

Borough of Roselle Park Meeting of November 5, 2015

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
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
Eugene Meola	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Richard Templeton	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Carl Hokanson	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	7:00 PM

Mayor Hokanson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Hokanson asked for a moment of silence for three residents who have passed away. Captain Robert Colucci, Deputy Chief Ray Parenteau’s father-in-law, who was a former member of Faitoute Hose Company. Bill Budginowski Sr., who was a former member of the First Aid Squad. Also, Robert Tobe’s father, who was a Chief in the Fire Department many years ago.

CERTIFICATES/PROCLAMATIONS

Certificates

- Gene Antonucci, Union County Softball Hall of Fame

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- Congratulated Thos Shipley, the new incoming Councilman.
- Congratulated Councilman Templeton on his campaign.
- Congratulated Joe Petrosky on his win.
- We are a small and we must sit down and come together.
- Thanked Councilwoman Storey for filling in for him when he was on vacation.
- October 23rd was the third Reval Meeting.
- A notice is going out to all residents.
- The change will not take place until the third quarter of next year.
- Thanked Captain McCaffery and the residents on Bender Avenue that attended the Halloween Meeting.
- It was a job well done by everyone.
- October 31st attended the Methodist Church Pancake Breakfast.
- November 6th will be attending the Marine Corp Ball and then the 100th Anniversary of the PBA.
- November 7th at 7:30 a.m. there will be a breakfast at the Kenilworth Veterans Hall.

- November 9th is the Historical Society Meeting.
- November 11th the Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Library; will also dedicate the new Library grounds.
- Spoke about green lights for veterans.
- Knights of Columbus held their annual Trunk or Treat; thanked all those who dedicated their time and those who made donations.
- Asked Council for their permission to remove the old Christmas Tree on the corner of Chestnut Street and Grant Avenue.
- Will decorate the remaining trees for Christmas.
- Has one matter for Closed Session regarding the Fire Department.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Meola

- Attended the Rotary Club International Festival on October 16th at the Casano Center.
- Attended the Reval Meeting on October 22nd.
- Attended the meeting on October 22nd regarding Halloween on Bender.
- October 31st was the Knights of Columbus Trunk or Treat.
- Attended the Methodist Church Pancake Breakfast.
- Congratulated the winners of the election.
- His neighbor Mr. Tobe will be missed.
- Would like residents of the First Ward to notify him of a birth of a child.

Councilman Petrosky

- Sent his condolences to the Colucci, Budginowski and Tobe families.
- Sent his condolences to the Carmine Antonucci and Jack Dalton families.
- Congratulated Gene Antonucci on being inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame.
- October 17th attended the Four Centuries Weekend at the Roselle Park Museum.
- October 22nd attended the Reval Meeting.
- October 26th attended the Halloween Meeting regarding Bender Avenue.
- October 30th attended Rec Night at the Casano Center.
- October 31st attended the Methodist Church Breakfast.
- Also attended the Trunk or Treat event.
- Thanked all those for their support in the election.
- Congratulated Thos Shipley on his victory.
- Thanked Councilman Templeton for a good job.
- Has received many calls about leaves; all leaves must be bagged.
- Can be reached at 908-666-7821 or jpetrosky@rosellepark.net

Councilman Kelly

- Has received many positive comments from residents about the projects taking place in town.
- Asked how the hiring progress is going for the DPW position.

Councilman Elmarassy

- Congratulated Gene Antonucci on his induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

- Attended the Halloween Meeting on Bender Avenue.
- Attended the Casano Center Meeting.
- Thanked the Methodist Church for the donation of ten turkeys to the Casano Center.

Councilman Richard Templeton

- Congratulated Gene Antonucci.
- Attended the Reval Meeting on October
- Attended the Trunk or Treat and Halloween event on Bender Avenue.

Councilwoman Storey

- Congratulated Gene Antonucci
- Attended the Reval Meeting on October 22nd.
- Second bulk waste pick up took place.
- The new teacher's contract was approved at the Board of Education Meeting on October 20th.
- There will be a Roselle Park Historical Meeting on Monday evening at 7:00p.m.; the election of officers will take place.
- Planting at the Library took place on October 16th.
- Thanked all the volunteers that helped.
- Thanked Sean Ryan who volunteered to do the design and help with planting.
- Official unveiling will take place on Veteran's Day.
- Congratulated those who participated in the election.

Mayor Hokanson said everyone received a packet for the new Roselle Park Business Chamber. Business owners got together and formed the chamber. This will be at no cost to the Borough.

Tom Solfaro – Borough Engineer

- Gave updates for ongoing construction in town.
- Concrete work on Colfax Avenue is 45% complete.
- Seaton Avenue Improvements are complete.
- Chestnut Street Crosswalk Repairs will take place soon.
- Charles Street concrete is done and will be milled and paved on Thursday and Friday.
- Completing the NJDOT fiscal 2016 grant application.

Ken Blum – Chief Financial Officer.

- Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers.
- Tax Sale will be held November 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.
- Notices have been mailed.
- Reval letters should go out in the next two weeks.

Doreen Cali – Borough Clerk

- Working on next year's Community Block Grant Application.

Richard Huxford – Borough Attorney

- Three following three matters were discussed at the last Council Meeting, all were unresolved:
 - Possible Litigation – Gordon Street Bridge
 - Ongoing Litigation – D’Agostino vs. Borough of Roselle Park
 - Possible Litigation – Mr. White vs. Borough of Roselle Park
- Welcomed back Mr. Blum.
- Has five matters for Closed Session.

Paul Morrison – Police Chief

- Congratulated Councilman Petrosky and incoming Councilman Shipley.
- Thanked Councilman Templeton for his service.
- Received the grant for the generator for the Casano Center.
- Received \$75,000 from FEMA for the project.
- N.J. State OEM and Police will meet regarding the installation.
- Thanked all who were involved.
- Spoke about Halloween on Bender Avenue.
- Putting defibrillators on two floors of Borough Hall, DPW, Library and Casano Center.

Mayor Hokanson thanked the Police Chief, Police Department and all those involved with the Halloween event on Bender Avenue. It was a fantastic job done by all.

Joe Signorello – Fire Chief

- Congratulated Joe Petrosky and Thos Shipley.
- Attended training at the Middlesex Fire Academy,
- Appointing three new firemen tonight.
- Plan a Santa run for this year.
- Dates will be posted on website www.rpfire.org

Mark Pasquali – DPW

- Congratulated Joe Petrosky and Thos Shipley on their victories.
- It is almost the one year anniversary for bulk ala carte; it worked out well.
- Will receive the TV camera truck on Monday, November 23rd.
- Monthly Report has been submitted to Council.
- The benches will be installed at the Library and will be ready for Veteran’s Day.

Councilwoman Storey said the Casano Center Birthday Celebration will be on Monday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. She also thanked the Friends of the Library for their contribution for extra plants for the Library.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Storey moved to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

Thos Shipley, 824 Larch Street

- Spoke about the green light project for veterans.
- Presented green light bulbs to the Borough.

Bob Delarosa, 706 Galloping Hill Road

- There will be a fundraiser on November 29th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- It is for a foundation that supports the families of first responders.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Asked for an update on the flagpoles.
- Explanation of where the money goes from tax sales.
- Spoke about a user friendly budget.
- Clerk's report that was paid for by COAH, was it sent to the State?
- There is a tradition of letting a councilperson-elect sit in a Closed Session.
- Is there anything to ensure that information is kept confidential.
- There are a lot of legal issues.

Mr. Huxford said it is an oral agreement, there is nothing in writing.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Welcomed back Mr. Blum.
- Congratulated Gene Antonucci.
- Congratulated the candidates for Council.
- Update on senior citizens project.
- Update on West Westfield Avenue project regarding condemnation and eminent domain.
- Why were there two sheriffs at Aldene School and the Faitoute Firehouse on Election Day.
- There should be something in place for someone to be sworn in so no information goes out.
- Spoke about the removal of the pine tree at the Gazebo Park.
- Is the amount in Resolution #288-15 prorated over twelve months.
- Update on tax appeals in Trenton and are there any new ones.

Mayor Hokanson said regarding Election Day, there was a problem with a former Councilman. It was not originally planned in the budget, but because of the incident, it cost the taxpayers money. The Borough Clerk has the right to call if there is a problem.

Joe DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Would be happy to discuss any issues.
- Congratulations on the Business Chamber initiative.
- Spoke about the transition for the Council-elect to sit and listen.
- Governing Body has the ability to bring a person in a Closed Session, if necessary.
- All persons that participate in the discussion should be held to confidentiality.

Chris Miller, 520 East Grant Avenue

- Congratulated Councilman Petrosky and Council-elect Shipley.
- Thanked Councilman Templeton and wished him luck.
- Welcomed back Ken Blum.
- Gave an update on the soccer season.
- Spoke about Halloween on Bender Avenue.
- Spoke about intercounty teams and soccer gym use.
- Thanked all who have supported the teams.

Mayor Hokanson suggested that they do a float competition with the school PTAs for the trunk or treat, as they did years ago at the Christmas parades.

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

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

Councilwoman Storey moved to approve the following minutes; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy.

- Regular Meeting of October 15, 2015

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Minutes of October 15, 2015		Yes/Aye	No/Nav	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Storey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended	Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Elmarassy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Meola	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Templeton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hokanson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT

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

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions listed on Consent Agenda were offered by Councilwoman Storey; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy.

RESOLUTION NO. 285-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$250.00 payable to Cecellia Malaspina for a Senior Citizen Deduction allowed for the year 2015 on Block 114/Lot 9 as per the Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION NO. 286-15

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby authorize a medical leave of absence for Angelo Rossi, Plumbing Sub-Code Official/Inspector from October 20, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 287-15

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of Roselle Park formally approves the following grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2016-West Colfax Ave (Sec 3)-00616 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Roselle Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Roselle Park and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 288-15

WHEREAS, due to the medical leave of Angelo Rossi, it is in the interest of the Borough of Roselle Park to name a temporary Plumbing Sub-Code Official/Inspector, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that John H. McMillan, 147 Crestwood Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 be and is hereby appointed as temporary Plumbing Sub-Code Official/Inspector from October 20, 2015 thru December 31, 2015 at the annual salary of \$8,978.36. (License Number 007890)

RESOLUTION NO. 289-15

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park wishes to purchase Scott Air Packs and Scott Air Bottles from an authorized vendor under the State of New Jersey 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, NJ Fire Equipment, 923 North Washington Avenue, Greenbrook, New Jersey 08812 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract Number A80961; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer recommends the utilization of this contract on the grounds that it represents the best price available; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that NJ Fire Equipment be awarded a contract for the purchase of Scott Air Packs and Scott Air Bottles in the amount not to exceed \$33,415.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 290-15

BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals be appointed as referees for the 2015 Roselle Park Recreation Fall Soccer Season:

Non-Certified Referees (at the rate of \$15.00 per game)

Victor Morales 607 West Westfield Avenue, Apt. 2, Roselle Park

RESOLUTION NO. 291-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue checks totaling \$48,577.95 payable to multiple lien

holders for redemption of three (3) Tax Sale Certificates (paperwork available in the Tax Office); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to issue premium checks from the Tax Collector's Premium Account totaling \$70,600.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 292-15

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$3,362.60 which item is now available as a revenue from the Body Armor Grant pursuant to the provisions of statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$3,362.60 is hereby appropriated under the caption of the Body Armor Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution with enclosures to the Chief Financial Officer to submit the resolution electronically to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 293-15

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$3,456.50 which item is now available as a revenue from the 2015 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant pursuant to the provisions of statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$3,456.50 is hereby appropriated under the caption of the 2015 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution with enclosures to the Chief Financial Officer to submit the resolution electronically to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 294-15

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$1,000.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the Union County HEART Grant pursuant to the provisions of statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$1,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of the Union County HEART Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution with enclosures to the Chief Financial Officer to submit the resolution electronically to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 295-15

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$10,120.00 which item is now available as a revenue from the Greening Union County Grant pursuant to the provisions of statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$10,120.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption of the Greening Union County Grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$10,120.00 representing the amount required for the municipality's share of the aforementioned undertaking appears in the budget of the year 2015 under Capital Bond Ordinance #2412, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution with enclosures to the Chief Financial Officer to submit the resolution electronically to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 296-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the resignation of Kristy Krause from the position of Alternate School Crossing Guard, effective immediately, be and is hereby accepted.

RESOLUTION NO. 297-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Kathleen Montoya, 119 East Grant Avenue, Roselle Park be and is hereby appointed to the position of a per diem Dispatcher for the Roselle Park Police Department, effective November 9, 2015, at the pay rate of \$15.30 per hour worked.

MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL

- Appointing Henry Machado, 334 Sherman Avenue, Roselle Park as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Lorraine Hose Company.

- Appointing Joseph Fulinello, 136 West Lincoln Avenue, Roselle Park as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Faitoute Hose Company.
- Appointing Kaitlyn Tobe, 126 Butler Avenue, Roselle Park as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Faitoute Hose Company.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Ongoing Litigation – D’Agostino vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – Selecky vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – Fire Department
- Potential Litigation – James White vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – L & J Towing

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Ongoing Litigation – D’Agostino vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – Selecky vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – Fire Department
- Potential Litigation – James White vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – L & J Towing

Mr. Huxford said the D’Agostino matter has been settled outside the Court.

Mr. Solfaro responded to two inquiries that were made by Mr. Magiera as follows:

- Regarding the status of the West Westfield Avenue property, the documents are being prepared and may be heard at the next Municipal Land Use Board Meeting in December.
- Regarding the Senior Citizen Complex, the DPW plans are being revised and is ongoing.

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

Attest:

Borough Clerk