

Borough of Roselle Park Meeting of November 19, 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	A	--
Carl Hokanson	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	7:00 PM

Mayor Hokanson 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 Hokanson welcomed newly elected Councilman Thos Shipley to the dais.

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

Mayor Hokanson asked for a moment of silence for the people of France.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Storey moved the following communications; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

- The County plans to resurface Galloping Hill Road from Kimberly Road to Magie Avenue at night during the spring of 2016. Since night paving may be disturbing to local residences, the County will consider paving during the day provided the Borough requests a daytime schedule.
- Request from Rupen Shah to close East Grant Avenue from Chestnut Street to Walnut Street on Friday, December 11, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm to hold a Tree Lighting Ceremony and no parking signs on East Grant from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

CERTIFICATES/PROCLAMATIONS

Certificates

- RP Loves Arts Window Painting Participants
- Festival of India

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Petrosky

- Expressed his condolences to the Frank Family.
- Send prayers to the people of France.
- Attended the PBA Anniversary Celebration on November 6th.
- Attended the event honoring the homeless veterans on November 7th.
- Attended the Historical Society Meeting on November 9th.
- Attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Library.
- Thanked Councilwoman Storey and the DPW for their work at the Library.
- Attended the Indian Celebration in Edison.
- Attended the Knights of Columbus Fundraiser on November 18th.
- Applications for indoor soccer, wrestling and basketball are out.
- Wished good luck to the Roselle Park High School football team.
- Can be contacted at jpetrosky@rosellepark.net or at 908-666-7821.
- Has received many calls for trees and sidewalks.
- Call 201-867-3870 for appointments to speak to the Reval Company.

Councilman Kelly

- Would like to set up a meeting with the Public Safety Committee.
- Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Rings on basketball courts at Aldene School are accurate.

Councilman Elmarassy

- Wished all Happy Thanksgiving.
- Thanked the Roselle Park PBA for the donation of turkeys to the Casano Center.

Councilwoman Storey

- Expressed her sympathies to the people of France.
- Attended the PBA 100th Anniversary.
- November 7th attended the Veterans Chamber of Commerce Dinner.
- Attended the Casano Center Birthday Party.
- Thanked all who attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony.
- Thanked all who contributed to the benches.
- Attended the League of Municipalities Convention.
- Email in Borough Hall will be down over the weekend.

Councilman Meola

- Expressed his thoughts about what took place in France.
- Attended the 100th Anniversary for the PBA on November 6th.
- Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Spoke about getting storks for residents in the First Ward when they have a baby.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- November 6th attended the birthday of the Marine Corp and the 100th Anniversary of the PBA.
- November 7th attended a breakfast at the VFW Hall in Kenilworth.
- Placed flags on graves of Veterans in Graceland Cemetery.
- November 9th attended the Union County Freeholders Master Plan Meeting.
- Discussed the helicopter situation at Merck.
- Also discussed the Gordon Street Bridge and the bike path.
- November 11th attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony.
- Thanked Sean Ryan for donating his time.
- Thanked the DPW for their help.
- Thanked the Merchant Marines for attending.
- Would like to add a Merchant Marines monument at the Library.
- Attended the League of Municipalities Convention.
- Discussed the trend of Social Media and what goes out on it.
- Everyone has received their reval letter.
- Appointments can be made to ask questions to the company; must bring the letter and a form of identification.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES (Continued)

Ken Blum – Chief Financial Officer

- Tax Sale will be on Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Richard Huxford – Borough Attorney

- The following four matters were discussed in Closed Session last meeting:
 - Ongoing litigation - D'Agostino vs. Roselle Park – Settled
 - Possible litigation – Selecky vs. Roselle Park – Not settled
 - Possible litigation – Mr. White vs. Roselle Park – Not settled
 - Possible litigation – Fire Department – Not settled
- Has one matter for Closed Session.

Rupen Shah – Administrative Assistant

- Thanked all who donated food and turkeys for the Food Baskets.
- Has 26 people signed up for baskets.
- Tree Lighting will be at the Gazebo on December 11th.
- Girl Scouts will decorate the small tree at Gazebo Park.
- Saturday at the Casano Center will be the Union County Bandstand from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The Senior/Senior Dance will be on December 11th at the High School.
- Holiday Senior Party at the Casano Center is December 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Councilwoman Storey moved to approve the following reports; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy; all members present voting Aye, said motion was approved.

- Municipal Court Report for October 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Storey moved at 8:05 p.m. to open the public comment portion; seconded by Councilman Meola and adopted.

George Stafford, 16 Kitchen Avenue, Wharton

- Is from the NJ Highlands Water Coalition.
- The Highlands Council is now reviewing their Master Plan.
- The proposed changes will affect Roselle Park and the rest of the State.
- Concerned with the cleanliness of the water supply.
- Has a resolution and information.
- Concerned with the looseness of water regulations.
- Many towns and Freeholder Boards have signed off on this resolution.
- Want to leave the Highlands water as is.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Asked about Resolution #299-15, does it include the cost of construction.
- Spoke about Resolution #300-15, can the wording be changed to include anything that has access to the internet.
- Are the hours in Resolutions #301-15 and #302-15 temporary or permanent.

Mayor Hokanson said they are temporary until the end of the year.

Mr. Qersdyn asked about Resolution #303-15.

Mr. Blum said this is old from the SID program.

Mr. Qersdyn asked about Resolution #305-15.

Mr. Blum said one is the Municipal Alliance Fund Grant for \$668.23 and the other is CDBG Grant for \$44.92.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Wished everyone a happy, healthy and Blessed Thanksgiving.
- Can we put ½ the lights on one tree and half on the other tree.
- Are there any funds left from old ordinances and how much.

Mr. Blum said they are finishing out other programs and will know next year.

Mr. Magiera said several years ago Paul Endler, the former Tax Assessor, suggested to Mayor and Council to do a revaluation in the town. Mr. Endler did not change any tax maps.

Joe DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Mr. Endler did bring this up when he was Mayor.
- The tax maps were not updated and there was litigation going on.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilwoman Storey moved at 8:25 p.m. 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 November 5, 2015

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Minutes of November 5, 2015					
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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. 298-15

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is a borderless crime against individuals that violates the most basic human rights and deprives victims of every shred of personal freedom; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, involuntary servitude, and other types of mental and physical enslavement; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers target impoverished and marginalized children, women and men, isolating them from society and supportive networks and exploiting them for personal and monetary gain; and

WHEREAS, Human Trafficking is modern-day slavery, a crime that is in direct opposition to the fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded and a violation of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which was ratified in 1865; and

WHEREAS, although the underground nature of Human Trafficking makes data collection difficult, the U.N. International Labor Organization estimates that nearly 21 million people are exploited for labor or commercial sex worldwide, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the FBI's Uniform Crime Statistics Program, and the National Human Trafficking Resource Center report thousands of victims are exploited in the United States every year, including in New Jersey and the surrounding metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that New Jersey is a prime location for Human Trafficking because it is a major national and international transportation corridor and a culturally diverse state; and

WHEREAS, many victims trafficked into the U.S. do not speak or understand English and are unable to communicate to seek rescue. Under New Jersey and U.S. law, any person under 18 involved in the commercial sex industry is considered a Human Trafficking victim; and victims include U.S. citizens and documented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, although the federal government and the State of New Jersey have enacted laws to prosecute human traffickers and protect the survivors of Human Trafficking, traffickers use techniques to keep their victims enslaved that severely limit self-reporting so a broad public awareness is required of Human Trafficking issues for enforcement and prevention to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey stands committed to protecting human rights and individual freedom by supporting the goals and ideals of the National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness on January 11 of each year; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that all New Jersey residents be informed of and know how to identify suspicious behavior and potential victims, so that we may effectively uncover and prevent this horrible crime and assist survivors of modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and the Borough of Roselle Park whole-heartedly commend the work of the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking (www.njhumantrafficking.org) for its statewide efforts to end Human Trafficking through education, advocacy, and assistance to survivors and to increase coordination and visibility of New Jersey's commitment to end human trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities has resolved to support the goals and ideals of observing a National Human Trafficking Day on January 11 of each year and to support all efforts by individuals, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies to raise awareness of and opposition to human trafficking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the New Jersey State League of Municipalities urges that each township of New Jersey to proclaim January 11 of each year as "Human Trafficking Awareness Day" to annually raise awareness and educate the public about the signs and consequences of Human Trafficking, to promote opposition to human trafficking in all of its forms, and to encourage support for the survivors of human trafficking throughout New Jersey and across the world to put an end to this criminal activity and restore freedom and dignity to survivors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, the NJ Commission on Human Trafficking, the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities and members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation.

RESOLUTION NO. 299-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, Union County, New Jersey that a Professional Service Contract for: Survey, Geotechnical, Site Plans, Construction Cost Estimate, Specifications, Bid Services for the project OEM Storage Building be awarded to Neglia Engineering Associates of Lyndhurst, New Jersey for the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$9,800.00). This Resolution to take effect upon certification on this Resolution by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available

RESOLUTION NO. 301-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the work hours for the temporary part time position of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer have been increased from 25 hours per week to 30 hours per week, effective November 16, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 302-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the work hours for the part time position of Clerk for the Municipal Land Use Board, Zoning and Construction Office have been increased from 25 hours per week to 30 hours per week, effective November 16, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 303-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector hereby authorizes abolishment of the SID Program (Special Improvement District); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED cancellation of balances on the properties listed:

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
607/1.01	77 W Westfield Ave.	\$.80
608/18	1 Westfield Ave W.	.10
608/24.01	37-39 Westfield Ave.	260.13
809/5	327 Chestnut St.	.04
809/6	329 Chestnut St	649.63
910/1	1 Westfield Ave. E.	1.84
910/3	7 Westfield Ave. E.	.05
910/4	15 Westfield Ave. E.	225.03
910/6	19 Westfield Ave. E.	172.13
910/7	23 Westfield Ave. E.	167.07
910/15	63 Westfield Ave. E.	585.06
912/2	14 Westfield Ave. E.	.30
912/4	22 Westfield Ave. E.	4.04
912/8	52 Westfield Ave E.	<u>1.74</u>
		\$2,067.96

RESOLUTION NO. 304-15

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 \$5,544.74 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 \$2,500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 305-15

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park has grants that are complete or expired; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park has determined that the grant receivable and reserve balances must be canceled;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park as follows:

1. That the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby directed to take all necessary steps to cancel the following grant receivable balances.

<u>GRANT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ <u>668.23</u>
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	\$ <u>668.23</u>
CDBG - Senior Citizens Handyman Program 014-443	\$ <u>44.92</u>
Total HUD/CDBG Trust Fund	\$ <u>44.92</u>
Grand Total	\$ <u><u>713.15</u></u>

2. That the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby directed to take all necessary steps to cancel the following grant reserve balances.

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>GRANT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
02-3372-00-20140-002	Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ 466.04
02-3372-00-20140-003	Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ 100.00
02-3372-00-20140-006	Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ <u>102.19</u>
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		\$ <u>668.23</u>
14-4443-00-02014-101	CDBG - Senior Citizens Handyman Program	\$ 42.80
14-4443-00-02014-102	CDBG - Senior Citizens Handyman Program	\$ <u>2.12</u>
Total HUD/CDBG Trust Fund		\$ <u>44.92</u>
Grand Total		\$ <u><u>713.15</u></u>

RESOLUTION NO. 306-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey that the Police Department be and is hereby directed to cover the parking meters in the Downtown Business Area for the Holiday Season from December 7, 2015 to January 4, 2016.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolutions #298-15, #299-15 and #301-15 to #306-15					
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		Templeton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Hokanson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Councilwoman Storey moved to table Resolution No. 300-15; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy.

RESOLUTION NO. 300-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Borough of Roselle Park By-Laws be and are hereby amended to include the following:

Article II – Rules of Procedure

Section 6. Use of Electronic Communication Devices Prohibited.

The Council’s use of electronic communication devices, such as cell phones, during a Mayor and Council meeting may lead to the public’s perception that a Councilmember is not paying attention to the subject matter at hand or that a Councilmember is receiving information relative to the subject matter at hand that other Councilmembers and members of the public are not receiving, either one of which is inimical to good government and transparency. Therefore, the Council’s use of electronic communication devices (including cell phones), other than for the purpose of accessing agenda matters that are on a Councilmember’s I-pad or lap top computer, is prohibited during Mayor and Council meetings.

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

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Storey; seconded by Councilman Petrosky.

RESOLUTION NO. 307-15

WHEREAS, L & J Body & Fender Works, 720 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033, submitted an application in full conformity with the Borough’s specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has reviewed and approved said L & J Body & Fender Works to perform towing in the Borough of Roselle Park; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that L & J Body & Fender Works, 720 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 is hereby authorized to perform towing services in the Borough of Roselle Park pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(u) on a monthly rotating basis consistent with the Borough of Roselle Park Municipal Code Chapter **4-19.7**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue licenses for towing services for a period of one (1) year commencing January 1, 2016 to L & J Body & Fender Works, 720 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolutions #307-15		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Hokanson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilwoman Storey moved at 8:40 p.m. 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 matter:

- Personnel – DPW (Rich Graves); Mr. Graves was riced.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilwoman Storey moved at 9:28 p.m. to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

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

- Personnel – DPW (Rich Graves); Mr. Graves was riced.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Storey moved at 9:30 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

Attest:

Deputy Borough Clerk