

**APRIL 4, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**READING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW ARTICLE**

Mayor Signorello read the following statement into the record:

This meeting is being held in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published in the Union County Local Source and the Newark Star-Ledger. Said notice was posted in the Municipal Building, and a copy is on file with the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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 Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:02 PM
Gregory Johnson	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	A	----
Joseph Signorello, Jr.	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:02 PM
Jay Robaina	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:02 PM
Rosanna Lyons	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	7:02 PM
Khanjan S. Patel	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:02 PM
Joseph Signorello III	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	7:02 PM

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan read a short prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS**

Councilman Petrosky moved to approve the following minutes, pending any corrections; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

1. Regular Meeting of March 21, 2024

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

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

## PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:04 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

### Hannah Antonsson, 216 Bender Avenue

Asked about the Reports of Departments; is it on the agenda.

Mayor Signorello said yes; it is up next on the agenda.

Ms. Antonsson noted on page 10 of the agenda, the document shows a doubling of the operating budget and asked why is that.

Mayor Signorello said with regard to the sewer budget, we now need to pay potentially other municipalities for our sewer disposal which is something we have not had to do in the past. He said that is a new item for the budget potentially.

Ms. Antonsson asked for the new apartment buildings going up on Westfield Avenue, would they also be subject to this sewer increase.

Mayor Signorello said everyone is subject to the sewer increase.

Ms. Antonsson asked if that is outside the tax exemptions they were granted.

CFO Blum said yes, they still have to pay a sewer bill subject to water consumption.

Ms. Antonsson asked and that is not part of the exemption.

Mayor Signorello said it is not an exemption.

Borough Attorney DeMarco said they also had to pay a connection fee. He said there was an upfront payment that was paid for each unit, and that is a one-time upfront cost that goes to the municipality's sewer authority to allow it to offset future capital improvements.

Ms. Antonsson noted the report of the Police Department and said it has been on the news and on Facebook about people's homes being invaded and asked Councilman Robaina if he had his talking sessions yet.

Councilman Robaina said it will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Aldene School.

Ms. Antonsson said the Police gave training at the Casano Center on how to protect your home from home invasion and asked if there was someone here from the Police Department to speak about this.

Mr. DeMarco said the Reports of Departments is right after the Public Portion and we didn't get there yet.

Ms. Antonsson said she had one more budget question. When Roselle Park was found to have violated free speech, what did that cost Roselle Park.

Mayor Signorello said the settlement should be signed within the month and you can ask again then.

Ms. Antonsson asked what line items would such a settlement be under.

Mr. Blum said it would be under legal.

#### Betty Woodruff, 134 Bender Avenue

Spoke about the sewer budget that we are now paying other towns; she thought years ago we were selling some of our sewer rights.

Mayor Signorello said there are two sewer types: waste water and storm water. This has to do with the storm water runoff that goes into a combined system, which our fees are associated with. He said we have not paid in the past, and we need to pay it going forward. The waste water system is something we could entertain selling, but it would have to go to a public referendum and we have not made that decision yet.

Ms. Woodruff asked how would the new apartments that are not yet functioning affect the sewer system.

Mr. DeMarco said each building, no matter what size it is, has to get and obtain from the utility authority water and electric; something referred to as a well serve and there has to be sufficient capacity. That utility makes that determination based on calculations, what gets produced from that building and makes sure there is not a shortfall throughout the municipality. He said this information is then provided to the Code Official, before he will issue a permit to allow any building to have it. We have to be satisfied the building will have sufficient electric, water and sewer and that it will not have a detrimental impact to the already existing buildings.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:11 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

#### REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

##### Police Department: Dominick Frino, Police Chief

Noted he submitted his report to BA Casais for dissemination.

March 14<sup>th</sup> the Traffic Safety Unit conducted a pedestrian crosswalk detail on Faitoute Avenue. The detail resulted in 17 traffic stops, 11 summons and 6 warnings.

March 19<sup>th</sup> the Traffic Safety Unit deployed two portable radar trailers within the Borough to slow vehicular traffic; one on East Lincoln Avenue at Spruce Street and the other on West Colfax Avenue near Roselle Avenue.

March 19<sup>th</sup> our mobile sign board was also deployed on West Westfield Avenue at Coolidge Place with a message advising motorists to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Announced that the Roselle Park Police Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,000 to be used to support the Distractive Driver Campaign that takes place the entire month of April, which aims to reduce the number of accidents caused by distracted driving. Just remember “You Drive, You Text, U Pay” is the slogan for the campaign.

Expressed condolences to the Kraft family, on the passing of crossing guard Todd Kraft. Mr. Kraft began his service as a crossing guard in September of 2017 and served as an excellent guard who reliably protected the children. Mr. Kraft was an asset to the Brough and will be greatly missed.

Highlighted two incidents which occurred within the last week; one on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the other on March 26<sup>th</sup>, where patrol units took two reports of two separate lewd acts near the Roselle Park train station. He said people need to be vigilant coming off the trains and in that area. If you see something, please call 911 and do not take matters into your own hands.

March 29<sup>th</sup> in the morning hours, patrol units responded to the residence on Galloping Hill Road for the reported burglary and theft of a high end motor vehicle. The vehicle key fob was taken out of the house and the vehicle was later found in Irvington. He said he cannot comment further on this as this is still an active investigation.

Mayor Signorello said people need to be vigilant and lock their windows and doors, put their alarms on and secure your key fobs in a location that is not easily accessible on the first floor.

Councilman Petrosky thanked Chief Frino for the update on the accident which occurred on the corner of Sheridan and Lincoln.

Code Enforcement Department: Richard Belluscio, Construction Official

Reported that as of March, a total of 85 permits were issued. He indicated that the total revenue related to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) through the end of March was \$410,773; sewer connect fees year to date were \$2,002.94; COAH Development fees were \$2,384 and the number of UCC violations were 10 for the month of March. With respect to property maintenance enforcement, there were 10 Court dispositions and fines year to date were \$7,113; 39 violations were issued and 17 Court summons were issued during March 2024.

10 West Westfield Avenue, as you can see, is moving along quite nicely. Capodagli is targeting Building A for partial occupancy by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Signorello said he still hasn't gotten a proposal if they are going to use the downtown parking space. He asked if the ground for the parking deck is ready to go.

Mr. Belluscio said no; it's not even pre-casted.

140 West Webster is moving along as well, but has slowed down a bit because they are waiting for PSE&G to relocate the poles to the other side of the street.

450 West Westfield are looking at partial occupancy for around the middle of May.

Mayor Signorello asked CFO Blum, so we will get an audit of their revenue this year and will be able to bank revenues in next year's budget.

Mr. Blum said we will not get this year's audit for those two new properties until next year and won't be banked in until 2026.

Zoning Completeness Reviews for the next DRC Meeting, we have one application for Westfield Avenue Retail, LLC (180 West Westfield). It is currently a mixed use building and the application is to use it as a moving and storage facility.

Councilman Robaina asked for any updates for the retail space at 240-250 Meridia project.

Mayor Signorello said we may have to amend the plan, but there is a dental service that might move in there and is not one of the permitted uses there.

Councilman Robaina asked for an update on Chestnut, Meridia 10, regarding retail.

Mr. Belluscio said there is a potential lessee, but does not want to state who it is at this moment.

Mayor Signorello said there is 16,000 sq. ft. of retail space and half of it will be a restaurant, subject to approval from Council. He said the other one is a pretty substantial coffee chain.

Councilwoman Lyons asked for an update on Dowling's.

Mr. Belluscio said they are moving along quite nicely and are look at re-opening in May.

Councilman Robaina asked if there was any word on the theater.

Councilwoman Lyons said she spoke to them last week and they gave her a very general answer. She said she would like to speak to the Mayor and Mr. Belluscio to see what we can do.

Councilman Signorello asked about 180 West Westfield that used to be called Childhood Interest. He asked if they wanted to do one or the whole building.

Mr. Belluscio said the entire building.

Councilman Signorello said that could be a plus.

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

Noted tonight we will be introducing the municipal budget. The anticipated tax increase is \$122.77 for the average house assessed at \$253,000. When we started this process, we were at almost a \$264.00 increase; so the Committee worked hard to get it down as low as we possibly could. He said our five year municipal tax increase, five year average, is now \$103.14. The budget will be advertised in the paper on April 18<sup>th</sup> and the public hearing and adoption scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Engineering: Kevin Boyer, Colliers Engineering

From a drainage standpoint, he provided an update on the Beechwood/Colfax area on the DOT property. Noted we did have a meeting with the DOT and they are amendable to improvements on that property, as long as Roselle Park does them and would be subject to an agreement with the DOT for maintenance of that property. Need to discuss on whether we want to take on that responsibility or for the DOT to maintain the property.

Mayor Signorello asked doesn't Woodside shoot off their sump pumps into that area. He said these were done in the 1960's and asked if they were up to code if they were approved. Perhaps we can work with the owners of that property to come up with a solution as well.

Mr. Boyer provided an update on the traffic studies at Chestnut, Lincoln and Faitoute.

Mayor Signorello said he will have a sit down with BA Casais once he is back. He said he will also meet with the two Councilmembers that it affects and said that the intersection of Chestnut and East Lincoln is like a deathtrap, especially at night. He would like to see a traffic light put there.

Mr. Boyer noted the culvert on Lincoln Avenue has deteriorated and there have been some sinkholes around there. He will speak to BA Casais when he gets back to talk about the scope and what we want to do short-term and long-term in that area.

Mayor Signorello said the problem could be really nasty underneath in terms of collapsing and said it is going to be an expensive fix.

Mr. Boyer said he will discuss this with the County as well, since it runs along a County road.

Provided an update on the large storm water project with the City of Elizabeth. He said we have some direction moving forward and are still working on that, and will start applying for funding for that project.

Councilman Signorello asked about the Lincoln Avenue culvert and said he had some issues with the Reindel Place catch basin/bike path culvert, which feeds into Lincoln Avenue. He said we have a major problem there and will talk about it when BA Casais gets back.

#### Community Center: Rupen Shah, Community Center Director

Happy to report that the presentations on March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup> were well attended. Thanked the Union County Surrogates for their presentation on the duties of the Surrogate Court and also Union County Health Management for their presentation on nutrition and colorectal cancer. The next presentation on alcohol awareness will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Casano Center.

Noted about 25 seniors enjoyed Spring musicals on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Kawa Meeh Middle School in Union and on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Roselle Park High School. Thanked both schools for donating tickets to our seniors.

March 16<sup>th</sup> more than 100 residents celebrated St. Patrick's Day at the Community Center. Thanked all those who participated and attended this event.

March 26<sup>th</sup> five residents received the COVID-19 vaccination. Thanked the Westfield Regional Health Department for hosting the clinic.

The Job Fair on March 28<sup>th</sup> was well received by the residents and we are planning on hosting another one in the month of October. Thanked all those who were involved in this event.

April 26<sup>th</sup> the Borough will celebrate Arbor Day at Aldene School, with a short ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m.

April 27<sup>th</sup> the Borough will be hosting its annual “Meet the Borough” event from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Casano Center, where new residents will be introduced to the Borough’s resources and services.

Public Works Department: Paul Baiamonte, Superintendent of Public Works

Staffing Update. The DPW consists of eight full time employees: one Superintendent, one Clerical, one Mechanic, two Operators, two Class II Laborers and one Class I Laborer.

Weather Disturbances. March 23<sup>rd</sup> a heavy rainstorm resulted in moderate flooding in several areas, including East Clay Avenue and Cherry Street, East Lincoln Avenue and Spruce Street, East Colfax Avenue between Spruce Street and Lehigh Avenue and Lehigh Avenue, and noted these areas have underground culverts.

Ground and Lawn Maintenance. Last week, our contracted vendor was busy across various locations within the Borough preparing for the upcoming season with thorough cleanups. Weather permitting they will commence regular law cutting and property maintenance starting the middle of next week.

Storm and Sanitary Sewer Updates. Have scheduled repairs for two catch basins on April 5<sup>th</sup>; one at the intersection of East Clay Avenue and Walnut Street, and the other in front of 620 Laurel Avenue.

Locust Street Gas Line Project. This project will extend from Roselle into Roselle Park, up to Warren Avenue and is scheduled to start on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Roselle and around April 1<sup>st</sup> in Roselle Park and will take approximately 10 to 14 days.

Sidewalk Program. Sidewalk repairs were originally scheduled on the East Side to commence on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, however due to inclement weather conditions, the new start date is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Trees and Property Maintenance. Our contracted vendor carried out the following tree maintenance work: removal of three trees deemed hazardous or unfit; trimming and elevation of four trees to ensure clearance and safety; and the extraction of five stumps followed by the placement of topsoil and seeding to restore the area.

Bulk and Vegetative Pick Up Reminder. Reminded residents that bulk pick up services are available on the last Thursday of every month for the West Side and the last Friday of every month for the East Side, with a restriction of three (3) bulk items per household. Vegetative Waste collection has commenced for the season with pick up on Thursdays for the East Side and pick up on Fridays for the West Side.

Provided contact information.

Councilwoman Lyons asked if the sidewalks that were flaking were included in the repairs.

Mr. Baiamonte said no. The ones that are flaking are being done through Neglia Engineering. They are responsible, as they were the construction managers for this project.

Councilman Robaina asked about the status of the catch basin repair at 620 Laurel Avenue.

Mr. Baiamonte said the repair will take place tomorrow and should be no disturbance to the homeowner. He said they will probably be in and out of there within 2 to 3 hours.

Councilman Signorello mentioned a few residents didn't get their vegetative waste picked up on the East Side.

Mr. Baiamonte said he spoke to the contractor and they will pass by again.

Councilman Patel asked if the 26 locations were all for the Sidewalk Repair program, and were they all on the East Side.

Mr. Baiamonte said yes; they are all on the East Side.

Recreation Department: John Ranieri, Recreation Director

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

Currently have over 480 recreational members and over 130 members of the Homework Club and After Care. We are currently transporting and chaperoning over 86 students daily and over 1,100 student/athletes per week.

Noted the following Winter Programming: Adult Pickleball; Middle School/High School and Adult Fitness; Adult Basketball; Off-Season Elementary, Middle School and High School Volleyball; Off-Season Baseball and RP Pac Performing Arts Club.

Made mention of the following Winter Sports Team Programming: Elementary and Middle School Basketball and Elementary, Middle School and Girls Wrestling.

Noted the following Spring Recreation Programming starting on April 8<sup>th</sup>: Co-Ed Tennis; Spring Middle School, High School and Adult Strength & Conditioning; Spring Volleyball; Adult Basketball and Off-Season Wrestling.

Congratulated Tine Schwarz, the Recreation Committee and the Roselle Park Memorial Library for an amazing Easter Event; it was a well-attended event and fun for all ages.

Provided contact information.

Scheduled Verbal Reports:

1. ~~Administration and Borough Clerk; Andrew J. Casais, Business Administrator~~ **Excused**
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 Excused
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 March 2024
2. Community Center Director's Report for March 2024

Councilman Petrosky moved to approve the following written Reports of Departments; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.



Councilman Petrosky made a motion at 7:50 p.m. to move out of order for Closed Session; seconded by Councilman Robaina; five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

#### EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Mayor Signorello asked Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan to read the Closed Session Resolution into the record.

Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan read the following into the record.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park wish to discuss matters which are described in the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act “Sunshine Law” N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the general nature of the subjects to be discussed in Closed Session are:

1. Ongoing Litigation – City of Elizabeth vs. Borough of Roselle Park

WHEREAS, the time when and the circumstances under which the items discussed in Closed Session will be disclosed to the public are at a future time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey adjourn the open portion of the meeting and open a closed portion of the meeting to discuss the aforesaid item.

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:50 p.m. to adopt the Closed Session Resolution and go into Closed Session; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:09 p.m. to end Closed Session and return to the open portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan disclosed that the Governing Body discussed the following matters in Closed Session:

1. Ongoing Litigation – City of Elizabeth vs. Borough of Roselle Park

Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan stated there was no resolution to the matters discussed or formal action to be taken at this time.

#### ORDINANCES

##### SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

None

#### INTRODUCTION

Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan read the following Ordinance by title:

##### ORDINANCE NO. 2774

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27, SECTION 6,  
SUBSECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK  
ENTITLED "IMPOSITION OF CHARGES"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter 27, Section 6, Subsection 3 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Non-Industrial Rates

§ 27-6.3 Imposition of Charges.

- a. All residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and governmental users, except municipal and local school district users, shall be charged at a uniform rate for domestic waste contributed to said system. The rate for the aforesaid usage shall be based on the water consumption in cubic feet consumed at any such premises based on the consumption readings as reported by New Jersey American Water Company for the period of twelve (12) months which can be most closely defined as the preceding year. The rate of charges shall be ~~three (\$4.00)~~ **eight (\$8.00)** dollars for ~~2023~~ **2024**. The unit basis for such charge shall consist of one hundred (100) cubic feet of water consumed. The minimum annual charge to be imposed pursuant to this section shall be ~~seventy-six (\$76.00)~~ **one-hundred fifty-two (\$152.00)** dollars.

SECTION 2. Amendments to Industrial Rates

c. User Charges for Industrial Wastes.

1. User charges for industrial waste shall be charged to industrial waste contributors who discharge industrial waste into the system. User charges for industrial waste shall be based upon the flow, suspended solids and biochemical oxygen demand of the waste as determined by the Borough Engineer. Sampling and measurement shall be accomplished by each industrial discharger at its own expense, and the results thereof shall be monitored by the Borough Engineer. Where deemed necessary by the Borough Engineer, permanent measurement and sampling facilities shall be installed by the industrial user at its own expense. The rate of charges for ~~2023~~ **2024** shall be ~~\$859.02~~ **\$936.77**.

SECTION 3. Invalidity

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 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 existing 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 Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2774 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on April 18, 2024; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2774		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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan read the following Ordinance by title.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2775**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 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 2024 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 \$167,703.10 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 2024 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 \$586,960.85 and that the Calendar Year 2024 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 Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2775 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on April 18, 2024; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2775		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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

**RESOLUTIONS**

Deputy Borough Clerk Corrigan read all Resolutions by title into the record.

The following Resolutions listed on Consent Agenda were offered by Councilman Petrosky; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-24**

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE TWO (2) CHECK TOTALING \$3,106.60 PAYABLE TO ONE (1) LIEN HOLDER ON TWO (2) PROPERTIES AND ONE (1) CHECK TOTALING \$1,200.00 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 two (2) checks totaling \$3,106.60 payable to one (1) lien holder on two (2) properties; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) check be issued in the total amount of \$1,200.00 from the Tax Collector’s Premium Account.

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK TAX COLLECTOR ANALYSIS OF LIEN REDEMPTIONS 4/4/2024															
TSC #	BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	PREMIUM	TOTAL AMOUNT REDEEMED	CERTIFICATE AMOUNT	REDEMPTION PENALTY PERCENTAGE	INTEREST ON CERTIFICATE DATE 4/4/2024	SEARCH FEE	RECORDING FEE	SUBSEQUENT TAXES PAID	INTEREST ON SUBSEQUENTS TO 4/4/2024	6% INTEREST PENALTY	LEGAL FEES	
				\$ -	\$ 1,226.91	\$ 441.58	8.83	\$ 8.22	\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 661.90	\$ 39.38			
BALA PARTNERS LLC	23-012	1113	13												
BALA PARTNERS LLC	23-006	513	16	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,879.69	\$ 788.64	15.77	\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 951.66	\$ 56.62				
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -									
<b>TOTAL</b>				\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,106.60	\$ 1,230.22	24.60	\$ 8.22	\$ 24.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 1,613.56	\$ 96.00	\$ -	\$ -	

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-24**

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REDUCTION AND/OR REFUND ON ONE (1) SEWER UTILITY BILL FOR BLOCK 1104, LOT 18 OF THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 212 CHARLOTTE TERRACE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,695.00 DUE TO A WATER UTILITY DISCREPANCY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a reduction and/or refund on one (1) sewer utility bill totaling one-thousand six-hundred twenty-five dollars and zero cents (\$1,695.00) due to a water utility discrepancy:

Block	Lot	Address	Original Bill	Reduction/Refund	New Bill
1104	18	212 Charlotte Terrace	\$2,116.00	\$1,695.00	\$421.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 97-24

**AUTHORIZING THE PARTIAL CLOSURE OF WILLIAMS STREET AT THE REQUEST OF DOWLING’S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT FOR A “GETTING CLOSE TO OPENING” EVENT 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 for the partial closure of Williams Street, a public place immediately adjacent to their place of business, for a “Getting Close to Opening” event on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 11:00 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 event on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 11:00 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.

Councilwoman Lyons said she is concerned that Dowling’s is not going to open until May and people will be going into the building.

Councilman Signorello said he spoke to Councilwoman Lyons and said he needs to feel comfortable that no one is going into the building, how far along is the construction and is concerned about the liability.

Mayor Signorello said until they have occupancy, no one is allowed into the building.

Councilman Signorello said he is now good with the situation since he spoke to Mr. Belluscio and Mr. Casais. He said he feels comfortable and feels comfortable that if something happens, it is not on the Borough.

Councilman Robaina said he did not see it on the resolution, but would Dowling's be responsible for paying for police presence.

Police Chief Frino said that is correct; they are looking to hire two police officers like they did for other standard events they did during COVID.

Councilman Robaina asked if we could add that stipulation to the resolution; so taxpayers know they are not paying for this.

Police Chief Frino said he spoke to the proprietor and they have already arranged this and are going through Jobs for Blue, and they are paying the rate that everyone would pay. He said Dowling's hired an Irish Band that they booked two years ago and could not get them again due to their popularity; so they decided to do this outdoor event to accommodate for this band particularly.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No. 97-24		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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<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"/>

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-24**

**AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF THE 2024 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 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published, in summary form, in the Union County Local Source in the issue of Thursday, April 18, 2024; 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 2024; 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 April 4, 2024, and a hearing on the said Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on May 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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## Revenue and Appropriations Summaries

Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2024	2023
1. Surplus	2,000,000.00	1,950,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	3,402,260.36	3,200,677.42
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	350,000.00	350,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	15,365,286.54	14,905,158.03
b) Addition to Local School District Tax		
c) Minimum Library Tax	581,166.33	536,778.00
Tot Amt to be Rad by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd	15,946,452.87	15,441,936.03
Total General Revenues	21,698,713.23	20,942,613.45

Summary of Appropriations	2024 Budget	Final 2023 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	7,289,175.00	7,270,345.00
Other Expenses	8,853,289.93	8,678,875.04
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	2,173,011.00	1,867,769.00
3. Capital Improvements	100,000.00	100,000.00
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)	2,200,552.30	1,975,470.41
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,082,685.00	1,050,154.00
Total General Appropriations	21,698,713.23	20,942,613.45
Total Number of Employees	177	178

2024 Dedicated	SEWER	Utility Budget
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	2024	2023
1. Surplus	600,000.00	125,000.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	2,736,484.00	1,282,366.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)		
Total Revenues	3,336,484.00	1,407,366.00
Summary of Appropriations	2024 Budget	Final 2023 Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages		
Other Expenses	3,036,484.00	1,307,366.00
2. Capital Improvements	300,000.00	100,000.00
3. Debt Service		
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		
5. Surplus (General Budget)		
Total Appropriations	3,336,484.00	1,407,366.00
Total Number of Employees		

Balance of Outstanding Debt		
	General	SEWER
Interest	2,242,960.74	
Principal	14,089,809.38	
Outstanding Balance	16,332,770.12	

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No. 98-24		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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## PUBLIC PORTION

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

### Jerry Veltre, 476 Ragland Drive

He said with regard to the break-ins that the Chief spoke about, he is concerned with people driving around once the dispensary is opened up and looking at these nice houses and nice cars. He is concerned with undesirables being around and a dispensary being opened 7 days a week and around 12 hours a day, and would like the Governing Body's thoughts on that.

Mayor Signorello asked what do you mean by an undesirable.

Mr. Veltre said it makes them undesirable because they are high already and you are bringing in a bad element in town. This is his thought on it and he is not defining undesirable.

### Hannah Antonsson, 216 Bender Avenue

Expressed her condolences to the Kraft family and congratulated the young athletes.

Noted the Police Chief used the word undesirable when talking about home invasions. She said it takes someone casing a joint, looking around and coming into an area that they otherwise would not be in looking for opportunities. That is what she wanted to say about the term undesirables.

Mayor Signorello asked so you think anybody who smokes weed is a criminal.

Ms. Antonsson said no; she is not saying that everyone that smokes weed is a criminal. She asked about the percentage that Roselle Park is supposed to get from the legal dispensary. Her understanding is Breakwater is 100% cash. Are there auditors to make sure Roselle Park is getting the proper percentages.

Mayor Signorello said we do not tax medical marijuana because there is a medical need for it.

Ms. Antonsson asked about the proposed recreational facilities.

Mayor Signorello said we have a Financial Advisor that goes through the numbers, as well as lawyers that go through the numbers and auditors and then we get 2% of whatever the revenue is.

Ms. Antonsson asked has there been any reporting of any kind and whether or not Roselle Park gets a percentage as to what Breakwater is earning.



Mayor Signorello said candidly, we do not audit anyone's revenues from a business perspective in Roselle Park, unless we are doing some sort of tax. He said we do not charge for medical.

Ms. Antonsson said it is her understanding that Breakwater was considering also a recreational license.

Mayor Signorello said yes; they would potentially covert from a medical to a combined license which will be medical and recreational; and if they do that, we will start taxing them.

Ms. Antonsson asked if there had been any report or follow up with what the actual traffic is to that location right now. She asked on what basis would you want to agree to open it up to recreational, whereas now it's medical.

Mayor Signorello said they have been issued a provisional license and they would have to come back to the Land Use Board and they would have to prove that they have enough parking.

Ms. Antonsson said so if they are asking for additional permissions, you would not want an audit to know what they are doing to date.

Mayor Signorello said he would be curious to hear that and they would have to present that as part of their testimony.

Ms. Antonsson said the Mayor previously said he thought the only businesses Roselle Park could attract were recreational marijuana sales.

Mayor Signorello said he did not say only, and did not say predominantly.

Ms. Antonsson said it is her understanding that there was a business development professional that was very successful in Cranford and as soon as you became Mayor, you fired this person. She asked do we have a business development professional and how long did you review work performance.

Mayor Signorello said we cut that for budget purposes. He said it was not a performance related topic; it was a budget related topic. He did say that part of the duties of that role did not include soliciting new businesses.

Ms. Antonsson asked if he considered a business development professional for the town.

Mayor Signorello said we would love to hire new staff in the Borough of Roselle Park. Unfortunately, we keep running into a 2% cap, so we are only allowed to spend year over year 2% more than last year. He said we have a lot of needs in other departments, but due to State requirements, we are at the max tax increase that we can do. He said we are actually lucky that we did not have to fire anyone this year.

Jorge Ramirez, 500 East Clay Avenue

He said everyone around the area has an issue with the dispensary. It seems nothing positive is coming from this, other than the 2% sales tax. He asked if we have calculated what that is going to be.

Mayor Signorello said just for the record, not everyone agreed; there are two people, Councilwoman Lyons and Councilman Patel, that voted no. He said there are estimates on how much other

towns take in. He said candidly, he does not see a downside to it. It will be more money than we have gotten before from those properties and it will fill empty buildings.

Mr. Ramirez asked how many more cops and patrolmen are we going to need for the influx of people coming in from Elizabeth and Roselle.

Mayor Signorello said we need more cops regardless. He said we cannot put up one more dispensary; 32 cops are insufficient for Roselle Park.

Mr. Ramirez said we need more cops. He said we are going to put a dispensary right on the corner of Elizabeth and Roselle Park. How does that make sense. He said you have people paying more than \$20,000 a year in taxes that live right around the area.

Mayor Signorello said we had 60 people come here and say that. There are 14,000 people in the Borough of Roselle Park. He said he is here for all the people and because he is pro-economic development and this is economic development in the Borough. He said \$40,000 get a lower increase in taxes and for \$40,000 we could hire a new parking enforcement person, which is a problem in town.

Borough Attorney DeMarco said there has been no evidence of other towns required to hire additional Police Officers as a result of dispensaries opening. He said your assumption is that when a dispensary opens, automatically there is an increase that requires a police presence.

Councilman Signorello said it is a positive. We just voted on a budget and a member that attended every five budget meetings voted it down, part of the team and never had a negative input at these meetings. If a member of the DPW did not resign, we were going to have to lay off an employee this year; the revenue is necessary. He said Union Township got a million dollar check for revenue.

#### Betty Woodruff, 134 Bender Avenue

She said if we need more police officers due to the dispensaries, that \$40,000 is not going to pay the salary of a police officer. She questioned if in the areas where these are going to be built, does this effect property values and why are we going from medical to recreational marijuana in the one that is functioning now.

Mayor Signorello said there is no consumption on site; it is illegal for consumption to go on, on site. He said these licenses are all revokable; so if here is consumption going on site, we cannot issue the license again and we can revoke the license. These are the measures we have and will use should things go south.

Ms. Woodruff said Sherman School is close to where this dispensary is going to be; is there not a federal law that states not within 1,000 ft.

Mayor Signorello said he believes it is 500 ft.

Borough Attorney DeMarco said in essence the local Ordinance is greater than the federal law. The local Ordinance is 1,500 sq. ft.; whereas the federal is 500 sq. ft.

Mayor Signorello said the structure around getting into these buildings is way more stringent than a liquor store. He said there is a guard at the beginning checking I.D. twice; there are not going to be kids going into this place.

Councilwoman Lyons said she sees Ms. Woodruff's care and concern and she feels exactly what they feel. She said she does have faith that if something does go wrong, that people here will act upon that. She asked if we can make a local law or ordinance stating that it is illegal to hang around there and smoke in their cars.

Mayor Signorello said we will look into this, subject to legal approval; it's a good safety rail.

#### Horacio Pereira, 472 Colonial Road

He said he attended the Land Use Board Meetings and knew nothing about this. He said the Borough made that street, Colonial Road, a one way street and that is why everyone has been living there a long time. Now, it is not going to be the same for those living there.

Mayor Signorello said he would not support this if he thought it would impact the residents' lives.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:44 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

#### REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

##### Councilman Signorello

Spoke about the flooding on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and said he went out and looked at the basins and homes on Lincoln Avenue. He said when BA Casais returns, we will try to figure out what caused the issue and will move forward to make some plans.

##### Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the families of Cathy Chin, Louise DePaola and Todd Kraft.

March 24<sup>th</sup> attended the Easter Egg Hunt; thanked all those who attended and participated.

March 28<sup>th</sup> attended the Job Fair at the Casano Center; the event was well attended.

March 29<sup>th</sup> attended The Rescue regarding a young gentleman from Roselle Park who was paralyzed a few years ago, and his parents had to renovate their home to make it handicap accessible. The family thanked Mayor and Council for all their help. On May 4<sup>th</sup> the show "The Rescue" will be on, but was not sure of the channel yet.

Noted the Fire Department received \$75,000 from a Firefighter Grant for the purchase of protective equipment.

Provided contact information.

##### Councilwoman Lyons

April 12<sup>th</sup> will be having Karaoke Night at Costa's.

April 27<sup>th</sup> will be "Meet the Borough."

Remember to love your neighbor and look out for each other.

Councilman Patel

Noted the Environmental Commission had a successful Repair Café.

Made mention that the garden season is fast approaching and the Commission has clean up work and preparation to do before May. They will be at the garden the next few Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. if you would like to help.

Councilman Robaina

April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Aldene School, he will be partnering with the Police Department to host a Public Safety and Listening Session to discuss what our law enforcement officers are doing to keep us safe and tips to protect our families, ourselves and our property.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> joined Officer Cambronero at the Crime Prevention event at the Casano Center, where they addressed identify theft, target hardening and free community programs like Operation Blue Angel, and free home security assessment. Commended Officer Cambronero, Chief Frino and the Roselle Park Police Department for being proactive and setting up the Crime Prevention events.

Thanked the DPW for reinstalling the tire swing back at Aldene Park, working with the vendor to complete a significant portion of sidewalks in the ward under the Sidewalk Repair Program, and for power washing the memorial at LaMonaco Perry Park.

April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Gordon Street Bridge.

As Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce, we had our meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> and had approximately 20 Roselle Park businesses that have joined the Chamber since we partnered a year and a half ago. The next networking event is on April 25<sup>th</sup> at M & T Bank on Chestnut Street in Union.

Noted the Chamber will be recognizing him with the Chamber Champion Award as a result of spearheading and collaborating for the Chamber's presence in Roselle Park for supporting the growth and interest in the Chamber with the Roselle Park small business community. Their annual gala will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Galloping Hill Caterers.

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Borough's Tour de Roselle Park and Bike Clinic.

March 28<sup>th</sup> he and his wife supported the Roselle Park Middle School PTA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee Habit Burger Fundraiser. The next opportunity to support the Middle School will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the High School; thanked all those who continue to support our PTA fundraisers.

March 28<sup>th</sup> attended the Roselle Park Job Fair at the Casano Center; thanked all those who participated and attended.

Noted last weekend he attended the Repair Café.

Made mention that on March 25<sup>th</sup> he filed his Petition for Re-election. After 13 years of community service in Roselle Park, he is humbled by each experience that has allowed him to give back to the community within his capacity. He hopes to be given the opportunity for another term to continue on the positive momentum in the 5 Ward; and wished all candidates running the best of luck.

Provide contact information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:57 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Donna L. Corrigan  
Deputy Borough Clerk