

**NOVEMBER 17, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**READING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW ARTICLE**

Mayor Signorello called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and said it was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and adequate notice of this meeting was provided as required by law.

He read a statement noting that 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.

**ROLL CALL**

The following is an accounting of the Mayor and Council's attendance upon roll call called by Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:05 PM
Michael Connelly	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	A	-
Gregory Johnson	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:05 PM
Joseph Signorello, Jr.	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:05 PM
Jay Robaina	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:05 PM
Jodi Bellomo	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	7:05 PM
Joseph Signorello III	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	7:05 PM

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

**PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS**

NONE

**MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ AND PASSED FOR PAYMENT**

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

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:07 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Signorello, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Joseph DeIorio – 824 Larch Street

With respect to Resolution No. 322-22; noted that it appeared that the proposed amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for “Meridia 2” at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Westfield Avenue proposed a revised parking structure height to be eight (8) stories or 95 feet; asked if this was correct and, if so, why it was being presented now as opposed to initially when the project was proposed to the governing body.

Mayor Signorello noted that this was a move proposed by the developer given their observation that they require more parking at other projects outside of Roselle Park; the effort being proposed would mitigate any parking shortages that may prove themselves after the completion of the project. The Mayor also noted that a concession of the developer was that the Borough would be mandating at least one (1) parking spot per apartment included with each residential lease.

Mr. DeIorio noted that his read of the existing Redevelopment Plan was that each unit was to have 1.25 parking spaces per residential unit, and having one (1) would reduce that amount. He also stated that there appeared to be new provisions being proposed that allowed the Municipal Land Use Board to reduce the parking requirements even further is certain criteria were being met.

In response to Mr. DeIorio, Mayor Signorello deferred to the Borough’s Redevelopment Counsel, Frances C. McManamon, Esq. and the Borough’s Municipal Planner, Ronald Reinertsen, PP.

Ms. McManimon stated that the provisions with respect to parking requirements would not change the ratios, but would rather provide and mandate that one (1) parking space be specifically included into the rent for each residential unit. She further indicated that the governing body would be presented with an amendment to the existing Redevelopment Agreement which would further solidify this requirement of the developer.

Mr. DeIorio stated that he believes that the developer knew all along that the project was under-parked and that they forced the Borough into a position where the governing body needs to consider an eight (8) story parking deck. He further noted that he believed that, if the plan were to be approved and amended as presented, the governing body would be yielding to the unelected Municipal Land Use Board which could reduce the number of parking spaces if certain criteria were met.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:15 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Signorello, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Finance Department: Kenneth P. Blum, Jr. Chief Financial Officer

Noted taxes are past due. Noted the tax sale would be on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am at Borough Hall.

Administration/Borough Clerk: Andrew J. Casais, Business Administrator

Noted that Election Day operations went well without any major issues; thanked all candidates for their communication and cooperation throughout the course of Election Day. Noted that the First Ward polling place had some operational issues which he would be addressing with the Board of Elections into 2023.

Noted several items on the agenda which closed-out existing construction projects; further noted that these items carried significant negative change orders which meant that the Borough was saving money for a variety of reasons. He provided an overview of two (2) major purchases on the agenda utilizing national cooperating agreements: the first for parking meters which would ultimately be installed in the downtown area and coincide with the sidewalk improvement project slated for 2023, and the fire apparatus purchase which included a larger down-payment, but a savings over roughly \$50,000.00 which would be utilized for Fire Department equipment.

Councilman Petrosky moved to approve the following written Reports of Departments; seconded by Councilman Signorello, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Scheduled Verbal Reports:

1. Administration/Borough Clerk: Andrew J. Casais, Business Administrator
2. Code Enforcement Department: Richard Belluscio, Construction Official
3. Community Center: Rupen Shah, Community Center Director
4. Engineering: Robert Beringer, PE, Colliers Engineering
5. Finance Department: Kenneth P. Blum, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
6. Police Department: Daniel J. McCaffery, Police Chief
7. Recreation Department: John Ranieri, Recreation Director

Written Reports Received:

1. Construction Official's Report for September 2022
2. Community Center Director's Report for September 2022
3. Animal Control Officer's Report for August 2022
4. Animal Control Officer's Report for September 2022
5. Police Chief's Report for September 2022
6. Treasurer's Report for August 31, 2022

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2704

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$165,500 RECEIVED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2704; seconded by Councilman Signorello, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2704; seconded by Councilman Signorello, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2704 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Signorello.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2704</b>					
		<b>Yes/Aye</b>	<b>No/Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	Petrosky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	Connelly <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	Johnson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	Signorello, Jr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	Robaina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bellomo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Signorello <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2705

A BOND ORDINANCE FUNDING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PROVIDING FOR THE LOCAL UNIT’S ALLOCABLE SHARE OF THE UNFUNDED PORTION OF PHASE I OF THE FLOOD MITIGATION FACILITIES PROJECT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF ESSEX AND UNION COUNTIES, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “LOCAL UNIT”); APPROPRIATING \$710,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$710,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2705; seconded by Councilman Signorello, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2705; seconded by Councilman Signorello, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2705 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Signorello.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2705</b>					
		<b>Yes/Aye</b>	<b>No/Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	Petrosky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	Connelly <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	Johnson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	Signorello, Jr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	Robaina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Bellomo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Signorello <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2706

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$855,000 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT BY,

FOR AND IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, with not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring, as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

\$830,000.00 available in Capital Surplus funds, and \$25,000.00 in Capital Improvement Fund funds, together totaling a sum on \$855,000.00 is hereby appropriated as follows: \$855,000.00 for new firefighting apparatus and associated firefighting equipment; including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

**SECTION 2.**

The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

**SECTION 3.**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk, in accordance with the law.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2706 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on December 1, 2022; seconded by Councilman Signorello.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2706</b>					
		<b>Yes/Aye</b>	<b>No/Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Connelly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bellomo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**RESOLUTIONS**

Borough Clerk Casais read all Resolutions by title into the record.

The following Resolutions listed on Consent Agenda were offered by Councilman Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Signorello, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 320-22**

AUTHORIZING CLOSE OUT OF THE CONTRACT WITH Z BROTHERS  
CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE PROJECT “IMPROVEMENTS  
TO WALNUT STREET AND FILBERT STREET – YEAR 47 CDBG”

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the contract for the project “Improvements to Walnut Street and Filbert Street – Year 47 CDBG” was constructed by Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc. of 304 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville, New Jersey 08872 in accordance with the plans, specifications and any approved change orders, as directed by the Borough’s Special Project Engineer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that final payment in the amount of One-Hundred Eleven Thousand Seventy-One Dollars and Twenty-Three Cents (\$111,071.23) is hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 321-22

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO ACTION DATA SERVICES FOR THIRD-PARTY  
PAYROLL SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) has a need for third-party payroll services as permitted by *N.J.A.C. 5:30-17.1 et seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.*, authorizes and generally permits public contracting units to contract for services or materials without public advertising for bids if the cost of such services or materials is less than the unit’s bid threshold; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough is a contracting unit with a bid threshold of \$44,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough solicited proposals for third-party payroll services, and, based on the information available, the Borough is satisfied that Action Data Services submitted the lowest cost proposal, and that the amount to be charged is fair and reasonable under the circumstances, and the Borough is satisfied that Action Data Services is qualified to undertake third-party payroll services; and,

WHEREAS, the costs associated with third-party payroll services is not expected to exceed the aforementioned bid threshold pursuant to the proposal submitted by Action Data Services; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to award a contract for third-party payroll services to Action Data Services, and otherwise ratify and confirm the actions of the Qualified Purchasing Agent and Chief Financial Officer in furtherance of procuring such services for the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Qualified Purchasing Agent of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract for third-party payroll services with Action Data Services of 17 Sherwood Lane, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 on behalf of the Borough for the period extending January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is awarded pursuant to, and shall comply with, all requirements of *N.J.A.C. 5:30-17.1 et seq.*

RESOLUTION NO. 323-22

ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF KEVIN KOPECKY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey does hereby accept the retirement of Kevin Kopecky from the Borough of Roselle Park (the, “Borough”), current Laborer Helper within the Department of Public Works, effective December 1, 2022; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that November 30, 2022 shall be Kevin Kopecky’s final date of employment with the Borough, for the purposes of all active employee and retiree rights, benefits, and privileges afforded in the collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and the Roselle Park Department of Public Works Group dated January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024 (the “Agreement”); including, but not limited to, Article 30 of the Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-22

APPROVING THE INSERTION OF A NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND GRANT  
AS A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$3,326.62

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87* provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2022 in the sum of \$3,326.62 which item is now available as a revenue from the National Opioid Settlement Fund Grant Program pursuant to the provisions of statute; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$3,326.62 is hereby appropriated under the caption of the National Opioid Settlement Fund Grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk forward a certified copy of this Resolution with enclosures to the Chief Financial Officer to submit the Resolution electronically to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 327-22

##### APPOINTING JOSHUA M. REGAN TO THE POSITION OF CLASS I LABORER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for one or more Class I Laborers within the Roselle Park Department of Public Works; and,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended Joshua M. Regan for appointment to the position of Class I Laborer; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works and fill said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby appoint Joshua M. Regan of 231 Sherman Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 to the position of Class I Laborer effective November 21, 2022 at the salary of \$51,168.53 per annum.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 328-22

##### APPOINTING JOHN P. RODRIGUEZ TO THE POSITION OF CLASS I LABORER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for one or more Class I Laborers within the Roselle Park Department of Public Works; and,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended John P. Rodriguez for appointment to the position of Class I Laborer; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works and fill said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby appoint John P. Rodriguez of 248 Murray Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202 to the position of Class I Laborer effective November 21, 2022 at the salary of \$51,168.53 per annum.

RESOLUTION NO. 329-22

APPOINTING RYAN G. URGAN TO THE POSITION  
OF CLASS I LABORER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for one or more Class I Laborers within the Roselle Park Department of Public Works; and,

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has recommended Ryan G. Urban for appointment to the position of Class I Laborer; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Public Works and fill said position.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby appoint Ryan G. Urban of 1901 Elizabeth Avenue, Apt. 3137, Rahway, New Jersey 07065 to the position of Class I Laborer effective November 21, 2022 at the salary of \$51,168.53 per annum.

RESOLUTION NO. 330-22

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT  
THROUGH A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT PURSUANT  
TO LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE NO. 2012-10 FOR PARKING METERS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the "Borough") intends to participate in the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (hereinafter, the "NCPA") for Contract No. 05-39 to purchase Parking Meters; and,

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found at the Office of the Borough Clerk during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as on the NCPA website at: [https://www.ncpa.us/Vendors/Flowbird%20\(Cale%20America%20and%20Parkeon\)](https://www.ncpa.us/Vendors/Flowbird%20(Cale%20America%20and%20Parkeon)); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has confirmed its membership with NCPA; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough anticipates participating in NCPA Contract No. 05-39 on December 15, 2022, with a contract delivery term of April 1, 2023 (Spring 2023); and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Borough to make a contract award to DEVO & Associates, LLC of 1252 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Voorhees, New Jersey 08043 dealer/distributor for Parkeon, Inc. doing business as Flowbird Group pursuant to the proposal submitted in response to the NCPA's request for proposals; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park is permitted to join national cooperative purchasing agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Qualified Purchasing Agent to advertise a "Notice of Intent to Award a Contract Under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement" pursuant to New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2012-10; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such notice shall have a comment period terminating upon the close of Borough business on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 331-22

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A CONTRACT  
THROUGH A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT PURSUANT  
TO LOCAL FINANCE NOTICE NO. 2012-10 FOR FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS



WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) intends to participate in the Houston-Galveston Area National Cooperative Purchasing Program (hereinafter, the “HGAC”) for Contract No. FS12-19 to purchase of Firefighting Apparatus; and,

WHEREAS, information regarding the contract may be found at the Office of the Borough Clerk during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as well as on the NCPA website at: <https://www.hgacbuy.org/products-and-services/view-contract?contractid=85>; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has confirmed its membership with HGAC; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough anticipates participating in HGAC Contract No. FS12-19 on December 15, 2022, with a contract delivery term of 37 months; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Borough to make a contract award to Fire & Safety Service, Ltd. of 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 as dealer/distributor; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park is permitted to join national cooperative purchasing agreements under the authority of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Qualified Purchasing Agent to advertise a “Notice of Intent to Award a Contract Under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement” pursuant to New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2012-10; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such notice shall have a comment period terminating upon the close of Borough business on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 332-22

ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF KENNETH LONGO

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey does hereby accept the retirement of Kenneth Longo from the Borough of Roselle Park (the, “Borough”), current Working Foreman within the Department of Public Works, effective December 1, 2022; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that November 30, 2022 shall be Kenneth Longo’s final date of employment with the Borough, for the purposes of all active employee and retiree rights, benefits, and privileges afforded in the collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and the Roselle Park Department of Public Works Group dated January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024 (the “Agreement”); including, but not limited to, Article 30 of the Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 333-22

AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN GRANT RECEIVABLE  
AND RESERVE BALANCES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) has grants that are completed or expired; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the grant receivable and reserve balances must be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize and direct the Chief Financial Officer to take all necessary steps to cancel the following grant receivable balances:

<u>GRANT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Municipal Alliance Fund Grant - 2021	\$ 468.86

Bulletproof Partnership Vest Program Grant	\$	1,279.37
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	\$	1,748.23
Grand Total	\$	1,748.23

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby additionally directed to take all necessary steps to cancel the following grant reserve balances:

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>GRANT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
02-3372-00-20210-002	Municipal Alliance Fund Grant	\$ 468.86
02-3756-00-20200-300	Bulletproof Partnership Vest Program Grant	\$ 1,279.37
	Total Federal and State Grant Fund	\$ 1,748.23
	Grand Total	\$ 1,748.23

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Signorello; seconded by Councilman Connelly.

RESOLUTION NO. 319-22

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO Z BROTHERS CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE PROJECT "IMPROVEMENTS TO WALNUT STREET AND FILBERT STREET – YEAR 47 CDBG" IN THE AMOUNT OF A \$25,823.51 DECREASE (-11.98%) TO REFLECT A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$189,691.80 AFTER ALL CHANGE ORDERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union County, State of New Jersey that upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Change Order for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved:

TITLE OF JOB: Improvements to Walnut Street and Filbert Street – Year 47 CDBG

CONTRACTOR: Z Brothers Concrete Contractors, Inc.  
304 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville, New Jersey 08872

CHANGE ORDER N°: 1

AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION: \$25,823.51.00 Decrease (-11.98%) for an updated contract amount of \$189,691.80; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution to take effect immediately upon final adoption and upon certification by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Signorello.

Councilwoman Bellomo asked if this was a Neglia project.

Mr. Casais noted all construction projects are managed by Neglia.

Councilwoman Bellomo noted that she wanted to bring this up because Neglia was saving the Borough money with these projects, including that which was referenced in Resolution No. 324-22.

Mr. Casais noted that Neglia did a good job managing the projects, but wanted to note for the record that there were a variety of variables. He specifically noted one variable with Resolution No. 324-22 where a portion of the project was not completed due to complications with one of the area’s utility companies; this and other factors led to that significant savings.

Mayor Signorello noted that he found Neglia’s services to be more than adequate for the special projects, and the day-to-day responsiveness was lacking prior to the switch to a separation of Municipal Engineering and Special Project Engineering. He stated that these outcomes are some of the things he was hoping for when he proposed the separation of services.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No. 319-22					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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RESOLUTION NO. 322-22

REFERRING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 10 WEST WESTFIELD AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, BLOCK 610, LOT 3.01 (FORMERLY LOTS 1 AND 3) OF THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY TO THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq.*, (the “**Redevelopment Law**”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land in the municipality constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6*, the Council (the “**Borough Council**”) of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the “**Borough**”) by Resolution No. 156-17, adopted May 18, 2017, authorized and directed the Land Use Board of the Borough (the “**Land Use Board**”) to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if a specific area located at Block 610, Lots 1 and 3 on the tax map of the Borough, (Block 610, Lots 1 and 3 have been subsequently merged to create one (1) Tax Lot, identified as Lot 3.01) (the “**Study Area**”) constituted an area in need of redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Redevelopment Law, the Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 293-17 on October 19, 2017, designating the Study Area as an area in need of redevelopment under the Redevelopment Law (the “**Redevelopment Area**”), such designation authorizing the Borough and Borough Council to use all those powers provided by the Redevelopment Law for use in a redevelopment area, including the power of eminent domain; and,

WHEREAS, Benecke Economics prepared a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Area entitled: “10 West Westfield Avenue Redevelopment Plan Block 610, Lots 1 and 3” (the “**Redevelopment Plan**”) providing the development standards for the Redevelopment Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finally adopted the Redevelopment Plan on September 6, 2018;

and,

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the Redevelopment Plan, on May 16, 2019, the Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 169-19 authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement in connection with the redevelopment of the Redevelopment Area; (the “**Original Redevelopment Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2019, the Borough executed the Original Redevelopment Agreement with Meridia at Park Square Urban Renewal, Roselle Park, LLC (the “**Redeveloper**”) for development of the Redevelopment Area with a mixed-use project (the “**Original Project**”) pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Redeveloper determined to modify the description of the Original Project (the “**Project**”) and, on December 19, 2019, the Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 340-19 authorizing the execution of the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement (the “**Redevelopment Agreement**”); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council now desires to amend the Redevelopment Plan to address parking issues within the Project and revise the (i) general and design standards for parking structures and (ii) parking requirements, as set forth in the proposed First Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “**Amended Redevelopment Plan**”); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to refer the proposed Amended Redevelopment Plan to the Land Use Board for review and comment of the amended provisions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e).

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

SECTION 1.

The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

SECTION 2.

The Borough Council hereby directs the Land Use Board to review the proposed Amended Redevelopment Plan and transmit its recommendations relating to the amended provisions of the Amended Redevelopment Plan (the “**Land Use Board Report**”) to the Borough Council within forty-five (45) days of the date hereof in accordance with the Redevelopment Law.

SECTION 3.

If the Land Use Board Report is not transmitted to the Borough Council within forty-five (45) days of the date hereof, the Borough Council shall be relieved of the requirement to obtain a Land Use Board Report for the Amended Redevelopment Plan in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7(e).

SECTION 4.

If any part of this Resolution shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereby shall not affect the remaining parts of this Resolution.

SECTION 5.

The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Land Use Board.

SECTION 6.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Signorello.

Mayor Signorello noted he understands the positives and the negatives to what was being proposed in the amendment to the Redevelopment Plan. He stated that overtime he thinks everyone in Roselle Park,

both on and off the governing body, has learned from past decisions; specifically including the first Merida project at 240-250 West Westfield Avenue. He stated that while he is not thrilled about the size of the structure, he would be less inclined to allow for a parking issue to start or worsen in the area of the downtown. He also noted that he would be much more averse to the size of the proposed parking structure if it were going to be in the middle of Chestnut Street or in a highly residential neighborhood; indicated that he believed this to be a good opportunity to get more for the Borough.

The Mayor further clarified that he would also be averse to the proposal if it was adding height or density to the residential component of the project; additional parking, however, he noted as a net positive.

Councilwoman Bellomo noted her concerns about the height as it related to public safety, including potential fires at the highest levels of the parking structure. She further noted her objections to the height as an eyesore no matter the location given it being proposed as the largest structure in the Borough. The Councilwoman also expressed her objections and concerns as to the wording of the proposed amendment as it related to taking the decision-making power out of the hands of the governing body, and placing it with the Municipal Land Use Board with respect to parking waivers.

The Mayor deferred to Mr. Casais as to process.

Mr. Casais indicated his confusion about the implication that the governing body was shirking a responsibility or role in the redevelopment process. He provided an overview of the plan amendment process, the agreement amendment process, and then noted that the decision as to amended site plan approval would and always did fall within the scope and jurisdiction of the Municipal Land Use Board.

Mr. Casais deferred to the Municipal Planner for his input.

Mr. Reinertsen indicated that Mr. Casais was correct in stating the process, and noted that there are a few safeguards that could be built in to the plan amendment if the governing body was inclined to do so.

Councilwoman Bellomo went on to note that she believed the Borough's Construction Official should have been present for the discussion given his expertise in the field. She also stated that she believed that the project, as it is being constructed, looked nothing like was being proposed and rendered prior.

Mayor Signorello noted that the project was not completed.

Councilman Signorello stated that in his experience as a firefighter the firematic concerns would be addressed as a matter of construction code. He further provided his opinion that which he does not particularly like the idea of an eight (8) story parking deck, he believed this would be the best place if there had to be a place for it. He also noted that looking to the past, the entire site should have been commercial space, but noted that the Borough should not dwell on past decisions.

Councilman Robaina confirmed the number of proposed parking spaces would increase to 680 from 500; confirmed that the proposed amendment would increase the number of the Borough's dedicated parking spaces from 10 to 20; asked about the possibility for increase revenue to the Borough.

Mayor Signorello noted that Redevelopment Counsel would be unable to answer the Councilman's question specifically, but indicated that it was to scale with the Financial Agreement in place. In summary, the Mayor noted that the Borough receives a percentage of gross revenues, so if the gross revenues of the developer increase due to parking revenue, then the Borough would receive its proportional share of that added revenue.

Councilman Robaina suggested that the Borough secure a parking agreement with the 240-250 West Westfield Avenue to include parking into rent; this suggestion was echoed by Councilwoman Bellomo.

Mayor Signorello indicated that he was not sure he could tie the two projects together, but the Borough could make attempted to get that kind of commitment from the developer.

Ms. McManimon agreed with the Mayor’s statements.

Councilman Johnson suggested the possibility of the developer achieving the same number of additional parking spaces with one (1) lower floor; seven (7) as opposed to eight (8) stories. He also noted that he could see both sides of the argument, and stated that while he wanted to make a decision that maximized the amount of on-site parking for the project, he did not like the fact that in some ways he felt hand-cuffed into making a decision that would approve such a large structure in the Borough.

Mr. Casais provided some procedural guidance to the governing body as to what was being voted upon that evening and how matters would proceed with an affirmative or negative vote outcome. At that point discussion ensued amongst the governing body within which no new matters were raised regarding the Resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 324-22**

AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CROSSROADS PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE, LLC FOR THE PROJECT “IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOROUGH HALL AND OEM PARKING LOTS – PHASE 2” IN THE AMOUNT OF A \$40,776.66 DECREASE (-21.56%) TO REFLECT A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$148,329.09 AFTER ALL CHANGE ORDERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union County, State of New Jersey that upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Change Order for the Contract listed below be and is hereby approved:

TITLE OF JOB: Improvements to the Borough Hall and OEM Parking Lots – Phase 2

CONTRACTOR: Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC  
512 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains, New Jersey 07444

CHANGE ORDER N<sup>o</sup>: 1

AMOUNT OF CHANGE THIS RESOLUTION: \$40,776.66 Decrease (-21.56%) for an updated contract amount of \$148,329.09; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution to take effect immediately upon final adoption and upon certification by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilman Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Signorello.

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## REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to those that passed away recently.

Noted that on November 7<sup>th</sup> he attended the Fire Department’s meeting.

Noted that on November 9<sup>th</sup> he attended the Recreation Meeting.

Noted that on November 10<sup>th</sup> he attended the JMEUC meeting; votes were made about purchasing and maintenance of equipment.

Noted that on November 11<sup>th</sup> he attended the Annual Veteran’s Day ceremony at the Community Center and Library; was inspired by the American Legion Commander’s speech.

Noted that on November 12<sup>th</sup> he attended the Fire Department plaque dedication ceremony.

Noted that on November 15<sup>th</sup> he attended Meridia’s Thanksgiving event at 240-250 West Westfield Avenue.

Noted that November 22<sup>nd</sup> would be the pre-Thanksgiving Game bonfire on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Noted that December 2<sup>nd</sup> would be the annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

Noted that December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> would be the annual Winer Market.

Congratulated all candidate who ran for public office; both successful and unsuccessful.

Provided overview of upcoming community events.

Provided contact information.

### Councilman Robaina

Congratulated all the winners during this past election; noted a special congratulations to Mayor Signorello on his re-election.

Thanked Councilwoman Bellomo for serving on the dais.

Noted Maplewood Avenue and Municipal Parking Lot No. 3 had been milled should be completed and paved in the coming days.

Noted three new gates were installed at Aldene Park earlier in the week; thanked the Department of Public Works for working on the initiative.

Noted a gate was installed to secure access to the announcer's booth at Herm Shaw Field; thanked Fire Chief Parenteau, Police Chief McCaffery and the Roselle Park Police Department for making this matter a priority.

Attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City.

Noted as Board Health Liaison, if anyone in the community was struggling with health and wellness needs, they could reach out to the Westfield Regional Health Department or the Union County Department of Human Services; provided phone numbers for each agency.

Noted that November 19<sup>th</sup> would be an emergency drive-up food distribution event at Kean University hosted by the County of Union.

Noted that on November 11<sup>th</sup> he attended the 2022 Veterans Day Remembrance service at the Community Center and Library.

Noted that on November 12<sup>th</sup> he attended the Fire Department's Plaque Dedication ceremony.

Provided contact information.

#### Councilman Signorello

Congratulated those who ran for office.

Reminded all resident to rake, bag and barrel leaves.

Offered condolences to the Boyle family.

Reminded all that December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. was the ribbon cutting at new business on West Westfield Avenue; Liddios.

Provided contact information.

#### Councilman Johnson

Thanked fellow military veterans and members of the United States armed forces.

Indicated that he attended an event honors veterans at the invitation of Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that he attended the Borough's Veterans Day services at the Community Center and Library; thanked Director Rupen Shah for organizing the special event honoring veterans.

Noted that November 12<sup>th</sup> he attended the Roselle Park Fire Department plaque dedication ceremony at Kelly-Kaulfers Park on Laurel Avenue. Commended the great work of the members of the Roselle Park Fire Department and noted that their dedicated services do not go unnoticed. Further



commended Fire Chief Parenteau on a job well-done in organizing the initiative and service on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Attended the most recent Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting via Zoom from Atlantic City at the annual New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. Noted that he learned a lot while he was away at the conference and was looking forward to implementing several new initiatives in the new year.

Noted that he has undertaken a Master's Degree program through Rutgers University that was rigorous, but believed it would be helpful to him in an effort to be a better representative for his constituents.

Noted his appreciated that another one of his initiatives came to fruition over the course of the past week when signage and solar-powered beacons were installed by Sherman Elementary School. Thanked all of those who were assisted in brining this matter to completion, and further thanked all for supporting his safe routes to schools' vision for the community.

Congratulated to all of those who ran for office in 2022.

Provided contact information.

#### Councilwoman Bellomo

Congratulated the winners of the election and thanks those who ran for putting their name forward to run.

Thanks all of those who supported her in her re-election bid. She noted that while she did not win, she would continue to serve the community, just not in an official capacity.

Noted that the Library continued to offer Notary Public services; also noted that the next Library Board meeting would be December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Noted that the next Environmental Commission meeting was also December 21<sup>st</sup> and that the committee and its subcommittees were desperately seeking volunteers.

Noted that the Roselle Park Small Business Network would not be meeting due to the coming holiday season but would be meeting again in January, after the holidays, at Iorio Deli on January 24, 2023.

Noted that the local girl scout troop was running a collection of newborn pajamas to donate to those in need; noted drop-off points throughout the Borough in conjunction with non-profit Roselle Park 24/7.

Noted the beginning of Roselle Park 24/7's holiday light contest and toy collection.

Provided an overview of upcoming holiday and public events hosted by the Borough.

Congratulated her daughter and new son-in-law on their wedding

Provided contact information.

#### Mayor Signorello

Stated that he enjoyed working with Councilwoman Bellomo over the last year and believed she had been an asset to the governing body and Borough as a whole; commended her on the work they did together and noted that she would be missed.

Congratulated those who won their elections and those who simply ran.

Thanks Roselle Park voters for electing him to another term as Mayor; noted that governing would not always be clean, and would sometimes be messy, but the work they were doing was important and necessary to move the Borough forward.

Noted that Public Works Superintendent Baiamonte had been working with a vendor to establish a Roselle Park app with a portal where concerns can be reported. He noted that the work was in its final stages and some final design elements were being worked on.

Provided contact information.

### PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:22 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Signorello, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Arlene Brown, 475 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park

Expressed her concerns about the traffic along Westfield Avenue; noted that beginning at 3:30 p.m. the roadway become impassable.

Noted she has been having issues with her shared driveway and the daughter of her neighbor obstructing her access leaving the driveway. She noted an instance from December 2021 where the Police Department needed to be called, but they indicated that they had no jurisdiction over traffic on private property.

Mayor Signorello stated that there was going to be a county-wide study with respect to the Route 28 (Westfield Avenue) corridor, but there were no easy answers to the traffic problem. He stated that there should be some understanding that any traffic issues were being exacerbated by volume of construction traffic related to the ongoing redevelopment projects on Westfield Avenue and the closure of the Gordon Street bridge due to reconstruction.

Mayor Signorello also noted that he did not want to provide incorrect information about the shared driveway concerns expressed, but he would have Ms. Casais as the Business Administrator and Police Chief McCaffery contact her to advise with accurate information.

James McCrady, 26 East Colfax Avenue, Roselle Park

Inquired if footings and foundations have started with respect to the proposed parking deck at 10 West Westfield Avenue.

Mayor Signorello and Mr. Casais indicated that the Construction Official could answer that question, but they did not believe foundation work had commenced beyond stormwater system construction in that area of the project.

Suggested that the 10 West Westfield Avenue project consider subterranean parking by a factor of two (2) stories so as to level off the proposed parking structure with the residential/mixed-use structure being constructed.

Mayor Signorello indicated that the Municipal Land Use Board and the Board professionals would be better able to field that question and address its viability with respect to the project.

Joseph DeIorio, 824 Larch Street, Roselle Park

Confirmed the location of the proposed parking structure at 10 West Westfield Avenue and expressed concern about the traffic circulation; specifically expressed concern as to how vehicles would be allowed on and off the property in order to go West or Eastbound on Westfield Avenue.

Reiterated his concern that the Municipal Land Use Board who be permitted to lower the number of parking spaces required for the project; also stated that the language should be tightened if that was not the intention of the governing body.

Mariann Brenner, 141 Charlotte Terrace, Roselle Park

Asked if Borough was planning on keeping the part-time DPW workers.

Mr. Casais noted that the three (3) part-time employees were appointed as full-time employees. He further noted that it was not the intent to hire new part-time employees in 2022, but the matter would be reviewed as part of the 2023 budget process.

Ms. Brenner expressed condolences to the Boyle family on the passing of Billy Boyle who was a classmate of hers.

Noted that the Roselle Park High School marching band won the Region 7 championship for marching bands; stated that the Thanksgiving game would be the band's last performance of the year.

Noted that there were two (2) "autistic child area" signs on Charlotte Terrace that were no longer needed as the family with the child had moved out of state; further noted that she called about this matter previously.

Mr. Casais apologized stating that he spoke to Ms. Brenner and another resident of Charlotte Terrace about the same manner and forgot to follow-up with the Department of Public Works. He noted that he would speak with the Superintendent and the signs would be removed the next day.

Jeanine Goodis, 152 Berwyn Street, Roselle Park

Thanked Councilman Signorello for noting that the 10 West Westfield Avenue site should have been all commercial space with a Wawa years ago.

Noted that she supports the idea of the parking structure on the 10 West Westfield avenue site, but felt that eight (8) stories were too much. She stated that she felt Meridia, as the developer, always pushed the limits on what was reasonable, and the Borough had to fight back and come across as the aggressor. She believed there should be a healthier give and take between the Borough and a developer.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:43p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Signorello, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:44 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Signorello, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC  
Borough Clerk