

Borough of Roselle Park Meeting of April 6, 2017

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Charlene Storey	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	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
William Fahoury	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Michael Connelly	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 7:06 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 Casais read a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Christine Young – 30 Years of Service
- Presentation: USO 5K

INTERRUPT REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Shipley moved at 7:17 p.m. to interrupt the regular order of business for a Closed Session Meeting; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Councilman Hokanson read the Closed Session resolution and said Council would be discussing the following matter:

- Contract Negotiations – Meridia on Westfield Avenue Urban Renewal, LLC (PILOT)

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Shipley moved at 7:53 p.m. to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Mayor Hokanson said on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, there will be a question and answer period about the PILOT program. It will not be a developer, it will be the gentlemen that were here tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Shipley moved to approve the following minutes: seconded by Councilman Connelly.

- Regular Meeting of March 16, 2017

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		Connelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Hokanson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Closed Session Minutes of March 16, 2017

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- Budget Meeting & Closed Session Minutes of March 9, 2017

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MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Shipley moved at 7:57 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Regarding Resolution #115-17; how much is the attorney paid.
- How many local and State appeals are there and what is the difference.

Mr. Blum responded that the Tax Appeal Attorney is for two properties and the amount is not to exceed \$5,000. The difference between State tax appeals and County tax appeals is that the State is for over one million dollars in assessed value. County is less, but can always appeal to the State if not satisfied.

- Mr. Magiera asked for an explanation of Resolutions #123-17, #124-17 and #125-17.

Mr. Solfaro said that Resolution #123-17 is for the award of the Casano Center generator. He said Resolution #124-17 is for a contract for Storm Sewer Hydraulic Feasibility Analysis not to exceed \$200,000. It has been determined that the bulk of our sewer system discharges into the City of Elizabeth sewer line. The DEP and Federal Government is now requiring a more environmental idea to save our waterways. The government wants to crack down on the amount of combined city sewerage in the overflows. It is a long term control plan.

Dave Robertson, 220 West Sumner Avenue

- Asked if there is a reason why the agenda did not have the resolutions and ordinances attached.
- Asked if the Certificate of Registration is still under discussion.
- Borough Council should take a look at the permit parking regulations in town.
- Regarding Ordinance No. 2481; did they need to roll that job into the Casano Center position.
- Should look for a part time person or a volunteer.
- Regarding Ordinance No. 2482; salaries for each position should be done separately.

Jeff Regan, 231 Sherman Avenue

- How many municipalities besides Roselle Park are subject to the Storm Sewer Hydraulic Feasibility Analysis.
- What would be the cost and when and where would the pipeline be done.
- What would be the cost of maintaining it.
- Would there be State assistance available.

Mr. Solfaro said there are 217 noted outfalls that discharge in New Jersey. Any municipality that has combined water flow would be subject to this. It could impact multiple municipalities and would take many years to complete. There is funding available to supplement the cost.

Mayor Hokanson said this will take a lot of time for this to take place.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Has the Committee been notified regarding Ordinance No. 2481.
- Said they should consider meeting and have the liaison report back to Council.
- Spoke about the workshop item regarding setting a fee of \$25 for Marriage Ceremonies by the Mayor to be earmarked for the fireworks; it should go into the General Fund.
- Asked about the benches at Gazebo Park.

Joseph DeIorio, 824 Larch Street

- Thanked the Borough Clerk for agreeing to use online auctions.
- Spoke about Resolution #126-17 regarding the use of online auctions.

- Spoke about the setting of a fee for marriages performed by the Mayor.
- During his term, he had people make a check directly to a charity.

Mayor Hokanson said he has never set a fee to perform a marriage, and will not do so.

Michelle LoManto, 28 East Grant Avenue

- Is the Clean Communities Coordinator.
- Spoke about the large amount of cigarette butts in the Gazebo Park area.
- 315 municipalities in New Jersey have already passed a no smoking ordinance for open public spaces.
- Hopes that Council will consider doing it.
- Has seen cigarette butt recycling containers in Westfield.
- Spoke about a company that recycles cigarette butts.
- Clean Communities has purchased an ash urn for Chestnut Street.

Jeanine Goodis, 152 Berwyn Street

- Current alternate member of the Recreation Committee.
- Asked what they are doing incorrectly that Mr. Shah would be doing more effectively.
- Do not want the Committee to be politically motivated.
- It is very upsetting to the Committee that they are not doing something right.
- Their goal is to be sure that children are involved in the events in the town.
- There should be a discussion as to why the two jobs should be put together.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Shipley moved at 8:37 p.m. to close the public comment of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Items Carried from Prior Meeting(s):

- Turn Gazebo into Non-Smoking Area (Mayor Hokanson)
 - The governing body generally agreed to make all Borough property non-smoking areas by Ordinance with certain exceptions (Borough Hall)
- Amending By-Laws (Mayor Hokanson)
 - The governing body agreed to leave the procedure for public portions as-is and would consider all other amendments by Resolution at the next meeting
- Certificate of Registration (Council President Shipley)
 - Councilman Shipley stated that everything is being finalized with the Borough attorney
- Creation of Landlord-Tenant Committee (Council President Shipley)
 - Mr. Casais stated that a committee did exist years ago and will look into any record of proceedings from the Committee (abolished in the year 2000)
- Ordinance Establishing the Powers and Duties of the Council (Councilwoman Storey)
 - Councilwoman Storey Requested that this be carried over to the next meeting

New Items:

- Result of Workshop Discussions (Mayor Hokanson)

- Mayor Hokanson requested that, going forward, as practical, all items on for Workshop discussion either be referred to committee, rejected, or approved in lieu of having multiple carry overs. The Councilmembers agreed.
- Puppy Mill Ordinance (Councilwoman Storey)
 - Councilwoman Storey gave background on the Ordinance and requested that the governing body consider implementing one in the Borough. After a brief discussion the governing body agreed to have an ordinance placed on the next meeting agenda for introduction.
- Clean Communities Business Brochure (Mayor Hokanson)
 - Provided the governing body with copies of the brochure created by the Borough's Clean Communities Coordinator. He stated they will be hand delivered to businesses soon.
- Benches at Gazebo Park (Mayor Hokanson)
 - Mayor Hokanson stated that the benches were previously \$800 each; but requested that Councilwoman Storey work with the DPW Superintendent to secure pricing. The Mayor stated that he was proposing the replacement of the three (3) existing benches at Gazebo Park and the addition of three (3) more; for a total of six (6).
 - Councilman Fahoury asked if political parties can be barred from buying a bench.
 - The Mayor stated that this would be brought up again for further discussion at the next meeting after pricing information is received, and the Borough Attorney can give an opinion about whether political parties can be barred from purchasing a bench.
- Setting of a fee of \$25 for Performance of Marriage Ceremonies by the Mayor and Payable to the Borough of Roselle Park, in Accordance with NJSA 40:48-1. Funds to be Earmarked for the Annual Independence Day fireworks Display (Councilwoman Storey)
 - Councilwoman Storey stated that this goes back to a Local Finance Notice that outlines optional procedures for collecting fees for wedding ceremonies. She stated that if this was not desired it is fine, she just wanted to suggest it. The governing body chose to not move forward with this item.
- Amending Residential Permit Parking Ordinance (Mayor Hokanson)
 - Mayor Hokanson suggested that after speaking with members of Council, and members of the public, that only one (1) proof of residence been required due to varying locations for vehicle registrations. The Council agreed to have an Ordinance placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions listed on Consent Agenda were offered by Councilman Shipley and seconded by Connelly and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 109-17

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park will hold a Memorial Day Parade and Service on Monday, May 29, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Day Parade and Service will be held on Chestnut Street from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue and Grant Avenue from Chestnut Street to Sheridan Avenue; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby requests approval from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to close Chestnut Street, from Grant Avenue to Webster Avenue and Grant Avenue from Chestnut Street to Sheridan Avenue, on Monday, May 29, 2017, in order to hold a Memorial Day Parade and Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 110-17

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the parking meter fees for the two municipal parking lots on Chestnut Street will be waived for the year 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 111-17

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 2016 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. 112-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby accept a publically anonymous monetary donation, in the form of a check, in the amount of \$500.00 for the acquisition of a surveillance system at the Casano Community Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 113-17

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et se., permits, authorizes and encourages public bodies such as municipalities and school districts to enter into agreements with each other to contract for the provision of any service which the parties to such agreement are empowered to render under and within its own jurisdiction, whether administrative, educational, instructional or otherwise; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park has expressed an interest in joining with the County of Union (the "County") in establishing a shared telecommunications services to dispatch Fire and EMS vehicles and equipment in the Borough or the immediate vicinity thereof; and,

WHEREAS, both parties acknowledge that the implementation of a shared dispatch service will require the Borough's integration with the County's computer-aided dispatch system; and,

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the continuity of operations between both Parties, the County will also provide ancillary services necessary for addressing emergency services, the creation of a shared services agreement by and among the parties for the purpose of undertaking the same would effectuate cost savings measures and improve efficiency for the provision of telecommunications services to dispatch Fire and EMS vehicles and equipment in the Borough or the immediate vicinity thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Shared Services Agreement between the Borough of Roselle Park and the County of Union, attached hereto for a five year contract at \$11,040 for the first year and a 2% increase each year thereafter, is hereby approved subject to such modification and changes as recommended and approved by the Borough Attorney.

2. The Mayor or such other officials as necessary and appropriate are hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to attest and affix the Borough seal to the Shared Services Agreement.

3. This Resolution hereby amends and supersedes all prior resolutions of the Borough of Roselle Park. All previous resolutions and/or orders and directives of the Borough employees or officials, which are contrary to or inconsistent with the terms of this instant Resolution, are hereby amended, rescinded, repealed and otherwise deemed ineffectual, to the extent of their inconsistency.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 114-17

WHEREAS, the Roselle Park Office of the Municipal Clerk handles the issuance of numerous licenses, permits, and other documents that require the intake of fees established in the Borough Code; and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need to change bills to ensure efficient operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council may approve a change fund by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that:

1. The Chief Financial Officer be and hereby is authorized and directed to establish a change fund for the Office of the Borough Clerk in the amount of \$100.00 from the general funds of the Borough of Roselle Park.

2. The change fund shall be maintained in the Roselle Park Office of the Borough Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 115-17

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Eric M. Bernstein, Esquire of the firm Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC is hereby appointed as Special Tax Appeal Attorney for the Borough of Roselle Park in Tax Appeals for the year 2017 due to conflict with current Tax Appeal Attorney Robert F. Renaud of Palumbo, Renaud & DeAppolonio, LLC for the following properties located on Block 503/Lot 10 and Block 503/Lot 9; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above authorization is for an amount not to exceed \$120.00 per hour and \$60.00 per hour for Paralegals for a maximum of \$5,000 to be charged to: Legal Services & Costs, Tax Appeals, as placed in the 2017 Budget, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment is made and this agreement is entered into pursuant to a fair and open process under NJSA 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent, and that notice of this appointment in the form attached be published in a newspaper authorized to receive legal advertisements on behalf of the Borough of Roselle Park within ten (10) days of this date in accordance with the New Jersey law.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby accept the retirement of Jesse Atwell from the position of Construction Official for the Borough of Roselle Park, and all other positions held within his scope of employment with the Borough, effective June 24, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accept the resignation of Sachin Modi from the Community Center Committee effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 118-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby accept the resignation of Marino Diaz, Jr. from the position of Police Officer in the Roselle Park Police Department, effective March 29, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-17

WHEREAS, Marino Diaz, Jr. has notified the Borough of Roselle Park that he will be resigning effective March 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, as Marino Diaz, Jr. is entitled to certain compensation; and

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Days</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Vacation Days for 20167	6	220.18	1,321.08
Holidays for 2017	4	220.18	880.72
Personal Days for 2017	2	220.18	440.36
Comp Time for 2017	4.98 Hours	26.5029	131.98
Vacation Days for 2018 (14 days prorated for 3 months)	3.5	220.18	<u>770.63</u>
Total Due			\$3,544.77

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 Marino Diaz, Jr. the entitled compensation at the above schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-17

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park will be holding Cruisin' Night Car Shows, Gazebo 25th Birthday and National Night Out on the following dates and times:

- Car Show and Gazebo 25th Birthday on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a rain date of Saturday, June 24, 2017
- National Night Out and Car Show on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with a rain date of Tuesday, August 8, 2017

WHEREAS, the Car Shows, Gazebo 25th Birthday and National Night Out will be held on Chestnut Street from Williams Street to Clay Avenue on the above dates and times; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park hereby requests approval from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to close Chestnut Street from Williams Street to Clay Avenue on the above dates and times in order to hold Cruisin' Night Car Shows, Gazebo 25th Birthday and National Night Out.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-17

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that the Tax Collector hereby authorizes the Treasurer to issue multiple checks totaling \$11,195.52 payable to two (2) lien holders on four (4) properties (paperwork available in the Tax Office); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to issue multiple checks in the amount of \$3,900.00 from the Tax Collector's Premium Account.

RESOLUTION NO. 122-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accept the resignation of Lisa Malave from the position of part-time Clerk for the Municipal Land Use Board, Zoning and Construction Office effective March 27, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 123-17

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

CASANO CENTER GENERATOR PROJECT

be awarded to Neglia Engineering Associates of Lyndhurst, New Jersey for the sum not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Two-Hundred Eighty dollars (\$15,280.00). This Resolution to take effect upon certification on this Resolution by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO. 124-17

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

STORM SEWER HYDRAULIC FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

be awarded to Neglia Engineering Associates of Lyndhurst, New Jersey for the sum not to exceed Two-Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). This Resolution to take effect upon certification on this Resolution by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO. 125-17

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

GAZEBO PARK IMPROVEMENTS

be awarded to Neglia Engineering Associates of Lyndhurst, New Jersey for the sum not to exceed Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). This Resolution to take effect upon certification on this Resolution by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-17

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Borough Clerk and Chief Financial Officer to execute any and all written or electronic documentation to establish the Borough of Roselle Park as a “seller” for the purpose of conducting online auctions of decommissioned Borough property or other items no longer needed for public use.

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PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 2480

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

Councilman Shipley moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2480; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Asked Mr. Blum to explain this ordinance.

Mr. Blum said this is done on an annual basis; the law has changed in Cap Banking on the appropriation side. They need to pass this ordinance to roll over what is not used in the full Cap Banking for future year’s budget if needed in an emergency.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Shipley moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2480; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Councilman Shipley moved that Ordinance No. 2480 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2480					
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INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2481

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, SECTION 1.1
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ENTITLED
CASANO CENTER DIRECTOR

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 13, Section 1.1 be and here is amended as follows:

SECTION 1:

13-1.1 CASANO CENTER DIRECTOR.

a. There is hereby established in the Borough a position to be known as "Casano Center Director," which position shall be filled by appointment of the Governing Body.

b. Salary. The salary for the position of the Casano Center Director shall be as set forth in the Salary Ordinance.

c. Powers and Duties. The Casano Center Director shall perform the following duties:

1. Supervise and coordinate all programs conducted for the benefit of the senior citizens of the Borough as Director of Community Affairs.

2. Prepare and submit applications to the appropriate Federal, State and County agencies for the receipt by the Borough of grants-in-aid.

3. Supervise and coordinate programs, policies and procedures for the Casano Community Center as Director of the Casano Community Center.

4. Complete the above duties (paragraphs 1 through 3) under the guidance of the Casano Community Center Committee Community Affairs Board appointed by the Mayor and Council.

5. Perform such other duties as may be assigned to her/him from time to time (e.g., supervision and coordination of parades, fireworks and teen-related activities) by the Mayor and Council and the Casano Community Center Committee/Community Affairs Board.

6. Supervise and coordinate all Borough recreation programs as Recreation Events Supervisor.

(1980 Code §§ 43-42—43-44; Ord. No. 2447-2016)

SECTION 2: If any section or portion of a section of this Code shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances, to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: This amendment to the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park shall become effective upon publication and in accordance with law.

Councilman Shipley moved that Ordinance No. 2481 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on April 20, 2017; seconded by Councilman Connelly.

Councilman Shipley said he would like this ordinance to be reconsidered. Some of the information was not properly conveyed.

Mr. Casais said you can table the ordinance or vote it down.

Mr. Huxford said if it is tabled, it can go to committee for review or Council can vote on it.

Councilman Meola said maybe it should be discussed further.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2482

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ESTABLISHING CHAPTER XV, TO BE ENTITLED “SINGLE AND MULTI-FAMILY TAX ABATEMENTS” TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIVE-YEAR TAX ABATEMENT LAW FOR SINGLE FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, ET SEQ.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, and State of New Jersey that Chapter XV be and here is established as follows:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, et seq., is known as the Five-year Abatement Law; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1, paragraph 6, of the New Jersey Constitution permits municipalities to grant, for a period of five (5) years, an abatement from taxation in areas designated to be in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-2 provides for municipalities to grant five (5) year abatements from taxation under certain conditions;

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-4 provides for municipalities to adopt an ordinance as a necessary predicate step to the establishment of eligibility requirement to receive five (5) years abatements from taxation, and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2016 the Borough of Roselle Park designated Block 314, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 as an area in need of redevelopment under N.J.S.A. 40A:21-2, et seq.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park desires to provide for real estate tax incentives for single family and multi-family dwellings within the boundaries of the area in need of rehabilitation and throughout the entire Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle Park as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

The definitions contained in N.J.S.A. 40A:21-3 are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length. As used in this Chapter, words shall have the meaning as so defined unless a different meaning is expressed.

SECTION 2. Tax Abatements Authorized.

The Borough of Roselle Park hereby authorizes the utilization of tax abatements in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph 6, of the New Jersey Constitution and establishes the

eligibility of dwellings and multi-dwellings for five (5) year tax abatements as authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, et seq., throughout the entire Borough, but only to the extent set forth herein.

SECTION 3. Abatements for Improvements to Single-Family Dwellings and Multi-Family Dwellings.

All dwellings which are at least twenty (20) years old shall, following receipt and approval by the Borough of Roselle Park of a fully-executed and complete application described herein, be exempt from taxation of the first \$25,000.00 in the Tax Assessor's full and true value of improvements, as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:21-3 for a period of five (5) years following completion of such improvements, commencing with the first full tax year following completion of the improvements.

SECTION 4. Application for Tax Abatement.

Applicants for tax abatement for improvements to dwellings and multiple dwellings shall provide the municipal governing body with an application setting forth:

- a. A general description of a project for which abatement is sought;
- b. A legal description of all real estate necessary for the project;
- c. Plans, drawings, and other documents as may be required by the governing body to demonstrate the structure and design of the project;
- d. A statement of the reasons for seeking tax abatement on the project and a description of the benefits to be realized by the applicant if a tax abatement is granted;
- e. A statement showing (1) the real property taxes currently being assessed at the project site, (2) estimated tax payments that would be made by the applicant on the project in the first full year following the termination of the tax agreement;
- f. If the project is a multi-dwelling, a description of the number and types of dwelling units to be provided, a description of the common elements or general common elements, and a statement of the proposed initial rentals or sales prices of the dwelling units according to type and of any rental lease or resale restrictions to apply to the dwelling units respecting low or moderate income housing;
- g. Such other pertinent information as the governing body may require.

SECTION 5. Filing of Application for Abatements with Roselle Park Tax Assessor.

Applications for abatements must be filed with the Roselle Park Tax Assessor within thirty (30) days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, of the completion of the improvement and obtaining a certificate of occupancy or approval. If the thirtieth (30th) day falls on a Saturday, Sunday and/or legal holiday, the time to file will be extended to the next business day. Every application for abatement which is filed within the time specified shall be approved and allowed to the degree the application is consistent with the provisions of this subsection, provided that the improvement for which application is made qualifies as an improvement. The granting of an abatement shall be recorded and made a permanent part of the official tax records of the Borough of Roselle Park, which records shall contain a notice of the termination date thereof.

SECTION 6. Approval by Borough Council

No tax abatement shall be granted unless approved by Resolution of the Borough Council on an individual basis after review, evaluation, and approval of each application for compliance with the terms of this Ordinance and the underlying statute, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 7. Compliance with Department of Community Affairs and Division of Taxation.

No abatement of improvements from taxation shall be allowed except pursuant to statute and to duly promulgated regulations of the Department of Community Affairs and Division of Taxation, which include the requirements that the taxpayer submit to the Roselle Park Tax Assessor, a written application, approved by the Tax Assessor, requesting said abatement, which application shall be in a form prescribed by the State Division of taxation.

SECTION 8. Duration of Tax Agreements.

All tax agreements entered into by the Borough of Roselle Park, pursuant to Section 9 through 12 of P.L. 1991 c.441 shall be in effect for no more than the five (5) full years next following the date of completion of the project.

Within thirty (30) days after the execution of a tax agreement, the Borough of Roselle Park shall forward a copy of the Agreement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 9. Applicability of Statutory Provisions.

Every application for abatement and every abatement granted shall be subject to all the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1, et seq. and all rules regulations issued thereunder.

SECTION 10. Applicability of Federal, State, and Local Laws.

All tax abatement agreements shall provide that the applicant is subject to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

SECTION 11. Equalization.

The percentage of property taxes which would have been paid had an abatement not been granted for the property under the agreement shall be applied to the valuation of the property to determine the reduced valuation of the property to be included in the valuation of the Borough of Roselle Park for determining equalization for county apportionment and school aid during the term of the tax abatement agreement covering the property.

SECTION 12. Determination of Tax Due Upon Completion of Improvement.

The Tax Assessor shall determine, on October 1 of the year following the date of the completion of an improvement or construction, the true taxable value thereof. The amount of tax to be paid for the tax year which the project is completed shall be based on the assessed valuation of the property. Subject to the provisions of the adopting ordinance, the property shall continue to be treated in the appropriate manner for each of the four tax years subsequent to the original determination by the Tax Assessor and shall be pro-rated for the final tax year in which the abatement expires.

SECTION 13. Retroactivity.

The granting of an abatement, shall relate back to and take effect as of, the date of completion of the project, or portion or stage of the project for which the abatement is granted, and shall continue for five (5) annual periods from that date. The grant of the abatement shall be recorded and made a permanent part of the official tax records of the taxing district, which record shall contain a notice of termination date thereof.

SECTION 14. Cessation or Disposition of Property.

If during any tax year prior to the termination of the tax abatement, the applicant fails to meet the conditions of eligibility, the tax otherwise due if there had been no abatement shall become due and payable by the property owner. The Tax Assessor shall notify the property owner and the Roselle Park Tax Collector forthwith and the Roselle Park Tax Collector shall, within fifteen (15) days thereof, notify the owner of the property of the amount of taxes due. However, with respect to sale or otherwise disposal of the property which it is determined that the new owner of the property will continue to use the property pursuant to the conditions which were set forth in the tax abatement agreement, the abatement shall continue.

SECTION 15. Default in Tax Payments.

In the event of default by the applicant the municipality shall notify the applicant, in writing, of said default. The applicant shall have thirty (30) days to cure any default. Following the thirty (30) day cure period, the municipality shall have the right to proceed against the property pursuant to the In-Rem Tax Foreclosure Act, N.J.S.A. 54:4-1, et seq. and/or may cancel the Abatement Agreement upon thirty (30) days' notice to the applicant.

SECTION 16. Taxes Upon Termination.

At the termination of a tax abatement agreement, a project shall be subject to all applicable real property taxes as provided by state law and local ordinance.

SECTION 17. Ordinances Sent to Department of Community Affairs.

The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 18. Ineligibility.

No abatements shall be granted for any property for which property taxes or any other municipal charges are delinquent or remain unpaid or for which penalties for nonpayment are due for a period of at least one (1) year, or for any property not being used in conformance with federal, state, or local statute, regulation, or ordinance.

In addition, one and two family structures which contain home based businesses are ineligible for the tax and abatement programs described herein.

SECTION 19. Appeal.

Any appeal of any determination made by the Borough of Roselle Park under the terms of this Ordinance shall be made to the Union County Board of Taxation, unless a direct appeal to the New Jersey Tax Court is authorized by law.

SECTION 20. Invalidity

If any section or portion of a section of this Code shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 21. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 22. Captions.

Captions contained in this Ordinance have been included only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section.

SECTION 23. Effective Date.

This amendment to the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park shall become effective upon publication and in accordance with law.

Councilman Shipley moved that Ordinance No. 2482 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on April 20, 2017; seconded by Councilman Connelly.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2483

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEARS 2017, 2018 AND 2019

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The following named officials and employees of the Borough of Roselle Park shall be entitled to an annual salary as hereinafter set forth opposite each respective classification:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Construction Official/Building Sub-Code Official/ Building Inspector	\$15,000.00	\$40,000.00 \$120,000.00
Administrative Assistant		
Community Center Director	\$30,000.00	\$65,000.00
Tax Assessor	\$9,000.00	\$17,000.00 \$25,000.00
Fire Official (Fire Protection)	\$2,500.00	\$5,100.00 \$12,100.00
Chief Inspector	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00 \$12,000.00
Community Center Staff	\$8.00/hr	\$15.00/hr

SECTION 2. The salaries and wages herein fixed shall be effective January 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. The salaries and wages fixed pursuant to Section I shall be payable in twenty-six (26) equal installments or in such installments as may hereinafter be determined by resolution of the Governing Body. Said salaries shall be in lieu of all fees which may be collected by said officer or employee.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the terms hereof are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Councilman Shipley moved that Ordinance No. 2483 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on April 20, 2017; seconded by Councilman Connelly.

Councilman Shipley asked how the minimum and maximum amounts were set.

Mr. Blum said some were discussed in Budget Meetings. All resolutions will be passed setting the rates for all those individuals. The main one was the Construction Official, which was previously a part time position and it will now be a full time position.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2483					
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Meola

- Attended the Grand Opening of a party store on East Westfield Avenue.
- Attended the Budget Meeting on March 30th.
- Can be reached at 908-666-7821 or emeola@rosellepark.net
- Will attend the Easter Egg Hunt at the Casano Center on Sunday.
- Has one matter for Closed Session.

Councilman Petrosky

- Congratulated Christine Young on her retirement.
- March 18th attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Party Rental People.

- March 19th attended the St. Patrick's Day Party at the Casano Center.
- March 30th attended the Capital Budget Meeting.
- April 3rd attended the Roselle Park Fire Department Meeting.
- April 3rd attended the Historical Society Meeting.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be on Sunday at the Casano Center.
- Basketball is going well.
- Little League Parade will be on April 22nd.
- Can be reached at jpetrosky@rosellepark.net or 908-666-7821.

Councilman Fahoury

- Roselle Park Clean Communities Clean Up will be on April 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The meeting place will be at Mike Mauri Park.
- Senior American Brunch will be on April 23rd.
- Casano Community Center Meeting will be on April 11th at 6:00 p.m.
- Casano Center will be closed on April 14th in observance of Good Friday.
- April 28th is the 145th Anniversary of Arbor Day; a tree will be planted at Sherman School.
- May 7th is Hispanic Heritage Day at the High School.
- Senior exercise classes have begun every Friday.
- Zumba classes are every Monday and Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- April 11th will be the preliminary interviews for Construction Official.
- Apologized to Third Ward residents for no newsletter in March.

Councilman Connelly

- March 18th attended the Ribbon Cutting of the new party rental store.
- March 19th attended the St. Patrick's Day Party at the Casano Center.
- March 30th attended the Capital Budget Meeting.
- If anyone would like to march in the Memorial Day Parade, please contact him at 908-403-0391 or mconnelly@rosellepark.net.

Councilman Shipley

- Attended the First Aid Squad Meeting.
- Working with Kean University to design the t-shirts for the 25 Year Celebration of the Gazebo.
- Getting together App vendors to demonstrate Apps for Mayor and Council.
- The Arts Coffee House will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Library.
- It is National Poetry Month.
- If anyone is interested in helping with the Arts Festival, please contact him at 908-245-2118.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- Thanked the DPW for the blue lights at Borough Hall.
- The Borough's 116th Birthday was on March 20th.
- Attended the Book Signing at the Library.
- March 22nd met with the Roselle Park Business Chamber.
- March 23rd attended the Brunch at the Historical Society.
- March 23rd was Honorary Mayor at the Roselle Park Middle School.

- Thanked all who attended his “Meet and Greet” on March 23rd.
- Attended the High School play on March 31st.
- Attended an event at the Castle on Saturday with PBA members.
- Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday.
- Missed the last Capital Budget Meeting.
- Thursday, April 20th is the Golf Outing sponsored by Dowling’s to support the local PBA.
- Spoke about people putting information on the forum.
- If anyone has questions or needs information, please call your Councilperson or him; and they will get the answers.

Lieutenant Pitts – Police Department

- The end of March, they were awarded the Distracted Driver Campaign Grant.
- It started on April 1st and will go through April 21st.
- Expressed appreciation to the Borough for the attendance at the March 7th Coffee with the Cops.
- Police Department is registering residential and business security cameras.

Ken Blum – Chief Financial Officer

- Reminder that the Capital Budget Meeting will be on April 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Andrew Casais – Borough Clerk

- Has submitted his report to Mayor and Council.
- Reminded all who have not licensed their dogs that there is an additional \$2.00 late fee.
- April 12th is the deadline for party declaration for the June primary election.
- Reminder to Mayor and Council that Congressman Kean is scheduled to attend the next regular Council Meeting on April 20th.

Tom Solfaro – Borough Engineer

- There is no ongoing construction at this time.

Richard Huxford – Borough Attorney

- Potential Litigation – Mian vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – Netta vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – American Humanists Association vs. Roselle Park
- Possible Litigation – Pozsonyi vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – Taluba vs. Roselle Park.
- Contract Negotiations – First Aid Squad
- Contract Negotiation – AT&T
- Potential Litigation – Joint Meeting

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

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

- Casano Center Director's Report for February 10 – March 10, 2017
- Borough Clerk's Report for March 2017
- Construction Department's Report for March 2017
- Police Chief's Report for March 2017

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Shipley moved at 10:03 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- Aldene Park update.
- Asked about no smoking at schools.
- Regarding Ordinance No. 2484; will they create one for businesses.
- Should cut down on workshops.

James McCrady, 26 East Colfax Avenue

- Spoke about the Roselle Park Environmental Community Garden sign up.
- The sign up will take place at the Casano Center:
 - April 10th 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - April 13th 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - April 18th 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - April 23rd 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.
- Must sign up in person to participate.
- April 29th will be the set up at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden.
- Planting Day will be May 13th at 9:00 a.m.; weather permitting
- Looking for assistance with the set up on April 29th.
- There are 40 spaces available at \$25 per space.

Michelle LoManto, 28 East Grant Avenue

- Had a question about benches at Gazebo Park.
- Suggested they let more than one person purchase a bench and then put name plaques on them.

Jeff Regan, 231 Sherman Avenue

- Commented on the Roselle Park radio station.
- Suggested they try to get the meetings and other important events on the radio station.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Suggested they let the public know what the changes are in the by-laws.
- The by-laws are for the benefit of the public.

Mayor Hokanson said at this time they are only a draft.

- Mr. Qersdyn said they can still be discussed.
- Does the money for the benches go to the Borough.
- Why aren't we using credit cards for payments.
- Asked about Ordinance No. 2481.
- Etching on the benches look wonderful.
- Spoke about the comment regarding the forum.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Shipley moved at 10:27 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Mr. Casais reviewed the changes in the by-laws.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Shipley moved at 10:25 to interrupt the regular order of business for a Closed Session Meeting; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

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

- Possible Litigation – Mian vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – Netta vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – American Humanist Association vs. Roselle Park
- Possible Litigation – Pozsonyi vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – Taluba vs. Roselle Park.
- Contract Negotiations – First Aid Squad
- Contract Negotiation – AT&T
- Potential Litigation – Joint Meeting

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Meola moved at 10:54 p.m. to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Mayor Hokanson said during Closed Session discussed the following matters:

- Possible Litigation – Mian vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – Netta vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – American Humanist Association vs. Roselle Park
- Possible Litigation – Pozsonyi vs. Roselle Park
- Ongoing Litigation – Taluba vs. Roselle Park.
- Contract Negotiations – First Aid Squad
- Contract Negotiation – AT&T
- Potential Litigation – Joint Meeting

Mr. Huxford said only the Netta matter was resolved during Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Meola moved at 10:56 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Attest:

Andrew Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk