

Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council May 3, 2007

PRESENT: Mayor DeIorio; Councilmembers Badillo, Harms, Matarante, Rubilla,
and Yakubov; CFO Ken Blum; Borough Attorney Bill Lane

ABSENT: Councilman Dinardo

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 recorded 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 Doreen Cali read a short prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CY 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Harms moved at 7:30 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting for the public hearing on the 2007 Municipal Budget; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Councilman Matarante, Finance Liaison, said that the 2007 budget represents an increase of \$120.73 for the average house assessed at \$65,000.00 for municipal taxes. He said the preparation of this budget was a difficult process with many long meetings. He said when they first started out the budget was about \$585,000 over the budget CAP law. This required some difficult decisions to make, employees were terminated and some programs had to be cut. He said as of April 30, 2007 items such as the Shuttle Bus Program, the Parking Enforcement Officer, and two Deputy Coordinators of OEM were eliminated. He said effective June 30th, bulky waste and the Grant Writer will be terminated. He said it was the intention not to compromise the level of services that we provide to the residents, but at the same time complying with the state law. He asked the CFO to prepare the budget in a way that we could see mandatory and non-mandatory appropriations. He said as far as mandatory appropriations were concerned, there was an increase of \$928,404.49 which included increased pension costs of \$157,000, increased insurance costs of about \$65,000, increased utility costs of \$142,000 and statutory contribution to the library increased by \$60,745.00. He said the mandatory appropriations were decreased. These were things that we had control over and they decreased by \$48,232.00. He said some of the things they tried to do were a negotiated contractual salary increase of 3.75% which is less than the cost of living. Additionally, all existing and non-contractual DPW workers are contributing 5% to their health benefits and new employees will have a 10% co-pay by next year. On the revenue side, we increased the amount of surplus used by \$80,000. State aid finally had a slight increase in several years of \$27,000. He also said other revenues were increased, such as local miscellaneous revenues by \$12,000, UCC fees were

increased by \$7,000, grants were increased by \$179,000, general miscellaneous revenues were increased by \$133,000 and receipts from delinquent taxes increased by \$10,000. He said we also applied for extraordinary aid at \$250,000 and last year we received \$100,000. Councilman Matarante informed the residents that by paying their taxes on time in the year they are due, greatly reduces the reserve for uncollected taxes. He said each year the Tax Office is given the amount to collect through taxation, which includes county tax, county open space tax, school tax and municipal tax. The Borough must pay taxes due to the County and school whether or not current taxes are paid by the taxpayer. He said when a taxpayer does not pay their taxes in the year due; it will ultimately increase the tax rate the following year. He said all taxpayers suffer as a result of property owners not paying taxes in the year they are due. He said they will continually try to stabilize taxes and maximize services to the residents and will continue to work hard to continue the level of services that we have had in the past.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- He asked about the proposed pay cut of the Mayor and Council. He said at a budget meeting this past year Councilman Matarante said he would take a \$1,000 pay cut as well as Councilman Dinardo. He also asked if there would be a resolution pertaining to this.

Mayor DeIorio said that transpired because what initially happened was that at a public meeting the CFO had given us some figures that we needed to meet our property tax rate.

Chief Financial Officer Blum said there was a question for part time employees to receive a raise for 2006 and 2007, along with the contractual obligations of 3.75% for those two years for union members. He said it was determined that when we were looking to get under the budget CAP law of \$585,000 it would save us for 2006 about \$16,000. He said when it was discussed, it was determined that Council decided to give raises for 2006 to part timers but not 2007. It was suggested that if money was not able to be found for that, they would take a \$1,000 pay cut for whatever amount it came to. He said when we put everything together, the monies were able to be found through transfers and that is where we are right now.

Mayor DeIorio said right now the resolution has not been settled with the amount for Mayor and Council plus other part time salaries. He said that will be done at a later date. If we do find that we need to have additional deductions to our municipal budget, we can go back to that and reduce salaries. He said he has another proposal that he would like to share with everyone. He said that irrespective of what happens there should be some help for our residents. He said the amount that would be reduced in Council salaries would be \$7,000 which is ¼ of a tax point or roughly \$1.63. He said that every penny saved is significant and he asked that Council consider a proposal to help donate to our fire and flood victims fund that we discussed several months ago. He said recently we had the storm that displaced many people and we needed to give money to these people to put them up in the Kenilworth Inn as the Red Cross did not provide them any assistance. He said the Governing Body had to take that money and donate it so we can help people in case of an emergency should they be displaced by a fire or flood. He said if we did not have the private donations available, we would not have been able to help the displaced families.

Councilman Harms agreed that it would be a good idea in order to help anyone in the future.

Mayor DeIorio said that it is not municipal funds, the money is private donations.

- He said when it was discussed at other meetings it was said that Mayor and Council would take a \$1,000 pay cut.

Mayor DeIorio said the final resolution has not yet been adopted.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Harms moved to close the public portion on the Municipal Budget, seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Letter from Jeff Latewic requesting permission to close the 800 block of Elm Street on Saturday, August 18, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of a Block Party, with a rain date of Sunday, August 19th.

Councilman Harms moved that permission be granted, seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MAYOR

- Mayor DeIorio presented a certificate to the Union Little League for the help that they have provided to Roselle Park for the past several months.

Councilman Badillo thanked the Union Little League for helping Roselle Park and opening the fields so that the children could play baseball. He said they have opened the fields not only for the regular season, but also for the tournament. He asked that the residents support the Union Little League play. He thanked Mark Grosso who has done a lot for the town as well as everyone else that is involved in Little League.

Councilman Matarante also thanked the Union Little League.

Councilman Harms said he attended Union's opening day and also thanked Union for helping out Roselle Park. He complimented their fields and the code that the players and parents signed. He thanked Joe Petrosky and his board for their hard work.

- Mayor DeIorio informed the public of the new construction hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the new Construction Official Jerry Eger will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and also Saturday hours by appointment only.
- He said there is information for residents affected by the flood. FEMA has forwarded the disaster assistance information for homeowners in Union County and that Roselle Park had declared a state of emergency on the day of the storm. He said if anyone

has questions, the information is on the website at www.rosellepark.net and the number for FEMA is 1-800-621-FEMA and the line is open seven days a week 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor DeIorio said there is a packet of information that will be distributed to homeowners that called our Fire Department in need of assistance. He said FEMA is also opening an office in Cranford some time next week.

- Mayor DeIorio said we have received information pertaining to bicycle safety from the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey. Police Chief Wielgus will talk more about this when he does his report. He stressed to parents how important it is for children to wear helmets when bicycle riding. It is about saving kids lives.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Yakubov

- He reported that he attended the Boys and Girls Club fundraiser last week.
- He has been working with the Police Department and Councilman Dinardo regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program and the information will be sent home through the schools.
- He said there will be a free child identification program on Saturday, May 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 1011 Central Avenue, Westfield. He thanked Nick Pagnetti for setting up this program.

Councilman Rubilla

- He received a phone call from Senator Kean's office regarding the pressure we have been putting on Conrail. He said last week we, as a municipality, sent a certified letter to Conrail and copied the Union County Legislative delegates. He said they responded today and we expect a meeting some time next week. Councilman Rubilla said anyone on Council wishing to tour the bridges may do so.

Councilman Matarante

- He said as of right now Project Graduation is putting together a fundraiser scheduled for May 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Roselle Park Auditorium. The cost is \$5.00 if the ticket is bought in advance and \$7.00 at the door. He said there is a talent contest and a bathing suit contest and it is quite enjoyable. He said Mike Genovese is the MC and will confirm the date.
- He said the High School PTSA is sponsoring a fundraiser on June 1st at the Union Elks. He said it is a night of 80's music; \$20 a person and there will be beer, wine, soda and light snacks. He said two members of the band are teachers at the high school and they are called 121 Gigawatts.

Councilman Harms

- No formal report.

Councilman Badillo

- He reminded everyone that it is a National Day of Prayer that everyone should keep praying for our troops overseas. He wished Governor Corzine a speedy recovery.
- He thanked everyone that has helped in the positive programming that we have. He acknowledged Mark Grosso and that he be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his involvement.
- He said that the Westbrook will be in Mr. Villano's report and we have a meeting on May 8th with the DEP. He said after the storm Mr. Villano, Councilman Matarante and he inspected the Westbrook on Grant to see how it was performing and it was flowing at capacity. He said Mr. Villano suggested an emergency repair and that is what the meeting with the DEP in Trenton will be about. He said one of the options we are suggesting is to make it a closed pipe instead of an open storm drain. He said that is good news for the residents in that area.
- He said it is ERM who is putting in the wells on the Little League Field and we are ahead of schedule. He said they are just awaiting the test results and we will know what we are looking at.
- He asked that SLAP be scheduled along the border of Roselle and Roselle Park. He asked that they clean up the train tracks in the area of Coolidge Condominiums.
- He attended the Girl Scouts Pancake breakfast on Saturday and it was very well attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilman Harms moved at 8:30 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- He thanked Mayor DeIorio for emphasizing children riding on bicycles and the need to wear helmets.
- He reminded that in Mayor DeIorio's comments that he wanted the residents to help and they are.
- He said there were ten people cleaning the bike path two weeks ago.
- He said a number of residents asked him to ask Councilman Harms why he didn't know the difference between a trim and a full trim at \$375.00 each, since he had a copy of the trees to be trimmed and okayed the contract. He said that the tree at 607 Sheridan which had a trim done will probably have to be cut down.
- He said at the March 15th meeting affordable housing was discussed in closed session and asked if there are any updates.

Borough Attorney Lane said at this time he is not familiar with the status.

- Mr. Magiera asked if we are able to buy affordable housing from other communities.

Councilman DeIorio said by buying affordable housing units, the Borough would then have to provide more affordable housing. He said some communities have sold it to reduce the number of affordable housing units as required by state law. He said there is a recent court matter where they stopped it; we cannot do that anymore.

- He asked if there would be a report on how to prevent the accumulation of water; due to all of the floods it causes mosquitoes, West Nile Virus and water in the storm sewers.
- He asked how many trees were taken down on Walnut Street between E. Lincoln and E. Grant when the street was reconstructed.

Mayor DeIorio said he does not know the exact number because that was done last year. He said the engineering firm was Guarriello and Dec and based on the engineer's recommendation in order to provide a street that is straight, there were some unavoidable removal of trees. He said those trees have been replaced for free as a part of PSE&G programs.

- He asked about resolution 27-07 on January 4, 2007. He asked how much it costs for an ordinance because he has a figure of \$400.00 and \$550.00 for each multiple purpose ordinance.

Chief Financial Officer Blum said that is the Bond Counsel's legal fees to prepare the ordinance, which is a flat fee.

Mayor DeIorio said in years past we did bond ordinances separately and we found after many years it was more financially prudent to do a multi-purpose ordinance with everything listed in one so we weren't being charged multiple times.

- He asked about an OPRA regarding a request from South Bound Brook and it took them 1 ½ years to fill the request.
- He reported on the Union County Air Traffic Advisory Board and that on April 25, 2007 the FAA meeting was well attended by many state and local officials.

Paul Endler, Borough of Roselle Park

- He announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 28th and will start at Sherman School at 10:00 a.m. and will proceed to the Library for a ceremony. He said that Mr. Magiera, who is a Korean veteran, will be Grand Marshall.

Glen Marczewski, 622 Sherman Avenue

- He asked about developers that had been at a previous meeting.

Mayor DeIorio said that there were no developers at open meetings for the public. He said the open meetings here were with our Community Planner, Heyer, Gruel and Associates, to solicit opinions from the public to provide us with the New Directions Plan, which was distributed to the public in the beginning of January. He also helped put together a

Redevelopment Plan as required by law and that plan also had to be adopted. Mayor DeIorio said we are going through the RFP process for developers to look at the Romerovski site. He said tonight we are introducing a resolution to get some grant money to provide a plan for the downtown area by tying in Sullivan Chevrolet's property in the downtown area and the train station. He said Solar Do Minho is moving ahead and there was some delay due to a change in their plans and that they have purchased the building next door. He said things are moving ahead and it is a process that we take very seriously.

- Mr. Marczewski said many businesses in the area are closing up.

Mayor DeIorio said many new ones are opening up.

- He asked why there is no senior housing since it has been talked about for many years.
- He also asked about handicap facilities at the train station.

Mayor DeIorio said that NJ Transit provides handicapped accessibility to their train stations. He said a lot of those decisions are based on the number of riders and along the Raritan Valley Line not every train station is handicapped accessible. He said they advised handicapped individuals to go to the stations that are handicapped accessible.

- He brought up the bike path and how badly it needs to be cleaned up.
- He said that the town should have a curfew.

Frank Galan, 146 W. Lincoln Avenue

- He complimented the Governing Body for working hard to reduce litter. He has noticed a significant improvement of the property and businesses along Chestnut Street. He has also noticed an increase in police presence on his street, although speeding is still a problem. The speeding increases significantly after school hours, especially after school events. He is concerned for the safety of his son and the other children who cross on Larch Street where there are no warning signs or crosswalks.
- He thanked the employees, volunteers and management of the Boys and Girls Club of America located at the Anthony Signorello Center on Chestnut Street. He said the Club provides an invaluable service to Roselle Park and gives the children a safe place to meet and learn the respect and values of truthfulness and honesty. He is honored to be able to support the Club and had an enjoyable evening along with the others at their recent fundraiser at the Elk's Club.
- He commended the Mayor and Council on taking their fiscal responsibility seriously and the tireless effort they have made to keep costs down and provide us with the high level of public services.

Suzanne Kinloch, 336 Sheridan Avenue

- She said that the town has shown their community spirit by turning purple in honor of May Day for Relay and the upcoming Cancer Society of America event "Relay for

Life.” She thanked the volunteers that helped with decorations. She also thanked the Police Department for showing relay spirit by adding purple ribbons to their uniforms and cars. She thanked the DPW under Frank Wirzbicki’s direction for helping by painting the purple line down Chestnut Street and putting the lights on the gazebo. Suzanne thanked the Borough Clerk’s Office, Doreen, Nancy and Donna, where they had plenty of ideas to keep the decorating going until June and put the purple lights outside Borough Hall. She said it is great to see the community pull together for this event. The Roselle Park Schools have encouraged the students to show their spirit by wearing purple. She said the school lunch served a variety of purple fare including purple mashed potatoes, bread, ice pops and purple macaroni salad. She said the Relay will be on June 9th and 10th at the track at Roselle Park High School. Roselle Park will host cancer survivors, caregivers, families and friends from all over Union County. The Relay will begin on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. with first lap, which is the survivor lap. The Relay will then continue with a variety of entertainment and more. She said when the sun goes down; the track is lined with luminaries lit in honor of the many cancer survivors and in memory of those who have lost their battle with cancer. She said when the sun comes up; they will take the last lap, which is the victory lap. She asked that everyone show their own Relay spirit. She said for more information there will be a meeting on May 16th at the Casano Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. She said she can be reached at 908-803-6688 or email at rp_pinkpanthers@yahoo.com for more information. She thanked members of Mayor and Council who have shown their support since 1997.

Mark Nekay, 524 Maplewood Avenue

- He thanked Maria DelRio and Suzanne Kinloch for all the work that they are putting into the Relay for Life. He asked that all the residents in Roselle Park get involved and paint the town purple.
- He said as a member of the Board of the Casano Community Center, that this Saturday they are having an Ice Cream Parlor Day from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and it is free.

Laura Hahn, 40 E. Sumner Avenue

- She was part of the event to paint the town purple and also volunteered to help decorate the high school with purple.

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

Mayor DeIorio also recognized the Middle School and their efforts in painting the town purple in honor of the Relay for Life.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Nick Villano - Borough Engineer

- He said on April 12th we accepted bids for the Chester Avenue and Lincoln Avenue Drainage Improvements. He said the numbers came in very favorable and the Borough has awarded a contract to Jenicar. He said the contracts are being prepared and when they are ready, there will be a preconstruction meeting scheduled.
- He said they have the approvals from the DOT for the Madison Avenue Reconstruction and a bid date has been scheduled with the Borough Clerk. He said the bids are being received on May 24th at 10:00 a.m. He said a copy of the plans and specifications have been given to the Borough Clerk.
- He said he will be meeting with the DEP this coming Tuesday regarding the Westbrook Stream. He said the purpose is to try and get the project started under an emergency basis and also to try to close the channel and put in a culvert so the residents can utilize that area over the culvert.
- He said we need the line televised on Webster Avenue before the design can be completed. He said the purpose is to locate any laterals that we must be connected to or replaced to connect the sewer. He recommended that they be allowed to solicit bids for a television contracting firm to do an inspection. This will help us in the design. He said he will solicit three quotes and submit them to Council.

Mayor DeIorio said that will be part of our Capital budget. He said we will get the three quotes and present them to the Finance Department.

- He said regarding the First Aid Squad Emergency Generator that they have sized the generator which will be a 25KV, which is slightly larger than what is there now. He said once it is finalized, he suggested that we purchase the generator under state contract, and then solicit quotes for the installation. The First Aid Squad will then be self sufficient and independent of the Fire Department.
- He said he has provided a proposal for the Lincoln Avenue Train Station and is waiting for Council's direction.

Mayor DeIorio said he was going to request that the Governing Body move ahead with that and he received some information from the Borough Engineer.

- Mr. Villano said that would lower our cost to prepare the prints and specs.

Mayor DeIorio said Council will move ahead with that at the next meeting.

- Mr. Villano said he was authorized by the Governing Body to finalize the plan for the Stormwater Management Plan and there was a submission to the County. He said there were several comments from the County and we are addressing those comments. He said they have also prepared the annual report and certification, which was emailed to the DEP prior to May 2nd.

- He said he has an estimate for Union Road and it is approximately \$47,000 for both the design and the cost to do the work. He said based on the meeting with the DPW and the former Engineer, this does not buy you much. He said when he meets with the DEP next week, he would like to present this project and hopefully they will give us some input as to what they will allow us to do and he can utilize the money that we have.
- He said regarding the Faitoute Fire House Bathroom Renovation, he will proceed with that. He said originally he was going to have an architect do that work, but he was advised by the Clerk to take the lead on that and proceed with the plans and specs.
- He said regarding the imprints within the crosswalks on Chestnut Street, he contacted Union County and the project is already out for bid. He asked if they would consider having these imprints of the crosswalks, which is difficult to do at this time. He said he offered to write a letter to consider us when the bids come in.

Mayor DeIorio said he had suggested to Nick that he contact the County because Chestnut Street will be repaved from Westfield Avenue toward Union. He said we have been trying to get assistance from the County to try and slow down on Chestnut Street to provide some pedestrian safety measures. He said he has seen this in other communities, where the crosswalks have some type of means to alert drivers that there is major pedestrian crosswalk. He suggested Nick ask the County if we could do such a project, being that they are already moving ahead to renovate Chestnut Street. He said the bids have already gone out and we would have to sit down with officials to discuss any payments to contributions from the Borough. He said it is worthwhile to look into because not only will it improve the aesthetic appearance in the downtown area, but also another measure of pedestrian safety. He said because it is a County Road, whatever change order is necessary they would probably have to deduct the amount of macadam that would be used and change it to another material. He said the Clerk's Office contacted Freeholder Mirabella to see what kind of assistance he could provide, as a former Roselle Park resident, who is surely aware of anything we could do to slow traffic down and protect our pedestrians. Mayor DeIorio said we are also looking at the area around the train station.

Councilman Matarante said regarding Jenicar we had a situation with them last year on Walnut Street and he wanted to know if that has been remediated on their part.

Mr. Lane said he was familiar with one Walnut Street issue and that apparently as of two or three days ago that has not been remediated and the resident sent him a letter and he addressed it to the Engineer and the CFO. He said we can use the retainage that we have to make the repair which is not a large amount.

Mr. Blum said it would be easier to resolve the matter directly with the company because for us to take out a retainage we would have to set up purchase orders.

Councilman Matarante asked that the Clerk get the addresses of the properties that are involved.

Councilman Badillo asked about the flood zone on Dalton Street and Union Road. He said that is one of the projects that he would like done this year and asked if that had to be put in capital, and asked Mr. Villano to work numbers for that project.

Mayor DeIorio said he would have Mr. Blum look at where that appropriation would come from.

Councilman Badillo asked Council to allow Mr. Villano to work on an amount for this project so we can get these families off the flood zone.

Borough Attorney - Bill Lane

- He said there is only one pending litigation which is the Affordable Housing Action. It is at a very preliminary stage, but by the next meeting he should be able to report the status of that.
- He said there are a couple of suggested ordinances that have been proposed to him and he will refer them to the Municipal Services Committee for their input. He said they will be meeting to discuss these ordinances and will also be deliberating the welcome signs; the design of them has to be discussed.

Borough Clerk - Doreen Cali

- She attended a meeting at the County pertaining to sharing services for IT services and email, website hosting, technical assessments and assistants, internet access, disaster recovery, fiber optic line helpline services, discounted IT purchases, telecommunications and bulk rate reductions and GIS system. She said on the 22nd of this month they are going to do our needs assessment and they have provided an email for the Borough Engineer to get a password to immediately utilize their GIS system so they can see where the sewer lines are because they have about 60 layers on their GIS map.

Mayor DeIorio said the GIS system is a Geographic Information System which looks at the town in an aerial shot and it is helpful in saving money because they are very expensive to purchase.

- Ms. Cali said they have given her the address and allowed her to put it on the Borough webpage. She said by Monday residents will be able to use the GIS and the public can access so many layers of the plan. She said the Zoning Official, Borough Engineer, Police Chief and Fire Chief will be given passwords and have access to different secured information that won't be released to the general public. She said they have offered to do most of this at no charge to the Borough and we have a meeting scheduled for the 21st.
- She said there is a meeting scheduled Tuesday for the Fourth of July Celebration with Debbie Buli, Jackie Taluba, Karen Intile, Councilmen Matarante and Harms. She said presently the Clerk's office has received \$4,500 in donations. She said we are planning to do a bike decorating contest and relay games between either 10:00 and

11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for the children. She said we will still be doing dancing with the Council.

Councilman Matarante asked if there would be any crafts and Ms. Cali said she has received requests from vendors. She said she will contact Mr. Heim regarding the dunk tank for Pop Warner.

Chief Financial Officer - Ken Blum

- He reported we are waiting word on the application for extraordinary aid of \$250,000. He said last year we received \$100,000 however; word has come back that we are not sure when it will be announced due to the Governor's accident.

Mayor DeIorio said we cannot adopt our municipal budget until we hear word of the status of the extraordinary aid application. The only way we can adopt is if we withdraw the application. He said last year we received \$100,000 and due to waiting for that application to be approved or denied our budget was adopted later.

Police Chief - Warren Wielgus

- He said that he has submitted his report to Mayor and Council.

Councilman Badillo asked if more of the 25 mile per hour signs can be purchased and the Chief said he will see what funds are available in the traffic safety budget. Councilman Badillo said he would be willing to donate to purchase some.

- Police Chief Wielgus said we started our session of the program from the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey. He spoke with Traffic Safety Officer Antonucci who has gotten coupons from Burger King and McDonalds. He said they will be stopping youths riding with helmets on and rewarding them. He said we do have money budgeted to purchase helmets for child safety. He said we will supply helmets for any parents that cannot afford to buy them for their children.
- He said this week the Borough Clerk and he met with the Commander of the American Legion Post because at the last meeting there were complaints made by a resident about noise. He said at the meeting we discussed the situations that have come up with the Legion, which will be discussed at a later date.
- He said he will not attend the Department Head Meeting on Wednesday. He will be attending a FEMA meeting in Middlesex County, at which time they will instruct us how to do the applications for municipal aid. He said he will be attending another FEMA on the 10th for Union County. He said the people may register for FEMA, but must go to their own insurance company first. Chief Wielgus said they are going to try to see how much of the 3 million dollars we can recoup for Roselle Park. He said they should be able to recoup quite a bit of money on the municipal part.
- He said he has checked with Mr. Blum about Project Graduation because every year we make a \$300 donation through the DWI fund, which is approved by the drunk

driving enforcement funds in the state. He said as of yet he has not received a letter, yet when he does then we can donate the \$300.

- He said at the state meeting today the Kiwanis of NJ and the State Chief's Association has joined forces and it is called the Whale Program. He said if there is an emergency and there are stickers that are put on cars and there is a young child that cannot speak, these stickers will allow the police to find out information if the parent is unconscious or injured. He said this will be a method of getting information for that child. He said the State Chief's Association is going to join the Kiwanis and distribute these stickers.
- He said the DPW Superintendent and he will take care of putting signs and additional radar on W. Lincoln Avenue.

Mayor DeIorio said he has spoken to Assemblyman Munoz, who is a trauma surgeon and he is going to be implementing a district-wide coordination with other police departments and school districts regarding youngsters riding without a bicycle helmet.

DPW Superintendent - Frank Wirzbicki

- He said very shortly we will be mulching around the flagpoles on Westfield Avenue replacing the dead bushes.
- He said the new playground equipment has been delivered to the yard and the company will let him know when it will be ready for installation.
- He said they have tried to camera 200 W. Webster Avenue, but there are a lot of bends in the line and the camera will not make those bends.
- He said for Arbor Day they delivered a pear tree to Sherman School.
- He clarified between a trim and full trim for trees. He said that a full trim is when they trim out the whole tree. He also asked that they advertise for a tree man.
- He said when there is a problem with mosquitoes, the Union County Mosquito Control will come to the site and then contact him and they take care of the problem. He said in some of the catch basins there is no bottom to them so we clear below the bottom of the pipe. He said that after a heavy rain the water will lay there, but then after awhile it will dissipate. He said that other catch basins have concrete bottoms which we clean right to the bottom.

Mayor DeIorio thanked the DPW for addressing the tree that needed to be trimmed on Sherman Avenue. Mr. Wirzbicki said that tree was elevated.

Councilman Badillo thanked Mr. Wirzbicki for cleaning all the debris on E. Colfax Avenue and Walnut Street along the bike path.

- Mr. Wirzbicki said he is down some people and we may be behind on some projects.

Councilman Badillo asked that the garbage can be replaced along the bike path and also if a bench could be placed along the bike path at the intersection of Colfax and Walnut. He also asked if they are getting chips for Acker Park and if the flag can be replaced.

Councilman Harms moved to accept the following reports; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

- Code Enforcement Report for March/April
- Police Chief's Report for April 2007
- DPW Report for April 2007
- Treasurer's Report, March 2007
- Neglia Engineering for May 3, 2007

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

Councilman Harms moved to approve the following minutes; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

- Regular Meeting: March 15, 2007.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PASSAGES OF ORDINANCES

Second Reading and Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 2209

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 51, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

Councilman Harms moved to open the public hearing; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Jacob Magiera, 612 Sheridan Avenue

- He questioned Section A and asked if that included the police vehicles.
- He asked if a police officer is directing traffic and at times uses a police car, is the \$45.00 is in addition to the \$12.00

Councilman Harms said the \$45.00 is for the police officer and the \$12.00 is a fee charged to supply police vehicles.

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

Councilman Harms moved that Ordinance #2209 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Badillo.

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

Introduction

ORDINANCE NO. 2211

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$270,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$192,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Roselle Park, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$270,000, such sum includes the sum of (a) \$63,951 expected to be received from a Union County Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant in connection with the improvement described in Section 3(a) (ii) and (b) \$14,049 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A, Municipalities and Counties of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2: In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$192,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$192,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Average Period of Usefulness
(i) Communications system for Police, Fire and First Aid Squad, including all work and materials necessary thereof or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file in the Office of the Clerk.	\$140,000	\$133,000	20 years
(ii) Acquisition of recreational equipment and ADA playground equipment, field house expansion and fencing for various parks, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor on the file in the Office of the Clerk.	130,000	59,000	15 years
TOTAL:	\$270,000	\$192,000	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$192,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$270,000, which amount represents the appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 4: All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5: The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6: The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 21.72 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$192,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7: Any funds or grant monies received for the purpose described in Section 3 of this Ordinance (including a grant expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation) shall be used for financing said Improvement by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvement or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvement shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8: The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9: This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$192,000.

SECTION 10: This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Councilman Harms moved that Ordinance #2211 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on May 17, 2007; seconded by Councilman Badillo, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Chief Financial Officer Ken Blum said that this ordinance is for the Dispatch Command Center for the Police, Fire and First Aid Squad. He said it is also for the Union County Recreation Trust Fund Grant for recreational and ADA equipment.

Mayor DeIorio said we are moving on this tonight to immediately address the Dispatch Center and to allow Pop Warner to start acquiring the equipment for recreation.

RESOLUTIONS

The following routine resolutions, listed on a consent agenda, were offered by Councilman Harms; seconded by Badillo; all members present voting Aye, said resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 125-07

WHEREAS, Karl Krynicki, Equipment Operator for the Department of Public Works, of the Borough of Roselle Park has requested an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act from March 29, 2007 to June 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park desire to make clear the terms of Karl Krynicki's leave for the purpose of record keeping;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park that Karl Krynicki be and is hereby granted an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act effective March 29, 2007 to June 1, 2007.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-07

RESOLVED that Maria Barros, 811 Willis Place, Roselle Park, New Jersey, be and is hereby appointed as an Alternate School Crossing Guard, effective immediately for a term expiring on December 31, 2007, at the rate of \$50.77 per day, pending the completion of her training and successful background check.

RESOLUTION NO. 128-07

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park desires to amend the 2007 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon the items therein shown in such budget for:

Communications system for Police, Fire and First Aid Squad
Acquisition of recreational equipment and ADA playground equipment, field
House expansion and fencing for various parks

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

AMENDMENT
CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

PROJECTS SCHEDULE FOR 2007

METHOD OF FINANCING

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COSTS</u>	<u>BONDS OR NOTES AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>
Communications system for Police, Fire and First Aid Squad	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 133,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
Acquisition of recreational equipment and ADA playground equipment, field house expansion and fencing for various parks	<u>\$ 130,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 59,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,049.00</u>	<u>\$ 63,951.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 270,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 192,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,049.00</u>	<u>\$ 63,951.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the office of the Director of Local Government Services.

Councilman Rubilla moved the following resolution, seconded by Councilman Badillo.

RESOLUTION NO. 127-07

WHEREAS, the Office of Smart Growth (OSG) within the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is requesting proposals for Smart Future Planning Grants; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this grant program is to assist municipalities plan for their future growth; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park, located in a Planning Area 1 according to the State Development and Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Planning Area 1 is to encourage growth and planning for growth that promotes mixed-use development with safe convenient access to mass transit is inherently Smart Growth; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to grow responsibly to enhance vitality within its Special Improvement District, promote affordable housing, pedestrianism, and economic vitality while enhancing the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park supports planning for its downtown in a way that creates strong connections to the train station and its redevelopment opportunities as well as enhancing the Borough's main street (Chestnut Street) in a way that facilitates redevelopment of properties along State Highway 28 (Westfield Avenue) into mixed-use transit oriented development; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park authorizes and supports the application to DCA/OSG in order to create the Roselle Park Downtown Transit Oriented Development Plan.

Roll called, all members present voting Aye, said resolution was adopted.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Harms moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Badillo and adopted.

Attest:

Borough Clerk