

MARCH 2, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

READING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW ARTICLE

Mayor Signorello read the following statement into the record:

“This meeting is called to order pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Notice of meetings published in the Union County Local Source and the Newark Star-Ledger on January 12, 2023. Said notice was posted on the bulletin board reserved for public notices in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as required by Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

All contracts awarded by Mayor and Council must comply with the affirmative action requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127.

Fire exits are located in the directions I am indicating. If you are alerted for a fire, please move in a calm, orderly manner to the nearest smoke-free exit.

Proper notice having been given; the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.”

ROLL CALL

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

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Gregory Johnson	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Joseph Signorello, Jr.	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Jay Robaina	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Rosanna Lyons	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	7:00 PM
Khanjan S. Patel	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 PM
Joseph Signorello III	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	7:00 PM

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation: Women’s History Month

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

Councilman Signorello moved to approve the following minutes, pending any corrections; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

1. Regular Meeting of February 2, 2023
2. Closed Session of February 2, 2023

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ AND PASSED FOR PAYMENT

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

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Signorello moved at 7:02 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Signorello moved at 7:02 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Code Enforcement Department: Richard Belluscio, Construction Official

Mr. Belluscio reported that as of February 2023 a total of 83 permits were issued. He indicated that the total revenue related to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) for February 2023 was \$341,089; there were no sewer connection fees, or Affordable Housing fees collected for February 2023. He reported that the total number UCC violations was 12 for the month of February. With respect to property maintenance enforcement, there were 12 court dispositions, 22 violations issued, and 15 summons issued during February 2023; fines year-to-date were \$1,310.00.

Mr. Belluscio noted the Borough's various redevelopment projects were proceeding nicely. Noted that 10 West Westfield Avenue, Building A is in the process of completing all framing and insulation inspections have been completed. He has not received an application from Capadaglia to appear before the Land Use Board with the revised amended sight plan for the additional three story on the parking deck. He does not have it for March's DRC meeting. He's hoping they receive it for the month of April meeting. Building B is moving along nicely.

Mr. Belluscio also noted the Fernmoor Project is moving along nicely.

Councilman Robaina asked when is the Fernmoor projected to open?

Mr. Belluscio noted they are hoping for occupancy in December in the West Building, and the East Building sometime next year.

Mr. Belluscio noted we've been dealing with some property maintenance issues. In addition, we are trying to work with the school system on children that have been entered into the system without actually living Roselle Park legally from a zoning standpoint. Councilman Robaina in the last meeting asked how many students have been removed from the Roselle Park School system. Mr. Belluscio replied we had three

children removed from the school system. One is still pending investigating, and one that actually is in compliance.

We have had a couple of issues with Little Caesar's Pizza. We issued a summons.

The other issue is graffiti at 215 East Westfield Avenue. A summons was also issued.

Councilman Robaina asked anything regarding the Garden Cleaners locations? The windows are covered.

Mr. Belluscio noted the windows were compromised. The property is under contract.

Community Center: Rupen Shah, Community Center Director

On February 15th hosted a Valentine's Day Lunch for the senior citizens at Sherman School. Thanked the Principal and Councilwoman Lyons.

Mr. Shah was able to secure seven dates with the Mobile Motor Vehicle Commission to visit the Borough to serve our residents. Thanked the Motor Vehicle Commission for their partnership.

On March 14th the Union County Surrogate will be visiting the Community Center for a presentation on the duties of the Surrogate Court.

On March 21st at 12:00 p.m. at the Casano Center, the Union County Department of Health will be visiting and having a presentation on colon cancer.

The Borough will host the Annual St. Patrick's Day Event at the Casano Center on March 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Mayor's Health and Wellness Committee met on March 1st. They plan to host a Health Fair in September. The purpose of this event is to provide residents with the resources and information about good health. Also, offer flu shots and health screenings.

Clean Communities plan to host two townwide cleanup. The first one will be on April 15th and the second in October.

Noted and thanked Mr. Casais for his guidance and his assistance with the CDB6-CV2 to help upgrade the Community Center.

Councilman Johnson asked if the locations were already chosen by Clean Communities. If so, how does Westfield Avenue fit in this. Residents have concerns of loitering on Westfield Avenue. He's trying to get clarity as to how it works.

Mr. Shah is under the impression we have an organization who is taking care of that. If they are not taking care of it, then Clean Communities will take care of it.

Police Department; Daniel J. McCaffery, Police Chief

Chief McCaffery noted there was a pedestrian struck at the intersection of Sherman Avenue and Westfield Avenue. He can say with confidence the police department and the Borough has taken the steps at that intersection and others in town. Prior to last week's incident on multiple locations and numerous

times, our police department has partnered up with the Union County Police and conducted pedestrian enforcement initiatives. Just yesterday, our officers were out there again at that intersection ticketing motorist for failing to stop for pedestrians. We are working to make it safer and trying to change driving behaviors. He is mindful that there are other areas throughout the Borough that also need attention and for that reason our Police Department has been focusing on them as well.

Lastly, today is my last meeting he will be attending and providing his monthly report. His last day will be March 31st after serving 30 plus years to the Borough of Roselle Park. Thanked Mayor Signorello and Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais noting it was a pleasure to work with you both. Thanked Chief Financial Officer Blum for his dedication to his job and for his support.

Mayor Signorello noted we are going to miss you.

Police Chief McCaffery received a standing ovation.

Recreation Department: John Ranieri, Recreation Director

Provided an overview of the goals of the Roselle Park Recreation Department.

Noted the Recreation Department had over 460 Recreation members; 163 members for the Homework Club and After Care program.

Noted spring Recreational programming: Fitness, Wrestling, Basketball, Roselle Park Performing Arts, Off-Season Baseball & Middle School/High School & Adult Volleyball & Fitness. Registration will open next week for Spring Programming.

Noted April 1st is the Easter Candy Event at the Library.

As far as wrestling, he is happy to report our teams are representing Roselle Park well and we have had a number of tournament champions and place winners. Next competitions are Qualifiers & State Tournament.

We have 11 basketball teams practicing and competing in schools throughout the Borough and the County. We have 76 games scheduled, not including playoffs and Championship Games that will be held in the Roselle Park High School main gym on Friday, March 10th. In addition, we registered an All-Star Travel Tournament. We are excited about the amount of young talent in the program.

Provided contact information.

Public Works Department: Paul Baiamonte, Superintendent of Public Works

Noted that the Department of Public Works is fully staffed.

Noted and provided an overview of the roadwork in town.

Noted sanitary sewer calls are down for the month of February. Nothing significant to report.

Noted the Sidewalk Program currently has ten applications. He would like to get twenty-five to thirty applications before moving on it. He explained the requirements of the program.

Mayor Signorello inquired if there was some back log of last year's Sidewalk Program.

Superintendent Baiamonte noted no. We fulfilled last year's requests.

Noted pot holes filling operations are moving forward weather permitting.

Noted with the return of the Department Public Work operator, we are able to start to clean out some of the storm water catch basins at some of the major intersections.

Also, noted vegetative waste pickup will resume in April.

Provided contact information.

Mayor Signorello noted and asked Superintendent Baiamonte to ask the County Department of Public Works if it's on the horizon to have East Lincoln on the map for repaving.

Councilman Johnson thanked and noted a great job with responding to Pershing and East Grant Avenues during the recent water main break and resulting roadway damage. He also thanks Mr. Baiamonte for finally addressing the Sidewalk Program and getting it done in 2022.

Fire Department: Steven Thompson, Fire Chief

Noted still actively recruiting new members for the Fire Department and Fire Patrol; increasing social media presence.

Noted will be working with the Fire Prevention Bureau to bring educational programs for the schools and community.

On March 25th the Fire Department will be participating in the upcoming opening day parade for the Roselle Park Youth Baseball League.

Noted on having continued ongoing conversations and developed working relationships with the developers regarding fire safety and pre-planning.

Noted the Fire Department utilized our forceable entry door prop last month for training which went over extremely well. Would like to involve the Police Department in our training as well.

Noted there were three fires during the month February 2023.

Noted would like to extend their condolences and thoughts and prayers to the members of the Buffalo Fire Department who had a tragic line of duty death of one of their Fireman Operator at a four alarm fire.

Administrator/Borough Clerk Casais noted and thanked the Fire Department for a nice job at the Hexacon location.

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

Noted a quick reminder the Budget Meeting is back in person on Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall in the Conference Room.

Noted from the governor's speech; we were graciously told that we will be getting cuts from State Aid once again.

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

Noted and echoed the same sentiments as Chief Financial Officer Blum.

Noted there will be a second year of the Anchor Program.

With respect to the upcoming election cycle, he noted that the nominating petitions deadline is Monday, March 27th at 4:00 p.m. at the Borough Clerk Office at Borough Hall.

Noted on social media is the Shade Tree Program. We started this last year. The Governing Body set aside \$50,000 plus grant funding for Shade Tree Programs. We have taken a different approach as oppose to just saying this is our right-of-away, we can plant the tree here. It doesn't work to our benefit. We are asking residents who are interested in having a tree in front of their home or another tree to request one. We have an online form. We do have about 20 requests. There is a growing demand. On March 20th the first day of Spring, we are not going to close the applications. We are going to use that as a cut off date for the first round of planting. After that we will assess the area to make sure there's no utilities conflict, overhead wires and the area is suited for a tree and what size and species of tree, they will be planted. The good thing about the online form is you will be communicated to as soon as the application period closes, your determined if you're getting a tree or not and why and when the tree is going to be planted. We hope to make it a transparent process going forward.

Mayor Signorello noted kudos to Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais and Tim Coakley has been very organized with Environmental Commission.

Scheduled Verbal Reports:

1. Administration and 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; Kevin Boyer, Colliers Engineering~~ **Excused**
5. Finance Department; Kenneth P. Blum, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
6. Fire Department; Steven A. Thompson, Fire Chief
7. Police Department; Daniel J. McCaffery, Police Chief
8. Public Works Department; Paul Baiamonte, Superintendent of Public Works
9. Recreation Department; John Ranieri, Recreation Director

Written Reports Received:

None

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

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

None

INTRODUCTION

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2715

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ENTITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL,”
AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 9 TO BE ENTITLED, “CONSUMPTION IN UNLICENSED
ESTABLISHMENTS”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter 6 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended so as to establish Section 9 of said Chapter as follows:

SECTION 1. Establishing Section Title

§ 6-9 CONSUMPTION IN UNLICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS.

SECTION 2. Recognition of Law

§ 6-9.1 Applicable Law; Municipal Intent.

The Borough of Roselle Park recognizes that certain unlicensed establishments may permit the consumption of wine and malt alcoholic beverages on-site pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-27. The provisions of this statute are recognized as permissive of the consumption of wine and malt beverages at unlicensed premises by business patrons unless the municipality adopts regulations to the contrary.

It is the Borough of Roselle Park’s intention to locally restate the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-27, and explicitly permit such activities. Nothing within the foregoing Section shall be construed as acting contrary to the limitations and regulations concerning unlicensed premises. Likewise, nothing within the foregoing Section shall be construed as contrary to any statutory preemption.

SECTION 3. Permissions

§ 6-9.2 Consumption of Alcohol in Unlicensed Establishments.

The Borough of Roselle Park shall generally permit the consumption of certain alcoholic beverages in unlicensed business establishments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:33-27; the provisions of which are enumerated and generally restated as follows:

- a. No person who owns or operates a restaurant, dining room or other public place where food or liquid refreshments are sold or served to the general public, and for which premises a license or permit authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption has not been issued:
 1. Shall allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages, other than wine or a malt alcoholic beverage, in a portion of the premises which is open to the public; or,
 2. Shall charge any admission fee or cover, corkage or service charge; or,
 3. Shall allow the consumption of wine or malt alcoholic beverages at times or by persons to whom the service or consumption of alcoholic beverages on licensed premises is prohibited by State or municipal law or regulation.
- b. Nothing within this Section shall restrict the right of an owner or operator of a restaurant, dining room or other public place where food or liquid refreshments are sold or served to the general public from prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages on those premises.

- c. A person who violates any provision of Section is a disorderly person, and the court, in addition to the sentence imposed for a disorderly person violation, may by its judgment bar the owner or operator from allowing consumption of wine or malt alcoholic beverages in his premises as authorized by this Section

SECTION 4. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

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

SECTION 5. Captions and Editing Indications.

Any captions contained in this Ordinance have been included only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section. Likewise, editing indications are structured such that all strikethrough text, ~~thusly~~, should be considered a deletion from exiting Borough Code, and all bolded text, **thusly**, should be considered an addition to existing Borough Code.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2715 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on March 16, 2023; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2715					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lyons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Patel	<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 Signorello; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 79-23

AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE CONDITIONAL LEASE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY WITH CICARIELLO BROTHERS, INC. FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the extension of the Conditional Lease between Cicariello Brothers, Inc. and the Borough of Roselle Park in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month for the calendar year 2023 as per the Conditional Lease attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Exhibit A
of Resolution No. 79-23**

EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL LEASE

This Lease is made on the 2nd day of March, 2023, between Cicariello Brothers Inc., located at address at 412 Laurel Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, hereinafter referred to as Lessee, and the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, located at 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, hereinafter referred to as Lessor.

1. The Lessee agrees to rent from the Lessor, a portion of the property located at Block 515, Lot 2.01, 401-425 Laurel Avenue, in the Borough of Roselle Park, for a period of time commencing on January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The rent to be paid by the Lessee to the Lessor will be in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month for the remainder of 2023. In addition, the rent is to be paid by the Lessee to the Lessor on the 1st of each month, for a total amount of \$18,000.00 for the year 2023.

2. The Lessee will supply to the Lessor a copy of his fleet insurance or such other insurance as he may have for his vehicles and equipment. In addition, the Lessee shall also provide to the Lessor a copy of any and all general liability insurance, including any insurance regarding pollution coverage.

3. The Lessee shall be responsible for any and all vehicles and equipment, including any and all containers located on the leased premises.

4. The Lessee shall indemnify the Lessor and hold harmless the Lessor for any and all damages, including legal fees and/or injuries resulting from the use and occupancy of the leased premises during the length of this Lease.

5. The Lessee agrees to maintain the premises in a clean and orderly manner and respond to any complaints by the Lessor concerning the status of the leased premises, including any and all requests to clean the leased property.

6. It is further agreed that the Lease shall run until December 31, 2023 and that said Lease may be between the Lessor and Lessee in January of the subsequent year.

7. It is further agreed and understood that each party has the right to cancel this Lease upon giving sixty (60) days' notice, in writing, to the other party by certified and regular mail.

8. The parties further agree that this Lease is governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey and that any disputes regarding this Lease will be resolved by binding mediation/arbitration, at which time each party will select a representative and they in turn will select a mediator to mediate/arbitrate the disputes as soon as practicable.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-23

AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE CONDITIONAL LEASE OF BOROUGH
PROPERTY WITH ROSELLE PARK WINES & SPIRITS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize an extension to the Conditional Lease with Roselle Park Wines & Spirits in the amount of \$4,000.00 per annum for calendar year 2023 as per the extension of Conditional Lease document attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Exhibit A
of Resolution No. 80-23**

EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL LEASE

It is on this 2nd day of March, 2023, agreed between **Roselle Park Wines & Spirits**, hereinafter referred to as Lessee, and the **Borough of Roselle Park**, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as Lessor, as follows:

Both parties (Lessor and Lessee) agree to extend the Conditional Lease, dated December 30, 2004 for the calendar year 2023 on the same terms and conditions except the following:

- The annual rent to be charged by the Lessor to the Lessee for six (6) parking spaces is \$4,000.00 for the calendar year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-23

AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE CONDITIONAL LEASE OF BOROUGH
PROPERTY WITH HARVEST CHAPEL INTERNATIONAL CHURCH
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute an extension to the Conditional Lease with Harvest Chapel International Church in the amount of \$306.00 per annum for calendar year 2023 as per the extension of Conditional Lease document attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**EXHIBIT A
OF RESOLUTION NO. 81-23**

EXTENSION OF CONDITIONAL LEASE

It is on this 2nd day of March, 2023, agreed between **Harvest Chapel International Church**, hereinafter referred to as Lessee, and the **Borough of Roselle Park**, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as Lessor, as follows:

Both parties (Lessor and Lessee) agree to extend the Conditional Lease, dated March 15, 2018 for the calendar year 2023 on the same terms and conditions except the following:

- The annual rent to be charged by the Lessor to the Lessee for six (6) parking spaces is \$306.00 for the calendar year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-23

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE RENEWAL
AGREEMENT FOR THE ROSELLE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a lease renewal agreement for the Roselle Park Historical Society, 304 Chestnut Street, Unit D1, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 for May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 at the monthly rate of nine-hundred dollars and zero cents (\$900.00), not to exceed a total cost of ten-thousand eight-hundred dollars and zero cents (\$10,800.00) for the term of the agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-23

**AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK AND THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION FOR THE
ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF THE UNION TOWNSHIP
FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the "Borough") seeks the use of an adequate firearms training facility by the officers of the Roselle Park Police Department for weapons qualification, training, and practice purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Union (hereinafter, the "Township") has and maintains a police firearms training facility for such mentioned purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has expressed a continued willingness and ability to share their firearms training facility with the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, terms and conditions have been proposed by the Township and the Borough which have been mutually reviewed and deemed acceptable by the parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes a shared services agreement between the Borough and the Township for the purpose of the Roselle Park Police Department's use of the Township's police firearms training facility during the entirety of calendar year 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a "Memorandum of Agreement" for the stated purpose, a copy of which shall be attached to the forgoing Resolution to be made and considered a part hereof.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-23

DESIGNATING TAP INTO ROSELLE PARK AS THE OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC NEWS SOURCE FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK WITH RESPECT TO ELECTRONIC NOTICES AND OTHER MATERIALS AS MAY BE OPTIONALLY PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby designate *Tap into Roselle Park* as the electronic news source for the Borough of Roselle Park for which notices and other matters may be provided pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (*N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.*), but which shall not be required; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any publication of any statutory advertisements, legal notices, or any other advertisements shall be at the expense of *Tap into Roselle Park*, not the Borough of Roselle Park; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing designation of *Tap into Roselle Park* shall not require or mandate that legal advertising, or any other notices be provided to them.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-23

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2022 NJDEP
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and,

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and,

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, a Resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2022 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and,

WHEREAS, such a Resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby endorses the submission of the 2022 Recycling Tonnage Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Recycling Coordinator Donna L. Corrigan to ensure that the application is properly filed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the Recycling Tonnage Grant be deposited in a dedicated Recycling Trust Fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-23

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REFUND OF
SECOND-QUARTER 2023 PROPERTY TAXES PAID FOR
21B COLFAX MANOR, BLOCK 401, LOT 6.02 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,622.00

WHEREAS, Corelogic (hereinafter, the “Mortgage Company”) remitted payment of first-quarter 2023 property taxes, which was applied to the second-quarter 2023 property tax balance for the property known as 21B Colfax Manor, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, or Block 401, Lot 6.02 of the municipal tax map of the Borough of Roselle Park, and assessed in the name of Serv Properties & Management, Inc. (hereinafter, the “Property”); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the governing body’s adoption of Resolution No. 64-23, the Property was classified as exempt from property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the Mortgage Company has requested a refund of their payment in the amount of one-thousand six-hundred twenty-two dollars and zero cents (\$1,622.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to issue a refund of second-quarter 2023 property taxes, as applied, to the Mortgage Company in the amount of one-thousand six-hundred twenty-two dollars and zero cents (\$1,622.00) pursuant to the tax exemption granted and memorialized within Resolution No. 64-23

RESOLUTION NO. 87-23

REJECTING ALL BIDS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 RECEIVED JANUARY 4, 2023
FOR 2023-2024 SCRAP METAL ROLL-OFF SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING
THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT TO RE-BID THE SAME

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent received sealed bids at 9:15 a.m. for the project 2023-2024 Scrap Metal Roll-Off Services; and,

WHEREAS, upon review of all bids received, it is the recommendation of the Qualified Purchasing Agent, in consultation with applicable Borough Departments, to reject all bids and re-advertise utilizing sealed public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that all bids received on January 4, 2023 responsive to 2023-2023 Scrap Metal Roll-Off Services specifications are hereby rejected in accordance with the recommendations of the Qualified Purchasing Agent pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2*, with statutory reasoning as follows:

1. The lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods and services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body authorizes and directs the Qualified Purchasing Agent to re-advertise bid specifications for the project so stated within the foregoing Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-23

REJECTING ALL BIDS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 RECEIVED
FEBRUARY 22, 2023 FOR 2023-2024 STREET SWEEPINGS ROLL-OFF
SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NEGOTIATION
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent received sealed bids at 9:30 a.m. for the project 2023-2024 Street Sweepings Roll-Off Services; and,

WHEREAS, upon review of all bids received, it is the recommendation of the Qualified Purchasing Agent, in consultation with applicable Borough Departments, to reject all bids and negotiate prices and terms pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that all bids received on February 22, 2023 responsive to 2023-

2023 Street Sweepings Roll-Off Services specifications are hereby rejected in accordance with the recommendations of the Qualified Purchasing Agent pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2*, with statutory reasoning as follows:

1. The lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods and services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body authorizes and directs the Qualified Purchasing Agent to negotiate prices and terms pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)* in furtherance of a contract for 2023-2023 Street Sweepings Roll-Off Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-23

REJECTING ALL BIDS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 RECEIVED
FEBRUARY 22, 2023 FOR 2023-2024 CONCRETE ROLL-OFF SERVICES AND
AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NEGOTIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent received sealed bids at 9:00 a.m. for the project 2023-2024 Concrete Roll-Off Services; and,

WHEREAS, upon review of all bids received, it is the recommendation of the Qualified Purchasing Agent, in consultation with applicable Borough Departments, to reject all bids and negotiate prices and terms pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that all bids received on February 22, 2023 responsive to 2023-2023 Concrete Roll-Off Services specifications are hereby rejected in accordance with the recommendations of the Qualified Purchasing Agent pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2*, with statutory reasoning as follows:

1. The lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods and services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body authorizes and directs the Qualified Purchasing Agent to negotiate prices and terms pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)* in furtherance of a contract for 2023-2023 Concrete Roll-Off Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-23

AWARDING AN OPEN-ENDED GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACT TO STILO EXCAVATION,
INC. FOR SOLID WASTE (GARBAGE) ROLL-OFF SERVICES PURSUANT TO OPTION A
(TRUCKING ONLY) OF THE ADVERTISED BID SPECIFICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$275.00 PER CONTAINER FOR THE APPROXIMATELY TWO-YEAR PERIOD
BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2023 ANDEXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2024

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent of the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the "Borough") received and opened sealed bids at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 for "Solid Waste (Garbage) Roll-Off Services;" and,

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent of the Borough recommends that the Mayor and Council award a contract to the below captioned vendor, identified as the lowest responsive responsible bidder, at the price(s) and contract term so specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Qualified Purchasing Agent, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby awards an open-ended goods and services contract to Stilo Excavation, Inc. of 2907 South Clinton Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 pursuant to Option A of the advertised specifications

for “Solid Waste (Garbage) Roll-Off Services” in the amount of two-hundred seventy-five dollars and zero cents (\$275.00) per container for an approximately two (2) year contract term beginning March 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing Resolution be explicitly adopted on the basis that the Borough of Roselle Park may utilize the goods and/or services of this open-ended contract with an aggregate cost in exceedance of the bid threshold; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer shall certify as to the availability of funds before all purchases are made pursuant to the prevailing provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and any regulations promulgated by the State of New Jersey related thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-23

AUTHORIZING THE PARTIAL CLOSURE OF WILLIAMS STREET AT THE REQUEST OF DOWLING’S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT FOR A SAINT PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION WHERE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE CONSUMED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Section 3-1.1 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) generally prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the possession of unsealed alcoholic beverage containers in public places including public streets; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3-1.3 of the said Municipal Code indicates that, among the several stated exceptions, the provisions and preclusions outlined in Section 3-1.1 shall not apply to groups specifically permitted to provide for the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the possession of unsealed alcoholic beverage containers in public places including public streets by the Resolution of Mayor and Council (hereinafter, the “Governing Body”); and,

WHEREAS, the owners of Dowling’s Irish Pub and Restaurant, located at 117 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 has submitted a request dated for the partial closure of Williams Street, a public place immediately adjacent to their place of business, for a Saint Patrick’s Day celebration on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to street closure permissions, the ownership of Dowling’s Irish Pub and Restaurant request permission for the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the possession of unsealed alcoholic beverage containers on the closed portion of Williams Street pursuant to Section 3-1.3 of Municipal Code; and,

WHEREAS, in consideration of the advice and suggested best practices of the Borough’s Joint Insurance Fund and the recommendations of the Chief of Police, the Governing Body wishes to take action on the aforementioned request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Dowling’s Irish Pub and Restaurant located at 117 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 be and is hereby granted permission to host a “Block Party” style Saint Patrick’s Day celebration on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. within a closed and secured area of approximately one-hundred (100) yards of Williams Street beginning at the intersection of Chestnut Street; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by passage of the forgoing Resolution that Dowling’s Irish Pub and Restaurant be permitted to provide for the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or the possession of unsealed alcoholic beverage containers on the closed and secured portion of Williams Street pursuant to Section 3-1.3 of Municipal Code; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, it shall be specifically required that Dowling’s Irish Pub and Restaurant provide portable bathroom stations within the approved event area for the duration of the event; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the forgoing approval shall be conditioned upon Dowling's Irish Pub and Restaurant's provision of all requisite proofs of insurance and indemnification documentation as recommended by the Borough's Joint Insurance Fund.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilwoman Lyons

Noted we are having an event for Women's History Month at House 157. Hold's 65 people, so it is limited seating. We are going to post it. It will be on Tuesday, March 21st. There will be light refreshments while we are gathering. Spoke with Mayor Signorello, they would like to honor a woman from Roselle Park. If you have any suggestions, please email her or Mayor Signorello. We definitely would like to bring her back at the next meeting and acknowledge her. This will be a first for Roselle Park. She would like to say it's amazing how we can obviously read on some wonderful woman in history, but really locally. When she thinks of women's history, I just think of the woman of today. Everyone has a hand in it. She honors them tonight.

Noted today is National Read Across America. She was honored and humbled to go to the Sherman School and read to the 5th graders.

Met with the Communities Affair and Public Events Committee last week. We do have a lot of events in Roselle Park; just wanted to let everyone know. They are starting with welcome packets for new families and residents. She would like to extend an invitation to the Council. She will go and introduce herself to the new residents in the 3rd Ward. If the Council wants to participate, please let her know. They will have some information and even include the businesses as well and really come together to welcome new families.

Noted the Library has many events. Please check the website for the information.

Noted the Roselle Park Business Community is having a free pre-network training event. The program is extended to the Roselle Park business community in partnership between the Borough of Roselle Park and the Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce.

Thanked Superintendent Baiamonte and Councilman Robaina for helping with a netting issue.

Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the Capone and Longo families.

Noted he chose Donato's Florist as the Business of the Month for March 2023.

On February 18th attended the Historical Trustee's Committee Meeting.

On February 20th attended the Historical Society Meeting.

On February 23rd attended the budge meeting. Noted it's going to be a tough year.

On March 1st attended the budget meeting. He provided an updated on the progress of the meeting.

Noted and attended an emergency JMEUC meeting today.

Reminder, the Easter Candy Event will be on April 1st at the Library from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Patel

Note recent budget meetings.

He read to 2nd graders at the Aldene School for National Read Across America.

Noted The Greater Union Township Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a free pre-networking training event at House 157 on March 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Please rsvp for the event.

The deadline for the Shade Tree request is March 20th for the initial round of planting. Residents who are unable to access the form on line can call the Clerk's office at Borough Hall to add themselves to the list.

Noted and highlighted some upcoming events: the St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Casano Community Center on March 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Dowling's will be having an outdoor block party on March 11th.

Reminder to set your clocks one hour ahead on March 12th for daylight savings time.

On March 10th he will host a game night fundraiser from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Mexican Restaurant.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Robaina

Met and provided an update from the Union County Transportation Advisory Board which focused on the progress of the Gordon Street Bridge; offered highlights from the presentation. It's projected by this August the project will be substantially complete and open to the public.

Provided insight from a recent infrastructure webinar about using green infrastructure to prevent flooding from intensified storms in the New York/New Jersey area. It highlighted the prioritization of overburdened communities to improve their resilience to climate change. Provided examples of how these things could help Roselle Park and other local municipalities.

Attended the Municipal Land Use Board Meeting on February 27th.

Hosted a free community outreach event for 5th Ward residents at Ebenezer Restaurant on February 21st.

He attended the Chamber's Board of Directors Meeting on February 22nd. Thanked Executive Director Jim Masterson for waiving the fee for Roselle Park businesses.

Highlighted the upcoming networking-training event on March 22nd at House 157 Restaurant.

Noted he reached out to the Board of Education members and principals regarding the Union County Kids Dig In! It's a School Garden Grant Program for Pre-K through 12. Awards range from \$500

to \$850 per school for raised beds, earth box gardens, pollinator gardens or garden enhancements. Noted the deadline is March 10th.

Noted and thanked Mr. Casais and Department Heads for their help and assistance in working on a number of issues, ranging from maintenance of abandoned properties, to code enforcement, debris removal, engineering matters, and more.

Congratulated Ms. Kit Rubino from the Library on her retirement.

Noted and highlighted some upcoming events: Chamber Event on Wednesday, March 22nd at House 157 Restaurant; April 15th is the Clean Communities Spring Clean Up; March 21st at the Casano Center will host a Colon Cancer Nutrition and Prevention session. A free educational presentation, you'll get health materials and information on where you can get screenings.

Noted the variety of monthly recognitions: National Colon Cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, and Endometriosis, Brain Injury and Development Disabilities Awareness and Women's History Month.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Johnson

Attended the Roselle Park School Board meeting on February 28th where the current school board voted on a replacement for a vacant school board seat. Congratulated Lucy Figueiredo who was nominated by the board to fulfill the remaining term. Thanked all who applied.

Noted and attended the Sherman and Robert Gordon Schools for the Read Across America Event. Notable mentions to the Principals, Teachers and PTA for hosting a wonderful event.

Expressed condolences to Dr. Kirkland and family.

Noted a special announcement from the Roselle Park Diversity & Inclusion Committee. They will be hosting a Karaoke Night Pride Event at House 157 on Thursday, June 8th. More details to follow.

Expressed how proud he is of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee for their hard work. The committee managed, along with Chris Monroe, to help bring forth Black History Month on February 10th with a production of a play that helps stimulate education awareness on behalf of Black History Month. Special recognition goes to Roselle Park High Principal Ms. Acosta.

Noted Union Road residents will receive a survey. Please fill out the survey to the best of your abilities and send it back. This is a way for us to reach out to the community. Please provide us your input.

Encourage all that their voice matters, and that he would always put the needs of Roselle Park residents first.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Signorello

Attended Read Across American and Sherman School. He had the kindergarten kids and they were great.

Thanked the Roselle Park Police Department for parking and traffic enforcements in the 2nd Ward residential areas.

Expressed disappointment in j-walkers on Westfield Avenue; encouraged all to cross at the crosswalk; asked motorists to slow down.

Noted and attended the 2023 Budget Meeting. We are going to work hard and do our best.

Provided contact information.

Mayor Signorello

Noted on track to launch an app in Spring 2023; best part is being able to report a concern or report with a picture if you need to. It's going to aggregate a lot of the information you can already get from other resources.

Noted this is the first year you will see all the works of the budget process as an entire group. He appreciates doing a public budget process in light of the process and increases of the cost being placed with the Borough. There's an extension on the Anchor Program. Please do it, if you haven't done so. Expressed frustration with the budget at a Local level.

Provided contact information.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Signorello moved at 8:08 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Cindy Mago, 433 Walnut Street

Ms. Mago suggested to Councilwoman Lyons to reach out to the PTA and PTO's in town. The PTA and PTO's may want to add literature to the Welcome Packet for the families that may have children moving in.

Lucy Figueiredo, 330 Sheridan Avenue

Ms. Figueiredo discussed the discouragement of the rumble strips on Sheridan Avenue by the school. Vehicles are driving fast and are double parked. There are many kids in the area.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Signorello moved at 8:11 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Signorello moved at 8:11 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk