

Borough of Roselle Park Budget Meeting of February 23, 2017

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Charlene Storey	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	6:30 PM
Eugene Meola	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:30 PM
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:30 PM
Thos Shipley	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:30 PM
William Fahoury	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:30 PM
Michael Connelly	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	6:30 PM
Carl Hokanson	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	6:30 PM

Councilman Shipley called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 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 exists and the procedure to be followed in case of fire.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilwoman Storey moved at 6:35 p.m. to interrupt the regular order of business for a Closed Session Meeting; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Councilman Shipley read the Closed Session resolution and said Council would be discussing the following matters and advised all individuals were Riced.

- Personnel Matter – Tax Assessor
- Personnel Matter – Construction Official
- Personnel Matter – Fire Prevention
- Personnel Matter – Recreation
- Contract Negotiations – First Aid Squad

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilwoman Storey moved at 7:34 p.m. to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Councilman Shipley said that during Closed Session, Council discussed the following matters:

- Personnel Matter – Tax Assessor
- Personnel Matter – Construction Official
- Personnel Matter – Fire Prevention
- Personnel Matter – Recreation
- Contract Negotiations – First Aid Squad

Councilman Shipley turned the meeting over to CFO Ken Blum who reviewed the following items:

- Casano Center Other Expenses
- Celebration of Public Events Other Expenses
- Surplus
- Tax Collection Rate
- Net Valuation Taxable
- Tax Appeals
- 2017 Budget
- 2% Tax Levy Cap
- Appropriation Cap
- Revenues
- State Aid
- Appropriations – Salaries & Wages
- Appropriations – Other Expenses
- Discuss – Department Head in to Discuss Operating Budget
- Sewer Surplus
- Water Consumption
- Sewer Appropriation

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilwoman Storey moved at 9:12 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Thinks Rupen should get an increase
- Casano Center outside furniture is horrible
- 10% off other expenses
- Garbage cost; reduce 20%
- Page 2 on BB; what is \$85,000 on Public Works, sounds like yearly wage
- What is impact on household assessed
- Page 5; explain interest on bonds
- What is our debt
- Who so many N/A's (not available)
- Anything from the Governor reducing Homestead Rebates

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Now reduced to \$251,000
- What is the 2% amount increase; how much are we under
- A five year outlook was requested of all departments; was it done and did Council look at it for 2017
- Deadline to submit resolutions is Friday
- \$6,500 for Joint Meeting; consider resolution for next meeting to have salary removed and for representative to give reports
- Asked Councilman Fahoury to put resolution on for next meeting

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilwoman Storey moved at 9:22 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Mr. Blum said the next Budget Meeting is March 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Storey moved at 9:23 p.m. to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Attest:

Acting Borough Clerk