

OCTOBER 17, 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:

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Joseph Petrosky	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:01 PM
Gregory Johnson	Borough of Roselle Park	Councilman	P	7:01 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. Proclamation: Italian-American Heritage Month

Mayor Signorello invited Councilwoman Lyons up to briefly speak about Italian-American Heritage Month. Councilwoman Lyons said we are having our first Italian Heritage Day Celebration on October 19th at 5:00 p.m. at Michael Mauri Gazebo Park. She said she is very proud to be a part of this community and thanked Mayor and Council for this.

2. Proclamation: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Signorello said unfortunately we have no one to accept the proclamation, but he wanted to recognize that this month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Obviously, it is important to get checked, be aware, take precautions, and early detection is key with most cancer. Please go get checked.

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 October 3, 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 7:05 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.

Jorge Ramirez, 500 East Clay Avenue

He said the storm cleaning, what is that for; what storm sewers were cleaned.

Borough Clerk Casais said it's just system-wide. The focus will predominantly be on the east side where there are the most problems going from Lehigh Avenue, all the way down to the stretch by Locust Street. It kind of serpentine around the east side; so that will be the main focus. However, this is a per-diem rate of more or less \$200,000 which is from the American Rescue Plan money that the Borough received.

Mr. Ramierz asked how much of that; is it the full \$200,000.

Borough Clerk Casais said \$200,000 will be used. It comes out to the way we have it calculated with the rate and the bid that's being awarded or would be awarded if the Governing Body approves it. It will be around 20 days of work.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:07 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

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

He said he gave his report at the last meeting. He just wanted to note, as the Borough Clerk, this is the last meeting before the election. He cannot underscore the importance enough of people to vote. What he says to people all the time, he really truly does not care how you vote; he only cares that you do vote. He is appreciative of everybody that came to voter registration deadline on Tuesday and everybody

who is registered. If you are registered and you are confused about how to vote or if you have a vote by mail ballot and you don't know what to do, his office will not tell you who to vote for, but we will tell you how to vote and cast your ballot. Please if you have any questions or are confused in any way, the Borough Clerk's Office number is 908-245-6222, extension 78 and you will get anyone in his office that can answer those questions. Otherwise, Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the polling places are open throughout the municipality that day for in-person voting and we hope you do vote.

Mayor Signorello said it looks like turn-out is going to be big this year. We already have, he just checked, half of the VBM's have already been sent back, which is very out of the ordinary for this time for an election cycle where we are usually chasing them. Good, get registered and go vote.

Scheduled Verbal Reports:

None (Scheduled for November 7, 2024)

Written Reports Received:

1. Court Administrator's Report for September 2024
2. Community Center Director's Report for September 2024
3. Brough Engineers Status Report (Dated October 3, 2024)
4. Public Works Superintendents Report for September 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. 2789

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 39, SUBSECTION 2 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENCES"

Councilman Petrosky made a motion to take Ordinance No. 2789 from the table for further consideration; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

Councilman Robaina said he would like to table this until Chief Frino gets back for further discussion.

Borough Clerk Casais said procedurally speaking, the motion is to remove it from the table. So, if you are going to table it, you would vote no on this motion and it would stay tabled.

Mayor Signorello said if you want it to stay tabled, vote it down.

Borough Clerk Casais said it does not vote the ordinance down, it just does not remove it from the table.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Take Ordinance No. 2789 from the Table for Further Consideration					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted	Petrosky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adopted as Amended	Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defeated	Signorello, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tabled	Robaina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	Lyons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Patel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2793

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION,” ESTABLISHING SECTION 3 THEREOF TO BE ENTITLED “ELECTRIC BIKE / SCOOTER CHARGING”

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2793; 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. 2793; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2793 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2793					
		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"/>	Adopted as Amended	Johnson	<input checked="" 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"/>	Tabled	Robaina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Withdrawn	Lyons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Patel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Signorello	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mayor Signorello invited the representative from Senator George Helmy’s Office up to speak.

Mr. Michael Gray said he used to be the former District Director for the late Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. Since Senator Helmy got into office, part of his agenda is to touch as many constituents as possible and to update them on the many services that their office provides. For issues that deal with legislation and resolution, you can contact the Washington, DC Office. For Council issues like constituent services that cover case work and events, you can contact the New Jersey Office. He highlighted some of the issues that they cover such as veteran services and benefits. They have a Congressional Liaison to the veteran services and they can help to mitigate those kind of issues such as health care, educational services and services that deal with disability. Mr. Gray also mentioned the Military Academy, which is a very prestige academy equivalent to that of Ivy League institutions. Senator Helmy’s Office can help your nieces, nephews, your children and citizens who want to enroll in these institutions like West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force, the Coast Guard and the Merchant & Marine Academy. These are all institutions that prepare young people for the jobs of today and also the jobs of tomorrow.

Mr. Gray said if you have issues with Social Security, they can serve as a liaison, as well as other issues such as Department of Housing & Urban Development, landlord issues, mortgage issues and immigration issues. He also said if the Governing Body tries to apply for a federal grant, they try to encourage you don't do it alone; you can contact the Senator's office and they can give a letter of support to attach to your application. They can also plan visits to the White House or to the Capitol. He mentioned they can also assist small businesses. To contact the Washington Office, call 202-224-4744; to contact the Jersey City Office, call 973-645-3030; or to contact the Burlington Office, call 856-757-5353; or you can contact Senator Helmy by email at helmy.senator.gov.

Councilman Johnson thanked Mr. Gray for coming in and sharing all the information with us.

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2794

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING"

Councilman Petrosky moved to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2794; 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. 2794; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Councilman Petrosky moved that Ordinance No. 2794 be adopted on second reading and advertised as prescribed by law; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2794		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"/>

ORDINANCES FOR 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. 245-24

AUTHORIZING A LEASE WITH DOWLING'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT FOR THREE (3) OFF-STREET PARKING STALLS LOCATED WITHIN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,186.00 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby authorize a lease between Dowling's Irish Pub and Restaurant of 117 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204, and the Borough of Roselle Park for three (3) parking spaces in Municipal Parking Lot No. 1 the amount of \$1,186.00 through January 31, 2025 as per the lease attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Exhibit A of Resolution No. 245-24

PARKING LEASE AGREEMENT **Dowling's Irish Pub & Restaurant**

This Lease is made and effective on the 8th day of October, 2024, between Dowling's Irish Pub & Restaurant, located at address at 117 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 (hereinafter, the "Lessee"), and the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey, located at 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204 (hereinafter, the "Lessor").

1. The Lessee agrees to rent from the Lessor, the metered parking spaces numbered 73, 74, and 75 located within Municipal Parking Lot No. 1, directly adjacent to Williams Street, in the Borough of Roselle Park, for a period of time commencing on October 8, 2024 through January 31, 2025 for the purpose containerized equipment storage. Such storage shall be explicitly for equipment in connection with ongoing construction operations at 117 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, New Jersey 07204. The rent to be paid by the Lessee to the Lessor will be three-hundred ninety-five dollars and zero cents (\$395.00) per parking spot, a total amount of one-thousand one-hundred eighty-six dollars and zero cents (\$1,186.00) for the duration, pursuant to the rental calculation attached hereto as Exhibit A. Rent is to be paid by the Lessee, in full, to the Lessor within fourteen (14) calendar days of the effective date of this agreement.
2. The Lessee will submit proof of liability insurance, naming the "Borough of Roselle Park" as an additional insured, with minimum limits of liability of not less than one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars for all claims for bodily injury or death of any persons a direct or indirect result of the operation of the parking spaces. Prof of insurance is to be provided by the Lessee, in full, to the Lessor within fourteen (14) calendar days of the effective date of this agreement.

3. The Lessee shall be responsible for any and all equipment placed and located on the leased premises.
4. The Lessee shall indemnify the Lessor and hold harmless the Lessor for any and all damages, including legal fees and/or injuries resulting from the use and occupancy of the leased premises during the length of this Lease.
5. The Lessee agrees to maintain the premises in a clean and orderly manner and respond to any complaints by the Lessor concerning the status of the leased premises, including any and all requests to clean the leased property.
6. It is further agreed that this Lease shall run until January 31, 2025 and that a succeeding Lease may be made between the Lessor and Lessee if mutually agreed by the parties. There shall be no obligation of either party to negotiate a succeeding Lease.
7. It is further agreed and understood that each party has the right to cancel this Lease upon giving sixty (60) days' notice, in writing, to the other party by certified and regular mail.
8. The parties further agree that this Lease is governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey and that any disputes regarding this Lease will be resolved by binding mediation/arbitration, at which time each party will select a representative and they in turn will select a mediator to mediate/arbitrate the disputes as soon as practicable.

Joseph Signorello III
Mayor

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dowling's Irish Pub & Restaurant

Exhibit A

**Parking Lease Calculation (Per Metered Space)
October 8, 2024 – January 31, 2025**

Total Days	116
Less Sundays	16
Less Holidays	7
Net Metered Days	93
Metered Hours Per Day	10
Metered Half-Hours Per Day	20
Cost Per Half-Hour	\$ 0.25
Cost Per Metered Day	\$ 5.00
Annual Cost Per Metered Space	\$ 465.00
Assumed Vacancy Rate (15%)	15%
Lease Cost Per Space	\$ 395
Lease Cost For 3 Spaces	\$ 1,186

RESOLUTION NO. 246-24

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE 2024 FARMERS’ MARKET
THROUGH NOVEMBER 27, 2024

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Roselle Park Farmers’ Market Manager to extend the 2024 Farmers’ Market through November 27, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, in the State of New Jersey hereby authorize the extension of the 2024 Roselle Park Farmers’ Market through Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 248-24

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY
FOR THE PROJECT, “MISCELLANEOUS STORM SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISIONING”
PURSUANT TO THE BASE BID IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received sealed bids at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 for the project, “Miscellaneous Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising.”

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 National Water Main Cleaning Company of 1806 Newark-Jersey City Turnpike, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 pursuant to the Base Bid of the advertised specifications for the project, “Miscellaneous Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising,” in an amount not to exceed two-hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$200,000.00); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that billable quantities shall be acknowledged as follows:

<u>Unit (Per)</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>
Allowance	Police Traffic Directors	\$ 35,000.00
Day	Cleaning & Televising	\$ 8,650.00
Ton	Testing and Disposal of Waste	\$ 350.00
Allowance	Contract Allowance	\$ 15,000.00

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 249-24

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 Thursday, November 7, 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>
2005	Acura		19UUA66235A077734	\$450.00	Sisbarro

RESOLUTION NO. 250-24

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 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 10:30 a.m., local prevailing time, on Thursday, November 7, 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”.
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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.

Year	Make	Model	Identification Number	Minimum Bid	Location
2011	Dodge	Charger	2B3CL1CG9BH540417	\$400.00	RPDPW
2011	Dodge	Charger	2B3CL1CG7BH540416	\$400.00	RPDPW

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

RESOLUTION NO. 244-24

AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE GRACE PERIOD FOR THE SECOND PAYMENT OF SEWER UTILITY BILLS FOR THE YEAR 2024 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 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 second payment of sewer utility bills for the year 2024 until December 31, 2024.

Councilman Johnson said he didn't get a chance to finish his conversation with Borough Clerk Casais and CFO Blum. He wanted CFO Blum to go through, just for clarification, to make sure he is grasping this correctly. This extension will basically continue all the way until December 31st. However, if the second payment is not paid by December 31st, then the resident will be on the hook for interest starting from October 31st; is that correct.

CFO Blum said it would be October 1st; it reverts back.

Councilman Johnson said thank you for the clarification, and you guys captured what he wanted.

Councilman Patel asked if we are going to send out a postcard.

Borough Clerk Casais said there has been some discussion off-line about this. There wasn't a clear consensus, so he hopes the Governing Body appreciates when he tells them no, off the record because there is not a consensus. It does appear there is a consensus or at least there would be in this room. One of the reasons he did not bring this back up and dealing with the Governing Body between the last meeting and now was because there's this on the table pending potential of another extension. We didn't want to send a mailer out that said October 31st and then have to then revise that and spend double on a mailing to say December 31st. So, unless there is a vocalized objection now, he believes he and CFO Blum are of the mindset that assuming this is approved, we would move forward with a postcard mailing to all rate payers, if we can segregate out those who haven't paid, but we'll deal with that at a later point to remind them that it will be interest-free until December 31st. If they don't pay it by December 31st, as Councilman Johnson said, they will be hit with interest retroactively back to the due date of October 1st; so, it will just be a friendly reminder. It seems like the Governing Body is broadly supportive of that and if there are any objections, please speak now or forever hold your peace, and the mailing will go out.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Resolution No. 244-24						
		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"/>
<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"/>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 247-24

**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CIFELLI & SON GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, INC.
FOR THE PROJECT, "IMPROVEMENTS TO AVON STREET AND BERWYN STREET"
PURSUANT TO THE BASE BID IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$441,738.75**

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received sealed bids at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 for the project, "Improvements to Avon Street and Berwyn Street."

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 Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc. of 4 Coppola Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 pursuant to the Base Bid of the advertised specifications for the project, "Improvements to Avon Street and Berwyn Street," in an amount not to exceed four-hundred forty thousand five-hundred forty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$440,542.50); 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.

Councilman Johnsons said this is one of the first projects that he was trying to kick off when he first ran back four or five years ago. He said he is just happy to see this come to fruition finally. He did take the opportunity to try to get a few congressional letters of support, but that grant is very aggressive. Unfortunately, due to the half streets, that grant got crushed. He thanked Borough Clerk Casais for sticking with him throughout the whole process.

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REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Petrosky

October 5th attended the Festival of India; was a great turnout and thanked Rupen Shah for all that he did.

October 15th attended the Recreation Meeting and discussed Halloween and basketball.

October 17th attended the Joint Sewer Meeting.

October 20th will be the Recreation Halloween at the Anthony Signorello Youth Center from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

October 19th and October 20th is Four Centuries in a Weekend at the Historical Society Museum.

Please keep Paul Devito and his family in your prayers.

Noted the American Legion Post 60 and veterans need our support and help.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Johnson

Recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It really means a lot to him, especially because his sister passed away from breast cancer. He likes what Union County is doing and encouraging all their employees to wear pink tomorrow on Friday, and encouraged the Borough to do the same.

Personally thanked Councilman Petrosky for his continuous advocacy on behalf of the American Legion. They have been facing issues trying to resolve the dilapidation of the Post. Although he has done a lot, you need a team to really officially work out a lot of the kinks and things and he appreciates all that Councilman Petrosky does for advocating on behalf of Post 60. Now they are in the process of getting new steps and would not be able to do that without Councilman Petrosky's networking and really appreciates him. He said he is going to talk to Council later off-line. He said he has a couple of ideas that he wants to formulate and make sure it's well put together and thanked Councilman Petrosky personally.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Petrosky thanked Adolfo DiCosmo; he was able to get the Business Agent for the Brick Layers Union to do the work for nothing. He said he was also able to contact Hunter's Lumber in Roselle and they are going to donate all of the materials. So, they are going to get their steps done for free. He appreciates Adolfo and Hunter's for all that they are doing for Post 60 in Roselle Park.

Councilwoman Lyons

October 19th is the Italian Heritage Festival at 5:00 p.m. at Michael Mauri Park.

October 30th is Mischief Night; had an amazing time last year and it's coming back at 6:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.

October 26th is the Fall Festival for the Library.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Patel

The Environmental Commission held its second Repair Café at the High School Cafeteria on October 5th where volunteers successfully repaired more than 25 items. The event was a success and they plan to host another Repair Café in the winter.

October 5th was the Festival of India; it was a fantastic celebration with dancing throughout the night.

Noted there was an accident earlier this week on West Clay Avenue due to speeding. Reminded all residents to please slow down. If you are running late, remember you are already late; it's better to arrive safely.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Robaina

Acknowledged several important observances: Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Domestic Violence Awareness Month; the conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month and the start of Italian American Heritage Month. Additionally, October marks Fire Prevention Month and time to enhance the awareness of fire safety and protect our homes and families. Encouraged all residents to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, hallways and on each level of your home, including basements.

Noted he advocated for updates to Ordinance No. 2793, which passed this evening and amends Chapter 22 of the Borough Code regarding Fire Prevention and Protection., This ordinance includes a new section addressing electric bike and scooter charging. The legislation aims to strengthen our fire safety protocols protecting both residents and our volunteer firefighters. This includes requirements for electrical installations, fire prevention measures and safety protocols related to battery charging. In 2023 alone, 268 New York City fires were attributed to lithium-ion batteries, many linked to e-bikes. Alarmingly, 59% of these fires occurred while the batteries were not charging. If you own an e-bike or e-scooter, ensure the batteries are UL listed. Illegal and unregulated batteries may be cheaper, but they pose serious risks and contribute to many fires.

Noted engaging with many residents one-on-one and hosting meet and greet events, similar to those held earlier this year. Deeply appreciates everyone who has reached out in support of his efforts to represent our community for the past three years. Highlighted the importance of bipartisan collaboration in local government. It allows us to prioritize community needs over party politics. Local elections should focus on practical issues such as public safety and infrastructure, which transcend party lines. Ultimately, it's about serving the best interest of our community as a whole. Our community thrives when we come together; bridging differences to come together on the issues that matter most.

Reminded everyone that the upcoming election is on Tuesday, November 5th. Fifth Ward voters, your polling place is Aldene School located at 339 West Webster Avenue using the Myrtle Avenue entrance. Early voting will be taking place throughout the County from Saturday, October 26th through Sunday, November 3rd. For those using mail-in ballots, a secure drop box is available at the Union County Emergency Services building at 535 Laurel Avenue.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Signorello

Reminded everyone about October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month and noted his mom passed away from complications of breast cancer in 2014.

Thanked Councilman Robaina for Ordinance No. 2793 and his efforts on that. Noted the Fire Department had a fire call on Tuesday of a lithium-ion battery exploding in a beauty parlor. It was a small, little charging unit that you would use to charge your phone. The folks there did a good job and used their fire extinguisher and all went well and the Fire Department and HazMat came.

The Fire Department had a busy Monday and responded to the accident on West Clay Avenue where the car flipped. The members of the Fire Department did an awesome job on the removal of the patient.

Reminded everyone to check your batteries and make sure you have your carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors.

Provided contact information.

Mayor Signorello

He said he had two things; one very technical and ne kind of mackerel level. He said he loves our guy, Rupen Shah; but unfortunately, he was in an accident earlier this week and he is recovering and well. It has been a loss this week; not the least of which a logistical scramble for a bunch of things. He said Rupen, if you are watching; first off, why are you watching this, you should be doing something more fun. Second-off, we wish you a good recovery and we miss you buddy and glad that you are okay.

He said he also wanted to talk about the election. He is happy that the turnout is looking really good this year and encouraged everyone to come out. He will be out and about that day. He usually takes the day off, but he never really talks about national politics. However, he is sick to his stomach over the last couple of weeks and feels like it's really important to bring some of these things locally. He said he thinks Councilman Robaina brings up a good point. Yes, there are differences between republicans and democrats and he's had republicans up here and democrats up here. He doesn't know who is going to win the Presidential Election, but probably knows who is going to win the State of New Jersey. However, he cannot stress how disgusting the rhetoric has become and how he thinks we need to understand that locally, for whoever is watching this, make it clear down home how disgusting and how scary it is when we talk about people being persecuted and particularly sought after with military or police or whatever means. Everybody knows, whether you are a democrat, you probably know a democrat and there's a lot of them in Roselle Park and the thought that any political enemy would be gone after just because of their party. If that's something you get behind, and that's something you can stomach; then he thinks you really need to look yourself in the mirror. There's a lot that democrats do wrong and there's a lot that republicans do wrong, but the idea that somebody should be targeted just because they are blue or they are red or green or whatever, it's just stomach turning. It should not be part of the rhetoric and it shouldn't be welcomed here and shouldn't be welcomed in the United States of America. We should aspire to be better. We are the beacon on the hill, as Ronald Reagan said; who's a republican and who he looks up to a lot. He really hopes everyone thinks about that a lot if you are watching. You may have strong beliefs. You may have a preferred candidate, but you probably know somebody who disagrees and the thought of them being attacked, being considered the enemy within, is really stomach turning and should give anyone pause about that. He said he was sorry to get heavy and he doesn't think it matters here in Roselle Park. The State of New Jersey has been blue for a very long time, but thinks it is something all of us locally should reflect on, because it is very unsettling to him. Even if it's a joke or hyperbole, it doesn't belong in mouths of people who are running for our highest offices.

He said if you want to talk to him about something fun like trees or pot holes, he provided his contact information.

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.

Edward Silecchia, 26-C Colfax Manor

He said he agrees one hundred percent with the Mayor. He has had people come up to him and ask him who he was voting for and when you tell them, your best friend becomes your worst friend. He thinks the best thing to do is keep it to yourself; otherwise there will be fights happening with both democrats and republicans. It is the United States and everyone should be united as one.

Mayor Signorello said we all salute the flag at the beginning of this meeting.

Mr. Silecchia said of course. He agrees one hundred percent with the Mayor, but when it comes to politics, he does not talk to friends or family about it because it will just start a war. Everyone has their own belief; respect it.

He said getting back to Ordinance No. 2789, what was the outcome of it; it kind of went over his head.

Mayor Signorello said there is no decision being taken tonight. If Council chooses to take it back up again in November, there will be a decision then. He thinks ultimately, and he won't speak for Councilman Robaina or Council, but he believes all of these spots are reviewed annually. So, he thinks since it's solely the year, he thinks they are going to wait on the police's recommendation and then discuss all of them as a whole, whether or not to be reviewed annually because we are in November and if we are going to review them all at the end of the year, we might as well. He asked Councilman Robaina if that was an accurate summation.

Councilman Robaina said there are a couple of other things to add too. He said he did host a meet and greet with Colfax Manor and also spoke to Mr. Silecchia and also did meet with a few other residents. There is a compromise and he wants to make sure that Chief Frino is back, so that we can all discuss this.

Mr. Silecchia said he came to this meeting tonight thinking that there was going to be a resolution to this problem. He said he sees that they, Colfax Manor, all must have known that way ahead of time because he didn't know, but none of them showed up and he knows they would have shown up.

Mayor Signorello said, correct me if I am wrong Borough Clerk Casais and Borough Attorney DeMarco, there is no resolution, but things are still status-quo right now. Until there is a change, you still have your spot.

Borough Attorney DeMarco said Mr. Silecchia's spot is still in effect.

Mr. Silecchia asked if he has seen the movie Primal Fear with Richard Gere and Edward Norton. He said Borough Attorney DeMarco looks like Richard Gere.

Mayor Signorello said he kind of sees it.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Petrosky moved at 7:43 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 7:43 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Robaina, all members present voting Aye, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk