

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council May 17, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor DeIorio; Councilmembers Badillo (in at 7:55 p.m.), Harms, Matarante, Rubilla, Dinardo and Yakubov; CFO Ken Blum; Borough Attorney Bill Lane

ABSENT: None

Mayor DeIorio 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 recorded as required by law.

All contracts awarded by Mayor and Council must comply with the affirmative action requirements of P.L. 1975, C.172. (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 Doreen Cali read a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Request from Girl Scout Troop #998 to use the gazebo on June 16th for the Town-wide Garage Sale for six girls who are working on their Gold Awards.
- Letter from Brian Fava requesting permission to close the 400 Block of Spruce Street for Block Parties on Sunday, June 10, 2007 and Saturday, June 16, 2007.

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

- Letter from Jennifer & Christopher Miller requesting permission to close Charlotte Terrace, between East Grant and Madison Avenues, for a Block Party on Saturday, July 21, 2007.

Councilman Harms moved to waive the fee for Girl Scout Troop #998 to use the gazebo for the Town-wide Garage Sale on June 16th; seconded by Councilman Dinardo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- Mayor DeIorio welcomed everyone to the Council Meeting.

- Mayor DeIorio provided a report on the storm that passed through the Borough the previous evening. He said the wind storm knocked out the electrical services on the 600 and 700 blocks of Chestnut Street and other surrounding streets. He said a large tree in the front of 728 Chestnut St. fell across the road between the curb and sidewalk. He said PSE&G said they hoped to have the electrical service reconnected by this evening. There were two utility poles that snapped and need to be replaced. Mayor DeIorio said the only other damage on Chestnut Street was to a house on the corner of Roselle Avenue and Chestnut Street; the awning and a piece of the gutter was damaged. He said there were four utility poles that snapped on the 500 and 600 blocks. He said a large tree in front of 754 Woodland Avenue fell across the street and damaged the gutters at the home of 749 Woodland Avenue. He said in front of 538 E. Grant Avenue a large branch fell and did damage to the gutter and pulled the electrical service from the house; this tree was located on the homeowner's property. He said a tree fell on a garage at 429 Park Place and damaged the fence in the yard; it was a neighbor's tree at 411 Park Place. At 412 Park Place a tree fell from 414 Park Place and damaged the pool. He said a tree fell on the garage at 434 Sheridan Avenue and there was structural damage to the garage and unknown damage to a boat.
- Mayor DeIorio thanked the DPW and Fire Department for their exemplary services, as well as the emergency services with the Police Department and also the help received from PSE&G. He said we also received help from the Union County Department of Public Works addressing their trees on Locust and Chestnut Streets. He said no one was hurt, which we are thankful for.
- Mayor DeIorio said we have been announcing to the public to please have children wear a helmet when riding their bicycles. He said it will save your child's life and it is the law. He said a flyer will be distributed through the school system through the backpack program.
- Mayor DeIorio said the Code Enforcement Office Carl Pluchino has been addressing and many code violations and one in particular is the issue of garage sale signs, advertisements on utility poles and trees. He said that he would like to remind the residents that not only is it against the law, but you will also receive a summons.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Dinardo

- He attended a Municipal Services Meeting and discussed the issue of new welcome signs for Roselle Park at no cost to the town.

Mr. Lane said he received photocopies of the photographs of the signs and he delivered them to Councilman Yakubov, and they will be passed along to other Councilmembers.

Mayor DeIorio thanked the Committee for meeting and we have been provided with a great opportunity for something that is free and will make the town look good. He said that Councilman Matarante is bringing up an idea that he has for a design.

Mr. Lane said we will have to provide the number of signs needed and if you want two separate signs for entering and leaving the Borough or back to back signs. He said the letter that he sent to the Mayor and Council said that they would replace it if it had been destroyed by some means within the first two years without a cost, but that has been corrected and is only if we order ten signs; less than that won't be done for free. Mr. Lane said we will also need a point of communication; one individual to deal with on a regular basis.

Councilman Matarante said that at one point we should vote as to whether to go forward with this or not.

Mayor DeIorio said it is a good opportunity and if Council wants to consider it now, we can do that and get the process started.

Councilman Matarante said that we have to come up with the design including what it will say, color, size of the letters, etc. He suggested that they contact the Art Department or technical drawing or both at the High School and have them come up with some designs that we could choose from. He said this way the kids get involved as being part of this project.

Councilman Harms made a motion to proceed with the suggestion by Councilman Matarante and Councilman Dinardo on having the students get involved with the design; seconded by Councilman Dinardo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Badillo entered the meeting.

- Councilman Dinardo reported that he attended a Library Board Meeting and there are many good things happening at the Library.
- He said that there are more children wearing bicycle helmets and that everyone should be careful when driving.
- He attended a meeting for Relay for Life, which will be on June 9th and they discussed the events of that day and evening. He urged everyone to participate in the even.
- He reported that the Town-wide Garage Sale will be held June 16th and anyone who would like to participate can call the Clerk's Office or him for information.

Councilman Badillo

- He said he checked the areas on Chestnut and Locust Streets to see the damage caused by the storm. He thanked the County for the great job and for their help. He also thanked our DPW and PSE&G for their assistance. Councilman Badillo thanked the Fire Department and the Police Department; everyone did a wonderful job.
- He attended the Fireman's Memorial and thanked the Fire Chief for doing a fantastic job.
- He said the Union Little League has agreed to host our tournament this year and the agreements have been finalized with them; we thank them for their cooperation.
- He said under emergency situations the Borough has the ability to do work without having three bids. He said he believes if you live in this town and run a business,

then you should be getting the first shot at those jobs and not an outside entity. He said he would like to get a roster of the businesses in town, the type of work that they do and start an in-house vendor list so when an emergency happens we can have these individuals called first for the work.

Mr. Lane said that we would have to be sure that does not violate the municipal contract. He said there is a requirement that the contractors must be licensed.

Mayor DeIorio said that a resolution should be put together so that can be authorized formally.

Councilman Badillo said that can be sent to Municipal Services.

Councilman Harms

- He thanked Councilman Matarante for chairing the committee in his place.
- He said he attended the first meeting of the OEM and we are calling it the Local Emergency Planning Committee. He said they discussed the flooding a few months ago and how we can improve our services. He said we have to be prepared to help our residents in all situations. He said they are meeting again on June 21st and we will have a list of items. Councilman Harms said the Borough Hall needs a generator to run the whole building; right now we only have the generator that runs Police Headquarters.

Councilman Matarante

- He said we have a lot of decisions regarding the signs and as Councilman Dinardo said there is no cost to the Borough. He said if one of the signs is damaged, there is a cost but not to the Borough. He said it is an opportunity to put some beautification markers in the Borough. He said he came up with a drawing for about seven sign locations; four on Westfield Avenue, two at each end; one leaving and one welcome on each end and three welcome signs at Galloping Hill, Chestnut, Locust and Faitoute Avenue. He said once all the decisions are made, it will be three months for them to be made and delivered for installation. Councilman Matarante said there was a suggestion made to also get the Historian, Clean Communities and any other beautification people to become involved in the process.
- He at the Municipal Services Meeting a question was brought to us by Carl Pluchino, Code Enforcement Officer about a change in ordinance regarding changing the parking of commercial vehicles in the Borough. He said the change would be that you could not park a commercial vehicle anywhere in the Borough. Councilman Matarante said they discussed it and although they understand the meaning behind it, it is not a good idea to be done town-wide. He said their recommendation is to leave the ordinance as is.

Mayor DeIorio asked if Council agreed or if there is any further discussion.

Councilman Badillo asked if that ordinance dealt with weight of the vehicle as opposed to the designation of the vehicle.

Councilman Matarante said that is why they did not agree on that to be done all over town; that would hurt a lot of people.

Mr. Lane said the existing ordinance prohibits the parking of commercial vehicles in the front yards in residential zones. He said the requested suggestion is to make it Borough wide in all zones; that is what was discussed and rejected. Mr. Lane said you are not allowed to park a commercial vehicle in what is designated the front yard in any residential zone.

Councilman Badillo asked if that means that a contractor that has a van with commercial license plates can't park it in his driveway.

Mr. Lane said it says commercial vehicles with a logo or a sign on the side and that is current.

Mayor DeIorio said we do have an ordinance with a weight issue because we had to deal with recreational vehicles.

Mr. Lane said it not only includes commercial vans, but recreational vans and trailers that are prohibited on the front yard of a residential zone.

Councilman Harms said it can be put in the back, but cannot come past the front of the house.

Mayor DeIorio said if Council has no objections we will proceed with the Committee's recommendation to keep the ordinance as is.

- Councilman Matarante said the Committee also discussed the shuttle bus. He said since we have terminated the program, one of the bus drivers from the program has graciously offered to do it on her own. He said she has supplied us with a proposal and we need to formalize it and provide a license and registration permit for her to continue to do this route.

Mr. Lane said we now have two ordinances, one regulating taxi cabs and we also have a limousine ordinance. He said neither of which applies to that type of shuttle bus. He said it has been suggested to pass a similar type of ordinance which will regulate license fees and put restrictions as to what type of insurance they need. He said this way we can regulate the shuttle bus and you may also want to put a restriction on the number of licenses you will allow.

Mayor DeIorio asked Mr. Lane for a draft ordinance for the next Council Meeting in June.

- Councilman Matarante congratulated the senior class for another wonderful "Mr. Roselle Park" competition. It was a fun evening and thanked Mike Genovese who

did an excellent job as MC. He congratulated Michael Gedman for being named Mr. Roselle Park. Councilman Matarante said it was a good fundraiser for Project Graduation.

- He said that Mr. Joe Accardi informed him of a website Cal Ripkin Senior Foundation and there is potential grant money for refurbishing of youth baseball fields. He said he has the application and he will forward it to the Borough Clerk. He said he is not sure if we qualify, but it is an opportunity to maybe get money from this foundation.
- He said he has been approached by several residents regarding the newspaper flyers that are delivered to their homes and the problem of them blowing all around. He said that in the town-wide newsletter that will be coming out, maybe we can ask the residents about this problem and if they would like them to continue being delivered to them. He said then depending on the response, maybe we can do something about it.

Councilman Rubilla

- He reported that last week he and the Borough Clerk Ms. Cali toured the railroad bridges with the liaison from Conrail. He said among the things examined were structural integrity and aesthetics. Councilman Rubilla said they are waiting for a full report which he will share with Council at the next meeting.
- He said he was only 60 feet from the tree that went down on Chestnut Street and Roselle Avenue. He said he called the Police immediately and Sergeant McCaffery dispatched officers and the firemen immediately cordoned off the areas where the live wires were. He said that PSE&G did a terrific job and had the power on by 2:00 a.m. He also thanked all the first responders. They all did a good job, and everyone was involved because it was quite a devastating storm that was widespread in Roselle Park.

Councilman Yakubov

- He said Councilman Dinardo, the Police Department and he have been continuing on the project of the Neighborhood Watch Program. He said they had flyers delivered to all the schools and to the parents and hopefully residents will call regarding this program. He said it is a great program to create a more open line of communication between the residents, the Police Department and their Councilmen. He said we would like to continue to keep Roselle Park a safe place to live.
- He said he has had some residents call regarding speeding in the Fifth Ward. He said the Police Department has done an excellent job along E. Lincoln Avenue and Galloping Hill Road. He said he hopes that they can continue to increase additional concentration in the Fifth Ward along the main roads. He said he will be meeting with the Police Chief to address these issues.
- He spoke to Comcast because many residents did not have cable to electricity due to the storms. He said he was informed that it would all be back in order tomorrow at the latest. He said that hopefully the residents would be able to get more information.

- He said that he would like to invite the Mayor, Police Chief and Code Enforcement Officer to do a safety walk and overall assessment in the Fifth Ward.
- He thanked the Police Department, DPW and Code Enforcement for being so responsive to any issues that he calls them with.

Councilman Badillo asked that Rashad Qersdyn be honored for being a good citizen. He said he attended the Council Meetings and was at one of the meetings where we discussed the graffiti at the train station. He said instead of complaining he bought paint and got rid of it himself. He also congratulated the baseball team for going to the County semi-finals this year. Councilman Badillo said we are also honoring one of the finest bowlers in the state this evening.

CERTIFICATES/PROCLAMATIONS

Certificates:

- Stephanie Giameo
- Nicholas Milici
- George Castro

Proclamations:

- Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Harms moved at 8:43 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Mayor DeIorio recognized Mr. Jerry Eger who is the new Construction Official. He said there are new hours for the residents, and Mr. Eger will be available on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays by appointment.

Maria DelRio, 138 E. Colfax Avenue

- She commented on all the bad news that is written about Roselle Park. She said that it is not a bad community, and you should be proud of where you live and try to help make it a better community. She said we should spread the news where the community came together and helped raised money for the families that were diagnosed with a terrible disease to help with the cost of medical expenses.
- She also said when a family lost everything in a fire; the community came together for that family.
- She said that Roselle Park will also host the Relay for Life on June 10th. She asked that everyone come out and show support for cancer survivors.
- She said the following Tuesday, Team Roselle Park is doing a fundraiser at the Somerset Patriots Game; come to the ballpark and see Roselle Park raise money for the cure.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- He commended the Mayor on his support of children wearing bicycle helmets.
- He said that our volunteer Fire Department, Police Department and other volunteers did a wonderful job in last night's storm.
- He asked Borough Attorney Lane for an update on affordable housing.

Mr. Lane said it is still at an initial stage of litigation, but the complaint and the answer have both been filed. He said we are working on research and defenses in regard to the affordable housing builders remedy type complaint.

- Mr. Magiera asked if a generator has been purchased for the First Aid Squad.

Ms. Cali said that we are going out for bid on that.

- Mr. Magiera suggested that if we need a generator for this complex, buy a bigger one and use the one we presently have for the First Aid Squad.

Mayor DeIorio said this was discussed earlier this evening about having that generator available for use at the Emergency Management Building.

- Mr. Magiera asked about an update on the property on Jerome Street.

Ms. Cali said an auction was conducted on May 15th and no one showed up, so we readvertised and are going to do it again on June 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor DeIorio said there was also consideration of using that property for the fair housing plan by the state, and they asked us to identify potentially vacant lots in the Borough.

- Mr. Magiera asked if the anticipated money of \$400,000 was in the budget.

Mayor DeIorio said it was not anticipated for that project.

- Mr. Magiera asked for an update on the E. Grant Avenue excavation that was done for the sanitary storm sewer.

Mayor DeIorio said that the matter has been temporarily addressed, so there is still sewage service available for the four homes connected in that line and we will be going out to bid to address a permanent modification repair. He said we addressed the immediate concern to continue to provide a sewer line for the four homes.

Councilman Badillo said we have two sewer trunks running through there and the Engineers are looking to vacate one of the sewers and transferring it into one so there is only one running through. He said what caused the sinkhole was a resident's lateral had broken.

- Mr. Magiera said in 1989 it was discussed that our sewer system was so antiquated that we should be considering rebuilding them; maybe we could apply through the Federal government for funds.

Mayor DeIorio said we do apply for funds through the Federal Government and the most recent line was done on Walnut Street which was done in phases. He said we are trying to address some of the sewer lines through grant money.

- Mr. Magiera said on May 16th because of the storm he watched the DPW working on a downed tree on the corner of Lehigh Avenue and Woodland Avenue. He said he was concerned because the ground was wet and was wondering if the electric had been shut off.
- He asked what the \$33,686.00 was regarding Resolution #129-7 pertaining to Mayor and Council wages.

Mayor DeIorio said the \$33,000 would be the budget for the salary and wages for the Mayor and Council for a portion of the year. He said that no resolution has been adopted for Mayor and Council salaries for this year.

- Mr. Magiera asked about the update for the street fair.

Mayor DeIorio said we are hosting a street fair in October and it is progressing. He said vendors are being solicited and we have an outside vender that is providing the street fair itself.

- Mr. Magiera asked if there is a contract stating all the conditions for the street fair.

Mr. Lane said he has not seen a contract yet, but it will have all of the requirements including insurance.

Paul Endler, 143 E. Grant Avenue

- He said as Commander of Foreign Wars and on behalf of the American Legion and the Catholic War Veterans, he wanted to remind everyone about the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th. He said the parade will begin at Sherman School and will end at the Library where services will be held.

Paul Irslinger, 155 W. Roselle Avenue

- He said that he has a letter that he would like read into the public record regarding an incident that recently happened to him. He said the letter is addressed to Chief Warren Wielgus. "A few weeks ago I had a discrepancy with my neighbor about fixing a fence on my property. I felt threatened with my wellbeing that I called for police assistance in the matter. Sergeant Peter Picarelli responded to the call and he assisted me in resolving the matter. He even came back the next day to check to see if I was okay. His expertise and calm demeanor were key in calming the situation

and I was able to complete the work. I want to publicly thank Sergeant Picarelli for what he did and how he handled it. Great job, thank you.”

Glen Marczewski, 622 Sherman Avenue

- He asked if other towns have a helmet law.

Mayor DeIorio said we do have a program through the schools to encourage our kids to wear helmets and we have a free summons program. If we see a child riding a bicycle, they are given a summons for a free slurpee. He said we are also having discussions with our school children on the hazards of not wearing a helmet.

- Mr. Marczewski said Manasquan has a program through the schools and the children can get the helmets for \$5.00 through a company.
- He asked about all the lawsuits that are happening, which will affect the taxpayers.
- He asked how much the design for the train station cost.

Mayor DeIorio said we had a Professional Planner that provided us with the designs, as well as the Redevelopment Study, the New Direction Study and several meetings with the public, and we will continue to do outreach meetings. He said the total cost of that professional plan was about \$40,000. He said the planner identified the area for a redevelopment zone, which requires studies and the Planning Board and Governing Body to adopt, give input and designate a redevelopment zone. He said they also provided professional help and recommendations on identifying areas in Roselle Park that would be right for redevelopment and areas for improvement. Mayor DeIorio said they also identified our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities, and in doing so identified areas that were acceptable for improvement. He said they also identified many areas where the Borough can apply for grants. He said in addition they provided us with information on improving our downtown and Westfield Avenue business district.

- Mr. Marczewski asked if the trees that fell in the storm looked like they should have been taken down a long time ago.

Mayor DeIorio said no, and several of them were on County Roads and are maintained by the County.

Councilman Matarante said you can see the magnitude of that storm by the gigantic tree that was uprooted on Galloping Hill Road in Union which was not rotted.

Patrick Jones, 5B Sheridan Avenue

- Mr. Jones spoke on behalf of the DePanics Family and thanked Mayor and Council for coming in their time of need.

Mayor DeIorio said that Mr. Tony DePanics attended many meetings and was very active in the community.

Suzanne Kinloch, 336 Sheridan Avenue

- She thanked Maria DelRio for reminding everyone about the Relay for Life on June 9th and 10th at Roselle Park High School. She invited all the cancer survivors in Roselle Park to join us that evening. She said there will be a special guest, Country Singer Rick Lee, who wrote a special song for the Relay and the survivors. She said that perhaps the Clerk can put a link on the town website to invite them to the Relay.

Mayor DeIorio said that at 5:30 p.m. there will be a prayer circle in the middle of the field and invited everyone to join in.

Joe Accardi, 155 E. Clay Avenue

- He thanked Suzanne Kinloch and Maria DelRio for their work and he is looking forward to this year's Relay for Life.
- He thanked Mr. Endler for his efforts for the Memorial Day Parade.
- He said in the past month the emergency services in the community have done a wonderful job.
- He said he is concerned about the street fair that is being mentioned tonight and the contract for the street fair. He said he trusts that the elected officials will do the right thing regarding this event.

Mayor DeIorio said there was a motion in 2006 and at that time there was not enough time and the Governing Body then decided to take those efforts and carry them through to 2007.

- Mr. Accardi said that when the Council does vote on it there will be research done to insure the liability and indemnification for the community is in place. He said he did speak to the organizer for the event, and he was very upfront and made it clear that it is a profitable adventure for them. He said he will donate to an organization within the community, but it is a full profit venture for him. Mr. Accardi said while it is good for the community to get involved in this type of activity, he does not think the Borough should take on any additional expenses as a result of it. He said he hopes Mayor and Council see that the taxpayers are not paying for any of the security for the day. He also said the DPW should not be involved in clean up and he recommends that there be money put aside in case clean up is not provided.

Councilman Harms said when this was discussed last year, he said the taxpayers will definitely not pay for Police Officers and when the Borough ran the street fair on Chestnut Street, there were four officers and they would have the same and pick up the tab for that. He said in 2006 we also discussed the clean up and he assures the taxpayers will not be paying for Police Officers and there will be something in the contract for clean up.

- Mr. Accardi said there is a minimum of 130 tables at this event and at \$100 per table that is \$13,000. He said he does not know what kind of donation is being made to the community; you should keep this in mind with the organizer of the event.

Mayor DeIorio said we have provided street fairs in the past like this, so we are familiar with this type of event.

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

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Harms moved to accept the following reports; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

- Administrative Assistant Report, May 2007
- Municipal Court Report, April 2007
- Neglia Engineering, May 17, 2007
- Treasurer's Report, April 2007

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS:

Councilman Harms moved to approve the following minutes; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

- Special Meeting: April 3, 2007
- Regular Meeting: April 5, 2007

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Harms moved that bills and payrolls not be read and passed for payment; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

Second Reading and Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 2211

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$270,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$192,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Councilman Harms moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2211; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Mr. Magiera asked that in the future the ordinance not be read by title only. He asked why \$270,000 of taxpayers money being spent.

Mayor DeIorio said this ordinance allows the Borough to finance two projects listed in the ordinance. He said the first purpose is for our communication system for Police and Fire including all work and related materials. He said all the squads, Police, Fire, and First Aid all identified that we need to upgrade our dispatch system. He said we identified shortcomings when it came to emergency situations such as the flooding. Mayor DeIorio said all three departments recognized this was a priority in our Capital Budget items for 2007. In lieu of waiting for the budget being adopted we have to get the system in place as soon as we can. Mayor DeIorio said secondly, was the acquisition of ADA recreation equipment field house expansion at the Pop Warner field, fencing at various parks including work and necessary materials which is the approximate cost of \$130,000. He said in order for us to accomplish this and purchase the materials, we received a grant from the County, which is the Recreation Trust Fund Grant. He said it was successful in acquiring about \$69,000 towards our efforts. Mayor DeIorio said in order to appropriate the funds we need to adopt it into our budget and in this case the Capital Budget.

- Mr. Magiera said many children used to play soccer at the green and asked why that couldn't have been put by the basketball courts because they are no longer used.

Mayor DeIorio said there is a hazard of putting playground equipment on asphalt.

- Mr. Magiera said you are taking away the green by placing playground equipment in that area.

Mayor DeIorio said we are just replacing the equipment in the same spots and the other green area is there. He said it would be wrong to take out a blacktop area that is there being used by others for street hockey. We are trying to give all the youth of Roselle Park the opportunity to use the parks.

Councilman Badillo said the blacktop area is also used for small children to ride their bikes; we are not removing anything. He said the only thing this Council removed were the basketball courts because we received many complaints about that.

Councilman Matarante said Mr. Magiera is saying there is an additional piece that was not there before.

Councilman Harms said it has been requested by parents that bring their children there that there were not enough rides for the children and they wanted one added. He said with that in mind, we went to the Borough Clerk and requested if we could apply for this grant to purchase another one which we are also doing in Aldene Park.

Councilman Badillo said that is in addition, we are not taking things away.

- Mr. Magiera said he has been there and questioned why they were digging the holes; now that grassy area is being cut in half. He said perhaps you should have a meeting with parents to discuss what should be done.

Mayor DeIorio said the Recreation Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Taluba has been talking to many parents and we have solicited their suggestions and opinions. He said as you know Acker Park is community involved.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Harms moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Matarante, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Harms moved that Ordinance #2211 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Badillo.

Councilman Badillo commented that it is wrong to give the impression that this Council does not involve people; that park was done by kids.

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following routine resolutions, listed on consent agenda, were offered by Councilman Harms; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye said resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 129-07

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen wherein the appropriations set forth in the 2007 temporary budget are insufficient to meet the financial obligations as set forth below and the payroll for municipal officers and employees, and

WHEREAS, the permanent budget for the year 2007 has not yet been adopted, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2007 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-20 including this resolution total \$13,071,065.38 and utility budget \$1,332,428.63

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by (not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the aforementioned statute the 2007 temporary budget be and the same is hereby amended to provide for an emergency temporary appropriation in the amount of \$5,180,389.55 and utility budget \$271,092.90, said appropriations as follows:

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
Mayor and Council	\$ 33,686.00	\$ 3,200.00
Municipal Clerk	\$ 112,535.81	\$ (23,000.00)
Financial Administration	\$ 60,057.50	\$ 25,775.00
Audit Services	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 2,392.00
Revenue Administration	\$ 29,313.00	\$ 7,687.50
Liquidation of Tax Title Liens	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Legal Services & Costs	\$ 17,375.25	\$ (27,275.00)
Human Resources	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Tax Appeals	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
Municipal Prosecutor's Office	\$ (3,348.00)	\$ 177.50
Engineering Services & Costs	\$ 12,120.50	\$ -
Buildings & Grounds	\$ -	\$ 60,900.00
Planning Board	\$ 3,033.00	\$ 2,333.75
Board of Adjustment	\$ 2,957.00	\$ 2,155.00
Employee Group Insurance	\$ -	\$ 642,038.00
Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 33,250.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ -	\$ -
Other Public Works Functions	\$ -	\$ (400.00)
Fire	\$ 19,814.00	\$ 62,460.00
Supplemental Fire Services	\$ -	\$ (690.24)
Fire Protection	\$ 4,505.50	\$ 3,125.00
Police	\$ 1,353,370.41	\$ 87,560.00
Traffic Control (Schools)	\$ 101,597.91	\$ 12,500.00
Aid to Volunteer Ambulance Company	\$ -	\$ 9,437.50
Office of Emergency Management	\$ 3,662.75	\$ 1,250.00
Maintenance of Vehicles	\$ -	\$ 40,875.00
Streets & Roads Maintenance	\$ 308,077.16	\$ 12,233.75
Solid Waste Disposal Costs	\$ -	\$ 210,000.00
Solid Waste Collection	\$ -	\$ 160,125.00
Recycling	\$ 1,595.00	\$ 22,250.00

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
Board of Health	\$ 2,064.00	\$ 61,099.50
Animal Control	\$ -	\$ (341.00)
Administration of Public Assistance	\$ 6,459.50	\$ 517.50
Community Alliance Program	\$ -	\$ 23,906.00
Recreation Services	\$ 982.75	\$ 19,320.00
Maintenance of Parks	\$ -	\$ -
Celebration of Public Events	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Youth Center	\$ -	\$ (25,000.00)
Community Center	\$ 8,242.00	\$ 1,937.50
Historical Sites Office	\$ -	\$ 2,175.00
Senior Citizen Activities	\$ -	\$ 0.75
Environmental Services	\$ -	\$ 75.00
State Uniform Construction Code	\$ 75,939.00	\$ 11,575.00
Shuttle Bus	\$ -	\$ (6,361.00)
Union County S.L.A.P. Program	\$ -	\$ 18,942.90
Municipal Services Act	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Farmers Market	\$ 1,438.00	\$ 625.00
Prior Years Bills	\$ -	\$ 16,843.33
Utilities:		
Street Lighting	\$ -	\$ 98,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Cable TV 34	\$ -	\$ 4,040.00
Telephone	\$ -	\$ 31,000.00
Electricity	\$ -	\$ 48,000.00
Water	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
Natural Gas	\$ -	\$ 57,250.00
Gasoline	\$ -	\$ 62,250.00
Contingent	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Contribution to:		
PERS	\$ -	\$ -
Social Security (OASI)	\$ -	\$ 109,804.25
Consolidated PFRS	\$ -	\$ (3,039.68)
PFRS	\$ -	\$ -
State Unemployment Insurance	\$ -	\$ 30,250.00
Municipal Court	\$ 79,359.34	\$ 10,312.50
Public Defender	\$ (1,541.25)	\$ -
Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$ -	\$ 240,038.36
Police Dispatch/"911"	\$ 31,527.25	\$ 21,837.50
PEOSHA Act/Board of Health	\$ -	\$ -
L.O.S.A.P. Program	\$ -	\$ 61,950.00
Snow Emergency	\$ -	\$ -
Implementation of Fair Housing - COAH	\$ -	\$ 117,000.00
Judgments	\$ -	\$ 48,275.00
Matching Funds For Grants	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Community Alliance Grant	\$ -	\$ -
Community Alliance Grant Match	\$ -	\$ -
Safe and Secure Grant	\$ -	\$ -
Safe and Secure Grant Match	\$ -	\$ -
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant	\$ -	\$ -

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$ -	\$ -
Body Armor Grant	\$ -	\$ -
Union County Kids' Recreation Trust Fund:		
Grant	\$ -	\$ (63,951.00)
Matching Funds	\$ -	\$ (63,951.00)
Clean Communities Grant	\$ -	\$ -
Greening Union County Grant	\$ -	\$ -
Greening Union County Grant Match	\$ -	\$ -
NJDEP Hazardous Discharge Site	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ -	\$ 11,250.00
Sidewalk Replacement	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
Bond Principal	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Bonds	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ -	\$ 562,500.00
Deficit in Dedicated Trust Assessment	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Fund	<u>\$ 2,271,073.38</u>	<u>\$ 2,909,316.17</u>

Sewer Utility Budget

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>SALARIES & WAGES</u>	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>
Joint Meeting Sewer	\$ -	\$ -
Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	\$ 186,637.14	\$ 53,780.75
PERS	\$ -	\$ -
Social Security	\$ -	\$ 20,425.00
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00
Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ 3,750.00
Maintenance of Vehicles	\$ -	\$ 3,750.00
Bond Principal	\$ -	\$ -
Interest on Bonds	\$ -	\$ 0.01
Total Sewer Utility	<u>\$ 186,637.14</u>	<u>\$ 84,455.76</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 130-07

RESOLVED that Queenie Mae Hagler, 220 West Sumner Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey, be and is hereby appointed as an Alternate School Crossing Guard, effective immediately for a term expiring on December 31, 2007, at the rate of \$50.77 per day, pending the completion of her training and successful background check.

RESOLUTION NO. 131-07

BE IT RESOLVED that Charles Medallis, 550 West Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, be and is hereby appointed to the position of Electrical Inspector in the Borough of Roselle Park, effective June 1, 2007, to be compensated at the rate of \$4,790.22 per annum, as set forth by Borough Ordinance.

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

MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL

Councilman Harms moved that a Raffle License be granted to the Roselle Park Community Center Association for a On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on June 16, 2007 (rain date of June 17th) and September 15, 2007 (rain date of September 16th); seconded by Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Harms said a letter was received from the Superintendent of Schools requesting an area on Sherman Avenue approximately 30 square feet from E. Grant Avenue for the purpose of parking a school bus for discharge and pickup of students. He said we have checked with the Police Chief and he said this is not a problem.

Councilman Harms moved that an area of approximately 30 square feet from E. Grant Avenue for the purpose of parking a school bus for student pick up and discharge be granted to Sherman School; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Harms asked that a letter be sent from the Borough Clerk to the schools confirming this.

Mayor DeIorio invited Laura Hahn, Chairman of the Cable Committee to the front to explain the change in the Channel 34 TV Access Channel.

Ms. Hahn said it is more professional looking and more modern. She said she and Keith Heyman met with the TelVue representative and showed a presentation. She said they wanted to make sure that Mayor and Council would be able to see it and also to get the Board of Education and school officials at the meeting. She said that did not work out, so they had their own meeting and they all agreed that they wanted to sign the letter of intent. Ms. Hahn asked how the Mayor and Council sit on this.

Mayor DeIorio said we were presented with the packet of information and some of the Councilmembers had opportunity to see the presentation, and we have to finalize and come to a conclusion. He said that TelVue is embarking on a different program which right now the community does not have to pay anything for a two year period. TelVue will solicit sponsorships for the use of that program. He said after the conclusion of the two year period, the Borough can either continue and the advertisements are there. If not, the Borough can consider

paying for the service. Mayor DeIorio said the Borough can also withdraw from the TelVue contract at that point.

Councilman Harms spoke to the Superintendent to get their opinion and he knows how some Councilmembers feel about this. He said that if we take a vote this evening, he will vote yes, but still has some reservations. He said he will vote yes because it will not cost the taxpayers anything for the first two years. Councilman Harms said after the first two years, he hopes that Council and the Board of Education can get together and decide whether it is good for the community. He said it is very important because after two years, it will then cost the taxpayers money.

Ms. Hahn said she understands the reservations, but the Borough will really like this and based on what she has seen, it is much more presentable and more people would watch it.

Councilman Badillo said it is a win/win situation because we have that out. He said at the end of the second year if we do not like it, we can always back out. He said we can see if the residents like it and then that is a decision we will have to make in two years.

Mr. Lane said at the end of two years, it is not mandated that they will charge. They have the option to charge and that will be determined on if the sponsorship is worth their while.

Councilman Matarante said he and Councilman Harms share the same reservations in the non used equipment for two years and how obsolete it will be after two years. He said they were pretty confident that we use all of that equipment.

Councilman Yakubov said he was not able to make the meetings and asked if there were any hidden costs within the first two years and after the time has expired. He said also is their program going to hinder the students at the High School and will TelVue be accessible if we have to put information on in a short period of time, and we will be able to do it ourselves. He said we should consider how the Borough will react having advertisements on Channel 34 if this contract is binding for the next two years.

Mayor DeIorio said that Comcast was very specific in their contract, and we are prohibited in selling sponsorship in our Community Access Channel. He said we could do that at this time on our own.

Councilman Matarante said there are no hidden costs and if there is a cost after two years then we can withdraw. He said it is easier and faster to put emergency information on. We do not have to be on site, and it can be done by computer. Councilman Matarante said they will go out and take videos of scenes in the town and have them as backgrounds; this will make it more interactive.

Mr. Lane said there are no advertisements; it is a sponsorship and there are restrictions on some things.

Councilman Harms moved to send the letter of intent to TelVue; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Harms moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Matarante and adopted.

Attest:

Borough Clerk