

Borough of Roselle Park Meeting of March 6, 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 7:02 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 asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for Councilwoman Storey's mother who passed away.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Request from Roselle Park High School to display a sign (4' x 8') near the gazebo to advertise their annual spring musical "Little Shop of Horrors" which is scheduled for March 27, 28 & 29, 2014.
- Request from the Dad's Club to use certain DPW equipment (rakes, shovels, leaf blowers and other small equipment) to clean the ballfields for their Annual Baseball Tournament on April 11, 12 and 13, 2014.

CERTIFICATES/PROCLAMATIONS

Certificates

- Vinny Santiago

Proclamations

- Youth Art Month

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Kelly

- Attended the Board of Education Meeting live via their website.
- Board of Education is still working on getting the polling places out of the Middle School and Aldene School.
- The East versus West Charity Basketball Game will be on March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Roselle Park High School.
- Recreation will meet on March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Anthony Signorello Youth Center.
- Thanked the Fire Chief for the invitation to the Fire Department Dinner.
- Attended the Freeholder's Meeting.
- The Union County Businessmen's Organization is hosting a networking event on March 18th.
- DPW has been filling potholes this week.

Councilman Elmarassy

- Congratulated Vinny Santiago on the great job.
- Thanked the Fire Chief for the invitation to the Fire Department Dinner.
- The First Aid Squad received a plaque, which will be placed on the 9/11 Memorial at Kelly/Kaulfers Park.
- Invited all to attend the Memorial Day event on March 26th.

Councilman Yakubov

- Thanked the Fire Department for the invitation to their dinner.
- The Community Watch Meeting is scheduled for March 11th at 6:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.
- Working with the supervisors of the apartment buildings in the Fifth Ward to put together a quick response communication system with the residents.
- A newsletter will be going out to the Third and Fifth Ward residents.

Councilman Hokanson

- Attended the Budget Meeting on February 26th.
- Pleased with the "Dine Out" event turnout for the Church of the Assumption.
- Attended the Union County Transportation Board Meeting in Scotch Plains.
- The Pulaski Skyway closure has been postponed to April 12, 2014.

- Spoke about the one-way ride into Penn Station on the Raritan Valley Line.
- Gave Dog and Cat Report; March 10th summonses will be issued.
- March 8th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. is the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at the Casano Center.
- Capital Budget Meeting is scheduled for March 12th.
- March 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is his "Meet and Greet" at Costa's Restaurant.

Councilman Casais

- Resolution #69-14, which is on the agenda this evening is the introduction of the 2014 Municipal Budget.
- There will be a \$103.35 tax increase in homes assessed at \$65,000.
- This is not a final document; it is just the introduction.
- The Public Hearing will be May 1, 2014.
- The Capital Budget Meeting will be March 12th at 6:00 p.m.
- Has two items for Closed Session: one in Construction Department and one in Police Department.

Councilwoman Storey

- The audio problem is still continuing with TV34.
- The problem has been identified and they have arranged to get a loner piece of equipment.
- The Technician who has to install the part, has a medical problem and will not be available until next week.
- Congratulated Vinny Santiago.
- Roselle Park will celebrate its birthday on March 21st.
- There is still time to purchase 50/50 tickets for the Friends of the Library fundraiser.
- Wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.
- The Roselle Park Marching Band will participate in the parade in Union.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- Complimented the Fire Department for their dedication and service.
- Roselle Park will celebrate its birthday on March 21st.
- The introduction of the 2014 Municipal Budget will take place this evening; still continuing to work on it.

Joseph Signorello – Fire Chief.

- There was a small fire on East Clay Avenue; all went well.
- The Fire Department is continuing training.
- Monday night, he spoke to children at Aldene School about fire prevention and what 911 is used for.

- Two members of the department will be attending the Middlesex County Fire Academy.

Tom Solfaro – Borough Engineer

- Work is being scheduled for East Grant Avenue.
- Tax maps need some minor issues and will be addressed by the Tax Assessor.
- Working on West Lincoln Avenue 2013 Improvements.
- A formal project schedule will be submitted for the Public Works building for Council's review.

Mayor Accardi said there is a large pothole on East Clay Avenue that almost developed into a sinkhole and barriers have been put in place. They are trying to determine if it is being caused by the sewer line or a water main break. Checking to see if it is a problem with the foundation, and if so, then proper action will be taken. It is something the DPW and the Engineer are coordinating on.

Councilman Casais asked what year the street work grants are for.

Mr. Solfaro said they are usually for the following year.

Councilman Yakubov asked what is needed to complete the Aldene Playground.

Mr. Solfaro said he does not have that information with him, but he can supply it to him.

Mayor Accardi said that during the budget process, members of Council put a stop to it because they did not want to be responsible for an increase in the cost. He said it is a good idea to complete the project, but it was during the budget process that they decided not to complete the project.

Ms. Cali said the grant for this project requires a 50% match. If Council wanted to complete the project, they should have decided how much money to set aside for the work. The grant comes out in June; if there is not a match, then we cannot apply this year. We did not apply last year because she was told that Council did not want to spend more money on the playground.

Mr. Blum said this match is done through the Capital Bond Ordinance and will be discussed during the Capital Budget; it does not affect this introduction.

Councilman Hokanson said when they discussed going to stage three, they thought it was the final stage.

Mayor Accardi said the discussion was that we were not going to spend any more money on the park; it is a matching grant. During the project, there was a decision not to continue with the project and no guidance was provided to the DPW.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMEMTS

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

- DPW Report for February 2014
- Construction Code Enforcement Department Report for February 2014
- Police Chief Report for February 2014
- Engineer Report for March 2014
- Municipal Court Report for February 2014

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Linda Greer, 821 Elm Street

- Has concerns and questions regarding the feral cats TNR ordinance.
- Has this been researched in other towns and how does it work.
- Will residents be notified if there is a colony in their area.
- How many colonies will be allowed and how many cats in a colony.
- What is meant by private organizations.
- Why is there no licensing or vaccination.
- It is not fair to those residents who are limited and must license and vaccinate their cats.
- As a resident, she would not like a cat colony next door to her or on her block.
- They are wild animals and harbor diseases.
- Thanked Councilman Kelly for addressing people soliciting late at night.

Councilman Hokanson said right now this ordinance has been re-tweaked. If Council decides to move on with the revisions, he will forward them.

Carole Langzemis, 289 West Webster Avenue

- Has concerns regarding the TNR ordinance.
- Who will be responsible for the training of the caregivers and keeping of their records.
- What liability will the Borough of Roselle Park have since Council is presenting the ordinance.
- What about lawsuits if a caregiver is injured or contracts a disease.
- What will prevent new cats to enter the colony.
- What if cats deficate far away from the colony.
- What happens when residents complain once the TNR is passed, who takes the phone calls and complaints.

- What happens when new kittens are born.
- What happens if food is left out too long, this will attract other animals, which can carry a host of diseases.
- What happens if a cat cannot be trapped and vaccinated.
- Is it responsible to feed these cats and send them into danger to be hit by cars or prey to other animals.
- Her experience with volunteers is that they start out dedicated for a noble cause, which can wane quickly.

Valerie Bielski, 412 Laurel Avenue

- Asked why they have started contamination testing at the DPW yard.

Mayor Accardi said the testing is not for contaminated ground, it is for further construction.

- Ms. Bielski asked why this is being done now, if the Senior Housing has not been approved yet. Why not fix what you have, instead of building a new building.

Mayor Accardi said they are waiting for the funding to be put in place for the Senior Housing.

- Ms. Bielski said you are putting it on contaminated soil.

Ms. Cali said the DPW soil is not contaminated like the baseball field. There is only one small area that needs to be cleaned up. Requirements are different for a building than where children are playing. The area has been designated for Senior Housing.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Spoke about large potholes on Sumner Avenue between Locust and Chestnut Streets.
- Asked about the TNR ordinance.
- The one seat ride on the train was a historic moment.
- Roselle Park received high marks in all aspects of senior living.
- Spoke about the budget and the \$103.35 tax increase per home.
- Will election cost be removed if not necessary.

Pat Pagnetti, 309 East Grant Avenue

- On Saturday, March 22nd, Roselle Park will celebrate its 113th Anniversary.
- Each year by proclamation is Roselle Park Day.
- The Historical Society will host coffee and donuts from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- At the March 20th Meeting, Ed Leonard will speak how railroads shaped Roselle Park.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Suggested that Channel 32 & 34 be turned off.
- Asked the Borough Engineer to explain the reason why the drilling is being done.
- It was a lack of communication, the residents were not notified.
- Asked Councilman Hokanson for an update on the Snow Removal Committee.
- Thanked Councilman Kelly for attending the Freeholder Board Meeting.
- Traveled on the train from New Jersey to Penn Station.

Mayor Accardi said regarding the drilling, it was done on Borough property. He said it was not a 2.6 million cost. He apologized if there was any inconvenience to the apartment dwellers and residents.

Councilman Hokanson said he has had many contacts with the Police Chief and DPW, and the ordinance is being worked on.

Eugene Meola, 226 Sheridan Avenue

- Will there be any type of vegetative waste pick up.
- What is the expense for the next election; shouldn't that come from the County and not the Borough.
- Reminded everyone to turn their clocks ahead on Saturday.

Mayor Accardi said the vegetative waste will begin in April.

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.

- Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2014

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	Accardi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Regular Meeting of January 16, 2014

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Minutes of January 16, 2014					
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		Elmarassy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Accardi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Regular Meeting of February 6, 2014

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- Regular Meeting of February 20, 2014

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Councilman Hokanson said the reason there are several minutes being adopted this evening was due to an absence in the Borough Clerk's Office. He thanked and commended Donna and Nancy for speeding up the process and getting the minutes out to the public.

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

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.

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2399

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
(CIVILIAN COURT OFFICER & PART-TIME CLERICAL)

Councilman Hokanson moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2399; seconded by Councilman Casais and adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Hokanson moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2399; seconded by Councilman Yakubov and adopted.

Councilman Hokanson moved that Ordinance No. 2399 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Casais and adopted.

Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2399					
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ORDINANCE NO. 2402

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
 CALENDAR YEAR 2014
 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
 LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park in the County of Union finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2014 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that a 3.0 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 356,890.33 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove, that is not appropriated as part of the final budget, shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2014 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Roselle Park shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.0 %, amounting to \$ 356,890.33, and that the CY 2014 municipal budget for the Borough of Roselle Park be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Councilman Hokanson moved that Ordinance No. 2402 be adopted upon first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on March 20, 2014; seconded by Councilman Casais.

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RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions listed on Consent Agenda were offered by Councilman Hokanson; seconded by Councilman Casais.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-14

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park will hold a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby requests approval from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to close Chestnut Street, from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue, on May 26, 2014, in order to hold a Memorial Day Parade.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-14

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park will hold "Cruisin' Night Car Shows" on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Car Shows will be held on Chestnut Street from Warren Avenue to Grant Avenue; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby requests approval from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to close Chestnut Street, from Grant Avenue to Westfield Avenue, on June 21, 2014, with a rain date of June 28, 2014 and September 13, 2014, with a rain date of September 20, 2014, in order to hold "Cruisin' Night Car Shows".

RESOLUTION NO. 62-14

RESOLVED that Dennis Lescota, 1183 Edgewood Parkway, Union be and is hereby appointed as a full time School Crossing Guard, effective immediately, at the rate of \$62.14 per day.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-14

RESOLVED that Karl Stark, 420 Chester Avenue, Roselle Park be and is hereby appointed as a full time School Crossing Guard, effective immediately, at the rate of \$62.14 per day.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-14

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$3,000.00 to fund the following project;

2013 Green Communities Grant

Community Forestry Management Plan

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body resolves that Joseph Accardi or the successor to the office of Mayor is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$3,000.00 and not more than \$3,000.00 and (c) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligation.

The Borough of Roselle Park hereby agrees to match \$3,000.00 of the Total Project amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. 100% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed b grant program requirements and the agreement).

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State and Municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-14

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Roselle Park and the Township of Woodbridge to enter into an Interlocal Service Agreement for the purpose of Animal Control Services, and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be for a term of one (1) year at the annual cost of \$19,500.00, commencing May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to enter into an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Township of Woodbridge for the purpose of Animal Control Services as per the attached agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-14

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 \$7,404.21 payable to multiple lien holders for redemption of Tax Sale Certificates for the meeting of 3/6/14 (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 \$7,400.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-14

RESOLVED that Owen Iungerman, 131 Berwyn Street, Roselle Park be and is hereby appointed as an Alternate School Crossing Guard, effective immediately, at the rate of \$62.14 per day.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-14

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c), enacted into law (P.L. 1997, c. 28), provides alternate methods of calculating the reserve for uncollected taxes, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:41c(2) permits the use of calculating the current year reserve for uncollected taxes by reducing the certified tax levy of the prior year by the amount of tax appeal judgments of the County Tax Board or State Tax Court, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park has determined that it is advantageous to calculate the reserve for uncollected taxes under N.J.S.A. 40A:41c(2),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park that the maximum percentage that may be used for the reserve for uncollected taxes in the 2014 municipal budget is 98.14% based on N.J.S.A. 40A:41c(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park, that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, be and is hereby requested to give his written consent to allow the Borough of Roselle Park to compute the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41c(2).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Councilman Hokanson said he would be abstaining from Resolution No. 67-14.

Vote Record – Resolutions #60-14 to #68-14					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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<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"/>
	Yakubov	<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"/>
	Casais	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Storey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Elmarassy	<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"/>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-14

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2014 Municipal Budget Document statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in the Union County Local Source in the issue of April 10, 2014.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park does hereby approve the 2014 Municipal Budget Document as the budget for the year 2014.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union on March 6, 2014. A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 1, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2014 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Councilman Yakubov asked if the assessment costs are included in this introduction.

Mayor Accardi said the revaluation is being done so that all are paying their fair share of taxes. The State recommends this be done every 10 years, but it has not been done in the Borough for thirty years. It costs the Borough \$100,000 to \$200,000 each year because the revaluation was not done. He said residents should also recognize when there is a tax appeal, the Borough bears the decrease in taxes that would have been received by the County and by the Board of Education.

Councilman Casais said that between 2008 and 2012, there were \$700,000 in tax appeals because the revaluation was not done. This protects the taxpayer and the Borough. He said none of the \$500,000 dollars reflects on the \$103.35 tax increase this year. This will protect the Borough for the next ten years.

Councilman Hokanson said in doing research of neighboring towns, he found that several of them were done when the market was high and they were burnt; it was done wrong. He said now is the time to do it right, so future homeowner will not have to bear the burden. This will take a long time before this gets done, but now is the time to do it.

Mayor Accardi said it does not make sense to do it at this time. He said there is no impact on the budget at this time.

Councilman Kelly asked if they are able to get this information out to the public before this is done and are there any other options that can be done.

Mayor Accardi said we can have any type of public hearings we want, but we cannot give out misinformation.

Mr. Blum said you can declare an emergency and put in a revaluation in an emergency, but it will affect the CAP limitations and would be payable over five years and that would include the \$500,000. Mr. Blum said with the way the market is now, this is the best time to do it.

Councilman Hokanson said we are doing everything we can to do what we can, the best way we can.

Councilwoman Storey said we have discussed this and we cannot keep taking the financial hit on the taxpayer. All this material was gone over at the Budget Meeting.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution #69-14		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Accardi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL

Councilman Hokanson said he would like the new TNR ordinance to be introduced at the next meeting and then have one or two workshops before the second reading and public hearing.

MAYOR ACCARDI

- Appointment of Kit Rubino, 231 Sheridan Avenue, as a member of the Environmental Committee for a three year term expiring on December 31, 2016.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Hokanson moved 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:

- Negotiations – Construction Department
- Personnel Matter – Police Department

- Litigation – D’Agostino vs. Roselle Park
- Litigation – Stender vs. Roselle Park
- Litigation – Equipment Rental Services vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – Union County Collision/Georges Auto vs. Roselle Park
- Negotiations – Sale of Borough Property

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Negotiations – Construction Department
- Personnel Matter – Police Department
- Litigation – D’Agostino vs. Roselle Park
- Litigation – Stender vs. Roselle Park
- Litigation – Equipment Rental Services vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – Union County Collision/George Auto vs. Roselle Park
- Negotiations – Sale of Borough Property

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

Attest:

Borough Clerk