

Borough of Roselle Park Budget Meeting of March 30, 2017

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Charlene Storey	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	6:48 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	6:48 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	A	-

Councilman Shipley called the meeting to order at 6:48 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Connelly moved at 6:49 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting for agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Fahoury and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Stated that 20% should be taken off all “other expenses”

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Asked about the new requests from the Police Department and DPW. Noted that these requests deviated from prior year’s five-year plans and was wondering why they were doing so. Specifically noted the request for \$700,000 of new communication system equipment, and the request for a new Street Sweeper.

Chief Financial Officer Ken Blum stated that the Departments would present their reasoning, however some requests are generally due to changes in regulations and departmental priorities.

Joe DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Spoke about Resolution 108-17 which endorses the Borough’s 2017 Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant application. Stated that the Borough might want to consider qualifying additional projects and improvements around the community other than just a roadway project. Suggested downtown improvements and landscaping as things that could be qualified on the application.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Connelly moved at 6:55 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Fahoury and adopted.

At the request of the Chairman, Borough Clerk Casais read Resolution 108-17 by title and advised the governing body that if adopted the Resolution and grant application would be transmitted to the County in the morning to comply with the April 1st deadline.

The governing body briefly discussed the contents of the application and the possibility of adding more items. Mr. Blum indicated that any items added would need to be priced out by the morning in order to meet the submission deadline.

At 7:00 p.m. Councilman Meola made a motion to adopt Resolution 108-17 as presented; seconded by Councilman Connelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorized the application of the following 2017 Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Applications; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all funds awarded through this grant must be matched dollar for dollar by the Borough of Roselle Park:

Road Work

Construction improvements associated with the rehabilitation of Spruce Street between Clay Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, including but is not limited to milling, paving, new curbs, spot full depth pavement replacement, spot sidewalk replacement, drainage structures retrofit, ADA ramp compliance, and further restoration work.

Total Grant Request:	\$100,000.
Local Match:	\$100,000.
Total anticipated cost of project:	\$200,000.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution 108-17		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Storey	<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"/>
	Fahoury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Connelly	<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"/>

POLICE DEPARTMENT & OEM CAPITAL

Councilman Shipley turned the meeting over to Mr. Blum who stated that they would be hearing from the Police Department and Department of Public Works about their Capital requests. Mr. Blum indicated that the Police would be presenting first and turned the meeting over to Police Chief Paul Morrison.

Chief Morrison stated that the Police Department has only one request for 2017 and understands that it is a large one. \$700,000 for a replacement emergency communications radio system is the largest request of his career as Chief.

Chief Morrison gave an overview of how this request came about, explaining that regulations were changed regarding communications. The County of Union entered into a unilateral agreement with the

State of New Jersey without consulting with local municipalities. Subsequently, the Chief explained that several municipalities have already joined the new system. Of those who joined, several are neighboring municipalities / departments that the Roselle Park Police can now no longer directly communicate with. This becomes an issue on a regular basis, but especially when there is an emergency situation where mutual aid is necessary. The Chief further explained that when it comes to mutual aid the Borough is an island because it cannot directly communicate with departments who have adopted this higher frequency system.

Councilman Shipley asked if there were towns that have not adopted this new system.

The Chief explained that there are still several departments in addition to Roselle Park have not gone to this higher frequency system. However, they will ultimately all need to go to this system by choice or mandate in the near future. Not being on a universal emergency communications system risks the safety of the public and the officers who are doing their job.

The discussion transitioned to the Police Department's five year plan.

Councilman Meola asked if all handguns would be replaced at the same time. The Chief confirmed that was the case.

Councilman Meola asked what the License Plate Reader would be used for in future years. The Chief and Lt. Jiminez explained that this is a device that is mounted directly on police vehicles. These devices read every license plate that it passes on the roadway. It often helps in identifying stolen vehicles or alerts that are associated with the vehicles identifiers.

As it pertained to the Office of Emergency Management, Councilwoman Storey inquired about the proposed purchase of light towers. Chief Morrison stated that the towers that the Police Department currently have are often used for Borough sponsored events, organized checkpoints, and accident investigations.

This concluded the Police Department's section of the meeting. At 7:26 p.m. the representatives of the Police Department left the meeting and Mr. Blum prompted the beginning of the presentation and discussion surrounding the requests submitted by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

DPW CAPITAL

DPW Superintendent Mark Pasquali outlined the Department's 2017 requests as well of the proposed five year plan.

Mr. Pasquali stated that, as it pertains to 2017, the street sweeper currently in use by the Borough is 14 years old. He indicated that the sweeper is not efficient and that it leaves some things behind. It is becoming less and less economically viable to repair. He stated that the last repair cost over \$6,000 for one (1) part.

Mr. Pasquali presented the Tymco street sweeper because of the specifications and qualities of the machine. He stated that the Tymco model can do catch basins which would be of great assistance to DPW operations in that area.

Mr. Pasquali addressed the DPW's five-year plan. In talking about the proposed purchase of a roll-off truck he stated that the service is currently bid at a usage cost. He stated that if the Borough were to purchase its own truck it would pay for itself within 12 years.

In discussing the tree truck he stated that it is over 20 years old. At this time it is in good shape but could use several improvements.

Mr. Pasquali passed out information on a piece of snow melting equipment that he did some research on. He stated that it is DEP compliant, however the cost is \$400,000 at this time. If the DPW were ever looking to purchase this piece of equipment it would have to be spread over two (2) in lieu of buying anything else.

In conclusion, Mr. Pasquali raised the issue of the construction of the new DPW building. He stated that he got prices for concrete, clean fill, a keystone wall, an insulated metal building, as well as electrical and plumbing work. The total estimate he received for all items was approximately \$1.6 million.

He further stated that he spoke with a contractor who would be willing to leave some heavy, earth-moving equipment at the site of the new building for the DPW's use during construction of the building. Mr. Pasquali said that he would operate this equipment. All other work would be bid out and Mr. Pasquali and Assistant Superintendent Kranhert would oversee the project.

Mr. Blum stated that the best course of action would be for this matter to be discussed by the Municipal Services Committee with input from the Borough Engineer. The governing body agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With no further discussion of Departmental requests Councilman Connelly made a motion to open the second public portion at 7:49 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Fahoury and adopted.

Jacob Mageria, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Stated that 20% should be taken off of all DPW requests
- Stated that no new equipment should be purchased
- Asked if the Borough pays taxes on gasoline
 - Mr. Blum stated that the Borough purchases gasoline per New Jersey State Contract prices. The prices are less than what the average consumer pays.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Asked if the agreement for Police radios would just include a match incentive for the Fire and EMS component of the agreement. Also asked what the maintenance cost would be.
 - Mr. Blum stated that was the case, and the annual maintenance would roughly be \$30 per year per radio, except for the first year.
- Stated that it might be helpful to should how the five-year plans change from year-to-year
- Asked if the requests presented tonight would have an impact on 2017 debt service.
 - Mr. Blum stated that it would not affect the debt service in the 2017 municipal budget. All costs assumed by this year's Capital Budget would impact future year's debt service.

Joseph DeIorio, 825 Larch Street

- Suggested that Departments submit their reasoning for changes to their five-year plans. Could be as simple as deteriorating conditions or reprioritization.

With no one else wishing to speak Councilman Connelly made a motion to close the second public portion at 7:57 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Fahoury and adopted.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilwoman Storey moved at 7:00 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Meola and adopted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Connelly moved at 7:58 p.m. to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Meola and adopted.

Attest:

Andrew Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk