

**JULY 18, 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 Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:00 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/PRAYER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS**

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

1. Regular Meeting of June 6, 2024
2. Regular Meeting of June 20, 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, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:01 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:01 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS**

Scheduled Verbal Reports:

None (Scheduled for September 5, 2024)

Written Reports Received:

1. Police Chief’s Report for June 2024
2. Construction Official’s Report for June 2024
3. Treasurer’s Report for June 2024

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

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION**

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2780**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40, SECTION 3005 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ENTITLED, “DRIVEWAYS”

Councilman Petrosky made a motion to remove Ordinance No. 2780 from the table for further consideration; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2780 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record – Remove Ordinance No. 2780 from the Table for Further Consideration</b>					
		<b>Yes/Aye</b>	<b>No/Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Lyons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Patel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

None

INTRODUCTION

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2786

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 Consumption Calculations

§ 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. **Effective January 1, 2025, 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~~ **final three (3) months of** the preceding year **annualized by multiplying the three-month consumption figure four times**. The rate of charges shall be eight (\$8.00) dollars for 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 one-hundred fifty-two (\$152.00) dollars.

SECTION 2. 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 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 existing 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, but no sooner than January 1, 2025. All charges imposed during calendar year 2024 shall be considered made pursuant to Ordinance No. 2774.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2786 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on August 15, 2024; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

Mayor Signorello said we recently had a big storm water hike and there are ongoing discussions. We just got a bunch of State Aid to help mitigate a lot of those costs and there are ongoing discussions as to how quickly we can use that; to use it this year to make sure that the second payment doesn't happen. No news on that yet, so please stay tuned. He said this is changing our Ordinance and said the idea would be to use winter months as a base line because you are only using water that goes back into the sewer system during the winter months. In the summer months, you are using it for watering your grass, using it for the pool and things that don't necessarily go into the sewer system. So, the hope is this would be a fairer way of doing it based on actual use.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2786		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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<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. 2787

A BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4.H AND 16 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 2776) ENTITLED, "A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,987,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED MAY 2, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1.

Section 4.H of Ordinance No. 2776 entitled, "A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,987,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey (the "Borough") on May 2, 2024 (the "Prior Ordinance") is hereby amended to (A) change the purpose authorized therein from acquisition and installation of a Rick Barry statue at Gazebo Park or other public property to undertaking of road improvements at various locations and (B) decrease the period of usefulness set forth therein from 15 years to 10 years, and shall hereafter read as follows:

“Section 4.H. Undertaking of road improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 150,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 140,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years.”

**SECTION 2.**

Section 16 of the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended to decrease the average period of usefulness of the purposes authorized in the Bond Ordinance to be financed with bonds or notes from 10.67 years to 10.24 years (a decrease of 0.43 years), and shall hereafter read as follows:

“Section 16. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of the purposes to be financed with bonds or notes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 10.24 years computed from the date of said bonds.”

**SECTION 3.**

The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the Resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

**SECTION 4.**

This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2787 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on August 15, 2024; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2787					
		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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	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2788

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 1.5 ENTITLED,  
“CONDITIONS OF PERMITS”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter 23, Section 1.5 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Additional Notification Requirements

§ 23-1.5 Conditions of Permits

- a. A permit shall apply only to the person or entity to whom it is issued and shall not be transferable.
- b. A permit shall be granted on a per opening basis, where openings are contiguous in nature. Separate openings shall require separate permits regardless of their proximity to one another. Each street within a project area shall require a separate permit.
- c. Work under a permit shall commence and conclude within ninety (90) days from the date of issuance of the permit. If work is not commenced within that time, the permit shall automatically terminate, unless extended in writing by the Borough Engineer.
- d. A copy of the permit shall be kept in possession of the person actually performing the work and shall be exhibited on demand to any duly authorized representative or police officer of the Borough.
- e. The Borough Engineer or Borough Clerk may revoke a permit for any of the following reasons:
  1. Violation of any provision of this section or any other applicable rules, regulations, law or ordinance.
  2. Violation of any condition of the permit issued.
  3. Carrying on work under the permit in a manner which endangers life or property, or which creates any condition which is unhealthy, unsanitary or a nuisance.
- f. In special cases, the governing body of the Borough may, by Resolution, impose special conditions to which the issuance of a permit may be subject, or may decide that any provision of this section shall not be applicable or may be modified.
- g. All permittees must provide written notice, either by hand delivery or direct mail, to residents and businesses within a two-hundred (200) foot radius of a project area no less than 72-hours prior to the commencement of work. In the case of emergency work required in advance of the application and receipt of a permit issued pursuant to this Section, the party responsible for such emergency work shall notify affected residents and**

**businesses as soon as practicable but no later than 24-hours after commencement of work. In all cases, notice must also be provided to the Borough Engineer and Borough Clerk concurrently in identical form and timing. Such notices must include, at a minimum: a description of work, the location of work, the expected duration of work, contact information for the utility, contractor, or responsible entity, information about any expected disruptions to utility services or access, and the need for added safety precautions. Failure to provide the notice as outlined in this Paragraph shall explicitly be considered a violation of this Section which shall be subject to the violation and penalty provisions of §23-1.9.**

~~g.h.~~ The Borough Clerk and Borough Engineer may make any rules and regulations which they consider necessary for the administration and enforcement of this section, but no regulation shall be inconsistent with, alter or amend the intent of any provision of this section or impose any requirement which is in addition to those expressly or by implication imposed by this section. Copies of all current regulations shall be furnished to each permittee at the time of the issuance of the permit.

SECTION 2. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

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

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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. 2788 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on August 15, 2024; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

Borough Clerk Casais said this Ordinance would add a stipulation to our road opening permit process. So for every permit issued or in any emergency, it provides for a requirement that the public utility company predominantly or anyone else opening the road, need to notify those residents in the area of 200 feet around the opening of the date and time of the excavation, the extent of the excavation and any other mitigating factor like safety and any essential impacts to utilities like water, electric or gas. In emergency scenarios where that is not possible, such notice would need to be provided not later than 24 hours after the excavation and all of the notices provided have to be in writing and copies need to be provided to the municipality.

Councilman Johnson asked if we can send this change out to the residents or can we add this to the newsletter/bulletin, as an added notification to the residents.

Mayor Signorello said doesn't this only affect public utilities.

Borough Clerk Casais said for 99% of the time, yes. He said there have been less than five times in the time since he has been here; but yes, we can do that.

Councilman Johnson said if it doesn't really happen with residents asking to open up the streets, then he would say no.

Borough Clerk Casais said there are times when it happens.

Councilman Johnson said then we should go the extra mile.

Borough Clerk Casais said that's fine; it doesn't take any effort at all, as long as it gets adopted.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2788</b>		<b>Yes/Aye</b>	<b>No/Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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**RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 174-24**

**REQUESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION TO PERMIT THE INSTALLATION OF RAPID RECTANGULAR FLASHING BEACON SYSTEMS ALONG COUNTY ROAD 617, COMMONLY KNOWN AS FAITOUTE AVENUE, AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (the, "Borough") desires to install Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (hereinafter, "RRFBs") at various intersections along County Road 617, commonly known and referred to as Faitoute Avenue within Roselle Park, New Jersey, in order to improve roadway and pedestrian safety and promote general welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Union (the, "County") controls and maintains Faitoute Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough controls and maintains Seaton Avenue, West Webster Avenue, and West Lincoln Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the County, in discharge of its public duties, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 39:4-120.1*, desired to permit the Borough to install RRFBs at the following intersections:

1. Faitoute Avenue (C.R. 617) and Seaton Avenue;
2. Faitoute Avenue (C.R. 617) and West Webster Avenue (southern intersection);
3. Faitoute Avenue (C.R. 617) and West Lincoln Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough agrees to install the RRFBs at said intersection and to be responsible for any and all costs or expenses associated with the same; and,

WHEREAS, because these locations are along County roads, an agreement is required with the



County to permit the installation of RRFBs at each of the above-listed intersections; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough agrees to enter into an agreement with the County for the stated purposes.

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 Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to request an agreement with the County in which the Borough agrees to install RRFBs at each over the intersections so stated by the foregoing Resolution, and to be responsive for any and all costs or expenses associated with the same.

RESOLUTION NO. 176-24

APPOINTING ALBERT APOUH  
AS A MEMBER OF 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 appoint Albert Apouh of 300 East Westfield Avenue, Apt. A-14, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Lorraine Fire Co., Station No. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 177-24

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN  
AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF UNION FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant program; and,

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Union under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships program; and,

WHEREAS, substantial Federal funds provided through subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG) are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend an existing Cooperative Agreement for the County of Union and its people to benefit from this program; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Municipality of Roselle Park and the County of Union in cooperation with each other to enter into a modification of the existing Cooperative Agreement pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.*

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 agreement entitled "COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR CONDUCTING CERTAIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES," dated June 5, 2014, as amended July 20, 2017, be reauthorized for the Purpose of Inserting a Description of Activities for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 of the Union County Community Development Block Grant program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program, and the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG); be executed by the Mayor and Borough Clerk in accordance with the provisions of law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 178-24

APPROVING THE INSERTION OF A NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND  
GRANT AS A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$3,443.44

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of \$3,443.44 which item is now available as a revenue from the National Opioid Settlement Fund Grant pursuant to the provisions of statute; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$3,443.44 is hereby appropriated under the caption of the National Opioid Settlement Fund Grant; and,

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

RESOLUTION NO. 179-24

AUTHORIZING A TWO (2) YEAR RENEWAL OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT  
FOR ANIMAL BOARDING AND KENNELING SERVICES WITH THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council (hereinafter, the “Governing Body”) of the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) seek to provide and arrange for animal control services of the highest quality for the local community; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Borough that the Governing Body authorize renewal of the Shared Service Agreement between the Borough and the Township of Woodbridge (hereinafter, the “Township”) for the purpose of the Township’s provision of certain animal boarding and kenneling services; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be for a term of two (2) years commencing, retroactively, on July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026,

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 and directs the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a Shared Service Agreement in form and substance substantially similar to Exhibit A, attached hereto and considered a part hereof, with the Township, on behalf of the Borough, for the purpose of Animal Boarding and Kenneling Services.

**Exhibit A**  
**of Resolution No. 179-24**

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE  
AND THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, between the **TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey located at 1 Main Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 (the “**TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE**”) and the **BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK** located at 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204 (the “**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK**”).

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Woodbridge maintains the Woodbridge Animal Shelter (the “Shelter”) for the housing and care of domesticated animals that are lost and abandoned; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Roselle Park is desirous of obtaining kennel services for the boarding and caring of lost and abandoned domesticated animals found within their borders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Roselle Park understand and agree that the boarding and kenneling of domesticated animals found in Roselle Park is of significant importance to the protection of the residents of Roselle Park; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Roselle Park are desirous of entering into an agreement under the parameters of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., in which boarding and kenneling services for lost and abandoned domesticated animals found within the Borough of Roselle Park will be provided by the Township of Woodbridge at the Shelter;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual and joint obligations set forth herein, the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Roselle Park do hereby agree as follows:

1. The Township of Woodbridge, through the Department of Health and Human Services, Animal Control Division, hereby agrees to provide boarding and kenneling services for lost and abandoned domesticated animals (dogs and cats) found within the Borough of Roselle Park for the term of two (2) years. Boarding and kenneling shall be limited to healthy and uninjured domesticated animals (dogs and cats) only. The Shelter will only accept animals submitted by authorized persons of the Borough of Roselle Park. The Borough of Roselle Park shall provide the transportation of the domesticated animals to the Shelter. The Borough of Roselle Park shall bring domesticated animals to the Shelter during times specified by the Shelter. On holidays, evenings and weekends the Roselle Park Animal Control Officer (ACO) must notify Woodbridge Police dispatch to coordinate with On-call ACO for drop-off. The Roselle Park ACO will set up a kennel for each animal with food, water and bedding, and complete the incoming paperwork at the time the animal is brought to the Shelter.

2. In exchange for the boarding and kenneling services for a term of two (2) years, the Borough of Roselle Park shall pay the Township of Woodbridge the amount of \$350 per animal brought to the Shelter regardless of the length of time the animal remains in the Shelter. A bill for each animal entering the Shelter shall be paid monthly to the Woodbridge Department of Health and Human Services. The first payment for services is due 30 days after the monthly invoice is submitted. The Agreement shall become effective July 1, 2024 and continue until June 30, 2026, on which date the Agreement ends.

3. The Township of Woodbridge shall board and care for each animal for a minimum of 10 days (quarantine), in the case of an animal-to-human bite, or for an infectious disease concern, after which time the animal is subject to adoption, transfer to a rescue, or euthanasia. The Township of Woodbridge may provide other services as space permits and when requested for the following fees, in addition to the \$350 per animal fee, as follows:

- A quarantine fee of \$200 for animals that require a 10-day quarantine
- A boarding fee of \$25 per day for animals held due to court cases and/or situations where animals are surrendered due to home evictions.
- A boarding fee of \$25 per day for each day the animal is held over seven days or otherwise required to be removed from a home by the ACO.

4. The Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Roselle Park recognize and agree that there shall be no surrenders directly to the Shelter from residents of East Brunswick or any of their contract towns. All animal surrenders must be approved and processed through the Township of Woodbridge. Additionally, there shall be no trap rentals/lending to residents of East Brunswick or their contract towns for the purpose of bringing trapped animals to the Shelter.

5. The Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Roselle Park agree that, in the case of animals removed from an animal hoarding environment, the Borough of Roselle Park will notify the Township of Woodbridge when these circumstances occur and prior to trapping or otherwise removing these animals from their existing environment to ensure that proper sheltering can be maintained. All removals in these circumstances must be done with prior notice to and direction from Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter. Failure to provide notice or inform the Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter in these circumstances may result in the Shelter's inability to house such animals.

6. Animals brought to the Shelter must be in good health. The Roselle Park ACO shall bring sick or injured animals to a veterinarian of their choice and East Brunswick shall be responsible for the cost of care associated with sick or injured animals from their jurisdiction, that arises within the care of Woodbridge Township. Upon any instance of emergency veterinary services (as determined by the veterinarian), the Borough of Roselle Park will be responsible for any related charges over \$500 per animal.

7. All fees collected by the Township of Woodbridge from adoptions or related activities resulting from the kenneling of any and all domesticated animals received from the Borough of Roselle Park under this Agreement shall be retained by the Township of Woodbridge.

8. The Township of Woodbridge will not accept farm or fowl animals of any kind, nor feral cats that have been trapped.

9. The Borough of Roselle Park shall at all times hereafter indemnify and hold the Township of Woodbridge harmless from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, suits for damage for property and injury to and/or death to persons caused or resulting from the actions or inactions of the Township of Woodbridge in regard to any of its obligations agreed to herein.

10. As provided for in N.J.S.A. 40:8A-4, this Agreement shall take effect upon the adoption of an approving resolution by the Township of Woodbridge and an approving resolution by the Borough of Roselle Park. Upon proper execution and attestation of this agreement, the proper officials of each of the parties are hereby authorized and directed to make and perform any and all acts necessary to carry out the purposes of this agreement.

11. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties, and no alterations, changes or additions hereto shall be made except in writing and approved by both parties. The Township of Woodbridge or the Borough of Roselle Park can cancel this agreement for any reason upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party.

12. The Township of Woodbridge agrees to provide animal control services to the Borough of Roselle Park only. This agreement does not include any municipalities that the Borough of Roselle Park may now, or in the future, provide any animal control services for.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Township of Woodbridge and the Borough of Roselle Park shall cause this Agreement to be executed by their proper corporate officials and their proper corporate seals affixed this day and year above written.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE**

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JOHN M. MITCH  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN E. McCORMAC, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK**

\_\_\_\_\_  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

RESOLUTION NO. 180-24

**AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO AUCTION UNCLAIMED VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter, the “Borough”) no longer has use for the automobiles listed herein; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council (hereinafter, the “Governing Body”) of the Borough believes it to be advantageous to dispose of this now surplus property; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13.1, and various other statues and administrative regulations of the State of New Jersey permit the Borough to dispose of surplus property no longer needed for public use by auction and to authorize such action by Resolution.

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 Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to sell the listed items, as is, at public auction beginning at 10:00 a.m., local prevailing time, on Thursday, August 15, 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said auction will be advertised by way of the following printed and electronic media: (a) The Union County Local Source, and (b) Borough of Roselle Park website; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said auction shall be conducted by the Borough Clerk or by any person so designated by him with the following explicit provisions of sale:

1. Said property is being sold “as is”.
2. All prospective purchasers are put on notice to personally inspect the property.
3. At the date, time and place of sale, a purchaser shall deposit the entire purchase price with the Borough Clerk in cash or certified check made payable to the “Borough of Roselle Park.”
4. If the purchaser fails to take title and possession within ten calendar (10) days of the date of purchase, the Governing Body of the Borough may declare the contract of sale to be terminated and may retain all monies paid there under as liquidated damages; likewise, the Borough may re-sell said property or pursue such other and further legal and equitable remedies as it may have; furthermore, if the purchaser fails to take title or possession within said ten (10) days, purchaser will be liable for reasonable storage fees.

5. If the title to this property shall prove to be unmarketable, the liability of the Borough shall be limited to the repayment of the amount of any sums paid by said purchaser to the Borough without any further costs, expense, damage, claim against or liability upon the Borough.
6. The Borough of Roselle Park reserves the right to reject bids and shall not be obligated to accept any bids.
7. All prospective purchasers are put on notice that no employee, agent, officer, body or subordinate body has any authority to waive, modify or amend any of the conditions of sale.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Identification Number</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>	<u>Location</u>
2014	Dodge	Durango	1C4RDJDGXEC455968	\$450.00	Sisbarro
2009	Ford	Edge	2FMDK49C19BA78374	\$450.00	George's

**RESOLUTION NO. 181-24**

**AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE GRACE PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF  
THIRD-QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2024 UNTIL AUGUST 29, 2024**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the extension of the grace period for the payment of third-quarter property taxes for the year 2024 until August 29, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 182-24**

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REDUCTION AND/OR REFUND  
ON TWO (2) SEWER UTILITY BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$7,427.00**

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 two (2) sewer utility bills totaling seven-thousand four-hundred twenty-seven dollars and zero cents (\$7,427.00):

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Original Bill</u>	<u>Reduction/Refund</u>	<u>New Bill</u>
904	40	215 East Westfield Avenue	\$5,400.00	\$3,859.00	\$1,541.00
310	1	105 Roosevelt Street	\$3,720.00	\$3,568.00	\$152.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 183-24**

**APPROVING THE TIME-DUE CALCULATION AND TERMS OF  
FINAL PAYMENT FOR PAUL BAIAMONTE**

WHEREAS, Paul Baiamonte's employment agreement with the Borough of Roselle Park expired with his final date of employment being June 30, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, it has been agreed by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park and Paul Baiamonte 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>
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2024 Vacation Hours	184 Hours	\$54.1956	\$9,971.99
2024 Personal Hours	24 Hours	\$54.1956	\$1,300.69
2024 Sick Hours	30 Hours	\$54.1956	\$1,625.87
<b>Total Due</b>			<b><u>\$12,898.55</u></b>

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 Paul Baiamonte the entitled compensation at the above schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 184-24

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DANIEL COWAN 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 Daniel Cowan from the Roselle Park Fire Department effective July 2, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 185-24

AUTHORIZING A \$25,000.00 INCREASE TO THE OPEN-ENDED GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACT WITH RICH TREE SERVICE, INC. FOR TREE TRIMMING, PRUNING, AND REMOVAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT NO. 18-DPP-00645 REFLECTING A REVISED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby increases the open-ended goods and services contract with Rich Tree Service, Inc. of 325 Bergen Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars and zero cents (\$25,000.00) for Tree Trimming, Pruning, and Removal Services pursuant to New Jersey State Contract No. 18-DPP-00645 (expiring December 31, 2024) reflecting revised amount not to exceed one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that maximum procurement value authorized by the foregoing Resolution may be increased by passage of a subsequent Resolution without the constitution of a "Change Order" pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.2* subject to the limitations and provisions of *N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10*.

RESOLUTION NO. 186-24

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE REDUCTIONS AND/OR REFUNDS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$6,436.98 ON FOUR (4) PROPERTIES AS AUTHORIZED BY THE UNION COUNTY TAX BOARD

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 per the Union County Tax Board to issue a reduction and/or refund for County Tax Board Appeals on the following four (4) properties located within the Borough of Roselle Park with refunds and/or reductions to be issued accordingly, totaling \$6,436.98:

BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS	NAME	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	JUDGEMENT ASSESSMENT	REDUCED ASSESSMENT	TAX RATE	REDUCED AMOUNT
111	6	619 Willow Ave.	Coelho, Paulo & Eunice	\$ 474,500.00	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 44,500.00	4.421	\$ 1,967.35
205	4	115 Valley Road	Rajoppi, Nicholas	\$ 285,900.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 55,900.00	4.421	\$ 2,471.34
303	9	314 West Webster Ave.	Quiroga, Michael	\$ 251,700.00	\$ 241,500.00	\$ 10,200.00	4.421	\$ 450.94
912	1	10 East Westfield Ave.	ELRAC, Inc.	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	4.421	\$ 1,547.35
			TOTALS	\$ 1,287,100.00	\$ 1,141,500.00	\$ 145,600.00		\$ 6,436.98

**RESOLUTION NO. 187-24**

**APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK AND THE ROSELLE PARK PBA LOCAL NO. 27 FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2029**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park and Roselle Park Policemen’s Benevolent Association Local No. 27 (hereinafter referred to as the “PBA”) have been engaged in negotiations for the 2025 through 2029 contract years; and,

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement was agreed by representatives of the Borough of Roselle Park and PBA regarding wages, hours of work and other terms and conditions of employment; and,

WHEREAS, said Memorandum of Agreement was ratified by the general membership of the PBA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that a collective bargaining agreement between the Borough of Roselle Park and the PBA is hereby approved and authorized for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029 as stated in the Memorandum of Agreement on file with the Office of the Borough Clerk; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute a final collective bargaining agreement contract document effectuating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Roselle Park.

**RESOLUTION NO. 188-24**

**APPOINTING TYLER PARRIS  
AS A MEMBER OF 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 appoint Tyler Parris of 603 East Second Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey 07203, as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Lorraine Fire Co., Station No. 1.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 175-24**

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF LOREN HARMS  
FROM THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD**

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 Loren Harms from the Municipal Land Use Board effective July 15, 2024.



Councilman Petrosky said when he first got on Council, he was a member of the Land Use Board and Loren Harms was the Chairman. He said Loren did an excellent job and will definitely be missed.

Councilman Signorello said Loren Harms always has his heart and soul in Roselle Park and gives his best. He said Loren is a knowledgeable person, who will be missed and thanked him for his service.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No.		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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	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Signorello

July 10<sup>th</sup> attended the Open Mic Night at the Gazebo. He said there were a couple of young ladies there that night that brought tears to his eyes.

Noted he attended the last two Cool Downs.

Reminded everyone that the Farmer’s Market is up and running every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. until November 27<sup>th</sup>. Please come and visit.

Councilman Johnson

Provided an update to Berwyn and Avon. Neglia, our Borough Engineer, have finalized the construction plans and we are waiting on NJDOT to complete their review and approval of the plans. Hopefully we can commence as early as Fall of this year. Thanked Borough Clerk Casais and said this is one of the first endeavors he wanted to accomplish when he got on Council.

Thanked the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 60 in Roselle Park for putting together a much needed fundraiser and community affair; our first annual Cigar Night. Thanked all those who attended to support this event.

As Public Safety Chair, he asked residents and visitors to please be mindful and observe all parking ordinances and rules and State statutes that are put in place. Unfortunately, there are a few hot spots in town, like around Dalton Street and Union Road where sadly some people don’t mind blocking driveways, parking in prohibited areas and parking on the wrong side of the street. After many discretionary and mitigation attempts, law enforcement has been asked to step up police presence, ticketing and towing offenders.

Congratulated the Class of 2024 in Roselle Park, and a special congratulations to his son Gabriel for graduating this year with honors and for being a member of the National Honors Society. Rutgers here we come.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the families of Christine Frost, Margaret Tumblety and Pamela Reinoso.

June 28<sup>th</sup> attended the Cigar and Whiskey Night fundraiser at the American Legion Post 60; it was a good night.

July 1<sup>st</sup> attended the Fireworks Celebration; it was a very good event and show.

July 9<sup>th</sup> attended the Cool Down.

July 10<sup>th</sup> attended the Open Mic Night.

July 17<sup>th</sup> attended the Acker Park Meeting regarding renovations.

July 18<sup>th</sup> attended the Joint Sewer Meeting, where they approved construction of the pump station.

Asked everyone to send prayers to Paul Devito, who is an operator at the DPW, who recently had brain surgery and is in rehab now.

Provided contact information.

Thanked Senate President Nick Scutari and Mayor Signorello for their help in obtaining the \$3 million in aid.

#### Councilman Robaina

June 28<sup>th</sup> attended the Union County Means Green Grant Ceremony at the Community Garden on Valley Road. Extended his gratitude to Union County for their support and a special thank you to Tim Coakley, Emil, Corrina and all the dedicated volunteers and residents who contribute their time to the garden.

Also met with Crossfield Products, across the street, to address concerns about cars parking beyond their driveway apron, obstructing business operations. A simple solution of striping was implemented to alleviate this issue.

July 1<sup>st</sup> brought a spectacular fireworks display, with standout performances of the National Anthem and God Bless America by Tiffany Narvaez and Micayla Guzman, respectively.

Noted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Cool Down kicked off on July 9<sup>th</sup> and drew record crowds and garnered coverage by News 12 during a recent heatwave. The event provided much needed relief along with ice cream he got for the kids, and was supported by the Police Benevolent Association 27 who distributed ice pops. Thanked the Fire Department for working with him since 2021 to keep this going. The next Cool Down is Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and the last one is Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

July 10<sup>th</sup> attended the County's Transportation Advisory Board Meeting where Jackie Garcia, our Borough representative and the County Board's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, successfully motioned for a request to update and re-examination of the County's Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan after 17 years. This initiative aims to modernize transportation strategies across Union County.

July 11<sup>th</sup> attended a town hall discussion in Borough Hall that addressed a pressing community issue, which while spirited, demonstrated our collective commitment to resolving a long-standing challenge

and will improve our Borough by enhancing storm water capacity on the East Side Thanked Mayor Signorello and Senate President Scutari for their help in obtaining the \$3 million in aid.

July 12<sup>th</sup> attended the NJ Trails Action Network Meeting, where discussion focused on enhancing funding and focus on micromobility, bike and pedestrian safety, and trail initiatives with the DEP and DOT.

July 15<sup>th</sup> the Municipal Land Use Board Meeting reviewed a new homeowner application on Filbert Street, approving a small bump-out addition to their second story, with Mayor Signorello suggesting an additional tree planting to enhance the neighborhood's green canopy.

Invited all residents to join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Swim Night on August 7<sup>th</sup> at Cranford's Orange Avenue Pool. Pre-registration is required, and please bring identification confirming residency upon arrival.

In light of current national tensions, it's crucial to uphold our First Amendment rights, while fostering civility, unity and respect within our community. Despite differing opinions, we all share a common goal of maintaining Roselle Park's charm and adapting to change, together.

Thanked the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward residents for their continued engagement and feedback; your concerns are important and he remains committed to addressing them promptly and provided his contact information. Noted he also created a Linktree account where he has quick links to a number of useful resources, along with the sign up to Pool Night, the Casano Center, miscellaneous forms and documents, and more.

Encouraged residents to check out the beautiful mural on the side of Sun Rise, along Grove Street, commemorating the Rahway Valley Line.

Offered best wishes to Paul Devito and his family.

#### Councilman Patel

Noted the Roselle Park Community Garden is thriving in the hot weather and the Environmental Commission has lots of free organic produce available for residents.

Thanked everyone involved in getting us the \$3 million in aid.

#### Councilwoman Lyons

Noted it's definitely a thankful Thursday. She is thankful for America, this hometown, the community and the voices that do come out and each individual that we connect with in a good and positive way.

July 1<sup>st</sup> had an amazing time at the Fireworks Celebration.

July 9<sup>th</sup> was the Cool Down; it was great to see the families and kids come out.

July 10<sup>th</sup> was Open Mic Night; which was moved to the Youth Center and thanked John Ranieri and also thanked Lands Music.

Thanked Paul Baiamonte for his services and all that he did for Roselle Park.

Noted she attended the American Legion Post 60 Karaoke Night, but was unable to attend the Cigar Night and said she would love to help in any way she can.

Noted the \$3 million should be celebrated in this town. Thanked Mayor Signorello and Senator President Nick Scutari and everyone that worked on that. It is truly a blessing for this town.

Made mention that Rita Pharmacy was hit this week. If you see something, please say something. For some reason the alarms didn't go off and someone reported it and came in. We don't accept that in our town and we condemn things like that; but at the same time, let's just keep going and stay strong.

Provided contact information.

Reminded everyone to please download the MyRosellePark app.

#### Mayor Signorello

Had no report.

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

Noted Resolution No. 181-24 was approved. He said he knows some of the public have been coming in and wondering when they are going to get their tax bills. We actually cannot send out tax bills unless they are estimated, which we try not to do because that means we have to spend money twice in sending bills out. So we finally got the rate because the State adopted their budget right at the deadline, so we got our tax rate a little bit later than we should have; but again, not our fault. Tax bills will be going out probably at the end of this week; if not, early next week. The grace period has been extended until the end of August; so you have until August 29<sup>th</sup> to pay. Don't feel your behind the ball because you haven't gotten your bill yet; they haven't gone out yet and don't feel like you have to pay on exactly the same schedule you were used to. You have some more time; until August 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:31 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

#### Jerry Veltre, 476 Ragland Drive

He said he was a little late, and wanted to be clear on this. Great job with getting the \$3 million. He asked, our second sewer bill tax, we are not paying it.

Mayor Signorello said obviously it's not due until October 1<sup>st</sup>. There are a couple of mechanics that we need to go about; like legalities on how this works out. It's harder than saying we got the \$3 million and let's forget the second bill. We need to also figure out when the State's actually giving it to us; we assume it's before October. The goal is for that to happen and if you prepaid for it, we will come up with some mechanism where you can get a credit for next year or come into the Finance Office. He said it's likely that will be the outcome, but he can't say for certain until Borough Clerk Casais is notified. We will send out a letter in the mail and ring it to the high heavens. If you have not paid yet for whatever reason, do not pay the second bill until we have that clarified. He feels very confident that we will be able to deliver it this year, but also if it happens next year and this was a one blip and things go back to normal next year, he thinks that's a good outcome too.

Mr. Veltre said he thought it was for 11 years; so now we have to do this again next year.

Mayor Signorello said no. What he is saying is we owe in aggregate of \$4 million; so this covers 75% of that. If we pay that off, then we don't have to keep paying that fine next year. We had a payment plan for 11 years; we won't have to pay that fine for 8 years and we'll find another million next year or another grant.

Mr. Veltre said good job.

### Rosia Diaz, Warren Avenue

She came to talk about the parking issue on Warren Avenue. They have noticed a pattern of cars that are parked there from Wednesday to Wednesday and move on Thursdays, early in the morning given that there are street cleaning rules. There are six vehicles and they have pictures of the make and license plates and they also know the source of where they are coming from; they are coming from a business right around the corner. She said it has been a pattern for about six to eight weeks. She put a call into the Traffic Department today and left a message advising them of this, but did want to bring this to Mayor and Council's attention and see what the next steps are and what is being done about this and how will the residents of Warren Avenue and of Roselle Park have the communication of what our next steps are and what's happening. This has been an issue for some time now and want to make sure the town is aware of the parking issues that exist.

Mayor Signorello asked is it an auto body.

Ms. Diaz said yes, it is.

Mayor Signorello said we solved the issue in one place and it just gets moved to another. This is the first time that he is hearing about it being an issue on Warren Avenue. He said he doesn't have a response for her today, since this is the first he is hearing about it. He would love for her to send those pictures to him at [mayorsig@rosellepark.net](mailto:mayorsig@rosellepark.net) and he will get her a formal written response that we can share as to what the next steps will be. He said unfortunately, the Chief of Police is not here tonight and he would like to get his input and see what solutions he has in mind.

Ms. Diaz said it has been a recurring issue on this street for a couple of years as the neighborhood has changed, but she doesn't believe the town has done an adequate job of addressing these issues. She said they are happy to have and support the businesses here and all the residents, but we need to make sure that the people who are paying taxes to live here and are part of the community, have access to it.

Mayor Signorello said he is pro Roselle Park business, but we have people who abuse the system, and we have some business owners that play by the rules and are good partners and some that are not. We had to address that via permit parking in some other areas. Permit parking has its ups and downs and that could be an answer there. He would love to kind of digest it and talk to the Police Department and give her a formal response. He thanked Ms. Diaz for bringing this to our attention.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:38 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:38 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC  
Borough Clerk