

**AUGUST 15, 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	7:01 PM
Gregory Johnson	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	A	7:10 PM
Joseph Signorello, Jr.	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:01 PM
Jay Robaina	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:01 PM
Rosanna Lyons	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilwoman	P	7:01 PM
Khanjan S. Patel	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:01 PM
Joseph Signorello III	Borough of Roselle Park	Mayor	P	7:01 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**

1. Presentation: Chris Tango – Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Mayor Signorello asked Mr. Tango what is his Eagle Scout Project that he wants to do for us.

Mr. Tango said he is a Life Scout in Troop 68 of Union, New Jersey and for his Eagle Scout Project, he is looking to create a message board for the Roselle Park Community Garden. This message board will serve as a resource for all citizens and visitors of the community garden and it will provide insight to upcoming events and activities happening at the garden; such as renting a plot and even when they need volunteers. He said it benefits people because communication is lacking with the community garden. Right now all that there is is the website

and social media. Not everyone has that and not everyone knows about the website and lots of people would like to know what's going on with the community garden while they are there; as well as making the garden more professional.

Mayor Signorello said it sounds great and when would he have it done by.

Mr. Tango said hopefully by November 15<sup>th</sup>, and he is looking to start it in October.

Councilman Robaina asked where is it going; towards the front entrance coming in.

Mr. Tango said yes, in front of the gate coming into the garden.

Mayor Signorello said Mr. Coakley, the Environmental Commission Chair is here tonight, so he can exchange contact information with him before he leaves.

#### 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 July 18, 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 7:05 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.

#### Milton Woodruff, 134 Bender Avenue

He said his question pertains to Ordinance No. 2786 in reference to the sewer calculation. Is that going to be based on consumption or water bill; how is that going to work.

Mayor Signorello said we are going to adjust the calculation. We used to do it based on water consumption from 12 months of the year; but now are going to switch it to the winter months of October, November and December.

Mr. Woodruff said but you also have to be careful because those bills include fees and also other charges; not just water.

Mayor Signorello said we don't calculate it off the raw number; we calculate it off the consumed and said we get the units or consumed volume from the water company.

Mr. Woodruff asked what kind of dollar amount are you projecting to raise.

Borough Clerk Casais said what we need is what we are going to raise.

Mayor Signorello said this is not a net increase or decrease; this will be a different cutting of the pie. The people who were vocal about having a pool or if you water your grass, that's water that doesn't go back into the sewer system; so that's going to be excluded going forward. He said it's not an increase of the pie in this ordinance; it's a redividing up of the pie.

Mr. Woodruff said his other question pertains to the bonds you were talking about. His impression was from previous conversations that you were talking about \$1.6 million in bond borrowing and now you are talking about \$3.9; I thought the difference was covered by grants.

Mayor Signorello asked where is this in the agenda.

Borough Clerk Casais said it's Ordinance No. 2787. He said so the entire Bond Ordinance that's being amended by this ordinance is \$3.987; however, there is the offset. All this ordinance does is amend the prior ordinance to reappropriate the money for the Rick Barry statue as money for roads. He said it reappropriates the funding for the statue to roads; it does not change the amount authorized.

Mr. Woodruff said he is a little confused because quite frankly our budget at this year-end shows a \$6.7 million in cash and investments; plus a \$2 million surplus in our budget and we are also getting about \$3 million in a grant for the sewerage thing. He said yet our taxes went up and the sewerage thing is still high.

Mayor Signorello said the money that we got from relief for the sewerage money; that goes into a separate sewer authority. It is a different pot of money that you get your sewer bill on.

Mr. Woodruff said what about the year-end budget that shows \$6.7 million. He said we also spend about 2% of our budget on advertising the loans we already have and now we are going to add to it when we have a surplus. It doesn't make sense.

Mayor Signorello said he doesn't fully understand the comment and deferred to CFO Blum.

CFO Blum said he is not exactly sure what Mr. Woodruff is asking.

Mr. Woodruff asked where is the money going. The budget shows over \$6 million at year-end in cash and a \$2 million surplus in the budget for this year; yet our taxes are going up.

CFO Blum said you have to look at the Balance Sheet. The Balance Sheet is equal; there's the assets and liabilities. He doesn't have it in front of him; but there is cash, there's other liabilities, there's taxes, receivables, you have payables and budget reserves.

Mayor Signorello asked Mr. Woodruff if he has gone to the Board of Education to see their half of the budget and given them the same level of scrutiny too.

Mr. Woodruff asked about Ordinance No. 2788 regarding permits. Do the permits go to the person doing the job; would that be the homeowner.

Borough Clerk Casais said this specific ordinance relates to street opening permits. By and large about over 90% of the time, street opening permits are issued to public utilities.

Councilman Johnson entered the meeting at this time.

Tim Coakley, 213 Charlotte Terrace

He asked if the Governing Body discussed the storm water separated out from the sewer.

Mayor Signorello said this is not on the agenda; so unfortunately you can either come back for the second Public Portion or call him.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:12 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 July 2024
2. Construction Official's Report for July 2024
3. Court Administrator's Report for June 2023
4. Curt Administrator's Report for July 2024
5. Community Center Director's Report for June & July 2024

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

#### ORDINANCES

##### SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

##### ORDINANCE NO. 2786

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

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2786; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2786; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2786 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2786</b>					
		<b>Yes/Aye</b>	<b>No/Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	Petrosky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	Johnson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	Signorello, Jr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	Robaina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	Lyons <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Patel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Signorello <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 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

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2787; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2787; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2787 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2787</b>					
		<b>Yes/Aye</b>	<b>No/Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	Johnson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		Patel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Signorello <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2788**

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

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2788; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved to close the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2788; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2788 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2788		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended	Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tabled	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn	Lyons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Patel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**INTRODUCTION**

None

**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. 190-24**

**ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF ANDREW G. BATICH  
FROM THE POSITION OF CROSSING GUARD**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the retirement of Andrew G. Batich from the position of Crossing Guard effective immediately.

**RESOLUTION NO. 191-24**

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR AND TREASURER TO ISSUE A REFUND  
IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$947.00 DUE TO A PAYMENT APPLICATION ERROR**

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 and Treasurer are hereby authorized to issue a refund in the amount of nine-hundred forty-seven dollars and zero cents (\$947.00) payable to Iarrapino Heating & Cooling, doing business as First Choice Heating & Cooling, for a 2024 sewer utility payment made on Block 302, Lot 16, commonly known as 426 Willow Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, and assessed in the name of Trowers, Kenmar; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and noted that the underlying error giving cause for the refund authorized herein was due to check being applied to the sewer utility for the above property instead of for payment of a permit fee for the same property.

RESOLUTION NO. 192-24

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 statutes 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 Friday, September 6, 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>
2009	Nissan	Rogue	JN8AS58V69W168977	\$450.00	George’s
2018	Honda	Civic	JHMFC1F94JX022992	\$450.00	George’s

RESOLUTION NO. 193-24

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 \$7,735.29

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 \$7,735.29 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 \$7,735.29 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. 194-24

APPOINTING ZACARIA VARGAS  
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 Zacaria Vargas of 30 East Colfax Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Central Fire Co., Station No. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 195-24

APPOINTING FIRE PATROL MEMBER ELIJAH CASTRO  
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 Elijah Castro, current Fire Patrol Member assigned to Station No. 3, as a member of the Roselle Park Fire Department, effective immediately, to be assigned to the Faitoute Fire Co., Station No. 3.

RESOLUTION NO. 196-24

PROMOTING ALTERNATE CROSSING GUARD JOSEPH EVANS  
TO THE POSITION OF CROSSING GUARD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby promotes Alternate Crossing Guard Joseph Evans to the position of Crossing



Guard to be paid \$75.75 per day effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 197-24

PROMOTING ALTERNATE CROSSING GUARD ROGER SOO  
TO THE POSITION OF CROSSING GUARD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby promotes Alternate Crossing Guard Roger Soo to the position of Crossing Guard to be paid \$75.75 per day effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 198-24

APPOINTING BRIAN MELICI  
TO THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE CROSSING GUARD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Brian Melici of 160 West Westfield Avenue, Apt. B5, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 to the position of Alternate Crossing Guard to be paid \$75.75 per day effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 199-24

APPOINTING ANA LUCIA PAGAN  
TO THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE CROSSING GUARD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Ana Lucia Pagan of 324 Hamilton Street, Roselle, New Jersey 07203 to the position of Alternate Crossing Guard to be paid \$75.75 per day effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 200-24

AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO AUCTION VEHICLES  
NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

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 statutes 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 9:00 a.m., local prevailing time, on Tuesday, August 20, 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said auction will be advertised by way of the following printed and electronic media: (a) The Newark Star-Ledger, 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>
2005	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAFP71WX5X125653	\$500.00	RPDPW
2006	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W26X118715	\$500.00	RPDPW
2006	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W06X118714	\$500.00	RPDPW
2009	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAHP71V49X143426	\$500.00	RPDPW
2009	Dodge	Charger	2B3KA43V29H546278	\$500.00	RPDPW
1998	Chevrolet	Express Van	1GCFG25M1W1108160	\$1,000.00	RPDPW
2003	Ford	Explorer	1FMZU73KX3UA82751	\$1,000.00	RPDPW
2003	Chevrolet	Blazer	1GNDT13X43K147378	\$1,000.00	RPDPW
2004	Ford	Eldorado Bus	1FDXE45SX4HB38892	\$1,000.00	RPDPW
2008	Chevrolet	Tahoe	1GNFK13518R229884	\$1,000.00	RPDPW
1995	Ford	F-800	1FDXF80C6SVA35097	\$5,000.00	RPDPW

RESOLUTION NO. 201-24

**AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A REDUCTION AND/OR REFUND ON TWO (2) SEWER UTILITY BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,047.00**

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 two-thousand forty-seven dollars and zero cents (\$2,047.00):

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Original Bill</u>	<u>Reduction/Refund</u>	<u>New Bill</u>
901	9	44 East Grant Avenue	\$1,824.00	\$894.00	\$930.00

205      10      145 Valley Road      \$1,784.00      \$1,153.00      \$631.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 202-24**

**AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE ONE (1) CHECK TOTALING \$942.26 PAYABLE TO ONE (1) LIEN HOLDER ON ONE (1) PROPERTY AND ONE (1) CHECK TOTALING \$1,000.00 FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR’S PREMIUM ACCOUNT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to issue one (1) check totaling \$942.26 payable to one (1) lien holder on one (1) property; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) check be issued in the total amount of \$1,000.00 from the Tax Collector’s Premium Account.

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK TAX COLLECTOR ANALYSIS OF LIEN REDEMPTIONS 8/15/2024														
TSC #	BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	PREMIUM	TOTAL AMOUNT REDEEMED	CERTIFICATE AMOUNT	REDEMPTION PENALTY PERCENTAGE	INTEREST ON CERTIFICATE DATE 8/15/2024	SEARCH FEE	RECORDING FEE	SUBSEQUENT TAXES PAID	INTEREST ON SUBSEQUENTS TO 8/15/2024	6% INTEREST PENALTY	LEGAL FEES
BALA PARTNERS LLC	23-011	1001	19	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 942.26	\$ 244.95	\$ 4.90	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 586.73	\$ 38.68		
				\$ -	\$ -									
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<b>TOTAL</b>				\$ 1,000.00	\$ 942.26	\$ 244.95	\$ 4.90	\$ -	\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 586.73	\$ 38.68	\$ -	\$ -

**RESOLUTION NO. 203-24**

**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PORTOFINO BUILDERS, LLC FOR THE PROJECT, “IMPROVEMENTS TO GRANT AVENUE – YEAR 50 CDBG” IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$296,155.50**

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received sealed bids at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 for the project, “Improvements to Grant Avenue – Year 50 CDBG.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Special Projects Engineer, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby award a contract to Portofino Builders, LLC of 69 Irwin Street, Springfield, New Jersey 07081 pursuant to the Base Bid of the advertised specifications for the project, “Improvements to Grant Avenue – Year 50 CDBG,” in an amount not to exceed two-hundred ninety-six thousand one-hundred fifty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$296,155.50); and,

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 189-24**

**ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF LOUISE M. KURANT FROM THE POSITION OF CROSSING GUARD**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the retirement of Louise M. Kurant from the position of Crossing Guard effective immediately.

Councilman Signorello thanked Louise for her years of service on the corner of Sherman Avenue and Westfield Avenue.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No. 189-24		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 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 Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the families of Evelyn Jones, Dorothy Phillips, Ferdinando Ambrosio and Lillian Markovitch.

July 31<sup>st</sup> attended the Open Mic event and thanked Councilwoman Lyons for the invitation and the great job she did.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> attended the Band Car Wash.

Asked everyone to please keep Paul Devito in your prayers.

Mentioned the American Legion can use everyone's help.

Provided contact information.

### Councilman Robaina

In July, had the pleasure of kicking off our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Cooldowns. Thanked Director Shah, Chief Thompson, Deputy Chiefs Kuterka and Jaskula, and our dedicated volunteer firefighters for their participation and support. Also extended gratitude to Juanita Dryer from the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward for her donation of ice cream sandwiches at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Cooldown, and to Officers Cambronero, Hokanson and Matthews from PBA 27 for providing ice pops.

Hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Swim Night at the Orange Avenue Pool in Cranford last night. Thanked Director Shah, Rod Thomas and his son from Scout Troop 56 and Councilman Signorello for their support.

July 30<sup>th</sup> he, Chief Frino, Business Administrator Casais and Councilman Johnson met with EZ Ride to discuss our safe streets campaign. The "Street Smarts" initiative aims to educate the public about traffic laws and promote safe behaviors to reduce accidents and fatalities in our Borough. Also reached out to AAA and they will provide the Borough with free "Schools Open, Drive Carefully" signs to remind motorists to be vigilant around our schools.

Regarding infrastructure, Pine and Locust have been milled and paved with striping to follow. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, completed yellow curbing and striping between Amsterdam, Valley and Beechwood to improve visibility, safety and ADA accessibility. Regarding ADA, please note the Borough offers eight free handicapped parking spaces in the Chestnut Street municipal parking lot. Those with handicapped placard or license plate can use these spaces at no charge.

Last month he mentioned the beautiful Rahway Valley Railroad mural in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. The DOT's Chief of Staff has informed us that knotweed removal will be completed by the end of the summer with 20 or so dead and hazardous trees to be removed this Fall. They will also survey the land between West Colfax and Woodside Avenues along Beechwood, which is prone to stormwater accumulation.

September 29<sup>th</sup> the Greater Union Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual 5K to support a Roselle Park family. The funds will assist the family of Leighton, an infant born prematurely in February who has been battling severe medical complications. To help ease the family's financial burden, a portion of the race's proceeds will be donated to them. For more information, contributions or sponsorships, visit [unionchamber.com](http://unionchamber.com) or call Jim at 908-688-2777.

The Municipal Land Use Board Meeting will take place on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The agenda includes a preliminary and final site plan hearing for 243 East Westfield Avenue, formerly Garden Dry Cleaners. This applicant seeks C & D variances to convert the existing one-story commercial building into a two-store mixed-use commercial/residential space.

Provided contact information.

#### Councilman Patel

Last month attended the Eagle Scout Review and congratulated Alex on earning the Eagle Scout rank.

Noted he has been walking the Ward and listening to residents' concerns and suggestions; and appreciates everyone who shared their thoughts to help improve our Borough.

Made mention the Environmental Commission is excited to announce the next Repair Café on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Roselle Park High School cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the Commission.

Noted the community garden is thriving, and the Commission will continue giving away free organic produce each week for the rest of the summer. You can stay updated by following the Roselle Park Environmental Commission on Facebook, or by contacting them via email or through your local Councilperson.

Provided contact information.

#### Councilwoman Lyons

Wished everyone a happy summer and can't believe it's August.

Noted we had Open Mic every Wednesday at the Gazebo. Thanked all those who participated and attended the events. Hopefully next year more of the community will come out to support the kids and the people performing.

September 6<sup>th</sup> is the annual Fiesta Hispana y Latina.

Noted September 28<sup>th</sup> is the Arts Festival and so many things will be happening in October.

Officially announced the Italian Heritage Festival for the first time in Roselle Park on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder to please shop local. Park Ice Cream posted something today that said to order online, call or they will deliver due to not being able to park there on Westfield Avenue for a few months. You can reach them at parkicecream.com.

Mentioned she wrote the other day you can either be under construction or under destruction. Her father was a builder and mason who always taught her the foundation always matters. She said all of us have a piece to this town and we can really work together and make it the best that we can.

Provided contact information.

#### Councilman Johnson

Provided an update on Berwyn and Avon. Still waiting on NJDOT and appreciates everyone's patience.

July 31<sup>st</sup> attended his first Eagle Scout Board of Review on behalf of Troop 56 and Alex Ley and learned how exceptional Alex is and congratulated him.

Noted the Municipal Land Use Board Meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to express your concerns, this is the perfect place to share your thoughts. He mentioned to Borough Clerk Casais that he received an email today and a resident also said they cannot find out who the members of the Zoning Committee are on the website; and asked Borough Clerk Casais if we could put that up there if it's not on there.

Borough Clerk Casais said it's on there under Government and then Municipal Land Use Board.

Councilman Johnson provided his contact information.

#### Councilman Signorello

August 14<sup>th</sup> attended the Pool Night and had a great time and enjoyed himself.

Noted the cooldowns were good evenings and the weather was right.

Mentioned he had ice cream from Park Ice Cream the other night and said it was some of the best ice cream he ever had. He asked Borough Clerk Casais about the parking issue.

Borough Clerk Casais said the parking issue is part of the resurfacing of Route 28 and he doesn't know if it's going to be consistently entirely for two months, but he will get confirmation. He said Route 28 is going to be resurfaced from end to end. They are sealing it, so there will be some parking impacts because they have to remove the pavement markings first; he doesn't know all the steps yet. They actually haven't announced all the steps yet from DOT shockingly, but they are going to first remove those markings; so he is hoping it's not going to be just consistently for two months. He said he will find out more information.

Councilman Signorello provided his contact information.

#### MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS (No Council Confirmation Required; Effective Immediately)

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Mayoral Appointments into the record:

1. Appointing Darwin Roman, current Alternate Member No. 3 of the Municipal Land Use Board, as a Class IV member of the Municipal Land Use Board to fill the unexpired term of Loren Harms, set to expire December 31, 2025
2. Appointing Adolfo Dicosmo of 531 Spruce Street, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 as Alternate Member No. 3 of the Municipal Land Use Board to fill the unexpired term of Darwin Roman, set to expire December 31, 2025.

### Mayor Signorello

Mayor Signorello said we had some updates on the Cannabis MD application and deferred to Borough Attorney DeMarco.

Borough Attorney DeMarco said as most people are aware and if not, the Cannabis MD application that was approved was challenged by various residents that they called the Objectors. That matter was filed in Superior Court in Elizabeth and he did appear on behalf of the Borough of Roselle Park. That matter has now been dismissed by the Court. He said what that means is that the Court found that, and he did join in on the motion to find this, that notice was not proper perfected; so the applicant at the time of the hearing had not provided adequate notice to everyone required by statute, rendering the action of the Board as if it never happened. That application will now need to begin again or new and they would need to refile if they so choose to do so. Some action will be taken in September; it's anticipated by the combined Board to just rescind that prior resolution, this way it's like it never existed. Whether that applicant files or when they file is left up to them and that's their decision.

Mayor Signorello said just to make that clear for everybody, next Monday is a Municipal Land Use Board Meeting and the only thing that is on that, he believes, there is a 1<sup>st</sup> Ward application for some glass shop. We would, as a Board, in September rescind the approval that happened and if they choose to apply again, they can apply again and have to go through the whole process again. There is no guarantee of that, but if they do; obviously everyone will be notified in the same way, but that should be rescinded in September.

### PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:39 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.

### Bill Crossett, 412 Galloping Hill Road

He handed out to Mayor and Council a copy of his questions and concerns because he always gets cut off on time.

He said Councilman Petrosky has been a fantastic help on this item and he has been talking to the Chief. The only reason he wanted to bring this up is because one day he got this guy knocking on his door and ringing the doorbell and he comes back again the next day doing the same thing. He said he watched his cameras and this guy goes around to every house, between his house and Clay and then he goes up Clay. The second time his wife said to call the Police; we don't know who this guy is and there are no vendor credentials around his neck. He said he called the non-emergency number and the response that he got was "we don't do that." He asked if a Police car can come and find the guy and find out if he is legit or is he just banging on doors to just try to get someone to open the door, to get a response from our own Dispatcher down here in this building, that it's not their job.

Mayor Signorello asked if he called the non-emergency number or emergency number.

Mr. Crossett said he called the non-emergency number down here. He said he let Councilman Petrosky know and he has actually seen the guy walking around over on Lincoln Avenue. Councilman Petrosky has been very good at communicating back to him, but he personally and a lot of other people around town, it's a concern if that's the response we're going to get when we call the non-emergency number.

He said there was a change posted a couple of weeks ago about the size of the tree and you needed a permit. He really didn't understand how big the tree had to be in diameter before we had to apply for a permit.

Borough Clerk Casais said he does not know off-hand, but there is a minimum and he will get that information to him.

Mr. Crossett said twice in the past year numerous fees for permits have been increased. He brought it up about a year ago that he had to replace his central air and had to replace his furnace all within three months of each other. The fees totaled over \$800; that was 5% added to the cost of the project; but what does he get for those fees. He got two Inspectors for the air conditioner for a total of maybe 12 minutes; 10 minutes probably and two minutes for each Inspector for the furnace. He said he doesn't get a guarantee from the Inspectors or the Construction Office; so why is it over \$800 for two projects. Quite frankly, if he has another project that he had to do, he's not getting a permit; the town will never know.

He said he had a question on the sewer lawsuit; is there no insurance to cover any portion of the lawsuit.

Borough Attorney DeMarco said that type of claim typically is not covered; it's not a personal injury or property damage claim. It's the coverage at the time the incident occurs usually, so you might say whoever was the insurance company in 1914. Those type of claims are traditionally not covered unfortunately.

#### Betty Woodruff, 134 Bender Avenue

She said she had just a couple of comments. While driving around town and out of town, she is noticing these days nobody and kids are not wearing bike helmets. Nobody is encouraging the kids to wear helmets. She doesn't want to see anyone injured. The other day she saw a man teaching his little person to ride a bike and he didn't have a helmet on. You've got to start when they are little. She knows in the past the Police Department has done things to encourage kids to put the helmets on. She noticed we were having a safety program and perhaps that would be part of it; please remind the kids. Perhaps like the signs we put on the streets to slow down; we could put something on the Borough website once in a while to remind parents to remind the kids to get their helmets on.

She asked if our Councilman, if you have the information, could put it out when the streets are closing; trying to get around town sometimes can be difficult. If she knew in advance, she would just avoid those streets.

#### Tim Coakley, 213 Charlotte Terrace

He said he has raised this informally at a past Environmental Commission Meeting. Just food for thought; right now he knows we have had issues with the lawsuit and everything being related to the stormwater system, which is separate from the sewer system.



Mayor Signorello said it's our stormwater system that runs into a combined system to Elizabeth.

Mr. Coakley said from a utility perspective, the bill he is getting covers both sewer and stormwater.

Mayor Signorello said it covers, yes now it does.

Borough Clerk Casais said in some instances it does. The Borough for the most part pays for the sanitary system through the sewer utility. It does also pay for certain stormwater things through the sewer utility. That's not to say from the current fund operating budget, there is also some money that goes towards storm to offset it.

Mr. Coakley said just a thought. This is the Environmental Commissioner minor research, and he can send the Governing Body some stuff, but again if costs are increasing over time for stormwater; for him personally and from a call from an equity perspective, it makes a lot of sense in his mind to start to split those two apart. If you think how it's allocated; an apartment that's one unit in a five story building has the same sewer bill as a home that covers 3,000 sq. ft. maybe of which 2,000 is impervious, causing a lot of runoff. They should not be paying the same amount of money into stormwater. He said he can send the Governing Body some materials on that.

Mayor Signorello said he thinks it's a good idea. He said there is nothing here that is controversial because it would ultimately be up to a popular vote. There are a bunch of parties that continue to knock on our door to actually buy the system, the sanitary system; in which case they would take care of billing and maintenance and everything. He thinks this is something that they would at least put up for a vote next year and once again, that means Council here would need to put it up for sale, there would be a valuation and then for everybody in Roselle Park there would be a public referendum at the end of the year. For him personally, he would put it up for a referendum to see how that goes and then take it from there. Make the sewer system American Water's problem versus ours because it's a lot.

Mr. Coakley asked if we are going to get some trees this fall.

Borough Clerk Casais said yes.

Mr. Coakley said the Commission is here to support that. Residents have requested them and that means, he would hope, that those residents would help take care of those trees because it's a big burden to put on the Borough to plant the trees and then maintain them.

Mayor Signorello said we have money for trees that we didn't plant last time and we have allocated some more money this year. He said you might want to do a fresh questionnaire; this way, if there is anybody since our last questionnaire, it might be worth it to do in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Coakley said if you don't have a street tree in front of your house; request it. He said we are trying to get the right trees in the right spot.

Mayor Signorello said ultimately, it is also our discretion. So, whatever money we have left over from ones that weren't asked for, at some point it would behoove you and the new DPW Superintendent to go around and be like one would be good here and one would be good here.

Hannah Antonsson, 216 Bender Avenue

She said she completely supports trees and has one in front of her house, which is dying and soon she will be needing a new tree.

She said her opposition to Cannabis MD continues and that hopefully there will not be a reapplication and if there is, that it will be denied.

She asked what is the criteria for appointees to the Land Use Review Board and how many are women currently on the Board.

Mayor Signorello said there is one.

Ms. Antonsson asked out of how many.

Mayor Signorello said there are nine full time people and four Alternates; 13 appointees all total. He said he appoints 11 because the Mayor is defacto one, there is a Council appointment and one employee; but he picks 10.

Ms. Antonsson said so she thought the one woman was leaving the Board.

Mayor Signorello said there were two and one had left.

Ms. Antonsson said so one out of 13.

Mayor Signorello said yes; one out of 13. He said under-represented yes; good point.

Ms. Antonsson asked what is the criteria and why are there so few; what's required of someone to be on the Land Use Board.

Mayor Signorello said candidly it's really hard to get people who are interested in it. So the requirement is one of the few things that he gets to pick solely. The requirement he usually looks for is some level of experience in the construction or engineering space. We just appointed Adolfo and he's a brick layer with some kind of understanding of what goes into building a building. He said it's like pulling teeth to get volunteers for a lot of these things. There is a form online if someone is interested in something and he usually goes by that.

Ms. Antonsson asked do you advertise this information.

Mayor Signorello said a lot of these folks have been holdovers from people who have been on it year over year; especially the Alternates have been in a pipeline.

Ms. Antonsson said these are really crucial decisions that are being reviewed and commentary from the earliest stage that impacts the town. This is the one thing that town government really controls. So, she thinks it's pretty outrageous that there's one woman out of 13 and it's not even like a reaching out to people to be considered for this.

Mayor Signorello said that's just not true in terms of outreach. Every year at the end of the year, he puts on his Facebook page if there is anybody interested in any appointments, to feel free to contact him. He gets butkus on that and he agrees the disparity is egregious; no disagreements there.

Ms. Antonsson said more trees.

Mayor Signorello said one hundred percent; we are aligned on that one.

Stephanie Parkham, 152 Bridge Street

She said she has been up here quite a few times regarding the trees in front of her house that are not being taken care of. It's the City's trees that have now cracked and lifted her driveway completely and the sidewalks are again completely lifted at least 2-1/2" and also her pipe that goes out and drains the sump pump water is 11-1/2" off the ground now. She said she contacted the Superintendent of the DPW and she was also in contact with Paul and the gentleman before him as well and every time she feels like she's getting somewhere, there is a new Superintendent. Now Gregory had reached back out to her on August 2nd and said that he was going to look into it. She has called and emailed since; to no avail and she doesn't know what's going on at this point.

Mayor Signorello said we have had a Superintendent for the last couple of years and we parted ways with that Superintendent. The Superintendent we have now is 2-1/2 months into the job; so he's pretty new in the saddle. He said in broad strokes, we do not take down healthy trees; so if the tree is healthy, it will probably not get removed. If the sidewalk is broken, we will fix the sidewalk. He said we can have someone look at it and if it's dead, it will be taken down.

Ms. Parham said okay, when will that be. She has been up here and complaining about it for approximately four years.

Mayor Signorello said you have been coming here for four years on this.

Ms. Parham said yes; she has been complaining about this for four years and said she had phone records and has been on the actual record twice before about this.

Mayor Signorello asked for her address one more time please.

Ms. Parham said 152 Bridge Street.

Borough Clerk Casais said we are going to have the Superintendent come to your house tomorrow morning. If you are not home, that is okay; but he is going to go out and evaluate it and is going to report back to him.

Ms. Parham asked when will she hear back.

Borough Clerk Casais said if you could leave your contact information, he will call her personally.

Councilman Petrosky said he was at her house on Tuesday with the Superintendent. They went around the whole town and looked at every tree in town. He said there were quite a few on Bridge Street that they wrote down that needed service. He's not sure if hers was one of them; but if what you're saying is true, which he believes her, he must have written it down already.

Ms. Parham said she hasn't heard back and just finds that unprofessional. She also said the dead branches are still hanging over the power lines.

William Tango, 431 Sheridan Avenue

He asked what's going on with the loan you took out for Acker Park.

Mayor Signorello said we didn't take out a loan for Acker Park; we got a grant for Acker Park. We are in the design phase right now. We would hopefully like to get shovels in the ground by this winter; this

way, it happens over the winter and nothing gets shutdown. We are just trying to figure out the most we can do with the money. Is there anything you want to see there.

Mr. Tango said no, not at this time.

Milton Woodruff, 134 Bender Avenue

He said he just wanted to supplement briefly what his wife was asking about. We have seen too many kids and also young adults riding around in powered 3-wheelers, motorized bikes and scooters with no helmets on. To him, they are becoming a safety hazard; not just for them, but for drivers as well. Maybe the Police Department can put something out reminding people that helmets are required.

Councilman Johnson said he would pass this along to the Police Department. He said Councilman Robaina does an excellent job of reminding kids and actually just did a function which promoted that.

Councilman Robaina said we also had EZ Ride come into the schools and spoke to the Middle School kids and we have given away over 300 helmets in the last three years; but they've got to put them on.

Mr. Woodruff mentioned we got money from the open settlement of about \$7,000; can we consider making that a part of the health budget.

Mayor Signorello asked what do you mean when you say health budget.

Mr. Woodruff said for different health programs that you have promoted and maybe put that towards that and add additional programs.

Borough Clerk Casais said there are very specific uses for this money. This is a national settlement. The monies received by this subdivision for the municipalities, counties and states are allocated for specific things. So that's not an acceptable use, unless the Health Department is running a specific program to educate the people on the dangers of opioids. Right now the funding is going to be utilized by the Municipal Alliance Program, which is in the schools to do that type of program.

Mr. Woodruff said that's fine. He was under the impression the way it was worded that that money was simply going into the budget.

Borough Clerk Casais said it is not. It is allocated for a specific purpose.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 8:01 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 8:01 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC  
Borough Clerk