Mayor Accardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Mayor Accardi passed on his condolences to the family of Anita Miller who was a Library Board Trustee. He asked that everyone remember her in their prayers.

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

- While U-Wait Cleaners

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Councilman Miranda moved at 7:09 p.m. to open the public hearing portion for the Community Development Block Grant Program; seconded by Councilman Hokanson and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Asked if these are grants and if any more grants need to be completed before the end of the year.

Mayor Accardi responded these are grants and they have tried to track down all of them. It is a little difficult because we don’t have the focal point we had in the past. He believes we have met all of our obligations for the year. They need someone to track the grants and make sure they are all applied for.
There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Miranda moved to close the public hearing portion for the Community Development Block Grant Program; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- Wanted to discuss the situation regarding the local Post Office.
- Councilwoman Torres and Councilman Caswell have spearheaded the effort to save the Post Office and thanked them.
- There was a rally at the local Post Office on Thursday.
- 50 to 60 residents attended.
- Tuesday evening there was a meeting with the Postal Service in Elizabeth.
- Councilwoman Torres and Councilman Caswell again spearheaded that effort and were able to get many people to attend.
- The Postal representative understood the importance of the Post Office.
- The Post Office has put a hold on any closings until at least May.
- Thanked the Board of Education who assisted in several ways.
- They provided a bus to transport residents to the Post Office and also allowed them to go into the schools to speak.
- Spoke about the Joint Meeting.
- It was discussed that in order to keep amounts down, they find alternate means on funding for improvements that are done.
- Payments have been pushed back two years; hopefully will save the taxpayers money.
- Regarding TV 34, we have received the new equipment and there is the potential there may be some technical difficulties.
- FIOS will also be addressing the problem with the screen.
- Asked everyone be patient during this process.
- Wished everyone a very Happy Holiday.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Torres

- Spoke about the Post Office and thanked everyone who attended.
- Special thanks to John Ranieri and his wrestling team who came after their practice.
- Thanked the Board of Education and Principal Costa.
- They need to keep up the momentum until we see this through.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

Councilman Miranda

- Thanked the residents for attending the Post Office meeting.
- Thanked Karen for the Tree Lighting.
- December 7th attended the Municipal Services Meeting.
• Reviewed all the grants that Ms. Cali was able to get for the Borough.
• It was almost 2 million dollars in savings for the period that she did serve as Chief Administrative Officer.
• She also helped out with the Conrail property.
• Thanked her for all of her work.

Mayor Accardi said he is concerned we do not have a focal point at this time and will probably ask Council to reconsider the position, such as hiring someone from the outside. It is something that is essential because there is too much that goes on during the day that needs to be attended to.

Councilman Yakubov

• Suggested a letter be put together to be put on the website that opposes the potential closing that residents can download, sign, print and send to the Post Office.
• Suggested they invite Congressman Lance to speak at a meeting to shed some light as to his efforts as our representative.
• There are some issues with the drop off zone at Aldene School.
• There are cars now double parking, and passing one another.
• Asked the Police Department to look into it; they will have an Officer stationed at that location.
• Thanked the Police Department for the Police escort they supplied to a family in town.
• Leaf pick up has been completed.
• If anyone still has leaves, bag them and call the DPW; they are not to be brought to the yard.
• Has been asked to investigate the potential placement of signs on Jerome Street for no parking while the road is snow covered.
• There was an issue with people moving the cars from one side to the other.
• Suggested they develop a schedule when Budget Meetings will be held.
• Recommended they have their meetings in more areas in town so more residents can be exposed to the meetings.

Councilman Hokanson

• Thanked Karen Intile and the food vendors for their work on the Tree Lighting.
• Saturday he attended the Pancake Breakfast for Project Graduation.
• Monday, December 5th he attended the year end Fire Department Meeting.
• Attended the Board of Health Meeting on December 6th, thanked them all for a job well done.
• There was also a Municipal Services Meeting and a Budget Meeting the same night.
• Agreed with Councilman Yakubov that there should be a schedule for Budget Meetings.
• Attended a wildlife seminar at Kean College.
• December 12th he attended the Historical Society Christmas Party.
• We should keep pressure on the U.S. government to keep the Post Office open.
• Wished all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Councilman Yakubov said it has come to his attention it is being passed around town that the DPW is hiring. It has not yet been discussed and they have not reached the budget process yet; it is just a rumor.

Councilman Meola

• Thanked the town for the Tree Lighting; it was a great event.
• December 10th he attended the Rotary Club Breakfast.
• Apologized for not being able to attend the Post Office Meeting.
• Asked Mr. Cahill to clean the streets in his Ward; he did a very good job.
• Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Caswell

• Thanked Karen for organizing the Tree Lighting and getting the vendors who participated.
• Attended the Budget Meeting.
• Held first rally at Post Office with over 50-60 people attending.
• Thanked the Police and Concerned Citizens for their help; it was very successful.
• Thanked Laura Hahn for contacting the media.
• The second meeting had over 100 people in attendance.
• They will keep up the fight with petitions and more demonstrations.
• If the Post Office is closed, everyone will have to go to another town.
• December 10th he attended the Rotary Pancake Breakfast.
• Attended the various holiday concerts in town.
• Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

Karen Intile – Administrative Assistant

• Spoke about the Holiday Decorating Contest; five residents applied.
• Thanked the DPW for cleaning the yard and covering the furniture at the Casano Center and also for the decorations in town.
• Spoke about the SID Meeting; there were eight nominations.
• Spoke about the High School Leaf Raking and Snow Shoveling Program.
• Thirty five holiday baskets were given out and thirty children that need gifts.
• Thanked everyone that participated in the Tree Lighting.
• They still have Zumba classes every Wednesday and there will be a possibility of Yoga classes next year at the Center.
• Local Artist Gallery is still going strong.
• Thanked local restaurants for the donations of food for the Holiday Party.
• Wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and thanked those who donated the gift certificates for the decorating contest.
Blake Johnstone – Borough Attorney

- It has been a good year for the Borough; and has been an honor and a privilege to represent the Borough.
- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Doreen Cali – Borough Clerk

- Tomorrow a check for $52,000 will be hand delivered from the Union County Utilities Authority for the difference in the agreement.
- Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 5th at 7:00 p.m.
- The end of year meeting will be held on December 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Ken Blum – Chief Financial Officer

- One item for Closed Session concerning contract negotiations.

Library Report – Given by Councilman Caswell

- Library was featured on News 12 highlighting the Holiday Pet Giving Tree.
- The Library also has a Mitten Tree for homeless children and adults.
- January 12th the Library will host “Mug Shots on the Mantle”.
- January 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Library will be the continuing saga of the Bellefonte Diamond.
- Expressed his condolences to the family of Anita Miller.

Councilwoman Torres said she has one item for Closed Session regarding the Recreation Committee.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

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

- Construction Code Enforcement Report for November 2011
- Administrative Assistant for November 3, 2011 through December 9, 2011
- Treasurer Report for November 2011
- Court Report for November 2011

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

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

- Regular Meeting of December 1, 2011
Vote Record – Minutes Acceptance of December 1, 2011

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**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 Councilwoman Torres, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Miranda moved at 7:54 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

**Jackie Taluba, 143 Bridge Street**

- On behalf of the Recreation Committee, there is a concern regarding the budget.
- Eight years ago the budget was $28,000 and now it is down to $20,000.
- They are self-sufficient and doing fundraising.
- Their costs for registration are lower compared to other towns.
- If they don’t have the numbers of children, they will have to raise fees.
- They have cut back in delivery charges and advertising.
- If they are self-sufficient, why must they answer to Mayor and Council.
- They must consider the needs of the children.
- They work with the Board of Education to keep costs down.
- They want to give children the best programs at an affordable price.

Mayor Accardi thanked Ms. Taluba for her dedication to the Recreation Department. They recognize the REC department programs are more important now than ever. They appreciate their concerns and will take them into account during the budget process. He asked that she contact Councilman Yakubov as to when the Budget Meetings will be held so she can attend.

Councilwoman Torres said she has not heard about any additional cuts coming to the Recreation Committee.

**Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue**

- Spoke about TV34.
- Is there an error on Resolution #241-11.
- Asked that Resolution #242-11 be explained.
As a Councilman in 1989, he was instrumental in the recycling of cardboard.
Congressman Lance will be sending a letter to the Postmaster General supporting Roselle Park’s effort to save our Post Office.
Asked if the overhead lights in the downtown business section were ever turned down for a week; if so, what were the results.
Suggested they turn off the decorative lamps.
The cost of electricity for the decorative lamp poles at Acker Park from January through September was $2,150.17.
There are two flood lights that can be adjusted to light up the back of the park and they run on solar panels, which would save electricity.
When is next Budget Meeting.
November 2011 Minutes are not on the website in a timely manner.
Spoke about the meeting to save the Post Office.
Will Mr. Johnstone be the Borough Attorney next year.

Mayor Accardi responded to Mr. Magiera’s comments as follows:

• Thanked RP News for posting information about TV34.
• The Borough Clerk will amend Resolution #241-11 to read Aldene Park.
• It was a Change Order that needed to be done because there was a storm drain that was located in an area, so there was a slight increase in the cost to work around that area.
• Regarding the recycling of cardboard; we are now down to $53.00 per ton, which is about 1/3 of what it was in 1989.
• We thank Congressman Lance for his support and will continue to fight on our behalf to make sure our Post Office remains open.
• Regarding the overhead lights, it is something the Police Chief and PSE&G is trying to work in safely.
• The next Budget Meeting has not yet been scheduled.
• He cannot yet answer the question about the Borough Attorney for next year.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

• Spoke about his concerns regarding Doreen Cali.
• Adding grants could add to the Clerk’s responsibilities.
• The tree at the gazebo can be trimmed.
• Suggested putting cameras inside the gazebo when they have the Tree Lighting.
• He would be happy to donate the cameras.
• He thanked Santa Claus for being at the tree lighting.

Mayor Accardi responded to Mr. Qersdyn as follows:

• The Chief Administrative Officer would be writing all the grants, and coordinating everything to make sure we don’t lose any money.
• He will check into the suggestion of trimming the tree at the gazebo.
- They will check into the idea of having cameras in the gazebo; with a large crowd it is difficult to see.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Miranda moved at 8:20 p.m. to close the public portion; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION

ORDINARY NO. 2345

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAND USE CHAPTER XL, ARTICLE XXIV, SECTION 40-2402, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK REGARDING PERMITTED USES, FITNESS & RECREATIONAL SPORTS CENTERS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 40-2402.A.: A building or premises may be used only for the following uses, is hereby amended to include the following,
A.12 Fitness & Recreational Sports Centers - NASICS Group 713940

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 #2345 be adopted upon first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on December 29, 2011; seconded by Councilman Yakubov.

Mayor Accardi said the reason for this ordinance is because there is a group that would like to open a facility in town that is not a permitted use based on the previous ordinance.

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RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 238-11

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park wishes to purchase rock salt from an authorized vendor under the Union County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and
WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and
WHEREAS, Atlantic Salt, Inc., 134 Middle Street, Suite 201, Lowell, Massachusetts 01852 has been awarded Cooperative Pricing System ID #8-UCCP and Reference Bid #UCCP 74-2010; and
WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available ($49.75 Unit Price); now therefore
BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Atlantic Salt, Inc. be awarded a contract for the purchase of rock salt.

RESOLUTION NO. 244-11

WHEREAS, the following property has been granted a Senior Citizens deduction for the year 2011 per Tax Assessor in the amount of $250.00; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of $250.00 on the following property:
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RESOLUTION NO. 245-11

WHEREAS, the following properties have been granted a Veteran’s Deduction for the year 2011 per Tax Assessor in the amount of $250.00; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of $250.00 on the following properties:
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RESOLUTION NO. 246-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of $2,650.44 payable to Signature Real Estate, LLC for a 4th quarter 2011 duplicate tax payment made on Block 309/Lot 2 (otherwise known as 354 Clay Ave. W., Roselle Park, N.J.) and assessed in the name of Signature Real Estate, LLC.
RESOLUTION NO. 247-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue multiple checks totaling in the amount of $9,121.79 payable to multiple lien holders for redemption of tax sale certificates for the meeting of December 15, 2011 (paperwork available in the Tax Office); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to issue premium checks from the Collector’s Premium Account in the amount of $500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 248-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that all individuals serving in an appointed position expiring on December 31, 2011 shall continue to serve in said capacity until such time appointments for the Year 2012 will be made.

Vote Record – Resolutions #238-11 and #244-11 to #248-11

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

RESOLUTION NO. 239-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, that the retirement of Mary Leonard from the position of Assistant Treasurer, effective April 1, 2012, be and is hereby accepted.

Mayor Accardi said Mary Leonard is a long time resident and employee of the Borough of Roselle Park. She has done phenomenal work and has always been pleasant, both on the phone and in person. She is an asset to the community and will truly be missed.

Councilman Yakubov thanked Mary for all her years of service and she has been an asset to the Borough.

Councilman Hokanson said he has known Mary for a long time and one of the biggest decisions we will have to make for the 2012 will be to find someone that is capable to fill her position.
The following resolution was offered by Councilman Miranda; seconded by Councilman Yakubov.

RESOLUTION NO. 240-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, that Resolution No. 61-11 appointing Robert P. Donovan, Esq. to the position of Labor Attorney at the hourly rate of $120.00 in the amount not to exceed $10,000.00, be and is hereby amended to reflect increase in amount not to exceed to $20,000.00

Councilman Yakubov asked why this amends the salary of the Labor Attorney; Mayor Accardi said this does not amend the salary, it just increases what we are willing to spend.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 241-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park of Union County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer that the Change Order for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved.

TITLE OF JOB        Aldene Park Playground – Phase I
CONTRACTOR  Rich Picerno Builders, 500 Hoiles Drive, Kenilworth, NJ 07033
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1
AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION +$9,897.00 (+13.75% Increase)

Councilman Miranda said on Resolution #242-11 we are making a final payment, does that increase the amount.

Ms Cali said we originally awarded a contract to Rich Picerno Builders and the contract came in under budget and it was a grant. Rather than lose the money, we looked for more improvements from Phase II that we could possibly put into Phase I, which we did. We added
additional rubber matting, but in the interim there was a big pipe that was found that caused additional work to be done. The Change Order is a reflection of both those issues. The Change Order is for both of those projects. The second part, in order to keep within the guidelines of the grant, the project had to be completed by December 31st. The project is complete now and the total cost of the contract is still within the $100,000; so we didn’t exceed that and the Change Order is included in the final payment.

### Vote Record – Resolution #241-11

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 242-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, Union County, New Jersey that the contract for the Aldene Park Playground – Phase I was constructed by Rich Picerno Builders, 500 Hoiles Drive, Kenilworth, NJ 07033, in accordance with the Plans and Specifications and any approved Change Orders, as directed by the Borough Engineer. The Contractor having supplied a 25% Guarantee Bond for a period of two (2) years from December 9, 2011. The said construction is hereby accepted and first and final payment in the amount of Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy and Seventy Cents ($81,870.70) is hereby approved.

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Accardi        ☑

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 243-11

WHEREAS, there exists a balance of $18,907.95 in the CAASA Account; and WHEREAS, CAASA is no longer in existence since January 1, 2010; and WHEREAS, the CAASA Account should be closed and the recommendation is to move these funds of $18,907.95 to the Fireworks Donations Account since this is a Community Event that is a Drug and Alcohol free event;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CAASA Account be closed and the funds of $18,907.95 be transferred to the Fireworks Donations Account.

Councilman Yakubov asked if CAASA is a grant that we no longer have, because we did apply for it or it expired.

Mr. Blum said CAASA was a program that was linked with the Municipal Alliance Grant. We still have the Municipal Alliance Grant and years ago they used to collect donations for certain things and the Community Alliance Against Substance Abuse is no longer active. It is now separate and is part of the Municipal Alliance Grant. This is to close out the existing money that is no longer in use and to put towards fireworks donations.

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CERTIFICATES

- 2011 Holiday Exterior Home Decorating Contest

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:

- Litigation – Concerned Citizens
- Negotiations – Contracts
- Negotiations – Recreation Committee

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Litigation – Concerned Citizens
- Negotiations – Contracts
- Negotiations – Recreation Committee
There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Miranda moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

Attest:

Borough Clerk