

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council July 21, 2005

PRESENT: Mayor DeIorio; Councilmembers Badillo (in at 7:45 p.m.), Harms, Murphy, Matarante, Zeglarski; Borough Attorney Bill Lane

ABSENT: Councilman Rubilla

Mayor DeIorio called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Donna Corrigan read a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Notice of Public Hearing by the County of Union to discuss the diversion of Green Acres property for storm sewer pipes and outflows into the Rahway River at Block 103, Lot 1 and Block 105, Lot 1 in the Township of Cranford in conjunction with the Northeast Quadrant Stormwater Management Project – Phase 2 and Phase 5. (Received and filed).

Notice of a Public Hearing regarding an application filed by New Cingular Wireless for certain bulk variances, along with preliminary and final major site plan approval for property at 110 East Westfield Avenue, which will be before the Roselle Park Planning Board on July 18, 2005. (Received and filed).

Notice of Hearing regarding opening of a light manufacturing shop (an Embroidery Shop) located at 136 East Westfield Avenue, which will be heard by the Planning Board. (Received and filed).

Request from the residents of the 300 block of Hemlock Street to hold a “Block Party” on Saturday, August 20, 2005 from 12:00 Noon until 10:00 p.m. This has the approval of the Police Department. (Referred to Council).

Councilman Badillo moved to grant permission for the residents of the 300 block of Hemlock Street to hold a block party on Saturday, August 20, 2005 from 12:00 Noon until 10:00 p.m.; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Matarante moved that the reading of the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of June 16, 2005 be dispensed with as all members have received copies and they be approved as recorded; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilman Matarante moved that the Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2005 be accepted and spread upon the minutes with the exception of the budget detail; seconded by Councilman Murphy and adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following routine bills listed on a consent agenda were offered by Councilman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Matarante.

Current Account Cks. #5059-5174 #90141-90143

2004 Reserve	\$	2,599.57	
2005		2,147,944.32	
Reserve for Grants		<u>12,453.19</u>	2,162,997.08

Capital Account Ck. #283-294 126,868.89

Animal Control Trust Account Ck. #139 1,660.17

Recreation Trust Account Cks. #205-206 830.00

Sewer Utility Account Cks. #273-276

Sewer Utility Account	2004	.00	
Sewer Utility Account	2005	107,595.55	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield		2,414.60	
U.S. Healthcare		1,722.69	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	06/24/05	11,145.09	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	07/08/05	<u>11,182.64</u>	134,060.57

Hud Trust Account Ck. #202-204

Hud Trust Account		741.64	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	06/24/05	946.96	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	07/08/05	<u>996.80</u>	2,685.40

Trust Others Account Ck. #31

Trust Others Account		200.00	
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Roselle Park Payroll Debit	06/24/05	10,424.01	
Roselle Park Payroll Debit	07/08/05	<u>2,621.51</u>	13,245.52
<u>Public Assistance Trust Cks. #1068-1090</u>			4,806.00

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RESOLVED: The Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$33,693.24 payable to:

Wachovia-Cust/Sass Muni V dtr
123 S. Broad Street, PA 1328 S
Tax Lien Services Group
Philadelphia, PA 19109

For redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #03-04, held by Wachovia-Cust/Sass Muni V dtr on Block 314, Lot 10 (otherwise known as 240 Westfield Ave. W., Roselle Park, NJ) and assessed in the name of Charles Goeller, Inc.

Lien #03-04 (dated 10/14/04)	\$ 8,326.59
4% Flat Penalty	333.06
Recording Fee	40.00

Subsequent Charges Paid by Lienholder:

Taxes paid 2/17/05	3,450.38
Interest on above from 2/17/05-7/21/05 @ 18% interest	251.70
Taxes paid 5/26/04	3,465.78
Interest on above from 5/26/05-7/21/05 @ 18% interest	93.58
6% penalty	912.30
Taxes paid 12/31/04	15,205.05
Interest on above from 12/31/04-7/21/05	1,528.11
Interest on 6% penalty from 12/31/04-7/21/05	91.69

Total redemption amount \$33,698.24

The Treasurer is also hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$45,000.00 returning the premium.

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RESOLVED: The Collector-Treasurer is hereby authorized to reduce the Sewer Utility charges on the following account for 2005:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>BILLED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>REDUCED</u>
Horsch, Patricia & Goldshine	106/18	663	568	95
Patel, Rajnikant D. & Urmillaben	107/20	332	53	279

Priff, Rose M.		110/11	142	122	20
Roselle Park Real Estate LLC		212/6	560	554	6
Morey, Cynthia & Osorio, R.		403/7	300	19	281
Krick, Richard & Carole		404/19	279	51	228
Rozaieski, William & Mary		410/7	641	19	622
Pompei, Andrew & Geraldine		421/16	204	88	116
Klotz, Robert C. & Theresa		513/2	368	47	321
Walsh, Bryan & Laureen		603/42	181	107	74
Kolbeck, Kevin & Joanne		604/21	167	58	109
Costa Property, Inc.		605/17	1139	886	253
Montes, Manuel & Maria		606/36	2087	331	1756
Costa Property c/o A. Costa	T002	608/16	48	46	2
Cosmo Prop c/o A. Costa	T0047	608/16	3204	2555	649
Cosmo Prop c/o A. Costa	T0048	608/16	84	57	27
Cosmo Prop c/o A. Costa	T0049	608/16	237	177	60
Cosmo Prop c/o A. Costa	T0173	608/16	338	67	271
Costa & Morabito Enterprises		608/17	886	229	657
Costa Rental Properties	T0074	608/19	2705	495	2210
Costa Rental Properties	T0080	608/19	489	214	275
Costa Rental Properties	T0081	608/19	4668	1136	3532
Zennario, Leonard, Sr.		608/21	239	41	198
Primose, LLC c/o J. Tammam	T0148	608/23	338	282	56
Daitol, Jack & Eloisa		702/1	303	88	215
Venturo, Martin & Antonia		707/8	286	80	206
Vitale, Gerald & Kathleen		715/11	256	96	160
Taylor, Irene		120/1	287	38	249
Moura, Jose & Maria		1110/26	451	39	412
Dicosmo, Adolfo		803/9	130	99	31
Muroski, Anna		901/7	247	192	55
Heath, Robert & Janice		903/12	634	192	442
Zdanowicz, Paul & Danielle		904/20	184	52	132
Machado, Robert & Cynthia		905/22	321	179	142
Tadduni, Santina ET ALS	T001	906/42	88	44	44
Rubino Family Trust/L. Rubino		909/2	201	197	4
McGovern, Francis J. & P.		910/10	70	22	48
Beveridge, Robert & Arlene		1003/13	671	29	642
Tobin, P.		1006/5	237	99	138
Savarese, Pietro & Anna		1007/5	301	133	168
Gigl, R.		1014/21	50	26	24
Montgomery, Craig		1015/9	209	85	124
Berrios, Ana		1015/17	81	41	40
Smith, Joan		1017/33	390	58	332
Demas, James & Linda		1104/3	344	56	288
Woodruff, Milton & Elizabeth		1109/7	116	85	31
Patricia, Eguene		1110/22	972	19	953
Szary, Anita		1110/37	45	24	21

The Collector-Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund overpayment on the 2005 Sewer Utility payment to the following homeowner:

Tobin, Patrick & Candace 1006/5 Amount refunded \$241.50
427 Sherman Avenue
Roselle Park, NJ 07204

Costa Property, Inc. 605/17 Amount refunded \$442.75
218 Chestnut Street
Mailing Address: 270 Newark Ave., Union, NJ 07083

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Roll called, all members voting Aye, said resolutions were adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER

Resolution #96-05, appointing of Police Officer Joshua Medrano, was offered by Councilman Matarante and seconded by Councilman Harms. (See app. pg. #

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said appointment was confirmed.

The Oath of Office was given to Joshua Medrano by Mayor DeIorio, while his family looked on.

Mayor DeIorio congratulated and welcomed Joshua to the Roselle Park Police Department and said he looked forward to his fine work.

Chief Wielgus congratulated him and presented him with his badge. He said it was a pleasure to have Joshua on board saying he did an excellent job with the testing and interview process.

Officer Medrano said he was extremely honored to be working for Roselle Park and said he would do his very best.

PRESENTATION

Mayor DeIorio said Councilman Badillo asked the Governing Body to make a special presentation to Ryan Henry. Councilman Badillo said the Little League Tournament came to an end on Saturday and the reason that tournament is so successful is because of people like Jeff Henry, who is in charge of the fields. He said between every game he drags, lines and wets the fields down. He said the fields are immaculate and every year they get compliments. He said one of the standouts is Ryan who is 16 years old and is at those fields every single day getting them ready. He said he likes to see the positive in Roselle Park and stated Ryan is one of the finest young men in town and a great tribute to his family. He presented Ryan with a plaque that read "Citizenship

Award presented to Ryan Henry in recognition and with deepest appreciation for his dedicated service and significant contributions to the Roselle Park community". Ryan thanked all the people that helped, because without them, the tournament would not be what it is. Jeff Henry said he was very proud of his son and thanked the whole Badillo Family, saying Ricky has been doing this for 14 years.

PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

Second Reading and Public Hearing

An Ordinance (#2160) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1930 REGARDING CHANGES IN BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER AEROBICS FEES", was brought up and read by title only on its second reading and public hearing.

Councilman Matarante moved that the public hearing on Ordinance #2160 be opened; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Greg Kinloch, 336 Sheridan Avenue, said he sees there is going to be an increase of \$30.00 to \$40.00 and wondered why it was necessary to increase the cost. Mayor DeIorio said the recommendation came from the Community Center Committee in response to the Council's inquiry about trying to raise additional funds from other sources. Mr. Kinloch asked if it was a senior citizen activity and said maybe it would be alright to raise the fees for the regulars but not seniors. Mayor DeIorio said that was a good point. Councilman Badillo said he was on the Committee and would bring Mr. Kinloch's suggestion to the next meeting. Mr. Kinloch asked if they would table this ordinance; Mayor DeIorio said he did not feel there would be any harm with postponing it.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Matarante moved to close the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Councilman Badillo moved to postpone Ordinance #2160 until the September meeting to review the issue of a different charge for senior citizens; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Introduction

An Ordinance (#2161) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1930 REGARDING CHANGES IN BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL FEES", was introduced and read by title only on its first reading.

Mayor DeIorio suggested postponing Ordinance #2161 since it also involved fees at the Casano Community Center.

Councilman Badillo moved to postpone the introduction of Ordinance #2161 to discuss different rental rates for senior citizens; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

An Ordinance (#2162) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1184 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESCINDING PERMIT PARKING AND DESIGNATING TIME LIMIT PARKING ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF EAST CLAY AVENUE", was introduced and read by title only on its first reading. (See app. pg. #).

Councilman Matarante moved that Ordinance #2162 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for first reading and public hearing on August 18, 2005; seconded by Councilman Badillo.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

An Ordinance (#2163) entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2159 REGARDING THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE CREATION OF A DISTRICT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION", was introduced and read by title only on its first reading. (See app. pg. #).

Councilman Matarante moved that Ordinance #2163 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for first reading and public hearing on August 18, 2005; seconded by Councilman Murphy.

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said ordinance was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

The following routine resolutions, listed on a consent agenda, were offered by Councilman Matarante and seconded by Councilman Murphy. (See app. pg. #).

- #95-05 – Accepting bid of Great Northern Recycling for the pick up and disposal of curbside recycling
- #97-05 – Accepting bid of Vienna Electric to provide and install a natural gas powered AC 120-230 volt electric generator at the DPW Yard (\$44,480.00)
- #98-05 – Approving insertion of an item in the 2005 budget for "Farmer's Market Grant" in the amount of \$400.00
- #99-05 – Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to perform all matters necessary to enable the issuance of payment to the Roselle Park Board of Education for August 2005
- #100-05 – Amending Resolution No. 8-05 naming depository and authorized signators
- #101-05 – Authorizing the execution of modifications of the Interlocal Services Agreement

Roll called, all members voting Aye, said resolutions were adopted.

MATTERS FOR REFERRAL

Councilman Murphy said Ann Beeman's father passed away this morning and services will be at Mastapeter's Funeral Home. He said he has received a number of calls regarding people parking their cars on side lawns and rear lawns on grassy areas. Mayor DeIorio suggested having it go through the committee process. He said they keep talking about property tax reform and the prospects of it and he is disappointed with the Senate's failure to tackle the New Jersey property tax crisis. He asked Acting Governor and Senate President Codey to take a lead in the efforts to address the over reliance on property taxes and its effects on low and moderate income citizens. Councilman Murphy said the Senators opposed the bill according to the Senate President because it called for the election of delegates in the Spring rather than in the November elections, and because the convention would not be able to address spending issues and the likely outcome of any property tax reform process would mean an increase in income taxes. He said it looks like they will have to wait another year for progress to be made towards property tax relief.

Councilman Harms said everyone should have received in their packet a letter about Chiego Place and the builder who wanted to buy the piece of property. He said the letter stated that the priest withdrew giving the street back to the Borough and the lawyer for the builder is new and did not know a lot about it. Borough Attorney Bill Lane said he was going to explore it with the pastor, and in fact, he realized that they would have to proceed with any variance or subdivision relief in front of the Board and indicated that his client, which is the Church of the Assumption was withdrawing the request that the Borough assumed the responsibility of Chiego Place. Councilman Harms said he wanted the public to know that the issue was addressed. He said there was an article in the newspaper regarding sidewalks being lifted by tree roots. He said there is grant money available and Mayor DeIorio said he also read the article. He said he was very excited when he read the article, but stated the Borough never gets any money. Councilman Harms said the Borough never applied for it and suggested that next year if the Borough does have the sidewalk program they should apply. He said there are some rules that apply, with one being that they will replace the sidewalk with taxpayer dollars, but if the homeowner moves out within the first year you would have to pay the full amount, the second year half, but the third year you would not have to pay anything. Mayor DeIorio said the day he read the report in the Star Ledger he immediately sent a letter to the Union County Utilities Authority letting them know that the Borough is very interested in that program, but has not yet gotten a response from them. Councilman Harms suggested a follow up letter, saying it would be a win-win situation. He asked when the sign for the Youth Center was going up. Mayor DeIorio suggested he speak to Councilman Murphy who worked very hard on that and said it was in the Purchasing Clerk's Department for consideration. He said there was an issue with the lettering and making sure it met the quality. Mayor DeIorio said they would get a written response from the Purchasing Agent. Councilman Murphy said he had a question regarding the sidewalk program and

asked if the Borough would put a lien on someone's property. He questioned how you stop someone from selling a house and staying on top of it to collect money a year later. Councilman Harms said he would have to find out all the details because the article did not go into all of that. Mayor DeIorio said he did not recall getting an application from the Union County Utilities Authority to our municipality, but stated that their interest has been documented.

Councilman Matarante said he had two quick referrals to the Public Safety Committee. He said he received a memo from the Police Chief requesting someone for the Records Room and said he received a call from a resident requesting a handicap spot in front of their house. Councilman Badillo said in the past the Police Chief has recommended Council not to pass that and one of the reasons is because of the lack of parking in Roselle Park. He also stated that the handicap spot would not be specific to a person. Borough Attorney Bill Lane said there are other concerns because there could be someone who resides there in 2005 and if they pass away or move, the spot remains. Councilman Matarante said one of the dispatchers have resigned and the Public Safety Committee needs to discuss how they want to replace that individual.

Councilman Badillo requested a moment of silence for Officer Reeves from Newark that was killed in the line of duty. He said the Little League Tournament was a success and thanked the Councilmembers that took the time to go there and support our kids. He thanked Jim Talbot, President on the men's side and Debbie Shaffer, Auxiliary President on the women's side. He said they put in a lot of hours and he wanted to thank them and their groups. He thanked Pete Delgado, who is his Assistant Tournament Director for the last 2 years who has taken a lot of pressure off his shoulders. He thanked Jerome from the Leader for covering the games so well. He said the 12 year old team took 2nd place and the 10 year old team took second place in Colonia. He said he would like to have both teams in to honor them. He asked when the bid would go out for the storm drain wall behind the houses on E. Grant Avenue. Mayor DeIorio said if the financial issues have already been addressed, Ed Dec would be the person to write up the specifications with the Purchasing Agent. Councilman Badillo requested that a letter go out asking him when they will be going out to bid. He said regarding the flood issue affecting people in the first, second and third wards, FEMA has been dragging their feet again. He said he has gone to Congressman Mike Ferguson who is putting a meeting together with FEMA representatives, representatives from the Michael Baker engineering firm, Tom Griffith the gentleman who did the study for the Borough, Ed Dec and himself.

Councilman Zeglarski said the Borough is having a training session next week for the website, which will create a lot of the content for it. He said hopefully they will get it up sooner rather than later.

Mayor DeIorio said Councilman Murphy mentioned earlier about the failure of Trenton to enact long, lasting and permanent property tax reform. He said he works for members of the legislature from the 21st District and has the fortunate opportunity to see some of the budget details as they have been passed by the legislature. He said when you receive your tax bills, you will be noticing a dramatic increase and when a Borough like

Roselle Park struggles each and every year to try to reduce costs and limit programs, we still fail to receive additional State aid. He said ironically the State passed a new law creating what's called an Abbot Boarder District and essentially 5 districts in the State, with the closest one being Hillside, and those 5 will receive 20 million more in school aid when Roselle Park's State aid has stayed flat. He said the State should take the same 20 million and spread it throughout the State of New Jersey because any additional dollars from the State would have been a benefit to our schools through State aid. He said more than 30 million dollars went to the City of Camden because they were designated a distressed city and experiencing budget short falls. Mayor DeIorio said essentially the State of New Jersey decided that if you don't do well and do not know how to budget your municipal dollars, you get over 30 million dollars more. He said once again Roselle Park has been shortchanged and said he was saying this so that the public is aware and can contact their representatives and legislative leaders down in Trenton. He said it was a shame and only hurt the taxpayers. Councilman Zeglarski said he could not agree more. Mayor DeIorio said it was not a Democrat/Republican issue, it is an across the board unfairness issue. Councilman Zeglarski said with the Senate not picking up on the vote to go forward with the convention, it is important to contact your State legislators. He said in the 21st District when the vote for the assembly was put up, Assemblyman Bramnick voted no against the convention and Assemblyman Munoz did not show up. Mayor DeIorio said Assemblyman Munoz was actually ill in the hospital. Councilman Zeglarski said it was important to contact the State legislatures and tell them what they wanted was some change and it was unfortunate that they did not see it the same way. He said Senator Tom Kean does not think the convention is a good thing because he has been quoted in his own press releases as stating that the convention is out of control and is an idea that lost it's way. Councilman Zeglarski said he did not think there was any chance that our 21st District Senator would vote in favor of the convention and hoped that the people would reach out and contact our legislators and tell them we want change. Mayor DeIorio encouraged all members of the public to contact their representatives and voice their concerns and give them an opportunity to respond. Councilman Matarante said there was something in the paper last week regarding funding for State Homeland Security. He said Roselle Park got zero, and our district put in 13 requests for 2 million dollars in grant money and they were given zero. He said what concerns him is that Roselle Park borders Elizabeth and anything that were to happen in Elizabeth that the Port Authority Police could not handle, Roselle Park is going to be part of the first responders. He said the grant was for equipment and felt that the politicians in Trenton were playing with people's lives. He said it was absurd that some community that is 50 miles away from what could be a targeted area is getting money and Roselle Park who borders a potential target gets nothing. Councilman Matarante said as liaison to the Police Department he would have a real tough time asking our Police Officers, Firemen, and EMS people to respond to a situation, especially a biohazard, where there could be an issue they might not be properly equipped for because they were not able to get funding for better, more updated equipment.

Mayor DeIorio said he had one issue to discuss in closed session regarding potential litigation over a question and report from the Environment Protection Agency against the Borough. Borough Attorney Bill Lane said he also had one potential

litigation matter to discuss regarding the potential claim and/or litigation against the general contractor of the Youth Center, specifically with regards to repairs that have yet to be done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Matarante moved, at 8:25 p.m., to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Councilman Zeglarski apologized for not having the resolution for the open minutes published for this meeting, saying he got caught up in other issues and forgot. He said he would work to have it prepared for the next meeting.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue, said a simple solution to the Property Tax Convention 30, 30, 30. A 30% cut in pay of all elected appointed bureaucrats, a 30% cut in their pension and a 30% co-pay towards their health benefits. He told the Mayor he spoke to a couple business people in the last week and there was only about 20 people at the side meeting. Mr. Magiera said the Borough Attorney referred to the Mayor as his client and asked if the Mayor paid his attorney fees or do the taxpayers. Mr. Lane said if he referred to him as his client individually, then he misspoke. He said his client is Mayor and Council and taxpayers pay the Government, who in turn pays his fee. Mr. Magiera said there is approximately 1 million dollars in surplus and asked why they could not have taken money from that 1 million dollars in surplus and used it for fireworks money and then when they got donations replaced that money. He said there is also about \$700,000.00 left in Schering Plough money. Mayor DeIorio said to answer his question about the surplus, they do have about a million dollars in surplus but what Mr. Magiera may not be aware of is that the Borough used additional surplus monies to try to offset the burden of taxes to our taxpayers. He said as a former member of Council Mr. Magiera probably knows that depleting surplus does not help the taxpayer. He said in a future year if you do not have the same monies to use then, you have a shortfall and would have to ask taxpayers for more money. He said the Chief Financial Officer was instructed during budget discussions this year to come up with a method where they can use additional surplus and return those dollars back to the public and reduce the burden to property tax payers. Mr. Magiera said last year he questioned how much money the Borough had in capital ordinances and they came out and found \$231,000.00 dollars. He said this year he asked if there was any more money left over in capital ordinances and was told yes about \$50,000.00. He asked the Mayor to explain the Borough pension plan and if the Borough was paying their portion of the pension to the State. He said if not, what happened to the money the Borough was suppose to be contributing. Mayor DeIorio said if Mr. Magiera was asking for a response to his pension question, the Borough does pay their bills. Mr. Magiera said Governor Whitman some years ago used pension money that was not put into the State pension and that is why Acting-Governor Codey is addressing the pension plan. He said the employees contribute to the pension out of their own pocket and then the Borough contributes a certain amount. He asked if the amount the Borough contributes is kept here or sent to Trenton. Mayor DeIorio said whatever bills are due to the Public Employees Retirement System is paid to the State of

New Jersey. Mr. Magiera asked when the last time money was paid. Mayor DeLorio said if Mr. Magiera is going to ask specific questions, he respectfully asked that he posed those questions in writing so he can be given a proper response in writing, and he would ask the Chief Finance Officer to respond directly to Mr. Magiera in writing. Mr. Magiera said there is a traffic light for the Public Safety Committee on the corner of E. Grant and Chestnut Street going toward W. Grant Avenue. He said about 150 feet if you are coming up E. Grant toward Chestnut, you cannot see that traffic light because the leaves and branches are obstructing that light. He said the new traffic lights are higher and you can see the traffic light on Locust Street, but you cannot see the traffic light on Chestnut and E. Grant Avenue. He said in his opinion the Board of Education had a legal vote, but was forced to re-vote. He addressed Councilman Badillo who was sponsoring 25% off at Bally's for Borough employees and asked if it was for employees only. Councilman Badillo said it was for employees, their families, the Board of Education, and their employees and families. Mr. Magiera asked why the residents of Roselle Park were not invited. Councilman Badillo said he sat down with representatives of Bally's, the Labor Attorney, and the CFO and one of the things they talked about during the budget season was reducing benefit cost. He said a lot of companies across the country are offering similar things to try and get healthier and subsequently help reduce claims which would reduce the cost of insurances. Mr. Magiera addressed Councilman Harms saying his neighbor across the street had 30 pieces for bulk pick up and this morning about 6 pieces were left. He suggested allowing residents to put it out a day earlier and perhaps the scavengers will pick everything up. He read an article entitled "Dubious State Billing" regarding insurance where the State had overcharged the insurance industry by 1 million dollars. He said the Board of Education should get back \$45,000.00 out of the \$50,000.00 they were charged for someone to review the building plans.

Gregory Kinloch, 336 Sheridan Avenue, said when he hears Bally's, he's on a bus going to Atlantic City. He said 2 weeks ago the Mayor went on in great length to admonish the Board of Education for their vote of 5-3 not to use Green Acres facilities for fireworks. He said he further went on to single out his wife Nancy and that night at the end of the meeting he said she was not going to talk for long, but she talked for about 45 minutes. He said when they were leaving she said she thought he was going to get up and say something to defend her, and he told her he felt she did a pretty good job. He said his wife questioned why the Mayor did that to her because she felt he knew her better than that and questioned why he called her political. He said on Friday they got about 12 phone calls and one from Walnut Street accused his wife of taking bribes and kickbacks. He said they got another one from Donald Place who said she pays her salary and is for the fireworks. He said on Tuesday, Nancy went to work and the phone rang with woman from W. Roselle Avenue on the line saying she was impressed with Nancy and how she took the barrage from people who have been doing this for a long time. The woman said she lived in Roselle Park for 20 years and has always supported the Mayor, but has now changed her mind and said that Nancy was her new mentor. Mr. Kinloch said he had trouble understanding why the Mayor singled her out when there were 5 people that voted no. He said he figured out why when the Mayor opened the door and walked into the meeting. He said he was retaliating for a position his wife took over a year ago when there was an incident in the Police Department and the Board of

Education sent out a letter in favor of what was going on in the appeal process. He said his wife had just gotten back from an operation and was apprised of it and said it should not have gone out because that was getting politically involved and the Board rescinded that letter. He said the only one criticized and chastised was Nancy. Mr. Kinloch said it was his understanding that the Mayor of Roselle Park gets \$12,000.00 and Councilmen in Roselle Park get \$9,000.00. He said the Fanwood Mayor and Council get \$1.00; the Kenilworth Mayor and Council get \$125.00 each quarter equaling \$500.00 a year; the Mountainside Mayor gets \$1,500.00 and Council gets \$1,200.00; the New Providence Mayor gets \$6,000.00 and Council gets \$4,500.00; the Cranford Mayor gets \$4,509.00 and Council gets \$4,091.00; the Summit Mayor and Council are volunteers. He said Roselle Park has 6 Councilmen and at \$9,000.00 that is \$54,000.00, and including the Mayor's salary that comes to \$66,000.00. He said they are always complaining there is no money and 6 other towns do not get paid nearly what this Council gets.

Mayor DeIorio said he appreciated Mr. Kinloch coming to speak because they do not always see eye to eye, and they both have strong opinions.

James Cray, 137 Charlotte Terrace, congratulated the new Police Officer and wished him well. He said his mother wrote an editorial in the paper about his bother and he wanted to touch on that. He said his brother is autistic and the Board of Education did a fantastic job of putting him through the process. He thanked Councilman Badillo for getting his brother involved with the buddy ball program and said he taught him how to have fun. He said his brother is now going through a excellent program in Cherry Hill and he wanted to thank the Board of Education for all they have done for him. He thanked them for having the fireworks because they had them for 12 years and he sees no reason in canceling them. Mr. Cray said when school starts he wants to get more involved with the Youth Center Teen Nights, saying he would like to have one every other month. He said he is confident he could run these events with the Boys & Girls Club and proposed a wrestling program at the Youth Center. He said he would speak with the Wrestling Coach at the High School about borrowing some old mats. He said he would be happy to get involved with these programs because when he was a teen, the 7 Eleven was the center.

There being no one else which to speak, Councilman Matarante moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Mayor DeIorio reminded the public that during the budget process Mayor and Council took into consideration the increase imposed by the Board of Education and rightly so, they have a reconstruction program going that they supported. He said they received the same municipal aid they received last year. He said looking at their increase and the County's increase, Council considered a lot of cuts and rolled back their salaries. He said the towns that were mentioned earlier, except for Kenilworth, have Business Administrators to handle day to day operations. He said the Governing Body members take on a lot of the day to day operations of this Borough, so not only do they legislate, but many times manage many of the issues that occur in the Borough. He said Mayor

and Council do receive a salary, but he remembers being on Council with Mr. Kinloch and Mr. Milici when an adjustment was made to increase the salaries because of the work this Governing Body does. Mayor DeIorio said he does not have any personal axes to grind.

Councilman Badillo said he had a request to the Council liaisons of the Board of Education. He said recently the basketball rims were taken down at Acker Park due to dozens of complaints that the young children could not use the park. He said for the last 2 years, the High School has taken down their rims and never replaced them. He said the High School is a more appropriate place for the bigger kids. He requested the Borough liaisons to petition them to put back those courts.

Councilman Murphy said sometimes when people talk, they need to put things in layman's terms. He said he heard a lot about the fireworks and one thing no one talks about is supply and demand. He said the demand for fireworks on the 4th of July cost four times the amount of money that one would pay to have fireworks done on any other day of the year. He said put that in dollars and the typical fireworks in the Borough of Roselle Park on a 4th of July weekend would cost the Borough on the low end about \$15,000.00 and on the high end \$20,000.00 vs. \$4,000.00. He said he supported cutting out the fireworks on the 4th of July and the Mayor did his best to seek donations. Councilman Murphy said another point that was brought out was talking about salaries and said the Mayor made a good point because most of those municipalities have an Administrator. He said they have explored the possibility of an Administrator for the Borough and the typical salary runs on a low of \$65,000.00 upwards to an average of \$80,000.00 and that is far greater than the \$66,000.00 being paid now. He said he is at the Municipal Building every single day and said Council does spend a lot of time there and it all boils down to economics.

Mayor DeIorio read the Closed Session Resolution and said Council would be discussing the following matter:

- . Potential Litigation – EPA upcoming report
- . Continued Potential Litigation – Blackstone contract

INTERRUPT THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Matarante moved at, 9:10 p.m., to interrupt the regular order of business for a closed session meeting; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

RESUME THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Matarante moved, at 9:30 p.m., to resume the regular order of business; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Mayor DeIorio said during closed session Council discussed matters pertaining to:

. Potential Litigation –EPA upcoming report

. Continued Potential Litigation – Blackstone contract

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at 9:31 p.m., Councilman Matarante moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Harms and adopted.

Attest:

Deputy Borough Clerk