilman Rubilla said he would Abstain because of previous legal business his family had with Mr. Norton.

Roll called, Councilmembers Badillo, Harms, Murphy and Matarante voting Aye; Councilman Rubilla abstained. There being four affirmatives and one abstention said resolution was adopted.

STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR RE: BUDGET CUTS

Acting Mayor Matarante read the following statement on behalf of Mayor DeIorio:

“Ladies and Gentlemen:

For the last three months the Governing Body and Borough Departments have been preparing the municipal budget for fiscal year 2005. Although, the Governing Body controls only 28% of the property tax rate, we have reviewed and questioned every line item and met with a majority of our Borough Departments. Unfortunately, the prospect for a stable tax rate appears bleak.

The Roselle Park Board of Education recently introduced a 40 point increase and Union County Freeholders have proposed a double-digit

increase. Upon learning this information we re-examined our budget. I can frankly say that this is the worst budget year, all around, that I have experienced in my 15 years of serving the public. I would like the opportunity tonight to inform the residents of our community concerning the proposed cuts to our municipal budget.

Due to our State leaders lack of financial responsibility to suburban communities, especially their municipal governments and schools, we have been placed in a situation to eliminate and further reduce several of our ongoing community programs and initiatives for 2005. It is ironic that the State of New Jersey continues to send millions of dollars more of school aid to urban districts, cut aid to our municipality and imposes more mandates than ever before. I would like for the public to note that the pending budget will not jeopardize the safety and health of our community, but will force us to seek new sources of revenue to sustain these programs.

Some of the more noticeable cuts for 2005 will be elimination of the 4th of July fireworks program and holiday lighting and decorating during the winter months. Although, these community activities build pride in our community, these cuts alone will save approximately \$30,000 for our fiscal year. Other proposed reductions include a 70% cut to our annual sidewalk replacement program, elimination of the purchase of trees, cuts to the Farmers Market program and elimination of our car show.

In addition, we have slashed 70% of our capital budget requests which includes a moratorium on any new street construction projects. Other reductions include cuts to Mayor and Council expenses, Shuttle Bus expenses and eliminated new initiatives such as improvements to our website and the services it would have provided. Also, we will be using more surplus funds and anticipate revenues from the installation of a cell tower.

The Mayor and Council budget was not spared by budget cuts. While Borough officials benefit from educational programs which in turn help us keep current with new laws and regulations and innovative solutions to municipal problems, this year we cannot afford to incur such an expense. Therefore, expenditures for conferences and workshops for the Governing Body have been eliminated. Similar expenditures for municipal employees not associated with the State mandated Continuing Education Unit courses have also been eliminated.

Although the Governing Body will face an initial budget well over 30 points, the municipal budget with these eliminations and cuts have resulted in a 17 point increase or \$117 on average.

But, the budget process is not over. I have requested each department to once again review their budgets for further reduction in their operating budgets.

The bottom line is that this will be a no frills budget. It will eliminate certain community programs, reduce capital and operational expenditures and require us to enact changes to our long term goals and objectives.

We will be soliciting funds from outside sources to potentially return some of these programs this year. Should any resident have a relationship with a business or organization interested in donating to the Borough, please contact us. We would welcome any financial support.

I commend the Governing Body and municipal departments for their work. This is not a Republican or Democrat budget. It's a budget that we have collectively worked on for the last three months. I can truly say that partisan politics has not entered into the budget process.

I thank you for this opportunity and we will keep you updated with any changes in our municipal budget process”.

Councilman Matarante said he just wanted to clarify that the holiday lighting is not totally eliminated and the tree near the gazebo will be lit. He said the Borough will not be putting up any new decorations and will not be purchasing new decorations for Chestnut Street and in the “T”. He said Borough Hall will not be lit this year, but we will still have the tree lighting ceremony. Councilman Matarante said Council is also working on reducing some of the parade activities and eliminating the replacement of seasonal banners downtown. He said they will be banning out of State conferences and are doing a lot of things to try and keep costs down including the review of all insurance policies and associated costs, looking for further benefit reductions from non-contractual employees, reviewing Borough sponsored programs to determine methods of self-sustaining and looking to, whenever there is a need to purchase automobiles, for hybrid gas and solar powered vehicles to save on gasoline costs. Councilman Matarante said, as liaison to the Board of Education, he did not want this to look like it is an anti Board of Ed statement. He said a big part of their increase was their past referendum and, after speaking to the Superintendent, most of their increase is due to their referendum and utility costs, as well as mandated programs that were talked about in the Mayor's address.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Badillo moved, at 8:30 p.m., to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Rubilla and adopted.

Bob Delarosa, 706 Galloping Hill Road, said on January 20th he appeared before Mayor and Council with a situation. He said as he walked away he was led to believe by the Mayor's statement that he would receive some information back. He said that was 2

months ago, and he has not heard anything. When Borough Attorney Bill Lane asked what he was specifically looking for, Mr. Delarosa said the Mayor wanted copies of letters and the following day he gave the Borough Clerk copies for Mayor and Council. Mr. Lane asked if those letters asked questions or opinions because he was not familiar with the letters, but was familiar with the controversy. He asked Mr. Delarosa exactly what he was looking for and Mr. Delarosa said he did not know, that the Mayor was suppose to get back to him with an answer.

Councilman Badillo said the Fire Chief was sent a letter and was told to report back to the Mayor. He said the Fire Department responded, saying it was an internal problem within the Fire Department. Councilman Badillo said a problem he has is that Mr. Delarosa is requesting information for an adult son. He said he is not comfortable giving another persons information, and felt Mr. Delarosa's son should come before Mayor and Council to request that information.

Mr. Delarosa said his son wrote a letter to the Safety Committee in November requesting a meeting. He said Councilman Badillo was Chairman to the Committee at the time and they went into closed session and nothing was done which is what provoked his writing to the Prosecutor's Office, who said the Borough was in violation of Chapter 19 because minutes were not taken. Councilman Badillo said the information given to the Prosecutor's Office was wrong, because they never had a meeting about Mr. Delarosa's son nor was the issue ever referred to them. He said when his son's letter was received what was said was that it was not a Mayor and Council issue and was an internal Fire Department issue.

Councilman Rubilla said he was familiar with the original testimony in January and his recommendation to the Governing Body is that the Mayor be directed to send a letter to Mr. Delarosa when he returns from vacation. He said continuing to debate this is insane. Mr. Delarosa agreed it was fair but said the entire issue is not that fact alone, but that a person's rights were violated because they were not given any charges. He said he had written guidelines for discipline and they were not followed at all. Councilman Rubilla said there was no sense in beating this up further and said the Mayor would forward a letter. Mr. Lane said the matter would be referred to the Mayor, who will make the decision on how to respond.

Denise Wagner, 725 Chestnut Street, said she has been a resident for 5 years and they currently rent. She said parking permits are required on all the surrounding streets due to the train station. She said the problem she is having is that she has a babysitter one or two days a week and every two weeks she has a cleaning lady that comes by. She asked Council to take into consideration a visitors pass, and said Linden already has something like that in effect.

Councilman Badillo asked to have that discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting on April 5th. Councilman Matarante said they spoke about the possibility of visitor passes and he mentioned it to the Police Chief who did not have a problem with doing something like that. He said it will be referred to the Public Safety

Committee, and hopefully they will get some resolution because he did understand her situation.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Harms moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Acting Mayor Matarante reminded the public that from March 31st to April 3rd the High School will perform the play "Little Shop of Horrors".

APPOINTMENTS

Acting Mayor Matarante, on the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Officer, appointed Gabrielle Olivo, 444 Seaton Avenue, Roselle Park, as an Alternate School Crossing Guard, effective immediately, for a term expiring on December 31, 2005.

Acting Mayor Matarante, on the recommendation of the Fire Chief, appointed Thomas P. Gamaro, 718 Pine Street, Roselle Park, as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Central Firehouse #2.

Acting Mayor Matarante on the recommendation of the OEM Coordinator, appointed Lieut. John Heyman, 128 Bender Avenue, Roselle Park, to Captain of the Roselle Park Auxiliary Police, effective immediately.

Councilman Badillo moved to accept the resignation of Patrolman Robert Sanchez, effective April 1, 2005, from the Roselle Park Police Department; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

MATTERS FOR REFERRAL

Councilman Murphy said Council is still in the budget process and hopefully within the next two weeks they will have everything wrapped up. He said residents of this Borough do not have to worry about essential services, and said they are looking to cut frills because too much is being placed upon the Borough with mandated programs. He said effective April 1st he and his wife will be back in their house after 27 months and are looking forward to it. Councilman Murphy said there were two families he wanted to thank tremendously and that is the Blaskewicz Family and the Grosso Family.

Councilman Harms the Municipal Services Committee met with the Recreation Department and they discussed the use of the Hawthorne Basin as a soccer field and went over plans. He said our Borough Engineer is going to give them a set of prints that will show cuts and said they have to maintain the same amount of fill to prevent flooding. He said if Council does not have a problem he would like to give the Recreation Department an okay to proceed, saying there will be no cost to the Borough because the Recreation Department has a contractor willing to donate time and materials. Councilman Badillo thanked Olivia Construction, who has been doing a lot around town at his own cost and noted that he was also a volunteer fireman.

Councilman Harms moved to make a donation to the Church of the Assumption for the St. Anthony's Feast to be held on June 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2005; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Councilman Rubilla said he attended a budget meeting that focused on the Special Improvement District which is still being discussed and fine tuned. He said he attended a Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting last night, as an observer, where a resident of the Third Ward had an application being heard.

Councilman Badillo moved to accept the resignation of Kathy Vail, as Clerk for the Roselle Park Planning Board, effective March 21, 2005; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Councilman Badillo moved that a raffle license be granted to the Roselle Park Community Center Association for an on-premise 50/50 raffle to be held on April 9, 2005; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Councilman Badillo said he has spoken to several plumbing contractors, because he has been getting a lot of calls from homeowners who have sewer laterals that are starting to crack and causing a lot of problems. He said he would like to put some type of plan in place where the Borough's interest would be protected. He said as it stands the resident has to get a contractor and the contractor may tell them it is the town's problem. Councilman Badillo said the problem is the town has no idea what the contractor is going to charge. He said he would like to get 2 or 3 contractors and let these individuals know that if they represent a resident of Roselle Park the Borough is only going to pay a certain dollar amount. Councilman Harms recommended having the issue discussed at Municipal Services Committee meeting.

Councilman Badillo said he had the honor of attending a People-to-People Conference at the Methodist Church in Cranford. He said one of our young men, Greg Borger, was selected as one of the leaders, and the Mayor was one of the panelists. He said a lot of young people throughout the State were picked to attend this conference overseas. He said they need to raise \$5,000.00 to send this young man to Europe. Councilman Badillo said he instructed the mother to send everyone a letter to try and defer some of the cost. He congratulated Greg on being selected.

Councilman Badillo said the issue brought before Council this evening regarding Bob Delarosa's son is being misrepresented, as far as he is concerned. He said he is very uncomfortable giving information when the son is in his later 20's early 30's. He said if his son wants that information he should come before this board. Councilman Badillo noted that the son has never come before this board and the letter sent to the Public Safety Committee simply was looked at, and the committee asked what it was about. He said Councilman Harms informed them it was an internal Fire Department issue and it was referred back to the Fire Chief. He said there was no discussion and this Mayor and Council has not been involved. Councilman Badillo asked the Governing Body not to get

involved in this issue, unless Chief Signorello asks Council to get involved. Borough Attorney Bill Lane said apparently this has been reported as an internal dispute and should be handled within that department. He said if both parties wish to have Mayor and Council invited, as nothing more than a mediator or arbitrator, then that should only be after full disclosure by all parties. He agreed with Councilman Badillo that it should be handled within the internal mechanisms of the particular department. Mr. Lane said he did not even know what question he wants an answer to and by referring it to the department they can hopefully resolve it. Councilman Matarante said that is the response Mayor and Council needs to give him from the Mayor. He said Mayor and Council are not involved, the issue was returned back to the Fire Department and if you have any questions or issues you need to bring them up with them at this point. Councilman Matarante said that would at least resolve his concern about not being responded to.

Acting Mayor Matarante noted that Team Roselle Park is sponsoring a dinner dance on April 2nd, 7:00 p.m., at Tavern in the Park. He said tickets are \$40.00 and if anyone is interested they should contact Maria Delrio.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at 9:00 p.m., Councilman Harms moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Attest:

Borough Clerk