

Borough of Roselle Park Meeting of November 17, 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	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
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 7:00 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.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON YEAR 43 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Councilwoman Storey moved to interrupt the regular order of business to conduct a public hearing on Year 43 Community Development Funds for anyone wishing to speak; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

Mayor Hokanson said this public hearing is required to get input from residents as to what projects they might wish to have considered under this funding.

Ms. Corrigan said the projects are Public Facilities and Improvements: Improvements to Butler Avenue for \$225,325.25 and Public Services: Senior Citizen Social Services for \$33,000.00.

Councilwoman Storey moved to open the public hearing on Year 43 Community Development Funds for anyone wishing to speak; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Would the CFO explain this program to the general public, who may not be aware of the program.

Mr. Blum said the Community Development Block Grant is a federal grant program that is passed through the County of Union, who gives out the awards for Union County. It is a program we participate in every year. Our Senior Citizen Social Services help cover a portion of the salary for the bus driver and we always usually do a road program. The Handyman Program has been discontinued.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilwoman Storey moved to close the public hearing on Year 43 Community Development Funds; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Request from Antonette Signorello to extend the Farmer's Market until Wednesday, December 28, 2016.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Casano Center Volunteers

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ

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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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Storey moved at 7:15 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Questions Resolution #274-16 balance
- Questions if any other balance for year end

Joseph DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Comments Resolution #275

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilwoman Storey moved at 7:20 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

- 2017 Roselle Park Loves Arts (Shipley)

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 268-16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized per the State Tax Court of New Jersey to issue a reduction and/or refund totaling \$7,552.86 for an appeal granted on Block 314/Lot 3

(otherwise known as 310 W. Westfield Ave., Roselle Park, N.J.) and assessed in the name of Ashford Property c/o Boyle Properties.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>New Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>x Rate =</u>	<u>Refund</u>
314/3	2012	685,000.	670,000.	15,000.	12.184	\$ 1,827.60
314/3	2013	685,000.	670,000.	15,000.	12.406	\$ 1,860.90
314/3	2016	2,957,400.	2,856,000.	101,400.	3.811	\$ 3,864.36

Check to be issued to: Michael I. Schneck Trustee Ashford Property

RESOLUTION NO. 269-16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized per the State Tax Court of New Jersey to issue a reduction and/or refund for an Appeal on Block 314/Lot 11 (otherwise known as 230 Westfield Ave., Roselle Park, N.J. 07204) and assessed in the name of G4 Enterprises. Check in the amount of \$3,523.72 Robbins & Robbins LLP, Attorneys for G4 Enterprises LLC.

<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>New Assessment</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>x Rate</u>	<u>Refund</u>
314/11	2014	105,600.	92,300.	13,300.	12.907	\$1,716.64
	2015	105,600.	92,300.	13,300.	13.587	\$1,807.08

RESOLUTION NO. 273-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$250.00 payable to Maria Irene Vieira for a Senior Citizen Deduction allowed for the year 2016 per the Tax Assessor on Block 712/Lot 10 (otherwise known as 743 Woodland Ave., Roselle Park, N.J.)

RESOLUTION NO. 274-16

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park has grants that are completed 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	\$ 415.26
Greening Union County Grant	\$ 1,620.00
Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over	\$ 425.00
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	<u>\$ 2,460.26</u>
CDBG - Senior Citizens Handyman Program 015-443	<u>\$ 835.20</u>
Total HUD/CDBG Trust Fund	<u>\$ 835.20</u>
Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 3,295.46</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>
02-3372-00-20150-002	Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ 272.08
02-3372-00-20150-003	Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ 29.50
02-3372-00-20150-006	Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ 113.68
02-3702-00-20150-300	Greening Union County Grant	\$ 1,620.00
02-3758-00-20160-300	Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over	\$ 425.00
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		<u>\$ 2,460.26</u>
14-5443-00-02015-101	CDBG - Senior Citizens Handyman Program	<u>\$ 835.20</u>
Total HUD/CDBG Trust Fund		<u>\$ 835.20</u>
Grand Total		<u><u>\$ 3,295.46</u></u>

RESOLUTION NO. 275-16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby accept the retirement of Rachel Pompei from the position of Tax Collector for the Borough of Roselle Park effective February 1, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 278-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, Union County, New Jersey that a Professional Service Contract for Planning Services for:

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FOR THE ROSELLE PARK LIBRARY**

be awarded to Neglia Engineering Associates of Lyndhurst, New Jersey for the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$5,865.00). This Resolution to take effect upon certification on this Resolution by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO. 279-16

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 \$36,071.74 payable to two (2) lien holders for redemption of two (2) Tax Sale Certificates (paperwork available in the Tax Office); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to issue checks in the amount of \$11,200.00 from the Tax Collector's Premium Account.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolutions #268-16 to #269-16; #273-16 to #275-16 and #278-16 to #279-16					
		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 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"/>
	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"/>
	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"/>

The following resolutions were offered by Councilwoman Storey; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy.

RESOLUTION NO. 270-16

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby authorize the submission of Year 43 Community Development Block Grant Application.

RESOLUTION NO. 271-16

BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby authorize the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Union and the Borough of Roselle Park to provide a Seniors in Motion Van.

RESOLUTION NO. 272-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a license for limousine services to T2, LLC, 147 East Roselle Avenue, Roselle Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 276-16

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park wishes to purchase the Live Scan System Desktop 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, Safran-Morpho Trak, 5515 East LaPalma Avenue, Suite 100, Anaheim, California 92807 has been awarded New Jersey State Contract #A81520; 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 Safran-Morpho Trak, Anaheim, California be awarded a contract for the purchase of the Live Scan System Desktop in the amount not to exceed \$26,466.25.

RESOLUTION NO. 277-16

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Mocha Davis-Potter, 134 West 3rd Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed to the position of a per diem Dispatcher in the Roselle Park Police Department, effective November 21, 2016 at the pay rate of \$15.61 per hour worked.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolutions #270-16 to #272-16 and #276-16 to #277-16					
		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"/>	Adopted as Amended	Kelly	<input checked="" 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"/>	Tabled	Meola	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Shipley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Hokanson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Shipley

- Welcome Council Elect
- Recognize Rachel Pompei
- League of Municipalities Conference
- Town application vendors
- Ordinance to disband Diversity Committee

Councilwoman Storey

- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Attended Congressman Payne Veteran’s Day Event
- League of Municipalities Conference
- Congratulation Newly Elected Officials
- Police Department will distribute gift cards for stopping for pedestrians

Councilman Meola

- Congratulates President-Elect, new Councilmembers and Board of Education members

- Board of Education Meeting
- Welcome new business Aamco Transmission
- Church of the Assumption Dinner for family in need
- Stork Program
- Bonfire
- Donations for Thanksgiving to Casano Center

Councilman Petrosky

- Land Use Meeting regarding Hawthorne
- Congratulation Newly Elected Officials
- Public Safety Meeting
- Attended Memorial Service
- Attended Fundraiser for needy family
- Attended Historical Society
- Hall of Fame Dinner
- Basketball registration, Indoor Soccer, Wrestling
- Sidewalk program on Bender; thanks to DPW
- Congratulations Rachel Pompei

Councilman Kelly

- Congratulation incoming Elected Officials

Councilman Elmarassy

- Congratulation incoming Elected Officials
- Congratulations Rachel Pompei
- Congratulations Casano Center volunteers
- Happy Healthy Thanksgiving

Mayor Hokanson

- Congratulation incoming Elected Officials and other candidates
- Aamco Transmission Opening
- Thank you for use of vehicle for Veteran's Parade
- Veteran celebration in Kenilworth
- Thank you to Knights of Columbus for dinner for needy family
- Dowling's Pub doing fundraiser for local family medical bill
- Veterans Day Ceremony great day
- Operation Chill Out; great response
- Thanksgiving meals for needy families
- Blue Line for Police Officers; permission granted to paint line
- Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving

Kenneth Blum – Chief Financial Officer

- Tax Sale
- Bond Sale held 2.625%

- Closed Session personnel matter

Richard Huxford – Borough Attorney

- Matters for Closed Session:
 - Ongoing Litigation – Qersdyn vs. Roselle Park
 - Ongoing Litigation – American Humanist Association (AHA) vs. Roselle Park
 - Potential Litigation – Americans United vs. Roselle Park
 - Contract Negotiations – AT&T Lease
 - Potential Litigation – First Aid Squad
 - Potential Litigation – Secundina Alvarez-Aquino vs. Roselle Park
 - Sale of Property – Mr. & Mrs. Jussel

Rupen Shah – Casano Center Director

- Congratulations to Rachel Pompei
- Thanked volunteers and those who donate to activities at Casano Center
- Food Pantry donations needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Thanked Farmers Market for donated fruit and vegetables
- Lift on bus to service senior residents
- Halloween Party at Center; good turn out
- Veterans Day; thanked Library for donations and speakers
- Tree Lighting Ceremony and various activities
- Future events at Community Center

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

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

- Municipal Court Report for October 2016
- Treasurer Report for October 31, 2016
- Casano Center Director Report for October 15, 2016 to November 14, 2016

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

- Appointing Eric Kennedy, 406 Maplewood Avenue, 1st Floor, Roselle Park as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Faitoute Hose Company

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Storey moved at 8:25 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Volunteers are the foundation of the community
- Happy Thanksgiving; remember the football game

- Veterans Ceremony
- Congratulations to newly elected officials
- Pearl Harbor Day
- Amount of Tax appeals, explain appeal procedure, city, state appeals

Jay Robaina, 600 Laurel Avenue

- Progress with siren relocation

Joseph DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Christmas Holiday and Light Contest

Jayme Negron, 117 East Westfield Avenue

- Christmas Holiday and Light Contest
- Asks for donations for winners

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Diversity Committee ordinance
- Council liaison or rescind ordinance
- Tax Appeal resolution
- Clean Communities Coordinator
- Resolution #278-16 to comply with ADA
- Van for Casano Center
- Vendors for municipal application
- Gift cards excellent idea; also victims of domestic abuse

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilwoman Storey moved at 8:44 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilwoman Storey moved at 8:45 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 matters:

- Ongoing Litigation – Qersdyn vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – American Humanist Association (AHA) vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – Americans United vs. Roselle Park
- Contract Negotiations – AT&T Lease
- Potential Litigation – First Aid Squad
- Potential Litigation – Secundina Alvarez-Aquino vs. Roselle Park
- Sale of Property – Mr. & Mrs. Jussel
- Personnel Matter – Finance Department

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Shipley moved at 9:20 p.m. to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

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

- Ongoing Litigation – Qersdyn vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – American Humanist Association (AHA) vs. Roselle Park
- Potential Litigation – Americans United vs. Roselle Park
- Contract Negotiations – AT&T Lease
- Potential Litigation – First Aid Squad
- Potential Litigation – Secundina Alvarez-Aquino vs. Roselle Park
- Sale of Property – Mr. & Mrs. Jussel
- Personnel Matter – Finance Department

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Shipley moved at 9:21 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Elmarassy and adopted.

Attest:

Deputy Borough Clerk