

Borough of Roselle Park Meeting of October 1, 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 7:00 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.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Request from Antonette Signorello to extend the Farmer's Market until the last Wednesday of November.
- Request from the Roselle Park Recreation Committee to conduct a Halloween Event at the Casano Community Center on October 30th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATES/PROCLAMATIONS

- Safest City
- Gary Bundy
- Janet Papciak

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Storey

- Thanked everyone that helped out with the Polish/Slavic Festival at the Casano Center.
- Attended the Mayor's "Meet and Greet" on Monday.
- Expressed her condolences to Joe Petrosky on the death of his Aunt.
- Bulk waste pick up is October 15th and 16th.
- The email is now being structured on the website.
- There are now public service announcements on TV34.

Councilman Meola

- Attended Roselle Park Loves Arts on September 19th.
- Attended the Car Show at the Gazebo.
- Attended the Polish/Slavic Festival at the Casano Center.
- Attended the Mayor's "Meet and Greet" at Costa's.
- Knights of Columbus will hold a Car Wash on Saturday.
- Spoke about Exquisite Hair Salon.
- Halloween falls on Saturday this year and they will be discussing it regarding Bender Avenue.

Councilman Petrosky

- September 18th attended the POW/MIA Ceremony at the Union County Court House; thanked Freeholder Mirabella for running it.
- September 19th attended Roselle Park Loves Arts and the Car Show.
- September 21st attended the Municipal Land Use Board Meeting.
- September 27th attended Polish/Slavic Day at the Casano Center.
- Glad that certificates were given to Gary Bundy and Janet Papciak.
- Congratulated Gene Antonucci for being inducted in the Union County Softball Hall of Fame.
- Soccer is going well.
- Bulk waste pickup on the east side is October 15th and on the west side is October 16th.
- Has been walking his ward discussing issues with residents.
- Can be reached at jpetrosky@rosellepark.net or 908-666-7821.

Councilman Kelly

- Thanked everyone for the presentation of Public Stuff; it would be a positive initiative for the town.
- Spoke about the upcoming storm.
- Spoke about Roselle Park being the 37th safest town.
- Asked about the Aldene Park renovations.

Mr. Solfaro said the phase just awarded was for renovations to the basketball court and some minor landscaping.

Councilman Elmarassy

- Congratulated all those that received certificates this evening.
- Has been walking the Ward.
- Spoke about tree planting.
- Attended Roselle Park Loves Arts and the Car Show.
- Attended the Mayor's "Meet and Greet."

Councilman Templeton

- Attended the POW/MIA Ceremony at the Union County Court House.
- September 19th attended Roselle Park Loves Arts and the Car Show.

- September 21st attended the Municipal Land Use Board Meeting.
- September 26th volunteered for the Adopt a Highway Cleanup on Westfield Avenue.
- September 27th attended the Polish/Slavic Day at the Casano Center.
- Has continued to walk his Ward and addressing issues.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- September 19th attended the Roselle Park Loves Arts Festival; thanked all who participated in the event.
- Attended the Car Show; thanked all who participated in that event.
- Congratulated all those that received trophies at the Car Show.
- September 22nd attended the Adopt a Highway Cleanup on Westfield Avenue.
- September 22nd attended Operation Chill Out at the First Aid Squad Building.
- September 27th attended the Polish/Slavic Festival at the Casano Center.
- Thanked the Polish/Slavic Credit Union for their assistance.
- Thanked Costa's for their contribution to the event.
- Monday night held his "Meet and Greet" at Costa's.
- Knights of Columbus will hold a Car Wash on Saturday.
- Saturday night at the Crossroads in Garwood, the Friends of Roselle Park High School will hold a Night of Cabaret.
- Proud of the renovations taking place in front of the Library.
- Looking for donations for replacing the tree in front of the Library.
- Spoke about the upcoming storm.
- Municipal parking lots will be available if necessary.
- Will be out of town from October 7th to October 19th.
- Will discuss the times for Halloween on Bender Avenue.

Tom Solfaro – Borough Engineer

- All preconstruction meetings have taken place for the Capital projects.
- Contracts have been signed and all paperwork is in place.
- Some work is scheduled to begin next week, weather permitting.

Mayor Hokanson said Chief Financial Officer Blum is out sick and wished him a speedy recovery.

Richard Huxford – Borough Attorney

- Last meeting two matters were discussed:
 - Possible Litigation – James White vs. Roselle Park
 - Ongoing Litigation – D'Agostino vs. Roselle Park
- Neither matters were resolved.
- Has three matter for Closed Session this evening.

Mayor Hokanson said the reval is just about finished and they will be having the third and final meeting on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The first and second quarter taxes will be based on 2015 taxes and the third and fourth quarter will be the reval. Questions will be answered and addressed. Residents will be able to get a copy of the final card once it is completed.

Paul Morrison – Police Chief

- Detective Assad has been granted full disability pension for injuries that he had incurred on the job; wished him and his family all the best.
- The end of the month, the Borough will be participating in a Pilot program for the Body Worn Camera program.
- The Borough has been chosen by the Union County Prosecutor to participate in this program.
- After the six month period, they will continue to participate.
- By being chosen, it has saved the Borough \$45,000 which is a combination of the equipment and the contract.
- The annual amount to maintain the program will be \$27,000.
- The Chief Financial Officer has indicated that those funds will be available.
- It will protect the Officers, as well as the public.
- Spoke about preparations for the upcoming storm.
- Will keep everyone updated.
- Have been working on the times for Halloween on Bender Avenue.

Mark Pasquali – Department of Public Works

- In preparation of the storm, he met with OEM Coordinator Cocca, Captain McCaffery, and Chief Morrison.
- Have removed all banners and American flags.
- Have cleaned the catch basins.
- The seven emergency generators have been checked and fueled.
- In anticipation of falling trees, all trucks are ready.
- The beginning of October, they will received delivery of a mainline sewer inspection camera.
- Will also be receiving an additional camera.
- Reminded residents of bulk waste pickup.
- The project at the Library is moving ahead.

Joe Signorello – Fire Chief

- Next week is Fire Prevention Week; will be visiting three schools.
- Had training at the retention basin on Valley Road.
- Firehouses are being checked in anticipation of the storm.

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

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

- Police Chief Report for September 2015
- Department of Public Works Report for 2015
- Fire Chief Report for December 2015
- Construction Code Enforcement Department for September 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Thos Shipley, 824 Larch Street

- In the past few month, has had the privilege of meeting many people in Roselle Park.
- Spoke about the helicopter fly overs from Merck in Kenilworth.
- Has submitted OPRA requests to the Borough of Kenilworth and N.J. Department of Transportation for information.
- Merck applied to the Kenilworth Planning Board for an 83 foot heliport to transport top Merck Executives between campuses.
- The application was approved in January of 2010.
- Now own three helicopters, one of which can transport 12 passengers.

Joseph DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Spoke about air noise and the helicopter issue.
- Asked that everyone visit the website www.wtfmerck.org and learn more about this issue and to sign the petition.
- In the past, Merck did not need a helicopter fly over.
- Could not locate the list of people notified on the site plan.
- Also search the Roselle Park Council Minutes during that period of time.
- Emailed Jesse Atwell, the Construction Official, on Friday and has not yet heard back from him.
- Councilman Templeton has signs placed in the right of way in some areas.
- Asked if that has changed.
- Asked that the signs be taken down.

Mayor Hokanson said as far as he knows, it is still illegal; the only thing that changed was the timeframe.

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

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

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

- Regular Meeting of September 17, 2015

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Minutes of September 17, 2015					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	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"/>
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	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 Templeton, 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 Templeton.

RESOLUTION NO. 260-15

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 refund check in the amount of \$440.00 payable to Monique Buggs for a 2015 sewer bill overpayment on Block 1114/Lot 8.14 (otherwise known as 350 Westfield Ave. E., Apt. #14) and assessed in the name of Monique Buggs.

RESOLUTION NO. 261-15

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

Certified Referees (at the rate of \$25.00 per game)

Bobby Vilas	614 Elm Street, Roselle Park
David Hess	172 East Webster Avenue, Roselle Park
Fanor Arango	211 Sherman Avenue, Roselle Park
Joe Kittel	208 Park Place, Roselle Park
Alexander Coelho	619 Willow Avenue, Roselle Park
Angel Castillo	506 West Colfax Avenue, Roselle
Dara Czernikowski	427 Hemlock Street, Roselle Park
Gary Rexach	211 Locust Street, #A-2, Roselle Park
Andrew Lomnicki	1257 Shaffer Avenue, Roselle

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

Anna Nunez	327 East Grant Avenue, Roselle Park
Samantha Graves	622 Galloping Hill Road, Roselle Park
Adam Gurraj	172 East Lincoln Avenue, Roselle Park
Sam DaSilva	602 Elm Street, Roselle Park

RESOLUTION NO. 262-15

WHEREAS, the Union County Prosecutor will have encumbered funding for the purpose of subsidizing all first year costs of a body-worn camera (BWC) system, which provides law enforcement personnel the capability to record events during the course of duty for evidence purposes, and to provide objective witness to settle complaints otherwise not sustained:

WHEREAS, the Union County wishes to purchase said first year costs of the BWC system and distribute to municipalities which have volunteered for the county-wide project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park has agreed to adept said BWC system under the terms and conditions contained herein, and set forth in municipal contract with TASER International, Inc;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the County of Union and the Borough of Roselle Park do mutually agree as

follows:

1. The County of Union shall purchase the first year costs associated with each Borough of Roselle Park BWC program.
 2. The Union County Prosecutor, in her sole discretion, shall determine the quantity of cameras and system specifications, to be used for the sole purpose of participating in a multi-year pilot project to record and analyze the effect of BWC on complaints and use-of-force incidents throughout the county.
 3. The County of Union shall, as its sole cost and expense be responsible for the following:
 - a. Set up, installation and configuration of BWC system
 - b. Maintenance of the system for the first year only
 - c. Providing user licensing, as specified in the Borough of Roselle Park BWD program quote, for a duration of one year as long as the agency is covered by an active maintenance program; and
 - d. Providing the necessary storage for BWC videos over the duration of only the first year
 4. The Borough of Roselle Park shall, at its sole cost and expense, be responsible for the following:
 - a. Continuing service for the remaining four years of the Borough of Roselle Park contract with TASER International, Inc.
 - b. Repair and maintenance of the BWC system and related hardware;
 - c. Sustaining the use and deployment of BWD on its officers, with continued data collection and analysis as determined by the Union County
 5. The Borough of Roselle Park shall save, protect, indemnify and hold harmless the Union County Prosecutor, the County of Union and/or its elected officials, officers and employees from any and all damages or claims for damages to persons or property which may result from the use of the BWC system provided pursuant to this Agreement.
 6. The Agreement represents the entire understanding of the parties. It shall not be amended, except through written amendment approved by the respective governing bodies.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 263-15

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby accept the resignation of Matthew Rondeau, Jr. from the position of Police Dispatcher for the Roselle Park Police Department, effective October 4, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 264-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Matthew Rondeau, Jr., 384 Conover Street, South Amboy, New Jersey 08879 be and is hereby appointed to the position of a per diem Dispatcher for the Roselle Park Police Department, effective October 5, 2015, at the pay rate of \$15.30 per hour worked.

RESOLUTION NO. 265-15

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 within 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>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>
2000	Cadillac	1G6KD54Y7YU241913	200.00
2003	Chevy	2G1WW12E539365798	200.00

RESOLUTION NO. 266-15

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 refund check in the amount of \$2,152.25 payable to Fabian Feria for a duplicate payment of 4th quarter 2015 property taxes on Block 309/ Lot 17 (otherwise known as 112 Roosevelt St., Roselle Park, N.J.) and assessed in the name of Fabian Feria.

RESOLUTION NO. 267-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, New Jersey, that Maria T. Almeida, 1113 Walnut Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 be and is hereby appointed to the position of Police Dispatcher at the annual salary of \$34,308.24, effective October 5, 2015 for a six month probationary period.

RESOLUTION NO. 268-15

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Esmeira Paulino, 2212 Bay Head Drive, Parlin, New Jersey 08859 be and is hereby appointed to the position of a per diem Dispatcher for the Roselle Park Police Department, effective October 5, 2015, at the pay rate of \$15.30 per hour worked.

RESOLUTION NO. 269-15

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby accept the resignation of Tina Petersen from the position of Bus Driver effective November 5, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 271-15

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby authorize an agreement between the Borough of Roselle Park, Roselle Park Housing Rehabilitation Program Case No. RP-17, and Rosa Paulino, 127 Pershing Avenue, Roselle Park, for the improvement of the property known as Block 1107/Lot 10.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolutions #260-15 to #269-15 and #271-15					
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	Hokanson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 270-15

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Pete Picarelli is hereby appointed to the temporary part time position of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer effective October 12, 2015 at the current hourly salary of \$22.00, not to exceed 25 hours per week and not to exceed \$6,600.00.

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INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Ongoing Litigation – D’Agostino vs. Borough of Roselle Park
- Possible Litigation – James White vs. Borough of Roselle Park
- Possible Litigation – Gordon Street Bridge

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Ongoing Litigation – D’Agostino vs. Borough of Roselle Park
- Possible Litigation – James White vs. Borough of Roselle Park
- Possible Litigation – Gordon Street Bridge

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

Attest:

Borough Clerk