

MAY 4, 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

Mayor Signorello asked for a motion to move out of order to consider Resolution Numbers 126-23 and 127-23.

Councilman Signorello made a motion to move out of order to consider Resolutions Numbers 126-23 and 127-23; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

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

The following Resolutions were offered by Councilman Signorello; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-23

PROMOTING SERGEANT ROBERT HARMS TO THE RANK OF
LIEUTENANT OF THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby promotes Sergeant Robert Harms to the rank of Lieutenant of the Roselle Park Police Department, effective May 8, 2023, at the prorated annual salary of \$129,074.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 127-23

PROMOTING PATROLMAN BRIAN SWICK TO THE RANK OF
SERGEANT OF THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby promotes Patrolman Brian Swick to the rank of Sergeant of the Roselle Park Police Department, effective May 8, 2023, at the prorated annual salary of \$122,338.00.

Councilman Signorello congratulated the two new soon to be sworn in officers. He said it's nice to see two Roselle Park graduates and two wrestlers that wrestled for Coach Ranieri in the room tonight. It's also nice to see two candidates come up through the ranks and be promoted tonight. God speed to you all.

Councilwoman Lyons congratulated both officers on their promotions. She spoke of a time when Lt. Harms came to her house to assist her when her dad was really sick and he helped her dad in his last moments. She will forever be grateful to him for this. She said in a small home town to have such amazing police officers and Police Department is important, and she appreciates them all.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution Numbers 126-23 and 127-23					
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	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mayor Signorello administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Robert Harms

Police Chief Dominick Frino noted and highlighted Lieutenant Harms' career path and accomplishments. Congratulated Lieutenant Harms on his well-deserved promotion and looks forward to working with him.

Lieutenant Harms thanked his family, Mayor and Council and Chief Frino for giving him this opportunity. He also congratulated Sgt. Swick and said he will continue to do the best he can for this department and this town in his new position.

Mayor Signorello administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Brian Swick.

Police Chief Dominick Frino noted and highlighted Sergeant Swick's career path and accomplishments. Congratulated him on his well-deserved promotion and knows he will do a very good job as a supervisor.

Sergeant Swick thanked Mayor and Council, Chief Frino, his fellow officers and his family. He said it is an honor to protect and serve the town that he was born and raised in and he will continue to serve the community to the best of his ability.

Mayor Signorello, along with Councilwoman Lyons announced the first annual Roselle Park Woman of the Year Award. Councilwoman Lyons spoke briefly about women inspiring women, and announced Miriam Cespedes as Roselle Park's 2023 Woman of the Year and presented her with a proclamation, flowers and a gift card.

Councilman Signorello made a motion for a short recess; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Signorello made a motion to reconvene the meeting; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness Month

Mayor Signorello read the proclamation on Mental Health Awareness Month and spoke about the impact of loneliness on people, and to make sure to check in on friends and others. He said it's always okay to reach out for help if you are in need of it.

2. Proclamation: Bike Month

Councilman Robaina spoke about Bike Month and this is also about health and safety and changing your life style and alternative ways to travel. He is looking forward to May 20th for the Helmet Gift Away, the Tour de Roselle Park, and the Safety Clinic. It's a tremendous opportunity for our children and young adults to learn how to safely travel in our municipality.

3. Proclamation: Elks Youth Month

Mayor Signorello said unfortunately the Elks could not make it tonight, but wants to make sure that everyone recognizes the Elks have been helping this community and helping out Union County and around the greater Union County. We are very appreciative of their help and efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

NONE

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 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 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

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

From the Clerk's Office side of things and the election that is coming up on June 6th, we do have the deadline for voter registration coming up on Tuesday, May 16th. Residents who are not registered to vote, can do so online now at the Secretary of State's website; but you can also do it in person. His office and the Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 p.m. that evening if you would like to register in person and not register online.

Mentioned the County of Union did award the Borough of Roselle Park a \$63,000 infrastructure grant, which will go towards offsetting costs associated with road and pedestrian positive items. On the capital side, we do have a fairly robust road program, along with a couple other items, which we will touch on later.

He is proud of this budget, and something to commend the Governing Body on is that it pays off a quarter of a million dollars' worth of the Borough debt. So even though we are doing these programs, we acquired about \$800,000 in grants to offset the cost of this year's budget, and that type of strategic planning leads to a reduction in the overall debt to the municipality; which is a positive thing while you are still able to get things done.

Mayor Signorello noted we hired our first grant writer last year, and are starting to see the fruits of the labor. He said we are a small municipality and are not going to win on everything, but they have gotten us a few buck here and there, and it is starting to add up; which is great.

Police Department; Dominick Frino, Police Chief

Noted he has submitted his report, but wanted to highlight a few items.

Chief Frino noted the Police Department conducted two traffic studies on April 10th; one on the 100 block of Bender Avenue and one on the 600 block of Amsterdam Avenue. He said he would like to sit down with both Councilmen to discuss the results of these traffic studies further.

Noted the Police Department will be purchasing two smaller portable radar machines that run on solar, and actually have some Cloud storage and some data in there that runs off an iPad or iPhone. These will be helpful to do some of the things that they have been asking the County to do for them as far as traffic plans. Thanked CFO Blum and Borough Clerk Casais for helping assist with this.

Congratulated Lieutenant Michael Wielgus on his well-deserved retirement and appreciates all the timely promotions to keep the staff adequate, so that they can safely respond to calls in Roselle Park and help the residents out the best they can.

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

Friendly reminder that 2nd quarter tax bills are due and you have until May 10th to pay without interest.

Code Enforcement Department: Richard Belluscio, Construction Official

Mr. Belluscio reported that as of April 2023, a total of 160 permits were issued. He indicated that the total revenue related to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) for April 2023 was \$526,063; there were no sewer connection fees and COAH Development fees for April 2023 was \$2,140. He reported that the number of UCC violations was 12 for the month of April. With respect to property maintenance enforcement, there were 10 Court dispositions and fines year to date were \$9,219.00; 25 violations were issued and 26 Court summons were issued during April 2023.

He spoke briefly about the ongoing projects. The Hunter project is moving along nicely and is very happy with their contractors and sub-contractors.

Noted that 240 and 250 West Westfield Avenue are still operating on a TCO. He said we are still waiting on the tenant fit outs for downstairs and whether restaurant or no restaurant use. Currently there is no tenant looking to move in.

10 West Westfield Avenue; he said we did receive plans last week for the first floors of A and B Building. However, there is a slight problem in that the two uses are not principle permitted uses based upon the Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Belluscio noted that both of these retail spaces are prime spaces.

The Development Review Committee will be meeting next week with Capodaglia for the additional three stories and parking deck for the amended site plan.

Ms. Fran McManimon of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann and Redevelopment Counsel for the Borough said the agreement does require a certain amount of retail space. There was a discussion as to whether there was to be a restaurant; and it is not required to be a restaurant. She said within the Redeveloper Agreement, there is no specific provision as to filling the space.

Fire Department: Steven Thompson, Fire Chief

Congratulated Lieutenant Harms and Sergeant Swick on their promotions.

Noted the department is still actively recruiting new members. If interested, you can look on their website or stop by one of the firehouses on a Tuesday night.

Thanked Crossfield Products. He said they did a walk-through of their facility on April 25th and it was probably the most thorough walk through they have ever done with any company in Roselle Park. They had complete evacuation plans and complete site plans that they gave to the Fire Department. Chief Thompson said they were probably one of the most prepared businesses that he has ever seen. It was very nice and they were so accommodating.

May 5th is the After the Fire Program at the High School at 9:00 a.m. This is the first time the Fire Department is sponsoring this and he is very excited about this.

The Memorial Service for the Fire Department is Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Kelly-Kaulfers Park. In case of rain, the service will be moved inside the firehouse.

The Fire Department will also be participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

Noted the department will be continuing their meetings and pre-planning with Meridia and Fernmore and have met several times with them.

Received a letter of appreciation from a resident who lived at 240 West Westfield Avenue, who is handicapped and in a wheelchair. Her family and her had made preparations that in case the Fire Department needed to get her out of the building, the department knew exactly where she was. Her family sent an email to Chief Thompson saying that she was moving out of her residence as of the end of April, but they wanted to thank the department because every time there was a fire alarm, the Fire Department was always checking in with her first and they were the first ones to get up there to make sure she was alright and out of the building.

Engineering: Kevin Boyer, Colliers Engineering

Spoke briefly about the storm sewer separation Resolution that is on tonight's agenda.

He said back in 2015, the State put out a mandate that any operator of a combined sewer system must limit their wet water discharges to four times or less per year. The City of Elizabeth, which operates the system, has well exceeded that; partially due to Roselle Park and other contributing factors. He said to limit that occurrence, you start picking out pieces of the system that have storm water contributing to it. Roselle Park being one of the big contributors is having that system picked out and trying to be separated. The area is about 120 acres and covers north of 28 and west of Galloping Hill Road. This section all leads down to the East Grant and Galloping Hill intersection. He said from there, we are looking to pick up the storm sewer and run it down Galloping Hill to Rt. 28 and then Rt. 28 all the way down to the Elizabeth River. This is about 9,000 to 10,000 linear feet of storm pipe.

Borough Clerk Casais said one of the ironic things about this project is this is going to be one of the largest the municipality has ever done that's not in the municipality. Most of the work will be performed outside the municipality.

Mr. Boyer said he met with Elizabethtown Gas and they have all of their projects done. They are looking to pave early spring/summer. The roads that they will be paving are Elm, Filbert and West Roselle from Colfax to Filbert, and Meadow, Warren, Butler and Park. These roads will be paved curb to curb.

Borough Clerk Casais said he will be sending out a small amendment to that. Warren Avenue and Park Avenue will not be done. The municipality will do those roads at a later time. He will send out a map to the Governing Body, so they can all visualize what is going to happen. Again, this was just finalized in the last couple of hours.

Recreation Department: John Ranieri, Recreation Director

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

Congratulated Rupen Shah and the Public Events & Community Affairs Committee for hosting the Meet the Borough for new residents. It was a great event and opportunity for new residents to learn about the Borough.

Noted the Recreation Department had over 480 recreation members, 164 members for the Homework Club and After Care Program, and we are transporting over 85 and escorting 54 students daily.

We recently added our Recreation Department calendar to the Borough's website.

Parents Night Out on April 28th was a well-attended event and glad to help support Robert Gordon's PTA.

Noted the following spring recreational programming: Middle School/High School and Adult Fitness; High School and Adult Basketball; Girls Basketball 3-5 and Middle School; Girls Wrestling; Boys Basketball 3-5 and Middle School; Pickleball, and Middle School/High School and Adult Volleyball.

On behalf of the Recreation members, coaches and department, he thanked Mayor and Council for recognizing their outstanding winter and recreational teams and individual accomplishments.

Provided contact information.

Public Works Department: Paul Baiamonte, Superintendent of Public Works

Noted that the Department of Public Works is fully staffed. He said they did have an incident with one of the Shade Tree Operators who fell and was injured. Thankfully he is doing well.

He spoke about the recent storm and the large amount of rain over a multi-day period. Due to this large amount of rain, it brought up a few areas of concern and some sewer issues. The areas of concern are the draining of the Walnut Street basin which was filling up rather rapidly. The intersection of Hemlock and East Clay which had a buildup of roots and muck in those catch basins, along with the pipe that leads westbound towards the culvert of Cherry Street. A vendor has been engaged to look at this and to provide pricing for helping with the cleanout of that area. The intersection of Spruce and East Lincoln has been flooding quite frequently. This too, could be because of the Walnut Street basin on the other side of Colfax Avenue and all leads down to that area. The intersection of Galloping Hill Road and Madison and the intersection of West Webster and Myrtle Avenue; did clean out those catch basins and there was debris in there backing it up. Also, the wooded/grassy area in front of Woodside Gardens near Beechwood Avenue was flooded.

Also due to the heavy rains and infiltration of water into the sanitary sewer systems, they were called out several times over the weekend to Westfield Avenue, specifically between Chestnut Street going westwards in front of The Castle/Los Altos. He said they have been having issues with sanitary sewer getting into their basement. He said they are continuously dealing with a buildup of grease in that system along Westfield Avenue.

Will be filling potholes within the week; weather permitting. The hotbox holds two tons of hot asphalt, so that's multiple trips a day up to Watchung or Linden.

Noted we have 20 applications for sidewalks, and has engaged two vendors on pricing for these 20 locations.

The DPW is taking care of lawn maintenance throughout the Borough. There are about 25 locations including the median along Westfield Avenue.

Mayor Signorello spoke about our growing soccer clubs having difficulty finding places to practice on. Has long-term dreams of turning something into a dedicated soccer field. The thought is to allow for Hawthorne Basin to be used for practices. Would like to put up for the next meeting, consideration to allow limited use there as trial run.

Community Center: Rupen Shah, Community Center Director

On April 22nd more than 16 new families attended our second Meet the Borough event. Thanked all who participated to welcome new residents and provide information on services and resources offered.

On April 28th celebrated Arbor Day at the Middle School. Thanked all who participated.

Noted we have begun planning the following day trips for our seniors: May 9th to the PNC Arts Center for Bobby Wilson's tribute to Jackie and the Sounds of Motown; May 18th to Delicious Orchards; May 24th to Point Pleasant; May 25th to Smithville, Pennsylvania and May 31st to Seaside Heights.

On May 16th the County Office of Health Management will visit the Center for a presentation on Mental Health from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

On May 22nd the MVC Mobile Unit will be visiting Roselle Park to serve 50 residents from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; registration for this event is closed. The next event is on June 20th and sign up will be open on May 23rd.

Noted the following upcoming events: May 20th is our 3rd annual Bike Clinic and first Tour de Roselle Park at Gazebo Park, starting at 12:00 Noon; and May 29th we will be hosting the annual Memorial Day Parade and Service, with the parade assembly beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the parade starting promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Signorello said Rupen Shah will become the Public Information Officer, subject to the budget passing, and this will be on the July agenda. Rupen has done a great job and is excited to give him a promotion with a stipend as Public Information Officer.

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
5. Finance Department; Kenneth P. Blum, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
6. Fire Department; Steven A. Thompson, Fire Chief
7. Police Department; Dominick Frino, Police Chief
8. Public Works Department; Paul Baiamonte, Superintendent of Public Works
9. Recreation Department; John Ranieri, Recreation Director

Written Reports Received:

1. Construction Official's Report for April 2023
2. Community Center Director's Report for April 2023

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

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2719

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH ROSELLE PARK URBAN RENEWAL, LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Councilman Signorello moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2719; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Signorello moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2719; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2719 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Ms. Fran McManimon of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann as Redevelopment Counsel for the Borough said this is an ordinance authorizing an assignment agreement for the financial agreement in connection with the Romerovski project. This financial agreement was authorized back in 2009 and originally the project was for just one phase. Subsequently, an amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement was adopted and it broke the project into two phases. This is just a procedural process to have the obligations under the financial agreement be applicable to Phase 2, and the Urban Renewal Entity undertaking Phase 2, which is an affiliate of the developer. This is just more procedural; none of the substantive terms of the financial agreement are changing.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2719		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2725

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 4, SUBSECTION 4.1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, ENTITLED “RECREATION FEES ENUMERATED”

Councilman Signorello moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2725; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Signorello moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2725; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2725 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2725					
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INTRODUCTION

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2724

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC,” AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 45 TO BE ENTITLED “VEHICULAR REPAIRS ON PUBLIC STREETS”

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 39:4-197(f)* and *(g)* permits municipalities to enact Ordinances which regulate the parking of vehicles on streets and portions thereof and upon land owned or leased and maintained by the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle Park is desirous to amend Chapter 7, “Traffic,” to include a new section regarding motor vehicle repairs on public streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter 7 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended so as to establish Section 45 of said Chapter as follows:

SECTION 1. Establishing Section Title

§ 7-45 VEHICULAR REPAIRS ON PUBLIC STREETS

SECTION 2. Section Definitions

§ 7-45.1 Definitions.

For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE

Every type of motor-driven vehicle used for commercial purposes on the highways, such as the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise.

MOTOR VEHICLE

Any vehicle which is self-propelled, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motorized scooters, and motorized bicycles.

REPAIRS

Shall mean work performed or to be performed upon any motor vehicle including but not limited to general maintenance, motors, ignition system, transmission, drive or electrical system, or body or fender work and any fluid or oil changes.

SECTION 3. On-Street Repair Work Prohibitions

§ 7-45.2 On-Street Repairs Prohibited.

The performance of any maintenance or repair work or installation of any parts upon motor vehicles on public streets in the Borough of Roselle Park is prohibited. The performance of any repair work on a roadway or highway within the Borough allowed by this section shall not conflict with *N.J.S.A. 39:4-136*.

SECTION 4. On-Street Repair Work Exceptions

§ 7-45.3 Exceptions to Prohibition of On-Street Repairs.

Except where necessary to render emergency road service, it is unlawful for any person to repair or maintain any automobile, truck, commercial or motor vehicle upon any highway, sidewalk, street, roadway or right of way in the Borough of Roselle Park.

Repairs that are necessitated by an emergency shall constitute a breakdown in operation of motor vehicle while en route and shall include but not be limited to, mechanical first aid requiring not more than thirty (30) minutes of work, vehicles in tow, snowbound vehicles, fixing of flat tires, delivery of gasoline, battery service and lockouts limited solely to that required in order to remove any such vehicle from the public street or public highway or unless an extension of time is granted by a member of the Police Department at the time of the emergency.

SECTION 5. On-Street Vehicle Cleaning Prohibitions

§ 7-45.4 On-Street Washing and Cleaning Prohibited.

The washing or cleaning of any commercial vehicle or motor vehicle upon any public street, sidewalk, roadway or right-of-way shall be prohibited.

SECTION 6. Violations and Penalty Provisions

§ 7-45.5 Failure to Comply; Penalties.

It shall be the duty of the Police Department to enforce this Section. A violation of this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not to exceed five-hundred dollars (\$500.00), or a period of community service not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both.

SECTION 7. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

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

SECTION 8. 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 existing Borough Code, and all bolded text, **thusly**, should be considered an addition to existing Borough Code.

SECTION 9. 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. 2724 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on May 18, 2023; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Mayor Signorello said we made a couple of amendments to this Ordinance. Washing of your car has been approved under this Ordinance. The fines have been reduced from \$500 to \$250; and the second offense will still be \$500. The other bigger change is what we defined as heavy repairs, light repairs and time limit. For light repairs, you would have 30 minutes to repair them and anything above that is a heavy repair, which would not be permitted. He said he thought 30 minutes was a little too light, and should be changed to one hour.

Councilman Patel also recommended changing the time limit to one hour.

Borough Clerk Casais said as far as the time limit, the Police have to see the repair starting. The time limit is not perfect. More likely than not, it will be based off of a resident reporting it and the Police will check it out.

Borough Clerk Casais read the red line changes on Ordinance No. 2724 into the record.

Councilman Signorello moved to amend Ordinance No. 2724 as red lined; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Amend Ordinance No. 2724 as Red Lined					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<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	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	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"/>

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2724 be adopted as amended; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2724 as Amended					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<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	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	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"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2726

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 PURSUANT TO *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14*

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.*, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said final budget appropriations to 2.5% unless authorized by Ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a* provides that a municipality may, when authorized by Ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two (2) succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its Calendar Year 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, more specifically, the Borough Council has determined that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$157,931.74 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, with a majority of the full authorized membership of the Governing Body affirmatively concurring, that, in the Calendar Year 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Roselle Park shall, in accordance with this Ordinance and *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14*, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$552,761.09 and that the Calendar Year 2023 municipal budget for the Borough of Roselle Park be approved and adopted in accordance with the foregoing Ordinance; and.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this Ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five (5) days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this Ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within five (5) days after such adoption.

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2726 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on May 18, 2023; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2726		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
	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"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2727

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 4, SUBSECTION 4.1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, ENTITLED “RECREATION FEES ENUMERATED” TO ESTABLISH A FEE SCHEDULE FOR GRADES K-8 RECREATION FLAG FOOTBALL

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter 10, Section 4, Subsection 4.1 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Fees

10-4.1 Recreation Fees Enumerated.

The fees for the Department of Recreation of the Borough of Roselle Park are hereby set as follows:

Recreation Membership	Fee(s)
[...]	
Recreation Wrestling	Fee(s)
[...]	
Recreation Fitness and Training Center	Fee(s)
[...]	
Recreation Basketball	Fee(s)
[...]	
Recreation After-School Program	Fee(s)
[...]	
Recreation Volleyball	Fee(s)
[...]	
Intramural Sports & Activities	Fee(s)
[...]	
Recreation Flag Football (Grades K – 8)	Fee(s)
Individual	\$100 per person
Family (3 or more)	\$95 per person
Pre-Season Clinics	\$50 per person

All above Recreation Flag Football fees, with the exception of gear, may be waived (\$0) as special circumstances. A special circumstance waiver of fees applies if an individual or family qualifies for a school-based free and reduced meal program.

All above Recreation Flag Football fees, with the exception of gear, shall be waived (\$0) for members of the Roselle Park Fire Department, and family members of firefighters living within the same household. Roselle Park residency shall be required to qualify for this fee exemption.

All above Recreation Flag Football fees, with the exception of gear, shall be waived (\$0) for members of the Roselle Park Police Department, and family members of police officers living within the same household. Roselle Park residency shall be required to qualify for this fee exemption.

SECTION 2. Invalidation

If any section or portion of a section of this Ordinance shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

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

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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. 2727 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on May 18, 2023; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2727		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<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	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	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"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2728

A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,196,000 THEREFOR, INCLUDING VARIOUS GRANTS IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$750,990 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,320,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

SECTION 1.

The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Roselle Park, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (the “Borough”) as general improvements. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,196,000 (which is the aggregate amount of the sums of money appropriated for each respective improvement or purpose), including various grants in the aggregate amount of \$750,990 expected to be received from the County of Union, the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and/or the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation as set forth in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance and the sum of \$125,010 as the down payment for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of the provision for a down payment for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

SECTION 2.

In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes not covered by the application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,320,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3.

The improvements or purposes hereby authorized for which bonds or notes are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement or purpose and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement or purpose, and the period of usefulness of each improvement or purpose are as follows:

- (a) Various capital improvements throughout the Borough as set forth on the project list filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>BOND AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USEFULNESS</u>
\$110,000 (including a grant in the amount of \$5,000 expected to be received from the County of Union - Greening Union County Grant)	\$90,000	5 years

- (b) Purchase of equipment for the Public Works Department, including signs.

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>BOND AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USEFULNESS</u>
\$75,000	\$70,000	15 years

- (c) Various playground improvements to Acker Park as set forth on the project list filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>BOND AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USEFULNESS</u>
\$176,000 (including a grant in the amount of \$45,000 expected to be received from the County of Union - Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant, and a grant in the amount of \$86,000 expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs - Local Recreation Improvement Grant)	\$40,000	15 years

- (d) Sidewalk improvements throughout the Borough as set forth on the project list filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>BOND AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USEFULNESS</u>
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\$40,000

\$35,000

10 years

- (e) The 2023 Road Improvement Project - Phase I, including the planning, design, reconstruction and/or resurfacing of various roads, and curb repairs, throughout the Borough as set forth on the project list filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, and all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>BOND AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USEFULNESS</u>
<p>\$1,795,000 (including a grant in the amount of \$336,990 expected to be received from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation, a grant in the amount of \$215,000 expected to be received from the County of Union - Community Development Block Grant, and a grant in the amount of \$63,000 expected to be received from the County of Union - Infrastructure Grant)</p>	\$1,085,000	10 years
<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>TOTAL BOND AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>AVERAGE PERIOD OF USEFULNESS</u>
\$2,196,000	\$1,320,000	10.08 years

SECTION 4.

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

SECTION 5.

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

SECTION 6.

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

- (a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.
- (b) The average period of usefulness of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance, computed on the basis of the amounts of obligations authorized for each improvement or purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 10.08 years.
- (c) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$250,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost of the improvements or purposes set forth in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance.
- (d) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and submitted to the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough is increased by \$1,320,000 (the amount of the authorization of the obligations provided for in this Bond Ordinance). The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 7.

The Borough reasonably expects to commence the acquisition and/or construction of the improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this Bond Ordinance, and to advance all or a portion of the costs in respect thereof, prior to the issuance of bonds or notes hereunder. To the extent such costs are advanced, the Borough further reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures from the proceeds of the obligations authorized in Section 2 of this Bond Ordinance. This Section 7 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 8.

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

SECTION 9.

This Bond Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Councilman Signorello moved that Ordinance No. 2728 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on May 18, 2023; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2728					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>
	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. 129-23

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF CHRISTIAN MARQUEZ FROM THE ROSELLE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the resignation of Christian Marquez from the Roselle Park Fire Department effective April 24, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 130-23

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF RICO NEGRON FROM THE ROSELLE PARK RECREATION COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the resignation of Rico Negron from the Roselle Park Recreation Committee effective April 18, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 131-23

APPROVING THE TIME-DUE CALCULATION AND TERMS OF FINAL PAYMENT FOR MICHAEL WIELGUS

WHEREAS, Michael Wielgus retired from employment with the Borough of Roselle Park effective May 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, it has been agreed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park and Michael Wielgus that the break-down of time-due compensation will be paid as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Days/Hours</u>	<u>Daily/Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2023 Vacation Days	17 Days	\$546.30	\$9,287.10
2023 Personal Days	3 Days	\$546.30	\$1,638.90
2023 Sick Days	11.44 Days	\$546.30	\$6,000.00

(\$6,000 Maximum)

2023 Holidays	6 Days	\$546.30	\$3,277.80
2024 Vacation Days (25 Vacation Days, Prorated for 4 Months)	8.33 Days	\$546.30	\$4,550.68
2023 Compensatory Time	247.88 Hours	\$546.30	\$15,382.14
Total Due			<u>\$40,136.62</u>

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 Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to pay Michael Wielgus the entitled compensation at the above schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 132-23

AMENDING THE 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) desires to amend the 2023 Capital Budget of said municipality by inserting thereon the items therein shown in such budget for:

1. Various Capital Improvements throughout the Borough; and
2. Purchase of equipment for the Public Works Department, including signs; and,
3. Various improvements to Acker Park; and,
4. Sidewalk improvements throughout the Borough; and,
5. The 2023 Road Improvement Project – Phase 1, including the planning, design, reconstruction and/or resurfacing of various roads, and curbs repairs, throughout 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 following amendment be authorized and made to the 2022 Capital Budget of the Borough:

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

PROJECTS SCHEDULE FOR 2023

METHOD OF FINANCING

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COSTS</u>	<u>BONDS OR NOTES AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>GRANTS</u>	<u>CAPITAL SURPLUS</u>
Various Capital Improvements to Borough Property	\$110,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	

Purchase of Equipment for the Public Works Department	\$75,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$5,000.00		
Various Playground Improvements to Acker Park	\$176,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$131,000.00	
Sidewalk Improvements through out The Borough	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$5,000.00		
The 2023 Road Improvement Project – Phase 1 Including the planning, design, reconstruction And/or resurfacing roads, and curbs repairs	\$1,795,000.00	\$1,085,000.00	\$95,010.00	\$614,990.00	
TOTAL	\$2,196,000.00	\$1,320,000.00	\$125,010.00	\$750,900.00	\$0.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be filed with the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 134-23

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO A-PLUS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PROJECT, “ROSELLE PARK HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM CASE NO. RP-50” IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,950.00

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H) provides Administrative Agent Services to the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) and serves as the Administrator of the Borough’s Housing Rehabilitation Program; and,

WHEREAS, CGP&H has conducted the procurement process on behalf of the Borough, pursuant to the duties and responsibilities outlined in their Professional Services Contract, for certain improvements in connection with Roselle Park Housing Rehabilitation Program Case No. RP-50 located at 151 West Roselle Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, Block 402, Lot 19 of the tax map of the Borough of Roselle Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent has consented to the recommendation of award issued by CGP&H, and further recommends award by the governing body for tracking and accounts payable purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby award a contract to A-Plus Construction, Inc. of 18 Station Road, Lincoln Park, New Jersey 07035 in the amount not to exceed \$17,950.00 for the project Roselle Park Housing Rehabilitation Program Case No. RP-50 located at 151 West Roselle Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, Block 402, Lot 19 of the tax map.

RESOLUTION NO. 135-23

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE ONE (1) CHECKS TOTALING \$432.03 PAYABLE TO ONE (1) LIEN HOLDER ON ONE (1) PROPERTY AND ONE (1) CHECK TOTALING \$1,800.00 FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR’S PREMIUM ACCOUNT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to issue one (1) check totaling \$432.03 payable to one (1) lien holder on one (1) property; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) check be issued in the total amount of \$1,800.00 from the Tax Collector's Premium Account.

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK TAX COLLECTOR ANALYSIS OF LIEN REDEMPTIONS 5/4/2023															
TSC #	BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	PREMIUM	TOTAL AMOUNT REDEEMED	CERTIFICATE AMOUNT	REDEMPTION PENALTY PERCENTAGE	INTEREST ON CERTIFICATE DATE 5/5/2022	SEARCH FEE	RECORDING FEE	SUBSEQUENT TAXES PAID	INTEREST ON SUBSEQUENTS TO 5/5/2022	6% INTEREST PENALTY	LEGAL FEES	
BALA PARTNERS LLC	22-011	1111	19	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 432.03	\$ 148.33			\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 201.67	\$ 15.03			
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
TOTAL				\$ 1,800.00	\$ 432.03	\$ 148.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 201.67	\$ 15.03	\$ -	\$ -	

RESOLUTION NO. 136-23

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION FORM 1B, A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, non-profit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages, and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Union.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough of Roselle Park Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Borough of Roselle Park Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2023 in the amount of:

<u>DEDR</u>	<u>\$5,443.00</u>
Cash Match	\$1,361.00
In-Kind	\$4,082.00

2. The Borough of Roselle Park Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance Grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

RESOLUTION NO. 137-23

**AUTHORIZING THE HANGING OF A TWO-SIDED BANNER IN MICHAEL J. MAURI PARK
ADVERTISING THE 2023 FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY AND THE PLACEMENT OF FIVE (5)
LAWN SIGNS (SIZE 30" X 21") ADVERTISING THE 2023 FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY ON
ANY BOROUGH PROPERTY, WITHOUT RESTRICTION AS IT PERTAINS TO LOCATION;
TO BE PLACED NO SOONER THAN TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT, AND TO
BE REMOVED THE DAY AFTER THE END OF THE EVENT**

WHEREAS, a request has been made, dated April 6, 2023, by the Church of the Assumption Feast of Saint Anthony Committee to hang a banner and place signs on Borough of Roselle Park property for a temporary period of time advertising the 2023 Feast of Saint Anthony set to take place on June 8, 2023, June 9, 2023, June 10, 2023 and June 11, 2023.

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 hanging of a two-sided banner in Michael J. Mauri Park, adjacent to the intersection of Chestnut Street and Grant Avenue, advertising the 2022 Feast of Saint Anthony; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED further authorization shall be made for the placement of five (5) lawn signs, approximately sized 30” x 21”, advertising the 2023 Feast of Saint Anthony on any Borough Property, without restriction as it pertains to location; to be placed no sooner than two (2) weeks prior to the event, and to be removed the day after the end of the event.

RESOLUTION NO. 138-23

AUTHORIZING ONGOING TAKE HOME USE OF A BOROUGH VEHICLE BY
POLICE CAPTAIN KEITH WINTERMUTE

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Vehicle Policy of the Borough of Roselle Park stipulates that Borough vehicles may be taken home by a Borough employee or Department Head on an ongoing basis, or on a situational basis, only with the advance approval of the governing body in the form of a Resolution or Employment Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Vehicle Policy of the Borough of Roselle Park also stipulated that due to potential matters affecting public health, safety, and welfare the Roselle Park Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chiefs, Police Chief, Fire Prevention Official, Police Captain, Chief Administrative Officer, Superintendent of Public Works and Construction Official are exempt from the above stated advance approval provisions; and,

WHEREAS, this exemption, so stated in Section 2 of the Vehicle Policy of the Borough of Roselle Park, is conditioned on the stated employee’s residency within Union County; and,

WHEREAS, Police Captain Keith Wintermute does not live within Union County; and,

WHEREAS, it is the sentiment of the governing body of the Borough of Roselle Park that although Police Captain Keith Wintermute does not live within Union County, his primary residence is not at a distance from the municipality that would render his use of a Borough vehicle for take home purposes to be contrary to the intent of the Vehicle Policy; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to adopt the foregoing Resolution explicitly authorizing Police Captain Keith Wintermute’s take home use of a Borough vehicle for the duration of his employment within the Borough of Roselle Park.

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 ongoing take home use of a Borough vehicle by Police Captain Keith Wintermute; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing authorization shall endure for the duration of Police Captain Keith Wintermute’s employment with the Borough of Roselle Park unless the foregoing Resolution is rescinded or otherwise amended by future Resolution of the governing body; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Police Captain Keith Wintermute and the Chief of Police.

RESOLUTION NO. 139-23

AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING &

**DESIGN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PROJECT
“STORM SEWER SEPARATION” IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that a Professional Service Contract for professional engineering services for the project: “Storm Sewer Separation,” be awarded to Colliers Engineering & Design of 400 Valley Road, Suite 304, Mount Arlington, New Jersey 07856, for the sum not to exceed four-hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$400,000.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon certification on this Resolution by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available for stated purpose; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that charges incrementally incurred and paid associated with this contract shall be pursuant to the contract terms authorized in Resolution No. 26-22.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128-23

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MADELINE COLANDRO FROM ALL
EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accept the resignation of Madeline Colandro from all employment with the Borough of Roselle Park effective upon the close of business on May 12, 2023.

Councilman Signorello thanked Madeline for her years of service to the Borough and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Mayor Signorello and Councilman Johnson also thanked her and wished her the best.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No. 128-23		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	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"/>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 133-23

AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published, in summary form, in the Union County Local Source in the issue of Thursday, June 1, 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Roselle Park does hereby approve the following as the budget for the year 2023; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution is approved by the governing body of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, on May 4, 2023, and a hearing on the said Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on June 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2023 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Revenue and Appropriations Summaries					
Summary of Revenues			Anticipated		
			2023	2022	
1. Surplus			1,950,000.00	1,950,000.00	
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues			3,150,096.26	3,077,347.78	
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes			350,000.00	350,000.00	
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes			14,905,158.03	14,072,021.47	
b) Addition to Local School District Tax					
c) Minimum Library Tax			536,778.00	466,703.00	
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd			15,441,936.03	14,538,724.47	
Total General Revenues			20,892,032.29	19,916,072.25	

Summary of Appropriations			2023 Budget	Final 2022 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages		7,270,345.00	7,076,051.00
	Other Expenses		8,649,602.88	7,976,202.85
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations			1,846,460.00	1,813,298.00
3. Capital Improvements			100,000.00	100,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)			1,975,470.41	1,937,502.40
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes			1,050,154.00	1,013,018.00
Total General Appropriations			20,892,032.29	19,916,072.25
Total Number of Employees			178	181

2023 Dedicated		Sewer	Utility Budget	
Summary of Revenues			Anticipated	
			2023	2022
1. Surplus			125,000.00	150,000.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues			1,282,366.00	1,286,083.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)				
Total Revenues			1,407,366.00	1,436,083.00
Summary of Appropriations			2023 Budget	Final 2022 Budget
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries & Wages			
	Other Expenses		1,307,366.00	1,336,083.00
2. Capital Improvements			100,000.00	100,000.00
3. Debt Service				
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations				
5. Surplus (General Budget)				
Total Appropriations			1,407,366.00	1,436,083.00
Total Number of Employees				

Balance of Outstanding Debt					
		General		Sewer	
Interest		1,804,229.82			
Principal		11,608,599.12			
Outstanding Balance		13,412,828.94			

Mayor Signorello said this is an ugly budget, but less ugly than other municipalities are struggling with around the State. He said he was very proud of the work that Andrew and Ken have done in setting this up and very proud of the work that the Finance Committee has done. He said a lot of the blame lies in Trenton as well. He said the reality of the situation is our municipal aid has not gone up in years, and we have compounding effects where the State is withholding money which is rightfully ours. He also spoke of the Anchor Program, which he feels is a bandage on a broken leg and does not fix the situation.

Councilman Petrosky said as Chairman of the Budget Committee, this has been the worst budget year. He said we knew we were in for a tough year. He further said he is not happy with the budget, and agrees with everything that the Mayor has said. Thanked Ken, Andrew and his two committee members for all their hard work on the budget. He is not happy about the budget, but will be voting yes.

Councilman Johnson said he totally agrees with the Mayor's sentiments on the Anchor Program being just a patch work. He said a couple of weeks ago, he expressed his discontent and dislike for the budget, but it had nothing to do with the work process. He echoed everything that the Mayor had said. He said after reviewing what the committee came back with, he did see a great improvement compared to what was depicted a few weeks ago. Although he is not pleased with this budget, he is not a hard no anymore.

Vote Record – Resolution No. 133-23					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<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	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	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"/>

REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Robaina

Congratulated Lieutenant Harms and Sergeant Swick.

On April 22nd attended the Meet the Borough event, as well as Celebrate the Trails event in Kenilworth hosted by Union County Connects. Thanked Commissioner Al Mirabella and Councilman Johnson for attending and supporting the creation of Trails and Greenways. Thanked all those that participated and were involved.

Thanked the County of Union for the Infrastructure Award for Beechwood Avenue and Aldene Park.

On April 26th as Liaison and Borough Representative on the Chamber of Commerce Board, attended the Board Meeting. New members from our community joined and are investing in opportunities like the Chamber, to grow and to be better for our community.

On April 28th attended the tree planting at Roselle Park Middle School, where an Eastern Redwood was planted. Thanked Eric Kennedy and Ryan Urban from the DPW for their assistance and help in planting of the tree.

Congratulated Patricia Gois, Principal of the Middle School, for being selected to become Roselle Park School District's Superintendent.

Thanked Mayor Signorello for the proclamation on National Bike Month. Asked parents to please talk to their kids about the rules of the road.

On May 20th at 12:30 p.m. is the Tour de Roselle Park and at 1:30 p.m. is the Annual Bike Clinic at Michael Mauri Park for anyone interested in learning more about bike safety and pedestrian tips.

On May 3rd as Liaison to the County Transportation Advisory Board, attended the Transportation Advisory Board Meeting. The County Engineer reported the Gordon Street bridge is near 60% complete and is still on goal for a late summer opening.

Noted the last couple of weeks he had taken calls and met with a number of residents regarding ADA issues, park concerns, curb aprons, ponding and other quality of life issues. Thanked Construction Official Belluscio and Borough Administrator Casais for their assistance and continuous follow up, along with Mayor and Council for their support.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Robaina left the meeting at this time.

Councilman Patel

On April 22nd attended the Meet the Borough event for new Borough residents. Thanked all the residents who stopped by to see all the resources the Borough provides. For those residents who were not able to attend, he personally dropped off goodie bags. If you are a new resident and did not receive a goodie bag, please contact him via his email.

On April 25th attended the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting to discuss the 2023 budget. Thanked CFO Blum and Borough Clerk Casais for all their hard work on the budget.

On April 28th attended the Roselle Park Arbor Day Celebration at the Middle School. The occasion was marked by the planting of a Redwood tree. Thanked everyone who attended, especially the students and the staff.

Highlighted some of the concerns he worked on this past week: a dim street light on West Webster Avenue and Faitoute Avenue; a traffic study conducted on the 400 block of Amsterdam Avenue; and resident concerns on proposed Ordinance No. 2724 regarding vehicle repairs on the street.

Noted as the Environmental Commission Liaison, the Environmental Commission was awarded a grant to replace two flower beds at the Community Garden. The beds will be installed on May 12th, just in time for the opening day on May 13th. Also, the Roselle Park Green Team is actively looking for new members.

Highlighted some of the events that will be happening in Roselle Park: May 20th Roselle Park will host 2 part cycling event; May 22nd the New Jersey MVC will be returning to Roselle Park; May 29th is the

Memorial Day Parade and Service at 10:00 a.m.; June 10th is a free paper shredding event at Borough Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon; registration is open for the 2023 Borough Wide Garage Sale on June 10th and 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and bulk waste pick up on the East Side is June 15th and on the West Side June 16th.

Provided contact information.

Councilwoman Lyons

On April 22nd attended the Meet the Borough. It was great to meet the new residents and has goodie bags to bring to new residents. Commended Rupen Shah, John Ranieri and his team for the great job in putting all the bags together.

On April 26th attended the Community Affairs Meeting; planning some great activities.

On April 28th attended the Arbor Day Celebration at the Middle School; was a beautiful event.

Noted her Roselle Park app; it is really great and has everything you really need to know. It's called My Roselle Park and it's free.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in town.

Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the Pluchino, Karaman, Marchese, Streno, Kapps and Schwarz families.

On April 22nd attended the Meet the Borough event.

On April 25th attended the Budget Meeting.

On April 28th attended the Arbor Day Celebration.

On May 1st attended the Fire Department Meeting. Noted the Firemen's Memorial Service is May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Kelly-Kaulfers Park.

Congratulated Michael Wielgus on his retirement.

Congratulated Madeline Colandro and wished her the best.

Congratulated Lieutenant Harms and Sergeant Swick on their promotions.

Wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Johnson

On April 22nd attended the Meet the Borough. He said it was a great event welcoming new residents and informing them what Roselle Park truly has to offer.

On April 25th as Liaison to the Board of Education, attended the Board of Education Meeting. He said he received a lot of good information on ethic training for new board members. Encouraged all members of the community to attend the Board of Education meetings, especially when it is in regards to our children.

Thanked the Union County Traffic Bureau for assisting the Borough with conducting traffic studies. He also thanked Chief Frino for initiating the process. Noted he thought the traffic study information/results looked significantly good.

Thanked Borough Clerk Casais for getting a letter out requesting traffic mediation at Union Road and Route 28 preventing individuals from turning left out of the Dollar Tree parking lot. Noted a successful survey was provided to the residents regarding this.

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

Provided contact information.

Councilman Signorello

On April 22nd attended Meet the Borough. It was a very good event, where new residents received information about the Borough.

On April 28th attended the Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting at the Middle School.

On behalf of Mayor Signorello, attended the Greater Chamber of Commerce Meeting last week, where he spoke highly of Roselle Park.

Noted the Theater Community will be attending the May 18th Mayor and Council Meeting.

Provided contact information.

Mayor Signorello

Had no report, but provided his contact information.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Signorello moved 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.

Lynn Augustine, representing the Roselle Park Historical Society & Museum

Noted she was proudly elected Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society, and is here with her husband Gary Augustine, who is the Borough's Historian and President of the Roselle Park Historical Society, along with Vice President Linda McCrady and Trustee Jim McCrady.

Addressed the Museum's hours and being open every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They have five display cabinets with Roselle Park historical items that describe some of the history of our wonderful Borough. She cordially invited all to come in and share some of their own memories of Roselle Park with them.

Noted they now have a website up and running. The website went live at the last monthly meeting on April 17th. It's a work in progress and they are working with their webmaster to continue to build this site. The website is rphistory.net and their email address is rphistory.net.

Noted since acquiring the museum in May of 1996, the Society's collection of Borough documents, photographs and memorabilia, as well as the membership, has expanded. Unfortunately, exhibiting their treasures has been a challenge due to space limitations. Thanked Mayor and Council for trying to assist with a climate control storage unit, but due to budget constraints this was not possible.

They will be holding a fundraiser to pay for a minimum of 1½ years of storage space. To date, they have raised \$1,665 towards their goal of \$5,000. The unit is in Kenilworth and they have started to move items over there. Thanked John Ranieri for allowing them to store some boxes at the Youth Center prior to getting the storage unit.

She said in 2026, our nation will celebrate its 250th birthday, which coincides with Roselle Park's 125th birthday. The Society, along with the Borough, are looking forward to events marking these special celebrations.

Mrs. Augustine announced their brand-new tri-fold brochure, which gives the history of how the Historical Society started, their mission statement, email address and website, along with a membership application. Gary Augustine handed out the brochure to Mayor and Council.

Noted for those interested, their GoFundMe is on their website.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Signorello moved 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 to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Johnson, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk