

Borough of Roselle Park Meeting of January 16, 2014

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Yakubov	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Carl Hokanson	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Andrew Casais	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Charlene Storey	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	7:00 PM
Ryan Kelly	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Gino Elmarassy	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 7:00 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.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Casais

- Thanked Chief Morrison and the Police Department for sending reports on the recent outage at the substation in Union.
- Scheduling a budget preparation meeting on January 30th.
- Scheduling a public full council Budget Meeting on February 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Storey

- Thanked the First Aid Squad for the invitation to their Annual Dinner.
- Friends of the Library is holding a 50/50 to benefit the children's summer programs.
- The sound issue on TV34 is being worked on by the TV34 Technician.

Councilman Kelly

- The Board of Education is planning a meeting; the time and place to be determined.

Councilman Elmarassy

- Has an open door policy.

- Thanked the Police Chief for his assistance in lighting the tunnel on West Clay Avenue.
- Thanked the First Aid Squad for the invitation to their dinner.
- Would like to bring in the First Aid Squad to a meeting to thank them for their service and dedication.
- Met with Karen Intile regarding Memorial Day.
- February 19th, Climax Brewery will host an event; anyone interested can call Kevin Murphy at 908-377-5767.

Councilman Yakubov

- Will be hosting a Community Watch Meeting on January 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- Spoke about having an Ethics Training Class prior to one of the upcoming Council Meetings; it will be provided by the JIIF.

Mr. Huxford said he will contact the JIIF for dates.

Councilman Hokanson

- Said he has an open door policy and every three months he will hold his “Meet and Greet”.
- January 11th, attended the First Aid Squad Installation Dinner.
- Congratulated the new officers and those who received service awards.
- January 15th, was appointed to the Union County Transportation Advisory Board.
- The topic at the meeting was that beginning in March, the Pulaski skyway north bound lanes will be closed in two years.
- There will be townwide meetings because it will benefit the Borough; has information available
- There was a power outage this weekend, which lasted approximately fifteen hours.
- Thanked Mayor and Council for keeping everyone updated.
- Gave Dog and Cat Animal Control Report.
- Still conducting Operation Chillout for homeless veterans in the State of New Jersey.
- February 19th, Climax Brewery will hold a fundraiser to benefit wounded veterans.
- January 17th at the Anthony Signorello Youth Center, there will be a Free Throw Basketball Contest.
- There will be a Concerned Citizens Meeting on Saturday at Vintage Restaurant and the guest speaker will be Mayor Holley from Roselle.
- January 28th at 6:30 p.m., the Middle School will be conducting an anti-bullying seminar.
- Would like to recognize a former resident, Jerry Matthews, a Basketball Coach in South Jersey.

Karen Intile – Administrative Assistant

- Wished all a Happy New Year.
- Thanked everyone that has donated to the food pantry, holiday baskets, etc.

- Reviewed upcoming events at the Center.
- Planning the Fourth of July event and Car Shows.
- Local Art Gallery going well.
- Thanked Cornell Hall for food donations to the Center.

Ken Blum – Chief Financial Officer.

- Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 30th.
- First Budget Meeting is scheduled for February 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Richard Huxford – Borough Attorney

- Several items for Closed Session.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

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

- Police Chief Report for December 2013
- Department of Public Works for December 2013
- Administrative Assistant Report for January 2014
- Treasurer Report for December 2013

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Hokanson moved to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Casais and adopted.

Leona Seufert, 22 East Westfield Avenue

- The new Art Gallery Exhibit will begin on January 19th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Center.
- Asked about the Channel 34 Bulletin Board.
- There have been no community events posted.
- There are also many old events listed on the site.

Councilwoman Storey will check into it.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Commended Carl Hokanson on his work with Animal Control.
- Concerned Citizens are meeting on January 18th at Vintage Restaurant from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Asked for an update from the December 30th meeting regarding the transfer of funds for legal services.

- We must be transparent and accountable.

Mayor Accardi said the meeting on December 30th was for a year-end wrap up.

Mr. Huxford said when the settlement is over, then more can be reported.

Eugene Meola, 226 Sheridan Avenue

- Spoke about the traffic light on the corner of West Westfield Avenue and Walnut Street.
- Something should be done with the timing; it is dangerous.

Mayor Accardi said that light is installed by the State and controlled by them.

- Mr. Meola said the garbage men are coming at 5:00 a.m., which is too early.
- Spoke about the tree branches that are falling from his tree on his property.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Spoke about the Joint Meeting.
- Asked for clarification on the TNR ordinance.

Councilman Hokanson said he reviewed it with the Borough Clerk; it is still in the works.

- Mr. Qersdyn spoke about the transparency of the Borough.

Mayor Accardi said they are being transparent and doing what needs to be done.

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

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

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

- Regular Meeting of December 5, 2013

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MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ
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Councilman Hokanson 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.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions on consent agenda were offered by Councilman Hokanson; seconded by Councilman Casais.

RESOLUTION NO. 36-14

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed for the 2014 Roselle Park Recreation Basketball League:

Certified Referees (at the rate of \$35.00 per game)

Ed Jackus, 462 Liderwood Avenue, Elizabeth
Keith Johnson, 275 Schley Street, Newark
Richard Massarelli, 1084 Kensington Terrace, Union
Anthony Chodan, 171 Hilltop Blvd., Keyport
Glenn Anderson, 740 Fairacres Avenue, Westfield
Bill Smith, 23 Charles Street, Clark, NJ 07066
Mike Antuono, 184 Wilder Street, Hillside
Steve Dunn 78 3rd Avenue, Garwood, NJ 07205

Instructional League Referee (at the rate of \$15.00 per game)

Matthew Talbot, 425 Myrtle Avenue, Roselle Park
Ashley Taluba, 143 Bridge Street, Roselle Park, NJ 07204

Score Keepers/Time Keepers (at the rate of \$10.00 per game)

Connor McDonough, 624 Roosevelt Street, Roselle Park NJ 07204

Non Certified Referees (at the rate of \$15.00 per game) (Time/score keeper substitute at \$10.00 per game)

Kyle Angus, 15 East Webster Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204
Aidan Tango, 431 Sheridan Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204
Emily Swirz, 710 Walnut Street, Roselle Park, NJ 07204

RESOLUTION NO. 38-14

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby accept the resignation of Lisa Williams from the position of Dispatcher for the Roselle Park Police Department, effective January 9, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-14

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park desires to enter into a contract with the Town of Westfield for the purpose of the Town providing health services of a technical and professional nature; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Borough of Roselle Park has recommended to the Mayor and Council that a contract be entered into with the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield has agreed to provide health related services to the Borough of Roselle Park for a one year period commencing on January 1, 2014 until December 31, 2014; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough, wherein the Borough agrees to pay the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, the sum of \$131,783.00 for the year 2014, payable quarterly.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-14

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Jessica Diaz, 13 Stiles Road, Summit, NJ 07901, be and is hereby appointed to the position of Probationary Police Dispatcher, effective Monday, January 20, 2014, at the annual salary of \$33,635.53 for a one year probationary period.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 37-14

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Eric M. Bernstein, Esquire of the firm Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC is hereby authorized to represent the Borough of Roselle Park in Tax Appeals for the year 2014, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above authorization is for an amount not to exceed \$120.00 per hour and \$60.00 per hour for Paralegals for a maximum of \$15,000 to be charged to: Legal Services & Costs, Tax Appeals, as placed in the 2014 Temporary Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is made and this agreement is entered into pursuant to a fair and open process under NJSA 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent, and that notice of this appointment in the form attached be published in a newspaper authorized to receive legal advertisements on behalf of the Borough of Roselle Park within ten (10) days of this date in accordance with the New Jersey law.

Councilman Yakubov asked about the bids that were submitted.

Mr. Huxford said there were three bidders; two came on time and one came in on the day of question.

Councilman Yakubov asked if Mr. Bernstein will be doing it himself or will other members of his firm also do the work.

Mayor Accardi said he believes it is the person submitting the bid and not the firm.

Councilman Casais said the resolution states that it is not to exceed \$120.00 per hour and \$60.00 per hour for paralegals. He assumes that the \$120 is for Mr. Bernstein.

Mayor Accardi said at this time we must go forward with the two bids.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 40-14

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.2, Sales of real property: right of first refusal of contiguous owners, states, Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, whenever any municipality intends to sell real property which is less than the minimum size required for development under the municipal zoning ordinance and is without any capital improvements thereon, it shall accord the owner or owners of any real property contiguous to such real property the right to prior refusal to purchase such land;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk and Town Attorney be and hereby authorized to negotiate offer to purchase, or the right to refusal of the vacated portion of Laurel Avenue between West Clay Avenue and the Conrail Right of Way in the Borough of Roselle Park to contiguous owners in the amount of \$82,260.

Councilman Yakubov asked about the property.

Mr. Huxford said the numbers are based on information from the Tax Assessor. He said the information was given to Ms. Cali and he can get it for him tomorrow.

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Councilman Hokanson asked if the issue with the Youth Center and the Basketball League will be resolved.

Councilman Storey said Rich Graves has taken care of it.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Hokanson moved at 8:15 p.m. to interrupt the regular order of business for a Closed Session Meeting; seconded by Councilwoman Storey and adopted.

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

- Litigation – Kaulfers vs. Kessler
- Litigation – Stender vs. Roselle Park
- Contract Negotiations – Sale of Borough Property
- Litigation – Equipment Rental Services vs. Roselle Park
- Litigation – NJDEP vs. Occidental
- Litigation – Tennan vs. Roselle Park
- Personnel – Gabriel vs. Roselle Park
- Personnel – Clerk’s Office
- Contract Negotiations – Use of Casano Center

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Hokanson moved at 8:55 p.m. to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Casais and adopted.

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

- Litigation – Kaulfers vs. Kessler
- Litigation – Stender vs. Roselle Park
- Contract Negotiations – Sale of Borough Property – Willow Avenue
- Litigation – Equipment Rental Services vs. Roselle Park
- Litigation – NJDEP vs. Occidental
- Litigation – Tennan vs. Roselle Park
- Personnel – Gabriel vs. Roselle Park
- Personnel – Clerk’s Office
- Contract Negotiations – Use of Casano Center

Councilman Hokanson made a motion to hire a part time temp, not to exceed two weeks, in the Clerk’s Office; seconded by Councilman Yakubov. A formal resolution will be prepared for the next Council Meeting.

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

Attest:

Clerk