

Borough of Roselle Park Meeting of April 7, 2016

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	A	--
Eugene Meola	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Thos Shipley	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 7:02 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.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Request from the Diversity Committee to rescind request for the use of Aldene and Msg. Loreti Parks and replace with request for use of the Casano Center on Sept. 10th, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. for Diversity Day talks and roundtables.
- Request from Joshua Regan, candidate for Eagle Scout, to beautify and create a pleasant meditation environment in front of the Roselle Park First Aid Squad on Laurel Avenue.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- Thanked the DPW for the blue lights at the Library and Borough Hall.
- Thanked Council for their support for Autism Awareness Month.
- Thanked all who attended his Meet and Greet on March 28th.
- Attended the Business Chamber Meeting.
- Attended the opening night of High School Soccer.
- Thanked the Methodist Church for the Spaghetti Dinner.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Meola

- Attended the Capital Budget Meeting on March 31st.
- There will be a Board of Education Meeting on April 26th.

- Congratulated the Eagle Scout for his request to do work at the Roselle Park First Aid Squad.
- Can be reached at 908-666-7824.

Councilman Petrosky

- Attended the Business Chamber Meeting.
- March 31st attended the Capital Budget Meeting.
- March 4th attended the Historical Society and Fire Department Meetings.
- Attended the Little League Meeting.
- April 16th will be the Little League Parade.
- High School Complex is now shut down due to a light pole that fell.
- Wrestling and indoor soccer went well.
- Can be reached at jpetrosky@rosellepark.net or 908-666-7821.

Councilman Kelly

- Reminded all to complete their Financial Disclosure forms.
- Asked when the next Municipal Land Use Board Meeting will be.
- Asked when the next Capital Budget Meeting will be.
- Asked for status update on area of redevelopment.
- Asked about Resolution #97-16; wasn't that done at the last meeting.

Mr. Blum said that was done previously to waive the fees for that day's event. This is for the Council to support the Roselle Park Loves Arts on September 24, 2016.

- Councilman Kelly asked for an update on the appointment of the Municipal Prosecutor.

Mayor Hokanson said it is still on hold from last year.

Councilman Shipley

- Read a statement from resident Martha Cray regarding Autism Awareness Month.
- Agenda Committee met.
- Committee was formed at Mayor Hokanson's request.
- The Mayor asked for volunteers for the Agenda Committee and TV34 Committee.
- Distributed examples of proposed changes in the agenda.
- Checked with the Borough Attorney regarding Mr. DeLorio attending the Agenda Committee Meeting.
- One change in the agenda would be a Workshop or Executive Session.
- Gave examples of the agenda items.
- Spoke about the Consent Agenda.
- Asked for Council input.

Councilwoman Storey

- Attended the musical *Suessical* at the High School.
- Attended the Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner.
- Business Chamber Meeting was on March 30th.
- Attended the Diversity Committee Meeting.

- Historical Society met on April 4th.
- Attended the Casano Center Meeting on April 6th.

Tom Solfaro – Borough Engineer

- The Borough was advised of a grant award of \$180,000.00 for the West Colfax Avenue Roadway Improvement project.
- The Borough was advised of a preliminary grant award of \$160,000.00 for the Park Place Roadway Improvement project.
- Prepared necessary 2016 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant application for submission for February 26th in the amount of \$80,000.00.
- Bids were received for the Public Works Facility on April 1st.
- The bids are being reviewed and summarized, which will be presented to the Borough.

Ken Blum – Chief Financial Officer

- Next Capital Budget Meeting is April 28th in the Conference Room at 6:30 p.m.

Doreen Cali – Borough Clerk

- Forwarded an application for the Union County Community Garden Grant to Mr. McCrady.
- Requested a copy of the Engineering Redevelopment Report be sent to the Clerk's Office.

Rich Huxford – Borough Attorney

- At the last meeting, there were four matters for Closed Session:
 - Possible Litigation – Borough Clerk
 - Ongoing Litigation – Guiducci vs. Roselle Park
 - Ongoing Litigation – ATT vs. Roselle Park
 - Possible Litigation – Mr. & Mrs. Chang
- None of the issues have been resolved.

Paul Morrison – Police Chief

- Spoke about the fallen light tower at Green Acres.
- All the poles are 35 years old and will be tested for their integrity.
- Sent out email regarding internet exchange zone project.
- Suggested restricting hours to avoid traffic in the parking lot.
- Received a complaint from a resident about speeding on Chestnut Street.
- Also received complaints about speeding on Union Road.
- Read stats about moving violations in Roselle Park.
- Three Officers are receiving awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.
- Roselle Park Detectives made arrest involving a burglary at Gas and Go on Westfield Avenue.

Joseph Signorello – Fire Chief

- Spoke about training activities performed regarding training in emergencies.
- Spoke about light towners at the High School.

- A determination will be made as to what to do with the light poles.
- Spoke about the High School siren.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

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

- Construction Code Enforcement Department Report for March 2016
- Police Chief Report for March 2016
- Neglia Engineering Report for April 7, 2016
- Department of Public Works Report for March 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Elisabeth Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Mariposi Qersdyn invited Mayor Hokanson to Special Person Day on April 22nd at Sherman School.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Is senior housing still required.
- Update on DPW bids.
- Results of last meeting's Closed Session items.
- Suggested a time study and efficiency expert for the Borough.
- Mayor and Council used to meet four times per month; were paid \$2,000 per year.
- Was not aware the light towers at the field were 35 years old.

Robert Rivers, 824 Larch Street

- Bothered him about a Councilperson making a statement at the last meeting that the book "Gone with the Wind" is an evil book.
- When it comes to the arts, we must be careful what we called "evil"; especially by public figures.

Brian Kean, 578 East Grant Avenue

- Spoke about the first amendment.
- That book is a part of U.S. history.

William Hahn, Woodside Gardens

- Spoke about the location of the book boxes outside the Library.
- Should be moved from the middle area of the lawn.
- Are not ADA compliant.

- Should be put by the benches.
- There would be no cost to the Borough.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Spoke about proposed new agenda.
- Suggested a section for review and status of Closed Session items only.
- Board of Education has two public portions; first is for agenda items only and one at the end of the meeting that allows any comment.
- Who appoints people to committees.
- Did Mayor appoint people to the Diversity Committee.
- Submitted an OPRA request regarding communications at the March 3rd meeting and the use of cellphones.
- The Borough Clerk's response was there were no communications.
- Accused Borough Clerk of lying about the use of her phone at the March Meeting.
- It is a serious matter and undermines someone's creditability and public trust.
- It should be reviewed and discussed.

Joe DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Roselle Park Loves Arts is launching a new feature called "Roselle Park Loves Shorts" Arts Festival.
- Fees for submission have been waived.
- Many films have been submitted from many countries.
- For information the website is www.filmfreeway.com
- Spoke about Resolution #97-16.
- Question if the resolution covers insurance purposes.
- Spoke about Financial Disclosure forms and is the Superintendent of Public Works required to do that.
- Asked the Governing Body pass a resolution that the Clerk have the Superintendent of Public Works fill out a Financial Disclosure form
- Have there been any meetings or their agents regarding the development of the Domani property.

Gregory Storey, 318 Pershing Avenue

- Spoke about the Agenda Committee.
- Mr. DeIorio is fully steeped in the administrative and political side of government.
- Spoke about getting experts for the committee and seeking neutral backgrounds.

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

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT

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

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2455

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Councilwoman Storey moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2455; seconded by Councilman Petrosky and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Read and explain Cap Bank Ordinance #2455.

Joe DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Is this Ordinance posted on the web prior to this meeting.
- Suggested that in Manasquan they publish ordinances and agenda to the website three days prior to the meeting.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Is the 3.5% for the 2% part of the Cap or the budget.
- What is the money used for.

Mr. Blum said there are now two Caps that towns have to deal with.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilwoman Storey moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2455; seconded by Councilman Petrosky and adopted.

Councilwoman Storey moved that Ordinance No. 2455 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Petrosky.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2455					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Meola	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Shipley	<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"/>

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 95-16

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Roselle Park hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Donna L. Corrigan to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated Recycling Trust Fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-16

BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals be appointed for the 2016 Roselle Park Recreation Basketball League:

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

Alexis Monaco 118 East Lincoln Avenue, Roselle Park New Jersey 07204

RESOLUTION NO. 97-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Borough of Roselle Park hereby supports Roselle Park Loves Arts for September 24, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby accept the resignation of Richard Graves from the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Works effective April 8, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-16

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 \$2,984.96 payable to one (1) lien holders on 4 (four) properties (paperwork available in the Tax Office); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to issue checks totaling \$5,200.00 from the Tax Collector's Premium Account.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized per the Tax Court of New Jersey a Judgment to reduce the assessment which will result in a reduction/**refund** check in the amount of \$43,632.29 payable to Michael A. Vespasiano for the years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 on the following property Block 609/Lot 1 (otherwise known as 201-216 Westfield Ave., W. Roselle Park, N.J.) and assessed in the name of CKC Associates c/o M.F. Kelly, Inc.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>New Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Rate</u> =	<u>Reduction/Refund</u>
609/1	2012	310,000.	233,000.	77,000.	12.184	\$ 9,381.68
	2013	310,000.	223,000.	87,000.	12.406	\$10,793.22
	2014	310,000.	223,000.	87,000.	12.907	\$11,229.09
	2015	310,000.	220,000.	90,000.	13.587	\$12,228.30

Taxes for the year 2016 will be adjusted on new tax bill.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue three (3) checks in the amount of \$250.00 payable to three (3) homeowners for a Senior Citizen Deductions allowed for the year 2016 per the Tax Assessor.

<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Homeowner</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
507/1	Eva Pozsonyi	259 Clay Ave. W.	\$250.00
302/4	Margaret Kompany	421 Myrtle Ave.	\$250.00
807/3	Albert Paglia	421 Cherry St.	\$250.00

RESOLUTION NO. 102-16

WHEREAS, Richard Graves has notified the Borough of Roselle Park that he will be resigning effective April 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as Richard Graves is entitled to certain compensation; and

WHEREAS, it has been agreed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park and Richard Graves that the above compensation will be paid as follows:

<u>3Description</u>	<u>Amount of Days</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Vacation Days for 2016	12	267.18	3,206.16
Vacation Days for 2017 (12 days prorated for 3.25 months)	3.25	267.18	<u>868.34</u>
Total Due			\$4,074.50

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to pay Richard Graves the entitled compensation at the above schedule.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolutions #95-16 to #102-16					
		<u>Yes/Aye</u>	<u>No/Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Storey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Shipley	<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"/>

MATTERS FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL

MAYOR HOKANSON

- Accepting the resignation of James McLaughlin as Roselle Park's representative to the Union County Air Traffic & Noise Advisory Board, effective March 26, 2016.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Potential Litigation – Qersdyn vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – Rosewood Gardens vs. Roselle Park

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

- Potential Litigation – Qersdyn vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – Rosewood Gardens vs. Roselle Park

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

Attest:

Borough Clerk