

Borough of Roselle Park Regular Meeting of February 17, 2011

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Larry Dinardo	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Michael Yakubov	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Modesto Miranda	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Carl Hokanson	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Tanya Torres	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	7:00 PM
Marc Caswell	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Joseph Accardi	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	7:00 PM

Mayor Accardi called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, 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 Cali read a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MILITARY PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Councilmen Yakubov and Hokanson presented the Military Plaque for display in Borough Hall. Each branch of the military is represented, as well as a picture in which there are Roselle Park residents.

Mayor Accardi thanked them and said everyone should support all the branches of the military. He especially thanked Richard Graves for his work on the plaque. It would not have happened without his dedicated efforts.

FEBRUARY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH CHESTNUT HARDWARE 30 YEARS IN BUSINESS

CERTIFICATES/PROCLAMATIONS:

Certificates

- Steve Krall
- Ann Marie Rudolph
- Anita Miller
- Jeff Regan
- Joel Reed

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Miranda moved the following correspondence; seconded by Councilwoman Torres and adopted.

- Thank you letter from Julia J. Henn for the “Slow, Children at Play” sign.
- Letter from Girl Scout Troops #40582 and #40070 requesting to sit in for Mayor and Council at the Meeting of March 3, 2011; as was done in the past.
- Letter from the DEP with regard to the Ballfields; Roselle Park may open Ballfields for use.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Hokanson

- Congratulated everyone that received certificates.
- February 5th he attended the Firemen’s Annual Dinner and congratulated all the firemen receiving awards.
- February 8th he met with the Mayor and attended the Roselle Park Youth Baseball Meeting.
- February 10th he attended the Public Safety Meeting.
- He would like to discuss emergency vehicles in Closed Session.
- February 10th he also attended a Budget Meeting.
- February 16th he attended the Crime Prevention Demonstration given at the Casano Center, which was set up by Karen Intile and the Police Department.
- February 16th he attended the second Budget Meeting.
- Gave the Dog and Cat Report.
- In two to three weeks, the Borough will be issuing summonses for unlicensed pets.

Councilman Yakubov

- Reminded Councilmembers about the Shared Services Meeting in Scotch Plains.
- The next Budget Meeting will be held on Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.
- DPW has gone out to fill potholes.
- Please report any potholes or tree trimming to DPW.
- Thanked everyone that helped to put together the Memorial Veteran Plaque.
- He especially thanked Richard Graves who worked on it.
- Thanked the Board of Education for allowing the Borough to use their wood shop.

Mayor Accardi thanked Councilman Yakubov for his efforts in bringing this plaque to the Borough. It was beautifully done and appreciates him making it happen.

Councilman Miranda

- February 10th he attended the Public Safety Meeting.
- Following that meeting he attended the first Budget Meeting.
- February 16th he attended the second Budget Meeting.

Councilwoman Torres

- February 10th she attended the Firemen's Dinner.
- Attended several Board of Education Meetings over the past few weeks.
- She encouraged everyone to attend.
- Attended the Crime Prevention Seminar at the Casano Center.
- Attended the Recreation Committee Meeting.
- Would like to recognize Julia Henn regarding her idea for a "Children at Play" sign on her street.

Councilman Caswell

- Attended the Budget Meeting; there were many good ideas presented.
- Casano Center Meeting was cancelled due to the snow.
- Attended the Library Board Meeting; glad to hear the use of the Library is up.
- They are looking for any college age men and women who would like to assist at the Library.
- Attended the Public Safety Meeting.
- Thanked Susan Calantone, Library Director for all the programs she has developed in the Library.

Councilman Dinardo

- Attended both Budget Meetings.
- Thanked Councilman Yakubov for the plaque; he has put a lot of time and effort into it.
- Is very glad the Ballfields are completed.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Karen Intile – Administrative Assistant

- Has contacted all the departments regarding the information pamphlet that is done for the Borough every year.
- Needs a sponsorship letter signed for the Fourth of July and the Car Show.
- Thanked the Police Department for the Crime Prevention Seminar at the Casano Center.
- Researched prices for the plaque for the Casano Center and Acker Park.
- Receiving donations for the food pantry.

- Special Improvement District Meeting will be Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:15 p.m.
- Mother's Consignment Sale will be March 25th and March 26th.
- Crusin Car Shows are scheduled for June 11th and September 17th and she is in the process of doing all the paperwork.
- They held a Valentine's lunch for seniors.
- Spoke about the Winter Photo Contest at the Casano Center.
- St. Patrick's Luncheon is March 5th at the Casano Center.
- Attended the Community Block Grant Meeting; requested the money for the Special Needs Summer Program.

Susan Calantone – Library Director

- Reviewed the various programs the Library had done in 2010.
- Listed all the programs at the Library for February.
- They have added a new link to the webpage called the "Guttenberg Project", where books can be downloaded.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- Attended the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties.
- The sewer line was split in the area of Faitoute Avenue.
- The Joint Meeting serves a large portion of our community.
- They have cut their costs this year for a total of 1.4 million dollars.
- They have built a new plant, resulting in 1.4 million dollar savings.
- When Councilman Miranda represented the Borough at the Joint Meeting he was so well liked, every representative was thankful for his service.
- He and Councilman Hokanson attended the Grand Opening of the new business La Raj that has opened on W. Westfield Avenue.
- He has noticed that as the snow is melting, under the snow is a lot of trash, Christmas trees, etc.
- Would like to make this weekend "Clean Up Your Neighborhood Weekend".

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Miranda moved to approve the following reports; seconded by Councilman Caswell, all members presenting voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

- Department of Public Works Report for January 2011
- Municipal Court Report for January 2011
- Administrative Assistant Report for January 11, 2011 through February 10, 2011
- Construction Code Enforcement Report for January 2011

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ:
MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Miranda moved to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Yakubov.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Commented on how popular the Library has become.
- Thanked Councilman Yakubov and Council for the Military Plaque.
- Asked for an update on the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.
- Asked that Mr. Venturo come in to give a report.
- Spoke about contracts for state workers, health benefits and the 30% payment toward health benefits.
- Spoke about the House of Representatives and Congress.
- Asked about Resolution #65-11, there is no dollar figure in the title.

Mayor Accardi said that Resolution #65-11 was a tax appeal.

- Mr. Magiera asked how many tax appeals have we had, and how much have they cost.
- Asked for an update on AvalonBay.

Chris Miller, 510 E. Grant Avenue

- Complimented Mayor and Council for their recognition with the Military Plaque.
- Complimented Julia Henn and her initiative.
- Complimented the Library Volunteers.
- He is a member of the Board of Education and liaison to Council.
- Spoke about shared services.
- Looking forward to the next meeting with the Mayor.
- The goal of the Board of Education is to operate as efficiently as possible.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Miranda moved to close the public comment portion; seconded by Councilman Dinardo.

Mayor Accardi addressed Mr. Magiera's comments.

- Agreed that the Library has increased its users, as well as the Casano Center and the Youth Center.

- Hopes the buildings we have are more than just structures; they are the roots to bring the community together.
- Does not currently have an update on the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, but has spoken to the secretary.
- Mr. Ventura supplies a monthly report and does a wonderful job.
- He will invite him to a meeting to introduce himself.
- They are in the process of negotiating changes in contracts with Borough employees.
- There are many changes that will most probably take place this year.
- Spoke about addresses for homes and businesses for emergency personnel.
- Does not have the information for the amount of tax appeals and the cost, but there was a specific budget set aside last year and the line item was not completely used.
- He has not spoken to anyone from AvalonBay.
- The weather may have caused a delay and now that Spring is upon us, we can speak to them to have them start work.
- It will be beneficial to us to see a groundbreaking, so people can see that progress is being made.

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES
SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2319

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAND USE CHAPTER XL, ARTICLE XXX,
SECTION 40-3004, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
REGARDING FENCES**

Councilman Miranda moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2319; seconded by Councilman Dinardo and adopted.

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

Councilman Miranda moved that Ordinance #2319 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Dinardo.

Vote Record – Ordinance #2319		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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ORDINANCE NO. 2324

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY
OF MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

Councilman Miranda moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2324; seconded by Councilman Caswell and adopted.

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

Councilman Miranda moved that Ordinance #2324 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Yakubov.

Vote Record – Ordinance #2324		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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ORDINANCE NO. 2325

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-5.3
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
FAILURE TO REMOVE; REMOVAL BY BOROUGH; COSTS

Councilman Miranda moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2325; seconded by Councilman Dinardo and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Asked that the ordinance be explained.

Ms. Cali said this ordinance establishes a fee for snow removal on residential properties. If the properties are not shoveled, the DPW can go in and shovel the property at \$5.00 per linear foot.

Mayor Accardi said this year there were many properties that were not cleared of the snow. This gives the ability for the DPW to remove the snow and then bill the owner.

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

Councilman Miranda moved that Ordinance #2325 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilwoman Torres.

Vote Record – Ordinance #2325					
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ORDINANCE NO. 2326

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-10
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK**

Councilman Miranda moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2326; seconded by Councilman Hokanson and adopted.

Mayor Accardi said this ordinance was requested by the Police Department. It will give us more open streets, so the plows can go through and do snow removal. It is important also to allow emergency vehicles to get through.

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

Councilman Miranda moved that Ordinance #2326 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Yakubov.

Councilwoman Torres asked if there will be notices to let the people that live on those streets know they are part of this ordinance.

Mayor Accardi said the Police will post signs to give proper notice. Having this ordinance would not be effective without letting residents or visitors know they are not allowed to park there when it snows. It is a matter of proper signage, rather than notices.

Councilman Hokanson commended the Police, Fire, First Aid Squad and Council on this ordinance; this is a step in the right direction. Due to the snow, this issue definitely turned into a public safety hazard this year.

Mayor Accardi said you can see the neighbors cooperated. It is a matter of health and safety to properly clear the streets.

Vote Record – Ordinance #2326					
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RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions, listed on consent agenda, were offered by Councilman Miranda; seconded by Councilman Yakubov.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-11

WHEREAS, the following property has a tax overpayment, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Collector is hereby authorized to refund a tax overpayment in the amount \$1,816.57 payable to Mark J. & Kathleen J. La Prete for an overpayment created by a duplicate payment made on 1st quarter 2011 taxes on Block 911/Lot 16 (otherwise known as 158 Union Road, Roselle Park, N.J.) and assessed in the name of Mark J. & Kathleen J. La Prete (per Max Title Agency, LLC).

RESOLUTION NO. 64-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Collector hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue multiple checks in the total amount of \$15,774.32 payable to multiple lien holders for redemption of Tax Sale Certificates for the meeting of February 17, 2011 (paperwork available in the Tax Office); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Collector hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue multiple checks in the total amount of \$6,800.00 from the Tax Collector's Premium Account also payable to multiple lien holders for redemptions of Tax Sale Certificates for the meeting of February 17, 2011 (paperwork available in the Tax Office).

RESOLUTION NO. 65-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Collector is hereby authorized per the Tax Court of New Jersey a Judgment to reduce the assessment which will result in a reduction and/or refund for the years 2009 and 2010 on Block 911/Lot 29 (otherwise known as 117 Westfield Ave., E., Roselle Park, N.J.) and assessed in the name of Jackimowicz Partners, L.P. Raymond R. The Borough Treasurer is further authorized to reduce and/or refund any overpayments created by these reductions in the amount of \$11,444.50 as follows:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Judgment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Reduction/Refund</u>
911/29	700,000	2009	650,000	50,000	11.263	\$ 5,631.50
	700,000	2010	650,000	50,000	11.626	\$ 5,813.00

Check to be issued to The Irwin Law Firm, P.A.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-11

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby award a contract to Dox Data Solutions LLC, 41 Kent Road, Newton, New Jersey 07860 for I.T.

Maintenance in the Police Department for the year 2011. The hourly rate shall be \$75.00 and the annual amount shall not exceed \$7,200.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park of Union County, New Jersey that a professional service contract be awarded to Hatch Mott MacDonald, 27 Bleeker Street, Millburn, NJ 07041 for environmental consulting services for the Initial Receptor Evaluation at the Roselle Park Ball Field Complex in the amount not to exceed \$2,900.

Vote Record – Resolutions #63-11 to #67-11					
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The following resolution was offered by Councilman Miranda; seconded by Councilman Yakubov.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Owen Iungerman is hereby appointed to the position of Court Security Guard, effective immediately, at the current hourly rate of \$13.35.

Vote Record – Resolution #68-11					
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MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL MOTION:

MAYOR ACCARDI:

- Appointment of Jay Robaina as Alternate to the MLUB for a one year term
- Appointment of Jeff Imperiale as Alternate to the Morses Creek Committee for a one year term
- Appointment of Richard Venanzi as Assistant Municipal Alliance Coordinator
- Appointment of Carl Hokanson as Council Liaison to Municipal Alliance

Mayor Accardi said one of the issues that came up at the last Budget Meeting was that two Officers that retired last year have not been rehired. There is a grant available that will pay for the salary for one Police Officer, as long as we have a full compliment of Officers. In order to have that, we must consider hiring two additional Officers. The guidance that was given to the Police Chief was that he could not hire any Officers until there is a discussion with Mayor and Council.

Councilman Yakubov said it is beneficial to have a full Police Department and hiring two new Police Officers to replace the ones that have retired would be a cost savings to the Borough.

Councilman Hokanson said he rates Public Safety as the number one issue in the Borough; public safety is very important to the residents and business owners. Roselle Park has a very proactive Police Department. Councilman Hokanson said he is in favor of hiring two more Police Officers, in order to keep our proactive Police Department and for the safety of the town.

Mayor Accardi said in many towns the crime rate is up, but in Roselle Park, the crime rate is down. The reason for that is the enforcement operation the Police Department has conducted. The quality of life crimes, such as speeding cars, have caused a tremendous Police presence in our community, which the Police Chief feels has reduced the number of other crimes in the community. His recommendation is to hire two more Officers to replace the two that retired last year. They will be younger Officers, who will be able to integrate themselves into the community and do the right thing. It is important, because we will be using the grant money to get two Officers and one salary will be paid by that grant.

Councilman Hokanson said Roselle Park is only one mile square; but out of the twenty one municipalities, Roselle Park is the most densely populated per mile square.

Councilwoman Torres said she is in favor of hiring the two Officers because public safety is one of the number one issues in town.

Councilman Caswell said we are densely populated, and with even the two Officers being hired, it still puts us at the bottom of Police Officers per thousand residents. Even though we have fewer Officers, we are doing a better job than other towns.

Mayor Accardi said that is why we are here, to question any of the decisions we have to make. We work for the town and it is our job to question every line item and every decision that we make. The Police Department was very happy to come in and explain this to us.

Councilman Hokanson asked if the pamphlet that was given to them from the Police Chief can be given to the Borough Clerk to put on the website for the public to read.

Mayor Accardi said they are looking at applicants and are open to any ideas. The Police Chief will make the decision in the best interest of the community.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Hokanson moved to interrupt the regular order of business for a Closed Session Meeting; seconded by Councilman Caswell and adopted.

Mayor Accardi read the Closed Session resolution and said Council would be discussing the following matters:

- Potential Litigation – Commercial Vehicles
- Personnel Matter – Pension Plan
- Litigation – Seville vs. the Borough of Roselle Park
- Litigation – T-Mobile vs. the Borough of Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – NJDEP
- Negotiations – Board of Education
- Negotiations – Union Contracts

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Miranda moved to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Dinardo and adopted.

Mayor Accardi said that during Closed Session, Council discussed the following matters:

- Potential Litigation – Commercial Vehicles
- Personnel Matter – Pension Plan
- Litigation – Seville vs. the Borough of Roselle Park
- Litigation – T-Mobile vs. the Borough of Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – NJDEP
- Negotiations – Board of Education
- Negotiations – Union Contracts

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

Attest:

Borough Clerk