

Borough of Roselle Park Special Meeting of April 30, 2018

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
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
Jayne Lynn Negron	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	7:00 PM
Joseph DeIorio	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.

A statement was read by the Mayor indicating that use of electronic devices by members of the Governing Body and Borough staff should be limited to Borough business. All communications are subject to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Fahoury moved at 7:02 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

- Confirmed that the Capital Budget was on the agenda.
- Asked about how West Clay Avenue was going to be completed and funded; asked why there were phases noted in the budget.

Borough Clerk Casais noted that the project was being funded by an NJDOT and CDBG grant. He explained that these grants had to be applied for separately, and therefore the Borough worked with its engineer to separate the roadway into two phases.

- Confirmed that the governing body would be going into Closed Session.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Discussed the requests from DPW including the request for a Roll-Off Truck and Fuel Fob system.

Chief Financial Officer Blum reviewed the items raised by Mr. Qersdyn and the several changes to requested items and roadways from the previous meeting.

Michael Smith, President of Roselle Park PBA

- Spoke about the positive partnership between Meridia and the Police Department.
- Stated his belief that Meridia is investing in the Borough for the long-term.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Fahoury moved at 7:14 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Fahoury moved at 7:15 p.m. 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:

- Matter of Attorney Client Privilege – Sullivan Property
- Potential Litigation – NJDEP

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Fahoury moved at 9:53 p.m. to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

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

- Matter of Attorney Client Privilege – Sullivan Property
- Potential Litigation – NJDEP

Mayor Hokanson said the two matters discussed in Closed Session were not resolved.

DISCUSSION

Item #1 – NJDEP Matters Re: Program Interest No. 007699, Activity Number 140001

Borough Clerk Casais gave briefing of compliance events for adjusted Administrative Consent Order. He made note that the Borough is on a strict time-table that it has met to-date upon being notified of defects in early March 2018.

Item #2 – 2018 Capital Budget

Chief Financial Officer Blum reviewed the second draft of the Capital Budget. Discussion ensued amongst the Governing Body about a fuel fob system. It was agreed that more research might be needed as the Borough moves forward with establishing a new DPW facility. The recommendation of the governing body was to leave the item in the description for the bond.

Mr. Blum gave a detailed breakdown of the Fire Department's revised requests for consideration. The governing body agreed that the washer and dryer could be removed; several members noted that the use of a washer and dryer was currently covered in an unwritten shared service agreement with the Borough of Kenilworth's Fire Department.

As discussion continued Mr. Blum recommended keeping the provision for testing failed firehose testing. The governing body agreed.

The governing body recommended specifying "zoning" for inclusion in the marketing study portion of the Bond Ordinance.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Fahoury moved at 10:22 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

- Asked if copies of Master Plan are available for the public; Noted that the governing body should look to the Master Plan for potential improvements before spending \$30,000.00 on a study.

Mayor Hokanson and Borough Clerk Casais stated that the Master Plan is available for the public through the website or the Clerk's Office.

- Stated that he recently saw DPW replacing soil depressions where New Jersey American Water did work.
- Recommended that the governing body cut 10% from "Other Expenses" lines.

Saul Qersdyn, 150 Berwyn Street

- Spoke about the new vehicle policy in relation to the use of a vehicle by the Fire Chief.
- Provided photos from 2016 and explained that they showed Fire Chief Signorello's vehicle in an official business space at the county administration building during the

drawing of ballot positions for school board candidates; noted he was running for office that year.

- Asked the governing body clarify this matter.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Fahoury moved at 10:33 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject meeting; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Fahoury moved at 10:34 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Connelly and adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk