Borough of Roselle Park Regular Meeting of February 16, 2012

| Attendee Name | Organization | Title | Status | Arrived |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| 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 | A | _ |
| Marc Caswell | Borough of Roselle Park | Councilman | P | 7:00 PM |
| Andrew Casais | 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.

Mayor Accardi said there was a Closed Session Meeting at 6:00 p.m. this evening, at which time they discussed contract negotiations.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

• Request from Girl Scout Troop 40340 to use the Roselle Park High School parking lot as well as the Little League Field lot as a pick-up and drop off location for the yearly Girl Scout camping trip on Friday, April 27, 2012 from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m. and Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

• Chestnut Hill Market

CERTIFICATES/PROCLAMATIONS

Certificates

- LCpl William Fahoury
- Alan Bodtmann

Proclamations

- American Red Cross Month
- Youth Art Month
- Arbor Day
- CROP Hunger Walk Day
- Read Cross America

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Caswell

- Attended three Budget Meetings.
- Thanked Mr. Blum for all his help.
- Attended the Casano Center Meeting on February 8th.
- The Center continues to be utilized and rented for various functions.
- Met with DPW regarding various issues.
- Discussed a date for the spring cleanup; will let the public know via the Council Meeting and TV34.
- Asked residents to hold off dumping debris on the curb until the spring cleanup.
- Participated in the Closed Session Meeting regarding contract negotiations.

Councilman Miranda

- Attended the Budget Meetings on February 7th, 9th and 15th.
- They are moving ahead and thanked Mr. Blum for his help.

Councilman Yakubov

- Attended the Joint Sewer Meeting.
- We were recognized in Los Angeles as a green energy efficient water facility in the country.
- They had a decrease in the sewer budget, which impacted our municipal budget.
- Should consider switching our water resources from the RVSA to the Joint Sewer.
- There will be an Environmental Committee Meeting on March 1st; they will discuss the community garden.
- Attended a Fire Department Meeting and pitched the idea of having a Chili Cook-Off Competition for the three Fire Departments.

Mayor Accardi spoke about the potential of a seven unit townhouse on Sumner Avenue and joining into our sewer system. He would like Councilman Yakubov and Councilwoman Torres to get some feedback from the surrounding neighbors because it will impact both of their wards and then come back to discuss it as a Council.

Councilman Yakubov said he understands they must have permission to join into our sewer system.

Ms. Cali said for the last year, they have been asking for permission to do so but there was a change in plans because originally it was going to be a warehouse. Last year the Borough Engineer requested a plan from them so he could approve or disapprove it and they will not supply them to him.

Councilman Yakubov said all the residents he has spoken to in that area are against it. He said they have asked him not to support it, but he wants to see plans to make a fair judgment.

Carl Hokanson

- February 4th he attended the Fireman's Annual Dinner.
- Thanked the Fire Department for their dedication and efforts to protect the people of Roselle Park.
- Was pleased to be their Commissioner for the last two years.
- Next Budget Meeting will be February 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- There are still 180 dogs and 27 cats that have not yet been licensed; summons will be issued the week of March 5th.
- Dad's Club is running a bus trip to Atlantic City on March 11th to the Tropicana.

Councilman Casais

- Elizabethtown Gas did a more thorough patch up of the area that was done between Camden and Berwyn Streets.
- There were three Budget Meetings since the last regular meeting.
- We are now around a \$93.00 increase.
- Encouraged residents to attend the meetings.
- Reminded everyone there is a Special Improvement District Meeting on February 21st at 5:00 pm at the Casano Center.

Mayor Accardi said they should consider this year the reevaluation of properties and the ordinance for Chief Administrative Officer. Councilman Casais sent out a revisal to the ordinance. If we want to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer and consider paying them, then that should be considered in the budget process.

<u>Karen Intile – Administrative Assistant</u>

- It is time to update the service bulletin for this year.
- She is on the Social Services Sub-Committee for Community Development; at their meeting they discussed the Social Services being cut.
- They are cutting all grants for all communities for Senior Services.
- Would like some direction from Council for the next meeting.
- Reviewed all the events taking place this year.

- Will keep zumba running; hopefully will have more attendance.
- February 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., there will be a yoga class.
- There will be a new artist at the Center this Tuesday.
- The SID Meeting is next Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.
- Received mail regarding the new program Dave Biagini has and it will be discussed that evening.

Mayor Accardi said he received a request from a resident asking if we could use our bus to transport residents that used to live in Roselle Park to the Center. He said he does not have a problem with that and is turning this over to Karen to investigate to see if it is feasible.

- Ms. Intile said our Block Grant pays our bus drivers and the grant was awarded strictly to Roselle Park.
- Will bring this up to the County; only they can make that decision.

Richard Huxford – Borough Attorney

- Has had the opportunity to review the Borough Code.
- Recommends Council put together an ordinance regarding emails and electronic communications.
- Has three potential litigation matters for Closed Session.

Ken Blum – Chief Financial Officer

• The next Budget Meeting will be February 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

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

- Municipal Court Report for January 2012
- Administrative Assistant Report for January 10, 2012 to February 10, 2012

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

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

- Regular Meeting of January 19, 2012
- Regular Meeting of February 2, 2012

| Vote Record – Minutes Acceptance of January 19, 2012 and February 2, 2012 | | | | | | |
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| | | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| | | Yakubov | X | | | |
| \boxtimes | Adopted Adopted as Amended | Miranda | X | | | |
| | Adopted as Amended Defeated | Hokanson | X | | | |
| 1 | Tabled | Torres | | | | X |
| 1 7 | Withdrawn | Caswell | X | | | |
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| | | Accardi | | | | |

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 Casais, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Miranda moved at 7:42 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Regarding the townhouses on Sumner Avenue, how much of our sewer rights will be left after AvalonBay.
- What would happen if Schering-Plough/ Merck were to resume their high volume of use.
- Spoke about the Acker Park decorative lights cost for electricity is \$2,600 a month.
- What became of the study to turn off the overhead street lights in the business section.
- Asked if they are on separate meters.
- How is their use in the downtown section determined.
- In Acker Park there is a meter.
- The lights in the park can be turned off at night and then adjust the spotlights on the poles.
- Asked about the Borough inventory, what happened to them and are they still on inventory as assets.

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

- Regarding the sewer rights on Sumner Avenue, Councilman Yakubov said that is a question we should ask the Borough Engineer.
- Mayor Accardi said Sumner Avenue would go into the Joint Sewer line and AvalonBay would go into the Rahway Valley.
- Regarding the cost for Acker Park, the cost is \$2,600 per year and not per month.
- Regarding the overhead lights, there is some benefit to having spotlights that provide safety and security.
- Will ask the Borough Engineer what the proper level of lighting should be for Acker Park, as well as downtown.

- The wooden poles with the lights are not easily turned off.
- The aluminum poles are easier to turn off.
- Has asked the Police Chief if they could turn them off for a week to see the cost savings; also to see if that area is safe with the lights turned off.
- Regarding the Borough inventory, Mayor Accardi asked him for a list and he will look into it.
- Has asked Councilman Caswell to check the DPW to see if there is any equipment there not being used.

Councilman Caswell said regarding the lighting at Acker Park, he is in favor of having the park as well lit as possible. He said they spent a great deal of money fixing the park and would not want to see anyone utilizing the park after dark and be vandalized.

Mayor Accardi said the total cost for electric for Acker Park is \$2,200.00 per year. There are many different points of view regarding lighting in the community.

Joe DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Regarding the Municipal Budget, he is very comfortable with this Council's decisions with this budget.
- The Library Board discussed their budget; it has been given to Mayor and Council for their consideration.
- All the information is there and if there are any questions, they are willing to work with the Governing Body.
- The budget the Board passed does not harm any of the services and does not harm the number of books that were purchased in the prior year.
- There is continued service to the level that it has been in prior years.
- They did look at some policy issues and they will need some guidance from the Borough; there are some issues that need Attorney input.
- One of the items they would like to know is if the Joint Insurance has a policy manual available because they would like to make some changes to their policies and be in parody with the Borough.
- Regarding the proposal to develop the property in Kenilworth on Sumner Avenue, at one point when he was Mayor, they went door to door to solicit the input of the residents.
- What had occurred back then was the developer was required to go to Kenilworth to present their plans and to inform the Roselle Park residents.
- At that time, Councilwoman Selk and he advised the residents the dates that Kenilworth made their decision.
- To keep this in the public eye, they should consider having the plans go to Kenilworth first.
- Their issues will be if it complies with their Master Plan and if there are any increases in tax ratables.
- Roselle Park's side is purely the impact on the neighborhood, such as parking and traffic.

Mayor Accardi responded to Mr. DeIorio's comments as follows:

• Thanked Mr. DeIorio for putting his time into the Library budget.

Mr. DeIorio thanked the Chief Financial Officer for providing them with all the financial information.

Councilman Yakubov asked if there is a State law or specifications regarding the Library and the procedures that have to be followed.

Mayor Accardi said there are the By-Laws that state they have to follow the Borough's rules regarding employment.

Councilman Casais said when he was President of the Library Board; they included in their By-Laws anything that was done in terms of a personnel policy that would comply with the Clerical Bargaining Unit.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Miranda moved at 8:02 p.m. to close the public portion; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2350

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-10 (b) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter VII, Section 7-10 of the Borough Code is hereby amended to add the following streets:

SECTION 1.

Temporary Parking Prohibition for Snow Plowing and Removal—Con.

Name of Street Sides Location

Willis Place both W. Roselle Avenue South to dead

end

<u>SECTION 2</u>. 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.

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

<u>SECTION 4</u>. 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 #2350 be adopted upon first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on March 1, 2012; seconded by Councilman Casais.

| Vote Record – Ordinance #2350 | | | | | | |
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| | | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| | 4.1 1 | Yakubov | X | | | |
| \boxtimes | Adopted Adopted as Amended | Miranda | X | | | |
| | ☐ Adopted as Amended ☐ Defeated | Hokanson | X | | | |
| | Tabled | Torres | | | | × |
| | Withdrawn | Caswell | × | | | |
| □ withdrawn | Casais | × | | | | |
| | | Accardi | | | | |

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 49-12

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to issue a check in the amount of \$785.49 payable to Anthony Reindinelli, Executor of Estate of Pauline Reindinelli on Block 514/Lot 7 (otherwise known as 270 W. Webster Ave., Roselle Park, NJ) assessed in the name of Pauline Reindinelli until 11/30/11 when house was sold. Refund is from Homestead Benefit which was due to Pauline Reindinelli who was deceased in 2011. Refund to the Estate per confirmation with State of New Jersey Division of Taxation.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-12

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 \$17,829.49 payable to multiple lien holders for redemption of Tax Sale Certificates for the meeting of February 16, 2012 (paperwork available in the Tax Office); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to issue premium checks from the Tax Collector's Premium Account in the amount of \$13,400.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-12

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Peter LaPorta, 400 Chester Avenue, Roselle Park, be and is hereby appointed to the position of Handyman for the Roselle Park Senior Citizen Handyman Program, effective immediately, at the hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-12

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park no longer has use for the attached automobiles therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to sell the attached items, as is, at public sale at a date within 60 calendar days. The auction will be advertised in the following media, Union Leader and Star Ledger and Borough of Roselle Park Web Site.

- 1. Said sale shall be conducted by the Borough Clerk or by any person so designated by her.
- 2. Said property is being sold "as is".
- 3. All prospective purchasers are put on notice to personally inspect the property.
- 4. At the Time of said sale, the purchaser shall deposit the entire purchase price with the Borough Clerk in cash or certified check made payable to the Borough of Roselle Park.
- 5. If the purchaser fails to take title and possession with ten (10) days of the date of purchase, the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park may declare the contract of sale to be terminated and may retain all monies paid there under as liquidated damages, and the Borough may resell said property or pursue such other and further legal and equitable remedies as it may have. If the purchaser fails to take title or possession within said ten (10) days, purchaser will be liable for reasonable storage fees.
- 6. If the title to this property shall prove to be unmarketable, the liability of the Borough shall be limited to the repayment of the amount of any sums paid by said purchaser to the Borough without any further costs, expense, damage, claim against or liability upon the Borough.
- 7. The Borough of Roselle Park reserves the right to reject all bids and shall not be obligated to accept any bids
- 8. All prospective purchasers are put on notice that no employee, agent, officer, body or subordinate body has any authority to waive, modify or amend any of the within conditions of sale.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Make</u> | <u>Identification Number</u> | Minimum Bid |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1997 | Mercury | VIN # 2MELM74W1VX727454 | 400.00 |
| 1993 | INFINITY | VIN # JNKCP01D4PT450252 | 175.00 |
| 1990 | OLDSMOBILE | VIN # 1G3HN54C8LH360600 | 175.00 |
| 1999 | FORD | VIN # 2FMZA5141XBB89457 | 175.00 |
| 1999 | HONDA | VIN # 1HGCG6650XA124628 | 175.00 |
| 1999 | VOLKSWAGON | VIN # 3VWRC29M8XM012367 | 175.00 |

| Vote Record – Resolutions #49-12, #52-12, #53-12 and #55-12 | | | | | | |
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| | | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| [57] | A.11 | Yakubov | X | | | |
| | Miranda | X | | | | |
| 1 | Defeated | Hokanson | X | | | |
| 1 | Tabled | Torres | | | | X |
| 1 7 | Withdrawn | Caswell | X | | | |
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| | Accardi | | | | | |

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

RESOLUTION NO. 50-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed as Certified Referees for the 2012 Roselle Park Recreation Basketball League at \$30.00 per game; one Certified Referee in attendance per game:

Edward Jackus, 462 Lidgerwood Avenue, Elizabeth Glenn Anderson, 740 Fairacres Avenue, Westfield Richard Massaelli, 1084 Kensington Terrace, Union Anthony Chodan, Jr., 171 Hilltop Blvd., Keyport Keith Johnson, 275 Schley Street, Newark

Councilman Caswell said he would like more information.

| Vote Record – Resolution #50-12 | | | | | | |
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| □ Adopted □ Adopted as Amended □ Defeated □ Tabled □ Withdrawn | | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| | | Yakubov | X | | | |
| | Miranda | | | X | | |
| | Hokanson | X | | | | |
| | | Torres | | | | × |
| | Caswell | | X | | | |
| | Casais | X | | | | |
| | Accardi | | | | | |

Councilman Miranda moved to table the following resolution; seconded by Councilman Casais.

Mayor Accardi said in the past the issue of favoritism has come up and it has been recommended that independent people be hired. They were hiring younger residents, but they were not able to control the game as well as they could. There were also issues with some of the parents becoming aggressive toward the ref. There was also the issue of liability and that is why they decided to hire certified referees.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individual be appointed as a Referee for Instructional League Games for the 2012 Roselle Park Recreation Basketball League at \$15.00 per game; one Referee in attendance per game:

Matthew (Matt) Talbot, 425 Myrtle Avenue, Roselle Park

Councilman Miranda said he is sure there are more certified referees that just one. We should give everyone a fair chance instead of having one for all the games.

Mayor Accardi said maybe we should vote on these resolutions independently.

Councilman Miranda moved to table Resolution #51-12, seconded by Councilman Casais.

| Vote | Record – Resolution #51-12 | | | | | |
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| | | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| | A 1 1 | Yakubov | X | | | |
| | Adopted | Miranda | X | | | |
| | Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated | Hokanson | X | | | |
| | Tabled | Torres | | | | X |
| | Withdrawn | Caswell | X | | | |
| - Williami | Casais | X | | | | |
| | Accardi | | | | | |

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby accept the resignation of Richard D. Huxford from the Municipal Land Use Board effective immediately.

Councilman Casais said Mr. Huxford did an excellent job on the Municipal Land Use Board.

Mayor Accardi said Mr. Huxford said the reason why he has to submit his resignation is because he is serving as legal counsel. Every decision he made while on the board was in the best interest of Roselle Park and we thank him for his service.

| Vote | Record – Resolution #54-12 | | | | | |
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| | | | Yes/Aye | No/Nay | Abstain | Absent |
| [57] | A 1 1 | Yakubov | X | | | |
| \square | Adopted Adopted as Amended | Miranda | X | | | |
| 1 🖁 | Adopted as Amended Defeated | Hokanson | X | | | |
| ΙH | Tabled | Torres | | | | X |
| 1 7 | Withdrawn | Caswell | X | | | |
| Withdrawn | Williamii | Casais | X | | | |
| | Accardi | | | | | |

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Pending Litigation NJDEP vs. Occidental
- Potential Litigation Code Enforcement
- Potential Litigation Billboards

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Pending Litigation NJDEP vs. Occidental
- Potential Litigation Code Enforcement
- Potential Litigation Billboards

| There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Miranda move to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Casais and adopted. | | | | |
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| A | Attest: | | | |
| E | Borough Clerk | | | |