

Executive Meeting of Mayor and Council April 6, 2006

PRESENT: Mayor DeIorio; Councilmembers Harms, Matarante, Zeglarski, Rubilla and Dinardo; Borough Attorney Bill Lane; and Borough Engineer Ed Dec

ABSENT: None

Mayor DeIorio called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. and said it is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting 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 procedure to be followed in case of fire.

Borough Clerk Doreen Cali read a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DeIorio requested a moment of silence for Sal Tucci who was a very active member of the community and would be sorely missed.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilman Harms moved the following communication; seconded by Councilman Matarante, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Request from Mayor Joseph DeIorio for the use of Monsignor Loreti Park on Friday, April 7, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Harms moved the following communication; seconded by Councilman Matarante, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Request from Deborah T. DeCosmo, 531 Spruce Street, seeking permission to close Spruce Street on May 6, 2006 for party.

Councilman Harms moved the following communication; seconded by Councilman Matarante, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Request from Boys & Girls Club to use Gazebo area for Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 13, 2006.

Request from Karen Intile, Administrative Assistant, Casano Center seeking authorization to appoint Catherine Reveron to the position of Part-time Evening/Day

Director at the hourly rate of \$8.89 effective April 10, 2006, pending formal resolution on April 20, 2006.

REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- Thanked the Boys and Girls Club and all the children that helped with the celebration of National Boys and Girls Club Week.
- Resolution regarding a contract for Heyer & Gruel Associates.

BOROUGH CLERK – Doreen Cali

- Presentation by Carl from FRA Technologies for dog and license program updating. Borough Clerk Doreen Cali said if the Borough should require a specific field it can be added to the program for no additional fee and thanked Carl for his demonstration. Mayor DeIorio said the Clerk's Office was looking forward to the new program.
- Stated that the Borough's phone directory and budget was now available on the town webpage. She said the town holidays will be listed tomorrow so the public will know when Municipal Buildings are closed. She said a link is on the Internet for 4th of July sponsors and anyone donating towards fireworks will be listed. Ms. Cali said the agenda for the April 20th meeting will be available on the webpage April 18th and all agendas will be available on the Internet 2 days prior to the meeting.
- Garbage specs are out and a moderate change was made to include an alternate for all condos and multi-families above 5. She said by law the Borough must reimburse them and it came to her attention that they all have private contractors. Ms. Cali said she was attempting to get a price to see if they can beat the price rather than have 34 separate contractors.
- Request for Mayor and Council to consider an amendment to the by-laws returning to two regular meetings a month.

BOROUGH ENGINEER – Ed Dec

- Street reconstruction projects will begin in May.
- Trees will be removed on streets being reconstructed. He said the contractors have to excavate two or three feet below and behind where the curb will be and that damages the main structural roots of the trees. He said the trees will be replaced to restore the beauty of the street.
- An application package is being submitted to the State for funding to do the soil logs and borings at the little league fields.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Bill Lane

- Two items involving proposed ordinances for consideration. The Municipal Land Use Amendment which is at Stage II and has been provided to Council with the exception of revisions by the Enforcement Officer regarding signs.

He said the amendment includes increasing fees, setting a permit cost for dumpsters, clarifying permitted uses in the B3 Zone and proximity of permanent barbecues or grills to any structure.

- Exploring draft of an ordinance to have protected zones around schools to prohibit residents or loitering sex offenders. He said Ed Dec developed a chart to help Council decide the size of the area and what distance they wanted to prohibit in that ordinance. Mayor DeIorio said because of Megan's Law there is an online registry to look up registered sex offenders. He said by typing in the municipality you will get a list of registered offenders in that community.
- Litigation matter for discussion in closed session regarding Blackstone.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Warren Wielgus

- Thanked the Borough Engineer and Attorney for their assistance on an ordinance.
- All Borough employees will be updated on the Right-to-Know Law. He said he will contact the Borough Clerk to coordinate times.
- Record Room hours will be changing from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 4:30 p.m.
- Request from residents of Jerome Street to change parking regulations to allow 20 minute parking for loading and unloading at the apartment complex.
- Met with Colonial Rick Fuentes from the New Jersey State Police concerning New Jersey's Dare program. The meeting was very successful and cleared many issues that were being circulated throughout the State. He stated the DARE Program was not in trouble and the State Police were not pulling their instructors out of the program.
- Chief Wielgus said he was appointed to the Executive Board of DARE New Jersey. He said he would attend meetings and make every attempt to improve Roselle Park's existing program. He noted there were no reported problems with the existing program.
- Two new vehicles will be ordered as soon as a resolution is passed. The purchases will be made through the Cranford Co-Op whereby the Borough has saved money in the past.
- Met with Labor Attorney Linda Niedweske, Captain Cris Tucci and Union Representatives to discuss the dispatcher's contract.
- The Police Department held a bicycle and computer auction earlier this month. He said they did not make much money but got rid of a lot of articles taking up valuable space. He thanked Sergeant Peter Picarelli for handling the assignment.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – Frank Wirzbicki

- Frank Wirzbicki said he took pictures of the trees that were removed on Walnut Street. He said if they were not removed they would become unstable and that some of the trees were diseased.

- He said there was a second exception from OSHA and a letter will be sent shortly stated that they passed.
- SLAP worked with the Department the whole month of March.
- Stop signs on Dalton Street, E. Colfax Avenue and Sherman Avenue were replaced.
- New Parking signs were replaced at W. Roselle Avenue.
- Spring banners were installed on Westfield Avenue and Chestnut Street
- All DPW employees attended a two hour “Right-to-Know” course held at the high school.
- All men were sent to an “Emergency Preparedness First Response” course.
- Mr. Wirzbicki attended two “NJ Tree Foundation” classes. The Borough will receive 20 trees for Labor Day.
- Harry Uhrig attended a “Turfgrass Disease Management” course.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Karen Intile

- Cerullo Fire Protection, Inc. has completed the reconfiguration of the Fire Suppression System and the concrete floor has been poured.
- Stated she is working on obtaining three quotes for installing an alarm system.
- Has received three estimates with regards to replacing the ceiling and the floor of the Center. The estimates must be reviewed as to whether the work is comparable from each company.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilman Dinardo:

- Attended the Board of Health Meeting and reminded the public that with more daylight hours children are outside and staying out later. He urged drivers to slow down and obey local speeding laws.

Councilman Badillo:

- Team Roselle Park will be having a fundraiser at Burger King on April 25th to help fight cancer.
- Dad’s Club Golf Outing will be held in May.
- Thanked Kathy Bonivita and the Woman’s Softball League for donating \$500.00 to Roselle Park Pop Warner Cheerleaders.
- Congratulated the NJ Central Cheerleaders who won Grand Champions.

Councilman Rubilla:

- Contacted Conrail regarding the painting of bridges and train trestles and was told that they no longer paint bridges. He said he was going to call other towns who have had their bridges painted with “Welcome To etc.”. He said

he was not interested in the slogan as much as getting them cleaned up and would get back to Council.

Councilman Matarante:

- Congratulated the High School students and cast that performed in the play “Guys and Dolls”. He said it was another outstanding performance that never ceases to amaze him.
- Reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, April 18th, for the school budget.
- Will be meeting with local restaurant owners on Monday to discuss having a 4th of July Festival.
- Met with a Honeywell representative and discussed several contracts that they have available to help the Borough conserve energy. He said he also referred them to the Board of Education although the Borough will not be able to joint arrangement with them.
- He said he met with Ed Dec regarding the E. Colfax Avenue reconstruction project and complaints on how the contractor left the grassy areas. He said Mr. Dec spoke with the contractor who agreed to come back and re-seed those areas. Councilman Matarante said the contractor will also replace the cement around one of the street signs. He thanked Mr. Magiera for bringing the situation to his attention.

Councilman Harms:

- Relay for Life is having a Casano Night fundraiser on Friday, May 12th, at the Union Elks Lodge. He said the proceeds will go to help fight cancer and anyone wishing to attend can contact the Mayor or himself.
- He said he has been working with the high school to get students to adopt-a-bicycle path to keep it clean and was happy to announce that there are 28 students that are going to participate in that program.
- He requested Council’s permission to have Frank Wirzbicki meet with the Rahway Superintendent of Public Works to discuss shared services with the township. Council agreed and the Mayor said it was an excellent idea.

Councilman Zeglarski:

- No formal report.

Mayor DeIorio:

- Library Worker Appreciation Day was held at the Public Library and he thanked them for all they do for our community.
- The Student Council at Aldene School was successful in collecting school supplies for Hurricane Katrina victims in Mobile Alabama. He congratulated the staff and students for their efforts.

- The Extraordinary Aid application was submitted in the amount of \$250,000.00 and he thanked the Clerk and Finance Department for their work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan avenue, addressed:

- Suggested charging NJ Transit a passenger fee to raise revenue for painting bridges.
- Residents have asked him to second the motion to eliminate the Golden Parachute for Department Heads.
- Stated he was happy the Borough and Board of Education are looking into energy conservation.
- Asked if he could address questions regarding the adoption of the budget since no copies for the public were available. Mayor DeIorio said that was the introduction of the municipal budget and a public hearing for the adoption of the budget will be held on April 20, 2006. Borough Clerk Doreen Cali said it is available to the public after introduction and is on the back table. She said it was also posted on the Internet.
- Suggested a 10% cut in other expenses, 30 % cut in pay, pensions and a 30% co-pay for elected officials.
- Stated that 30 years ago was the introduction of the State Income Tax.
- Former Governor Whitman reduced the State Income Tax 30%. Forester wanted to reduce the cost of State business by 30%. Governor John Corzine is borrowing 6.8 billion dollars to be repaid over a 30 year period. Mr. Magiera said the State Budget is 30 billion dollars.
- Reminded everyone of the 1930's Great Depression.
- Reported on the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Committee Meeting of March 21, 2006. The meeting was attended by 150 people and redesign of air space was discussed. He said a meeting is scheduled with Congressman Ferguson on April 10th. Mayor DeIorio thanked Mr. Magiera and reported that Assembly Bill ACR88 has a Senate counterpart which is an identical resolution who has bipartisan support and gives the bill more life.

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

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

- Ongoing Litigation – Roselle Park vs. Blackstone Construction

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Badillo moved to interrupt the regular order of business for a closed session meeting; seconded by Councilman Rubilla and adopted.

RESUME THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Ongoing Litigation – Roselle Park vs. Blackstone Construction

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Matarante moved, at 9:50 p.m., to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Attest:

Borough Clerk

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