

Executive Meeting of Mayor and Council April 7, 2005

PRESENT: Mayor DeIorio; Councilmembers Badillo, Harms, Murphy, Matarante, Zeglarski and Rubilla; Borough Attorney Bill Lane; Finance Officer Greg Mayers; and Borough Engineer Ed Dec

ABSENT: None

Mayor DeIorio called the meeting to order at 7:40 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, C127. (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.

Deputy Borough Clerk Donna Corrigan read a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DeIorio asked for a moment of silence for Pope John Paul II in recognition of him and the good things he has done for the world.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Resolution from the Township of Belleville objecting to the Federal Government's cuts to Community Development Block Grants. (Received and filed).

Request from the Unity in the Community Committee of Roselle Park to hang a banner at the gazebo from April 4th through April 19th to encourage all residents to vote in the Board of Education Election on April 19th. (Received and Council).

Councilman Badillo moved to grant permission for the Unity in the Community Committee to hang a banner at the gazebo to encourage all residents to vote in the Board of Education Election on April 19th; seconded by Councilman Matarante and adopted.

Resolution from the Township of Clark supporting Senate Bill S-2325, establishing a New Jersey Wildlife Rehabilitation Licensing Study Commission to increase and maintain the number of Wildlife Rehabilitators and to ensure that a sufficient number of Wildlife Rehabilitator permits are issued prior to the Spring 2005 season. (Received and filed).

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

Resolution from the Borough of North Plainfield objecting to the Federal Government's cuts to Community Development Block Grants. (Received and filed).

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

Mayor DeIorio said he wanted to recognize the fifth grade class of Mary Lou Gugger who participated in an assignment that asked students why Roselle Park is a good place to live. He said he received the letters from the students and he would like them recognized at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor DeIorio said he wanted to announce a follow up to an idea he proposed at the last meeting asking residents of the Borough to participate in a telethon. He said he met with the Keystone Club of the Roselle Park Youth Center and we have scheduled the telethon to raise money for the tsunami relief fund on Tuesday, April 12th, on TV34 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He encouraged all members of the public and Governing Body to not only watch, but if they can, to attend. He said the theme will be "Roselle Park Cares" and they planned to have a live discussion that evening on historical issues and some of the good things Roselle Park has done over the years.

Mayor DeIorio said he also wanted to recognize the Boys & Girls Club "Best of the Best Program" that was held this week. He said there are 3 nominees from Roselle Park and Ray Tucci was picked as Youth of the Year from the Roselle Park Club unit. He said he wanted to recognize him for his efforts, as well as the other nominees at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor DeIorio said he was absent from last month's meeting, but he did respond to an inquiry from Mr. Delarosa regarding his son's termination from the Fire Department. He said at the January 20th Council Meeting, he informed Mr. Delarosa that no personnel issues concerning his son David had come before the Governing Body, and that he would receive a response from Fire Chief Signorello. He said at the next meeting on February 3rd, Chief Signorello addressed his comments at a public meeting where he expressed he was confident that after all was said and done, that it was apparent that Mr. David Delarosa was treated appropriately. Chief Signorello proposed that the Mayor and Council schedule a hearing, public or private, with only eyewitnesses allowed to testify. He requested that no further statements be made to the press so that the matter could be handled in a proper forum. He said the forum was endorsed by the Borough Attorney. He noted, to date, they have not heard a response from Mr. David Delarosa, therefore no further action or response is necessary at this time. Mayor DeIorio said he has the letter already transcribed and it will be mailed out tomorrow. He said to follow up on that particular comment, he has forward the letter to the Clerk and Mr. Delarosa will be officially responded to in writing.

Mayor DeIorio said he wanted to discuss the issue concerning the municipal budget. He said he was thankful that Acting Mayor Matarante had the opportunity to deliver his message to keep the residents informed about our budget process. He said since 1990 when he began serving in a public official capacity, he has never seen a more difficult budget year than this year in all three fronts, the school, county and municipal portions of our tax rate. He said by doing so as a group and individually, Council took a hard look at the budget and determined that we needed to make additional changes. He said he proposed several of those cuts to some of the programs that many of us enjoy, such as the fireworks program, holiday lights and decorations. He said these cuts were not an easy decision to make, however, they were necessary in order to limit this burden of taxes that has been placed on the taxpayer this year.

He said one of our residents suggested that Council explain the taxes this year by using a pie chart showing which portions, are attributed to the school, county and municipal portions as well as the percentage of your tax dollars and where those dollars go. Mayor DeIorio said he had a pie chart that described the 2005 tax increases. He said the municipal portion of the tax increase amounts to an average of \$97.50, which is approximately 15 points. He said the county portion attributes to \$65.65, which is 16% of the increase and the school portion attributes to \$260.00 or 61%. He said 56% of your tax dollars go to the Board of Education, while only 30% go to the municipal portion and 14% to the county government. Mayor DeIorio said it is important to continually educate the public and let them know where their tax dollars are going. He said it is an opportunity not only to keep the public informed, but to let them know this Governing Body is doing whatever it can when it comes to its 30% portion of the tax dollar.

Mayor DeIorio said it also highlights the fact that the State has not owned up to its responsibility to help fund not just the municipal and county governments, but especially the schools. He said it was no secret that he works for legislatures and he has the opportunity to see the actual data of the millions of dollars that goes towards the urban districts and the limited dollars that go to suburban districts. He said this year alone, the suburban districts will have no additional increase to school aid, while the urban districts will receive millions more. He said the schools like Roselle Park try hard to cut every dollar to limit the amount of spending for essential programs and he felt they did a better job than the cities that are nearby. He implored the residents to not only get in contact with their legislatures, but the legislative leadership and the governor to let them know the suburban communities like Roselle Park should not be unfairly burdened with property taxes or property tax increases. He said if we received our fair share of school funding, this tax increase would paint a different picture of a much lower tax increase in his opinion, but because of their neglect, the Borough is facing a very difficult year. Mayor DeIorio said it was said in the papers by a State official that it is time to tighten our belts, and they were talking about their own State budget that went up 17% last year. He said that was a false statement and that they should not just tighten their belts, but the State leadership should go on a diet.

Mayor DeIorio said he will keep the public posted as they go through the budget process and said they expect to introduce the budget at their next meeting. He said they

want the public to comment not only on what Roselle Park is doing, but to take the opportunity to comment to the State officials and let them know we want our fair share of funding for communities like Roselle Park.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Matarante moved, at 8:00 p.m., to interrupt the regular order of business for a Special Meeting; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

RESUME THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Matarante moved, at 8:15 p.m., to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Mayor DeIorio noted for the record that as a response to a letter he sent to several of the major businesses in our community and those that supply services to our community, we have received some favorable responses from two that will help the Borough fund and return the car shows. He said they are Guarriello and Dec and AGA Insurance who will individually donate \$500.00. He said they have also received a wonderful response from Comcast and Wachovia Bank, but unfortunately there is not enough to return the fireworks. He said our Administrative Assistant, Karen Intile, has informed them that the Borough is very interested in having them as a major sponsor next year. He said the fireworks cost approximately \$13,000.00 and unfortunately Wachovia and Comcast were not able to donate that much, and hopefully next year the Borough will have a fully sponsored and funded fireworks program. Mayor DeIorio said in addition Councilman Matarante reported that the Borough was at a 17 point increase two weeks ago and have now reduced the budget to 15 points. He said Council has made a firm decision to not only roll back Council's salaries, but to also continue the co-pays of their health insurance that they currently institute for non-contractual employees, and consider additional co-pays for those particular employees.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Borough Engineer

Borough Engineer Ed Dec reported that reconstruction of Meadow Street will begin the end of April beginning of May. He said he attended a meeting with Cingular Wireless and said the Borough Attorney will give a detailed report.

Councilman Zeglarski asked whatever happened with the sprinklers on Chester Avenue. Mr. Dec said the contractor is the same one as the Meadow Street contractor and he will take care of it at the same time. Councilman Zeglarski said he thought they had agreed that once April 1st came the Borough was going to pull the bond if the project was not complete. Mr. Dec said he was not aware that was the terms or conditions, but he did know he was coming sometime in April. Mayor DeIorio said if Councilman Zeglarski wished to consider that, he would be more than happy to entertain it. Mr. Dec

said they were awarded the bid contract in March and it made sense that when he is in the same vicinity, he will make the repairs. He apologized for not being aware that there was a time constraint. Mayor DeIorio said considering legal action may be taken by the Borough, he suggested discussing the issue further in closed session.

Borough Attorney

Borough Attorney Bill Lane said he appreciated Ed Dec passing the baton on to him regarding the cell tower, saying he did an awful lot of work on it. He said there has been an award since the last meeting and it has been forwarded to him and a contract has been set up with the sole bidder, which was Cingular. He said they are the sole responsible bidder for \$35,000.00 a year subject to period annual increases. He said that contract has been forwarded back to the Purchasing Department and hopefully will be available for signature at the next meeting. He said the construction aspect as far as the engineering of this is concerned, he felt that Mr. Dec was very modest in his dealings with them. He said the preliminary plan as far as where the tower is going to be, the support cabinets, and the light will be in the approximate position of the existing tower.

Mr. Lane said there was a limited lease prepared by his office and forwarded to Council with regard to the Board of Education using the Youth Center. He said if anyone has any comments, changes or modifications to please let him know; if not, he suggested sending it the Board of Education for their execution. Mayor DeIorio said he did not have any objections to it and if Councilmembers are comfortable, they can authorize him to sign it once the Board of Education agrees. Mr. Lane said if Council agrees on the draft that was prepared, he would like to send it for Council to the Board of Education. Mayor DeIorio noted that this not only saves the Board of Education money, but the taxpayers as well.

Mr. Lane said he had 2 other items that he had to talk about in closed session. He said one involved a dispute with the contractor for the Youth Center and a recently received and served complaint for attorney services that were rendered to Captain Tucci with regard to the successful defense of his criminal action.

Borough Clerk

Received report from Borough Clerk Arlene Triano. (See app. pg. #).

Finance Officer

Received report from Finance Officer Greg Mayers. (See app. pg. #).

Police Department

Received report from Police Chief Warren Wielgus. (See app. pg. #).

Chief Wielgus reported on Top Off 3 by thanking the Mayor, Councilman Badillo and Finance Officer Greg Mayers. He said it was only a drill, but worked very well in Roselle Park. He said the First Aid Squad, Fire Department, Police, Auxiliary Police, the Mayor, Councilman, CFO, DPW and the Board of Education were all involved. He said the Fire Department responded to the high school and shut it down for 2 hours. He said everyone had to stay in their classes and no one could come in or leave. He said there were 10 men on overtime which the Federal Government says they would pay for to guard the outside of the high school, to make sure no one could enter or exit the high school. He said they had four students that were set up to have symptoms of the plague and go to the nurse's office. He said they could not get into any local hospitals because they were overloaded from other municipalities from Union County. He said the students were brought outside the hospital where the Fire Department set up a fake decontamination unit outside. He said First Aid Squad members were in there and the Police Officers that were in the school were all decontaminated.

Chief Wielgus said everything went very well, except for a few minor problems from one department to the other. He said the Fire Department wanted to know who was in charge and he told them, the Mayor and himself. He said it was his feeling that everything was done exceptionally well in Roselle Park. He said it was only a few hours, but he was there from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Chief Wielgus said he turned in a full report to the Mayor and Councilman Badillo. He said everything was done on computer, each step they took and each request they made was done by computer to the county. He said after making a request, they would get either a positive or negative response for requesting equipment. He said they had requested a fire engine and two first aid squad rigs and after putting in the request, they said yes you can have them even though they already had them. Chief Wielgus also noted two members of the Board of Health were there and they went into the school and gave them the clearance to re-open the school. He said the detectives then went in and took reports, which they entered into the computer. He said students said they were in Roselle and Roselle had to go and investigate, saying everything in Union County went well. He said he did not know how Middlesex County did. He said this exercise included Connecticut, 2 counties in New Jersey, Canada and the United Kingdom. Chief Wielgus noted that the Federal Government spent \$16 million dollars on this exercise. He thanked everyone that was involved saying they all made Roselle Park look well.

Mayor DeIorio said he observed quite a bit of professionalism by all of the Public Safety personnel. He said he was quite impressed, and even though it was a drill, everyone took things very seriously. Chief Wielgus said everyone worked real well together and everything gelled. He said in a real disaster there would be no time and probably all of those people would not be there at one time, saying it would take 20 minutes to a half-hour and they would probably have more people. Councilman Badillo thanked Chief Wielgus and noted that he was also the OEM Coordinator and asked him to contact everyone involved so they could have a meeting and go over their reports. He said the Federal Government is suppose to pay for all paid personnel, but he wanted it noted that there were many volunteers from the Fire Department, First Aid Squad, OEM

and the Auxiliary who actually took time off from their own jobs to be a part of that exercise.

Chief Wielgus said the other night he attended a dinner from the Youth Boys & Girls Club for “Youth of the Year”, in Union County. He said Roselle Park had three candidates that were up for “Youth of the Year” but a young lady from Plainfield received the award. He said all three received plaques, but he would like for Mayor and Council to recognize these young men. Mayor DeIorio agreed and stated that the three young men were Ray Tucci, Mike Tumblety, and Chris Califano.

DPW

Received report from Ben Costentino for DPW Superintendent Frank Wirzbicki. (See app. pg. #).

Mayor DeIorio noted that in some of the letters he received from the children, they complimented the cleanliness of the Borough and one student commented that the Department of Public Works comes out quickly when it snows, so people can go to work and school.

Councilman Zeglarski thanked them for responding so quickly during the flooding to some of the residents that experienced it even though they are in high lying areas. He said replacing some of the old drainage and sewers is something Council should consider in next year’s budget.

Administrative Assistant

Received report from Administrative Assistant Karen Intile. (See app. pg. #

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Murphy said at the upcoming Finance & Administration Committee meeting for this month, they will try to wrap up the SID discussion with a recommended ordinance so they could move forward with the SID Program. He reminded everyone that the Rotary Club of Roselle/Roselle Park is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 16th, at the Methodist Church. He said Rotary distributed the dictionaries to the school children today and he thanked former Mayor Zeglarski for helping distribute those dictionaries.

Councilman Harms said there is an opening in the DPW and he would like to get an okay from Council to have the Clerk advertise for that position.

Councilman Harms moved to authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise for the position of Laborer in the DPW; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Councilman Matarante said he attended the play at the high school and they put on a tremendous production. He said he wanted to recognize the cast and crew for the wonderful show and spoke on how impressed he was with everything from the set to how talented the kids were. He said he has a call into the Board of Education regarding the possibility of sharing our bus service with them. He said that would reduce their cost for transportation to sporting events or such by using the Borough bus at a lesser cost. Councilman Matarante said all of Council should have received a letter from Greg Borger, a young man in town who is looking for sponsorship to help defray the cost of this organization that has invited him to take part. He said he is the only person from Roselle Park who has been selected and if anyone is interested in helping this young man, they could give him a call on his Council line. Mayor DeIorio suggested taking \$100.00 from the "Sunshine Fund" that Council to, and Council agreed.

Councilman Matarante said a few weeks ago in the Perspective Section of Sunday's Star Ledger, they had an article titled "Make your own Budget" which had the current budget proposal and if you wanted to play around, you could make your own budget. He said he was not that ambitious, but what he did was look at what was currently proposed and only got to the first section which was education. He said where he focused, it said that 40% of the current budget and the first line item within that budget was for all 618 school districts in the State, minus 31 abbot districts who received 1.5 billion dollars last year in State Aid with no proposed increase to that. He said the next line was the 31 abbot districts who received 3.6 billion dollars last year in aid and there was a proposed increase of 150 million dollars to that. He said he was surprised this has not caused a real uproar amongst the taxpayers that are being unfairly burdened by those numbers. Councilman Matarante said Council has worked very hard to come up with a budget that is as fair as they can possibility get it and anything that was cut was not done to get people angry or emotional, but was cut out because they were non-essential items to avoid a tax increase. He said these items will not be put back in because there are elections in November to make someone look good. He said he would not be a part of that type of organization and the only way they would be put back in is for someone to step up and donate money. He said there are some organizations willing to donate and they may set up a non-profit organization. Councilman Matarante said Council has rolled back their salaries, not by 30%, but they did not take their increases. He said he had 2 items to discuss in closed session involving health insurance reimbursement for 3 individuals and a labor contractual issue in the Police Department.

Councilman Rubilla applauded Councilman Matarnate regarding his comments on how this Council conducts itself and said he backed those thoughts 100%. He said he had a directive that he sent to the Public Safety Committee. He said he cannot take credit for it and would not mention the gentleman's name other than mention he was a neighbor and crossing guard in Roselle Park. He said he prospectively picked up 7 to 9 different items along Chestnut Street, Locust Street and Clay Avenue that are safety issues and are cost effective.

Councilman Badillo said he attended the Casano Center meeting yesterday and said they are putting back the Atlantic City bus trips. He said the trips are based on how

many people sign up and if anyone is interested, they should call the Center. He said 2 dances will be held tomorrow, one for CAASA for 6th, 7th & 8th graders, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Youth Center and the other dance will be the Spring Fling which will be held at the Casano Center from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for ages 21 and older. He said the Spring Fling will have a DJ and food sponsored by ReMax Realty. Councilman Badillo said the Senior/Senior Party will be held on April 22nd and a Children's Spring Break Luncheon and ceramic class is free to children from grades 1 to 5. He said in May, they will have the Older Americans Party from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on May 12th and in observance of Memorial Day, the Center will be closed on May 30th. Councilman Badillo said today he had the honor of presenting the Boys & Girls Club with a Proclamation on behalf of Mayor and Council for "National Boys & Girls Club Week," which he presented to Joe DeMaio who thanked everyone for their help. He said he attended a firemen's meeting and some of the things that were discussed there he would bring up in the future. He thanked Maria Delrio for her help with the Team Roselle Park Dinner that was held on Friday and said she does a terrific job in raising funds for the Cancer Society. Councilman Badillo said the Top-Off Drill went well and thanked everyone for their help. He said he represented the Mayor at the Chamber of Commerce Dinner, which was held at L'Affaire and one of the things he would like Council to consider is having the Building Department review all of their permits for what they feel may be overcharges. He said they do that in Mountainside and one example that was given was an elderly gentleman who had a contractor come in and give him a \$30,000.00 estimate. He said when the Mountainside Building Department looked at that, they called the gentleman to find out what he was getting for \$30,000.00 and found out it was for a basic roof replacement. He said Mountainside told the man not to do it and they contacted contractors who only charged \$8,000.00. Councilman Badillo said to protect senior citizens and other individuals that may not know the construction field, he would like not only to expand the discussion with laterals and plumbing, but other areas of construction so that residents, especially seniors, are protected. He suggested putting out a program that before any seniors signs a document, they can bring it in and have our professionals look at it. He said he wanted that discussed at a Municipal Services Committee meeting. Councilman Badillo said he had two items to discuss in closed. He said one had to do with a Superior Officers Association (SOA) grievance and the PBA, which were discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting. He said they have to do with sick time and a bid on some type of shift. Councilman Badillo noted that the Central Jersey Cheerleading Squad competed in Florida again this year and did very well. He said Kathy Vail who is the Control Person and one of the moms that help coordinate those trips will get him the information so that Council can recognize them during a Council meeting.

Councilman Zeglarski asked Bill Lane about vacating a paper street and Mr. Lane said he spoke with Mr. Meola and there is concern as to if there are utilities. He said he has not been able to get out there with the Borough Engineer to identify that, but noted they were slowly progressing with it. Mr. Lane said they have to identify whether easements are going to impact the area itself, although that may not prevent the vacating of the street. It would only mean that the portion of the street going to be vacated next to them is going to be subject to that easement. Mayor DeIorio asked Mr. Lane and the

Borough Engineer what their schedule was for the next day. Mr. Lane, Mr. Dec and Mr. Meola agreed to meet on Monday, April 11th, at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Zeglarski said they discussed SID in committee and sent a proposed ordinance with a deadline of April 15th in anticipation of presenting it at the general meeting. He asked Mr. Lane if it would be ready by April 15th and Mr. Lane said it would. Councilman Zeglarski said if they could get it up and running, they could benefit from taxes being collected this year and Mr. Lane said he would have it available by the 15th. Mayor DeIorio told Council to be ready to vote on it. Councilman Zeglarski asked if the budget was going to be presented at the next meeting and Mayor DeIorio said it would be ready for the April 21st Council meeting. Councilman Zeglarski asked about the Hemlock Street reconstruction issue and he thought it was agreed that if the Health Department deems it a health hazard and compels Council to construct it, they would do so. He said he did not want to move forward without having it taken care of and hopefully it will be resolved before that date. Councilman Badillo said he talked to Tonya from the Health Department and said they have been very busy with the Top-Off Drill, but they have verbally said it should be done. Mayor DeIorio said the public should know there is the issue of stagnant water that could be attributed to any West Nile virus problems in the future and the Borough wants to avoid that. Councilman Zeglarski said he has one issue for the agenda of the Public Services and Information Technology Committee regarding the web-page issue. He said he is going to draft up a proposal and send it out next week and have the companies that gave presentations meet the proposal and analyze it at the next meeting and hopefully put something together in May. He said the last presentation was given last month and they are ready to move forward. Councilman Zeglarski said he also wanted to address the budget issue saying there has been a lot of controversy as recently as last night. He said he wanted to say in light of Councilman Matarante's comments that this is really a bi-partisan budget. He said everyone was involved and there were things that were picked that are pretty high profiled that people are not going to like, but he felt they can get sponsorship to pitch in. He said they made substantial cuts to the sewer budget and there will be revenue enhancements like the cell tower that is pretty substantial and stands to grow. Councilman Zeglarski said the Special Improvement District is a tax that is raised by businesses from businesses in the downtown area and Council will explain it more at the next meeting. He said businesses will be able to hire someone through the revenue that they produce to promote the town and will not have to wait for the DPW. He said he did not feel the Governing Body could do more to make cuts as far as the budget process goes and need to be aware that throughout the year that unexpected expenditures come up that are unanticipated by the budget. He said those expenditures have to come before the Borough to be voted on, so it is not like the money will be spent behind your back. Councilman Zeglarski said he was glad that the press was there because the Mayor and himself agreed on something. He said they agreed that the State is really where they need to point their fingers instead of each other or the school board saying the schools are really getting a raw deal.

Mayor DeIorio said he had a conversation with Freeholder Al Mirabella regarding the County's potential involvement with the Roselle Park Historical Society and Museum and getting funding from the County. He said he is hoping they are successful and they have agreed to meet within the next few weeks with Pat Pagnetti, our local historian, and

hoped that the trust fund monies that are generated from the open space tax can be used for Roselle Park.

Councilman Badillo said he sent a letter to the County about a year and a half ago to be put on a list to improve our traffic lights. He said new traffic lights have been installed by the middle school, Colfax Avenue, Faitoute Avenue and Locust Street. He said they are up, but he did not know when they would be operational. Mayor DeIorio asked the Borough Clerk to contact the Police Chief to have his Traffic Safety Officer find out. Borough Engineer Ed Dec said there is a time warranted by the State which is called bagged that requires the new lights to be screened so that motorist can get use to the new lights being there.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Matarante moved to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue, said he hoped Council took the time to read the article he gave them "Trim Budget at State Level" and stated that Mayor and Council should cut their pay at 30% which would be about \$2,700.00. He said that way Council can have their fireworks, etc. besides setting a good example for the County, State and Federal Government. He asked the Mayor to go over the tax figures again for the Borough, County and Board of Education. Mayor DeIorio reiterated what he stated earlier in the meeting. Mr. Magiera said the town lost approximately \$15,000.00 because our parking meters were out of order and need to be repaired. He suggested making this a high school project and having the kids program the meters. He suggested doing a letter writing campaign like they did a few years ago for the Board of Education when they sent a form letter to all county and state elected officials requesting additional monies. Mr. Magiera asked if the Borough paid insurance for the bike path and asked who was going to be responsible for the fences. He said some fencing is going up and some of the residents will be asking why they are not getting one, and asked if fencing will be going up along the whole bike path and wanted to know if the Borough is paying insurance and liable for the bike path and how much does it cost and what is the additional insurance for the youth center. Mayor DeIorio said he wrote Mr. Magiera's questions down and would respond back in writing. Mr. Magiera said Government should not insult the voters and taxpayers by asking us to sacrifice while it endlessly rewards platinum paying pensions. He said if we have to bite the bullet and tighten our belts, Government should do it also. He asked the Mayor if he received the \$12.00 retraining tape and Mayor DeIorio said yes. Mr. Mageria asked about the condemned property and what was going to be done to generate some revenue. He said a red car has been parked there that does not belong to a Borough employee and if it is abandoned, it should be towed away. He said if people use the parking lot to go to the restaurant, that should be a violation and if someone gets hurt on that property is the Borough responsible. He said there are signs on that property that say "parking for Borough business only" and said they were trespassing. He said the Borough pays insurance and is responsible if someone gets hurt and stated that the condemnation cost over a million

dollars and the Borough has not gotten one red cent back in revenue. Mr. Mageria asked the Mayor to try and take an additional 10% off the budget. He said if the Governing Body took a 30% cut in pay the Borough could get the fireworks back and new flags.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Matarante moved, at 9:10 p.m., to close the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Mayor DeIorio read the Closed Session Resolution and said Council would be discussing the following:

- . Contractual – Jenicar Chester Avenue Project
- . Contractual – Blackstone and Youth Center
- . Litigation – Spagnoli and Tucci vs. Roselle Park
- . Contractual – SOA Lieutenant Position in Police Department
- . Personnel – Health Insurance Decision
- . Contractual – SOA Grievance
- . Contractual – PBA Grievance

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Harms moved, at 9:12 p.m., to interrupt the regular order of business for a closed session meeting; seconded by Councilman Matarante and adopted.

RESUME THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Harms moved, at 10:30 p.m., to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Rubilla and adopted.

Mayor DeIorio said during closed session Council discussed matters pertaining to:

- . Contractual – Jenicar Chester Avenue Project
- . Contractual – Blackstone and Youth Center
- . Litigation – Spagnoli and Tucci vs. Roselle Park
- . Contractual – SOA Lieutenant Position in Police Department

. Personnel – Health Insurance Decision

. Contractual – SOA Grievance

. Contractual – PBA Grievance

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at 10:35 p.m., Councilman Harms moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Zeglarski and adopted.

Attest:

Deputy Borough Clerk