

Borough of Roselle Park Regular Meeting of August 11, 2011

| Attendee Name | Organization | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Larry Dinardo | Borough of Roselle Park | Councilman | A | -- |
| 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 | 7:28 PM |

Acting Mayor Miranda called the meeting to order at 7:11 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

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Yakubov moved the following communications; seconded by Councilman Caswell, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

- Request from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure North Jersey Affiliate's Tie a Ribbon Campaign to tie pink ribbons on trees in the downtown area during the month of October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month.
- Request from the residents of the 600 block of Ashwood Avenue to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, September 4, 2011.
- Request from the residents of the 700 block of Hamilton Place to hold a Block Party on Sunday, September 4, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- Request from the residents of the 400 block of Bender Avenue to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 12:00 Noon until 10:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, September 4, 2011.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Hokanson

- July 20th attended the Public Safety Meeting.

- August 6th attended the Fire Department Wetdown.
- August 9th attended the Municipal Alliance Meeting regarding signs and banners.

Councilman Yakubov

- The Environmental Committee went out and patrolled the downtown area.
- Took many photographs to document small things you don't see when you travel by car.
- Has given several photographs to the Clerk to distribute to the Code Officer, the DPW and the Police Department to be addressed.
- Will also be scheduling a Community Watch Meeting.

Councilwoman Torres

- Has been walking in her Ward and speaking to residents regarding their concerns.
- Attended National Night Out on August 2nd.
- Commended the Police Department, Fire Department and First Aid Squad for their participation.
- Attended the Wetdown with her family; the Fire Department did an excellent job.
- Attended the play at the Summer Camp.
- Congratulated the All Star Baseball Team for their performance over the summer.
- August 17th will be the next Movie in the Park behind the High School.

Councilman Caswell

- Attended the barbeque at the Casano Center in July.
- Attended the First Aid Squad Meeting on July 26th.
- Many of the houses in town do not have visible numbers on them; it is important for emergency purposes.
- The First Aid Squad is still looking for donations.
- Attended National Night Out on August 2nd.
- Attended the Wetdown on August 6th.
- Pop Warner Football has started.
- Has also been walking in his Ward.

Councilman Miranda

- Attended the Wetdown.
- Attended the Public Safety Meeting.
- Attended the Municipal Services Meeting on August 9th.
- Would like to schedule a Public Safety Meeting.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Paul Morrison – Chief of Police

- This month is a crackdown on drunk drivers.
- There will be a checkpoint on August 25th on W. Westfield Avenue.
- There will also be roving patrols between August 19th and September 5th.
- July 26th there was a check point with the Union County Police Weigh Team on W. Westfield Avenue.
- This detail helps to locate unsafe vehicles; and as a result, 127 motor vehicle summonses were issued.
- The pedestrian details are out, and there is zero tolerance.
- The Wielgus Family is asking for blood and platelet donations for their son; all donations must be made at Sloan Kettering.

Karen Intile – Administrative Assistant

- National Night Out and the Townwide Picnic were wonderful.
- The Bocci Ball Tournament went over very well.
- Thanked everyone that helped at the Townwide Picnic.
- Thanked the Roselle Park Education Association.
- The Committee discussed tinting on the French doors; may be better than the awning.
- The Center is rented for two weeks in a row.
- September 11th is Patriot Day.
- Next Crusin Night Car Show is September 17th.
- Zumba classes will begin in September at the Center on Monday and Wednesday nights at \$10 per hour per class.
- The Artist Gallery is going strong.
- There will be no blood pressure screening at the Center this month.
- There will be a trip to the PNC Center in September.
- Sponsoring a trip to the Saint Gennaro Festival.

Mayor Accardi thanked her for her work on the Townwide Picnic and National Night Out. He also thanked all the volunteers that helped out.

Mr. Blum said there are no extraordinary circumstances for the bus driver for the next few weeks, so there will be sufficient funds for the trip.

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

- Request from the Indo American Senior Association of Union County for the Borough to provide bus transportation to attend their India Day Flag Celebration on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at the Union Township Municipal Building between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Susan Calantone – Library Director

- They have had a very successful Summer Reading Program.
- August 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is the big summer party.
- Reviewed all the upcoming programs at the Library.

Betty Woodruff spoke about the quilt project that has been taking place at the Library. The project began in June and volunteers came in to work on the quilts. All the materials were donated and seven quilts were finished.

Mayor Accardi thanked them both for their work. This is one small step that humanity can do for people that have lost their homes.

- Ms. Calantone said the Library does out reach by going to different places and programs to get people into the Library. It is about bringing the Library out to the community.
- Thanked everyone that helped and donated money.

Joseph Signorello – Fire Chief

- The Wetdown for the new fire vehicle went well.
- Spoke about Patriot Day.
- Reminded everyone about the Buy a Brick Program.

Mayor Accardi said the Wetdown this year was for a new ladder truck, because the current ladder truck was getting to the point that the maintenance of the vehicle was costing more than purchasing a new one.

Chief Signorello said when we obtain our insurance, our equipment is evaluated and if it is above the age, they will ask for training rates. A higher rate will be paid as the equipment gets older.

Ken Blum – Chief Financial Officer

- Tax bills are now past due and delinquent notices have been mailed.
- Sewer bills are now past due and delinquent notices have been mailed.
- Mortgage companies do not pay the sewer bill.
- Resolution #167-11 is to amend the 2011 Budget.
- It is adding some grant amounts that were not added in the introduction.
- The Public Hearing will be on September 1st at 7:00 p.m.; hopefully we will adopt our Budget.
- There are some changes that we made with the agreement with the Union County Utilities Authority dealing with the garbage contract.
- We are working on getting a new phone service.
- Would like Council's permission to sign the paperwork, so that can begin.

Councilman Yakubov moved to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to sign the paperwork for Comcast to install fiber optics for a new phone system; seconded by Councilman Miranda, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Doreen Cali – Borough Clerk

- Resolution #163-11 is the County of Union Open Space Trust Fund, which is for the second phase of Aldene Park.
- Resolution #164-11 is supporting the Green Acres Program for Acker Park.
- This is changing the signatory from the Clerk to the Mayor and/or Clerk.
- Has two items for Closed Session.

Bill Lane – Borough Attorney

- There are two matters for Closed Session.

Tom Solfaro – Borough Engineer

- The contractor has been in town repairing most of the punch list work for Acker Park.
- They are continuing their efforts with the sanitary sewer infiltration investigations; specifically, the smoke testing of the town.
- Thanked Chief Morrison and Chief Signorello for their cooperation.
- Received notification from the DOT that the deadline for the new fiscal year for the 2012 Municipal Aid Program is September 23, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2011-2012 ROSELLE PARK SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

Councilman Miranda moved at 8:05 p.m. to open the public comment portion on the Roselle Park Special Improvement District Budget; seconded by Councilman Caswell and adopted.

Karen Intile, Casano Community Center Director

- The SID would be very good for our town.
- Something must be done for the town.
- The budget could help with some of the town events; would not have to ask for so many donations.
- The events help the businesses in the downtown area.

Carl Pluchino, 203 Walnut Street

- The SID is a good idea; having a liaison to help the downtown stores thrive and work on the beautification of the downtown area.
- Would like to see the town thrive.

Haman Jacobs, Valley National Bank, 1 West Westfield Avenue

- They always look for ways to improve upon the town.
- They have been a member of the SID Committee since 2007.
- Asked that they please pass the SID Budget.

Vince Raimondi, Park Karate, 110 Chestnut Street

- Is the owner of the Karate School for 21 years on Chestnut Street.
- Has made many changes inside the building.
- Is here to support the developing of the downtown.
- Asked that they pass the SID Budget.

Maryann McLaughlin

- Owner of 328 Chestnut Street and 76 E. Westfield Avenue.
- Is the second largest property to be assessed for this project.
- Doing nothing is not an option.
- Would like to see the town be more attractive.
- Asked that they support the Budget

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Asked that Resolution #166-11 be clarified.
- Asked about the SID position or slot for one resident living within the SID.
- Asked if the budget is until the end of 2011.
- What is the projected revenue from the magazine.
- What are special projects.
- What operations are covered under insurance.

Mayor Accardi said the SID itself is self-sustaining. If Council approves it and the business owners join together to make it happen, they will be choosing a Committee to decide how to spend the money and how to move forward. It would be up to the Committee to choose the one resident to work on the Committee; Mayor and Council will not have any input on that. The Budget will probably be an annual Budget that will begin when the fees are collected. This is a self-contained organization and they will determine what the special projects will be. The best person to answer all questions regarding the SID would be Mr. Biagini.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Asked if the town is putting up the initial money for this project; how will it be collected from the businesses.
- How can the program be in place without money.
- He is in support of the SID program.

Mayor Accardi said there will be a 2% surcharge of the businesses and properties within the SID area. It will be a self-contained organization and should not cost the taxpayers at large any money.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Miranda moved at 8:20 p.m. to close the public hearing on the Roselle Park Special Improvement District Budget; seconded by Councilwoman Torres and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Miranda; seconded by Councilman Yakubov.

RESOLUTION NO. 166-11

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Special Improvement District Budget for year 2011,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated in the sums therein set forth as appropriation, and authorization of the amount of \$41,782.

3% SID ASSESSMENT: \$39,282
 NOTE: 1% = \$13,094 (including new ratable at 122 Chestnut & PILOT for 321 Chestnut)

REVENUES

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| SID ASSESSMENT: 3% property tax surcharge | \$39,282 |
| MAGAZINE ADS: 1 issue | 2,500 |
| TOTAL | 41,782 |

EXPENSES

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| MARKETING (21.1%) | |
| SID LOGO | 750 |
| WEBPAGE ONLY | 0 |
| SID Frequent Purchase Card/GC | 2,070 |
| MAGAZINE | 6,000 |
| RR CONCIERGE DAYS - YEAR II | <u>0</u> |
| | 8,820 |

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS (26.2%)

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| DISTRICT SIGNS | 3,028 |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS | <u>7,930</u> |
| | 10,958 |

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| MANAGEMENT & OFFICE (33.5%) | 14,000 |
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OPERATIONS (14.2%)

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| AUDIT/990 | 2,400 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES | 500 |

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| INSURANCES | 2,100 |
| PHONE | <u>940</u> |
| | 5,940 |
| RESERVE (5%) | 2,064 |
| TOTAL | 41,782 |

Councilman Yakubov said the town is collecting the taxes for each particular property in the SID zone, and the money goes to the SID Budget. The Committee makes the decisions on the money.

Mayor Accardi said this is a good investment for the town. He said right now the SID is the Chestnut Street corridor and we hope it will be so successful, that the businesses along Westfield Avenue and throughout the Borough will also like to participate.

Councilman Hokanson said the SID began in 2005 before he was on Council. Since he has been on Council, they worked and strived to get this together. He walked the SID District for six years, and Roselle Park is built around the Chestnut Street area. He said he supports the SID and hopes it will work. He said the merchants work with everyone and it is a good cause.

| Vote Record – Resolution #166-11 | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

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

- DPW Report for July 2011
- Treasurers Report for June 30, 2011
- Code Enforcement Report for July 2011
- Police Chief Report for July 2011
- Administrative Assistant Report for July 9, 2011 through August 10, 2011

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

Councilman Miranda moved to approve the following minutes; seconded by Councilman Hokanson.

- Regular Meeting of July 14, 2011

| Vote Record – Minutes Acceptance of July 14, 2011 | | | | | |
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MOTION BILLS AND PAYROLLS BE NOT READ;
MOTION BILLS AND PAYROLLS BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT

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

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

SECOND READING PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2337

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,991,343.12 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$700,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Councilman Miranda moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance #2337; seconded by Councilman Hokanson and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Asked about the amount for the tax maps went up from \$30,000 to \$40,000.
- Asked if the \$603,000 left over was included in this.

Mr. Blum said the initial cost for the tax maps was \$30,000 and an additional \$10,000 to digitize the maps. He said the total of this ordinance is \$1,991,343.12 which includes \$200,000 expected to be received from the NJ Department of Transportation; \$100,000 expected to be received from the Union County Development Block Grant; \$50,000 from the Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant; \$135,743.12 from a United States Department of Energy American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy and Conservation Block Grant; \$259,600 from capital surplus; \$494,000 from capital surplus and \$52,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey.

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

Councilman Miranda moved that Ordinance #2337 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Hokanson.

| Vote Record – Ordinance #2337 | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Miranda moved at 8:37 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Caswell and adopted.

Mr. & Mrs. Schneeberger, 16 Warren Avenue

- Here to speak about the property next door to them at 14 Warren Avenue.
- The property was purchase ten years ago as a residential property.
- Since then the property has been paved and the driveway is being utilized as a commercial driveway.
- They were promised the issue would be resolved, and the driveway would only be used by the residents of the house.
- Must be stopped from using the driveway and obey the law like everyone else.
- Asked what Council is doing about the problem at 14 Warren Avenue.
- Asked why the driveway is still being used as a commercial driveway, when it is residential.
- It is a nuisance and his family is not able to enjoy the quality of life.
- They pay a lot of taxes and they are not able to enjoy the quality of life.
- Is sure that no one would want to put up with that aggravation, which they have done for more than ten years.

Mayor Accardi said they are aware of the situation and it has been a continuing problem. Council will discuss it further and reply to them in a day or two.

Mr. Schneeberger asked that the reply be put in writing on Borough letterhead and sent to them by Certified Mail.

Frank Signorello, 545 W. Westfield Avenue

- The downtown area needs all the help it can get.
- When the town gets the businesses in, they do not help the businesses.
- Has spoken to a few Council people regarding the banners in town.
- There have been banners for advertisement in town for thirty years.

- Has spoken to a few businesses, but this is not just for the bars and restaurants, but for all the businesses in town.
- The way the ordinance is, they can only have a few banners and they must pay for them.
- You will have new businesses come into town, and then they will be told they have to pay a permit fee to put a two foot banner to advertise the grand opening.
- Many towns in the area around Roselle Park are allowed to put banners out with no fees.
- Why are we different than other towns and why have things changed over the years.
- This is not just for bars and restaurants; this would be for all businesses.
- Can understand a time limit, but why are there fees.
- The businesses here should be helped, and not hurt.

Mayor Accardi said he has been in Cranford and only one building that is being reconstructed has a banner, the rest of the buildings do not. The reason it is on the books is because there were some banners that were unsightly. He asked that he bear with him as he is sure he has not lost business because a banner was taken down.

- Mr. Signorello asked how he can advertise a special event at his bar.

Mayor Accardi said he can use an A frame sign, which would be visible to both foot traffic and traffic on Westfield Avenue. If he does want banners, than they can be put up for a limited time period of 45 days, four times a year as long as he gets authorization first. The way that is enforced, is by charging a minimal fee for the banner.

- Mr. Signorello said he has spoken to many business owners and he would like the Mayor and Council to sit with them and discuss this issue.
- At any time he will go with him to Kenilworth, Cranford or Union and show him banners.

Mayor Accardi said he wants to draw businesses to Roselle Park and the way to do that is to make the gateway of Roselle Park, which is Westfield Avenue, attractive.

Councilman Hokanson said they met on Tuesday and they directed the Code Enforcement Officer to retrieve ordinances from surrounding towns regarding banners. He said they are trying to work with the businesses and will review the ordinances; right now, this is in the infant stage.

- Mr. Signorello said the business owners are not very happy and feel that something like this is hurting them.

Pat Pagnetti, 309 E. Grant Avenue

- Over 100 years ago Roselle Park supported two Post Offices.
- Over a decade ago, we lost many of our independent services when they decided to centralize in New Jersey.

- Now the U.S. Post Office considers our Post Office to be disposable.
- The Post Office is the heart of our community.
- There is a petition circulating to keep the Post Office; please sign it.
- Also write to Congressman Leonard Lance.

Mayor Accardi said he has a call out to the Postmaster General. He said many surrounding Post Offices are closing and the only one that will remain open in this region is the one in Elizabeth and Cranford. It is important we come together as a community to make sure our Post Office stays open.

Milt Woodruff, 134 Bender Avenue

- Asked about the recent \$700,000 bond ordinance that was recently passed.
- Asked about moving the DPW to build the new Senior Housing and how that will impact any hazardous waste that may be in the area.
- Asked about the status of Avalon Bay.
- Suggested a Bocci Ball Tournament rematch.

Mr. Blum said the current fund debt principle right now is about sixteen and a half million dollars. We are paying down over a million dollars in debt this year, so with the \$700,000 issue, we are still decreasing our debt by the end of the year to about \$362,000.

Mayor Accardi said Mayor and Council are open to any recommendations regarding the Senior Housing. The problem with Senior Housing being in the area that was from Conrail is it is restricted and we cannot use that for Senior Housing. There are no other large tracts of land in the community that could be used for the Senior Housing project at this point. The DPW area, while there are some DEP concerns, they will be addressed by Domus Corporation as part of the project as we go forward. Regarding the new DPW building, they are hoping to make it a modern facility with the possibility of having shared services from that facility, so we can recoup some of our expenses. Mayor Accardi said at this point, he cannot discuss the negotiations with AvalonBay, but they do have an attorney that is working on it and the cost authorized for that was \$2,500.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- The center island in Elizabeth is beautiful.
- Spoke about the petition being circulated for the closing of the Roselle Park Post Office.
- Has a petition with 565 signatures on a petition so far.
- Suggested a resolution for the petition for the closing of the Post Office be sent to our Legislators.
- If we are selected to be closed, there will be a 60 comment period from the Federal Government.
- Spoke about the maintenance of the Casano Center furniture outside.
- Asked what a gallon of water costs from NJ American Water.

- Suggested the Leberco area or Sullivan Chevrolet for Senior Housing.
- Asked for a hard copy of the bill list.
- Asked for an update of the investigation of the fence permits; should go back five years to see how many people should receive a refund.
- Said the computer should be moved and the Clerk be made visible.

Mayor Accardi responded to Mr. Magiera's comments:

- The bill list is available online or from the Clerk's Office.
- Agreed the Elizabeth center island does look nice.
- They are investigating making the center island look better.
- They will pass a resolution to the Legislators to keep the Post Office open.
- The furniture at the Casano Center is on a maintenance schedule to be treated every two years; this year before it is stored that will be done.
- Regarding the Senior Housing, the Leberco property can be considered, but there is a cost involved to purchase the property.
- The Sullivan property has recently been purchased.
- They are working through the fence resolutions.
- The Borough Clerk is behind the computer because she is working on monitoring the meetings.

Councilman Hokanson said the Construction Department has gone back several years and they are working on it already.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Miranda moved at 9:15 p.m. to close the public portion; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2338

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, SECTION 10-4.1
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
REGARDING FEES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter X, Section 10-4.1 of the Borough Code is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

10-4.1 Fees Enumerated

Community Center/Activities:

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| Membership, lifetime | \$ 1.00 |
| Ceramics, senior (10-week session) | \$ 10.00 |
| Aerobics, per class | \$ 10.00 |
| Zumba, per class | \$ 10.00 |

SECTION 2. If any section or portion of a section of this Code shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This amendment to the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park shall become effective upon publication and in accordance with law.

Councilman Miranda moved that Ordinance #2338 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on September 1, 2011; seconded by Councilwoman Torres.

| Vote Record – Ordinance #2338 | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
|---|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted | Dinardo | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended | Yakubov | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated | Miranda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled | Hokanson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn | Torres | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Caswell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Accardi | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 161-11

RESOLVED that, Margaret Riccitelli, 514 Jerome Street, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 be and is hereby appointed as an Alternate School Crossing Guard, effective immediately, at the rate of \$58.84 per day.

RESOLUTION NO. 162-11

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park expresses their support of the United State’s Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th Anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, in September 2009 and 2010, President Obama issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009, and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park:

- (1) recognizes September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and
- (2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

- (3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and
- (4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and
- (5) reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 10th Anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park calls upon all of the people and institutions of the United States to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011, including (i) media outlets; (ii) houses of worship; (iii) military organizations; (iv) veterans organizations; (v) airlines; (vi) airports; (vii) railroads; (viii) sports teams; (ix) the Federal Government; (x) State and local governments; (xi) police, fire, and other public institutions; (xii) educational institutions; (xiii) businesses; and (xiv) other public and private institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

RESOLUTION NO. 163-11

WHEREAS, the County of Union Open Space Trust Fund provides Kids Recreation Trust Fund grants to municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park desires to expand recreational activities and increase the opportunity for participation by obtaining grant funding from the County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Joseph Accardi, Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the County shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Open Space Trust Fund, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County for the above project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE Borough of Roselle Park that should said grant be awarded the applicant will match it's share of the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 164-11

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$470,346.00 from the State to fund the following project(s): Acker Park Renovations at a cost of \$470,346.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park resolves that Mayor Joseph Accardi and/or Borough Clerk Doreen Cali, or the successor to the office of the Mayor and/or Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park

1. That the Mayor and/or Borough Clerk of the above named body is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Acker Park Renovations;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$ 0 ;
3. That, in the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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RESOLUTION NO. 165-11

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 \$49,137.13 payable to multiple lien holders for redemption of Tax Sale Certificates for the meeting of August 11, 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 \$18,300.00 from the Tax Collector’s Premium Account also payable to multiple lien holders for redemption of Tax Sale Certificates for the meeting of August 11, 2011 (paperwork available in the Tax Office).

RESOLUTION NO. 167-11

WHEREAS, the Local Municipal Budget for the Year 2011 was approved on the 17th day of March, 2011 and
WHEREAS, the public hearing on said Budget has been held as advertised, and
WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved Budget, now
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union that the following amendments to the approved Budget of 2011 be made:

| | <u>From</u> |
|---|------------------------|
| <u>General Revenues</u> | |
| 3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: | |
| Recycling Tonnage Grant - Unappropriated | \$ 8,306.75 |
| Clean Communities Program | - |
| Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund | - |
| Over the Limit Under Arrest | - |
| Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private | 121,910.92 |
| Revenues | |
| <u>Summary of Revenues</u> | |
| 3. Miscellaneous Revenues: | |
| Total Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues | 121,910.92 |
| Total Miscellaneous Revenues | 1,959,284.59 |
| | 3,719,284.59 |
| 5. Sub-Total General Revenues (Items 1, 2, 3 and 4) | |
| 6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget: | |
| a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | 11,038,188.33 |
| c) Minimum Library Tax | - |
| 7. Total General Revenues | <u>\$14,757,472.92</u> |
| 8. <u>General Appropriations</u> | |
| (A) Operations within "CAPS": | |
| <u>General Government</u> | |
| Mayor and Council: | |
| Other Expenses | \$ 4,400.00 |
| Municipal Clerk: | |

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| Other Expenses | 74,700.00 |
| Insurance: | |
| Group Insurance Plan for Employees | 1,460,700.00 |
| Health Benefit Waiver | 40,000.00 |
| Revenue Administration: | |
| | 50,720.00 |
| Salaries and Wages | |
| <u>Public Safety</u> | |
| Traffic Control Schools: | |
| Other Expenses | 11,250.00 |
| | <u>From</u> |

8. General Appropriations

(A) Operations within "CAPS":

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|---|---------------|
| <u>Public Works</u> | |
| Sanitation: | |
| Garbage and Trash Removal: | \$ 338,000.00 |
| Disposal - Tipping Fees | |
| <u>Recreation and Education</u> | |
| Parks and Playgrounds: | |
| Other Expenses | 12,900.00 |
| Other Common Operating Functions: | |
| Celebration of Public Events, Anniversary or Holiday: | 10,200.00 |
| Other Expenses | |
| Uniform Construction Code - Appropriations Offset by | |
| Dedicated Revenues (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17): | |
| <u>Code Enforcement</u> | |
| State Uniform Construction Code Official: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 152,965.00 |
| Other Expenses | 8,900.00 |
| Total Operations {Item 8(A)} within "CAPS" | 9,779,325.00 |
| Total Operations Including Contingent - within "CAPS" | 9,781,325.00 |
| Detail: | |
| Salaries and Wages | 4,741,030.00 |
| Other Expenses (Including Contingent) | 5,040,295.00 |
| (H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal | |
| Purposes within "CAPS" | 11,065,479.00 |

8. General Appropriations

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":

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|---|------------|
| Insurance (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3(00) (P.L. 2003, c. 92, S-906): | |
| Employee Group Health | 169,300.00 |

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| Total Other Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" | 793,214. |
| Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues: | |
| Clean Communities Program | - |
| Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant | - |
| Recycling Tonnage Grant | 8,306. |
| Over the Limit Under Arrest | - |
| Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues | 332,770.9 |
| Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" | 1,125,984.9 |
| Detail: | |
| Other Expenses | 1,125,984.9 |
| (C) Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS": | |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 100,000.0 |
| Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS" | 100,000.0 |
| (H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS" | 2,866,742 |
| (O) Total General Appropriations - Excluded from "CAPS" | 2,866,742.0 |
| (L) Sub-Total General Appropriations {Items (H-1) and (O)} | 13,932,221.0 |
| 9. Total General Appropriations | <u>\$14,757,472</u> |
| | <u>From</u> |
| 8. <u>General Appropriations</u> | |
| Summary of Appropriations | |
| (H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS" | \$11,065,479 |
| (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" | |
| Other Operations | 793,214 |
| Other | |
| Operations Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues | 332,770.92 |
| Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" | 1,125,984 |
| (C) Capital Improvements | 100,000 |
| Total General Appropriations | <u>\$14,757,472</u> |

| Vote Record – Resolution #161-11 to #165-11 and #167-11 | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Adopted | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Adopted as Amended | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Defeated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tabled | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Withdrawn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Dinardo | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Yakubov | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Miranda | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Hokanson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Torres | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Caswell | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Accardi | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Potential Litigation – Lease of Property
- Personnel Matter
- Litigation – D’Agostino
- Litigation – Concerned Citizens

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Potential Litigation – Lease of Property
- Personnel Matter
- Litigation – D’Agostino
- Litigation – Concerned Citizens

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, Councilman Miranda moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

Attest:

Borough Clerk