

JANUARY 16, 2025 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	A	----
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. Certificate of Recognition: Cusumano Perma Rail Co. (Assistance at American Legion Post 60)

Mayor Signorello called Councilmen Petrosky and Johnson up, along with Jeffrey Cusumano. He said Councilmen Petrosky and Johnson have been active in trying to help out the American Legion and have done a really good job in starting to fix it up. However, the biggest pain point was the front steps. So a local business owner was able to help us out with railings as part of that.

Councilman Petrosky said we are trying to fix up the American Legion Post 60 on East Westfield Avenue. He believes the building is over 100 years old. He spoke to his friend Adolfo DiCosmo about the front steps, who spoke to the Brick Layers Union who did the front steps, free of charge. We also had other materials donated free of charge by Hunter's Lumber Yard in Roselle. He said he approached Cusumano Perma Railing on West Westfield Avenue and asked if he could help out by donating; which they did. They were able to use the old railings, which they painted and installed; and it looks great. We also got the Painter's Union to come over and paint the front of the building and Sherman Williams donated the paint free of charge. He also thanked Councilman Johnson, a veteran and former Commander of the American Legion.

Councilman Johnson thanked Councilman Petrosky for taking point on this. He also wanted to extend our gratitude to businesses like Cusumano Perma Railing that help the veterans.

Mayor Signorello read the Certificate of Recognition and presented it to Jeffrey Cusumano, President of Cusumano Perma Rail Company.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, PENDING ANY CORRECTIONS

Councilwoman Lyons 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 December 19, 2024
2. Closed Session of December 19, 2024
3. Special Meeting of January 2, 2025

MOTION BILLS & PAYROLLS BE NOT READ AND PASSED FOR PAYMENT

Councilwoman Lyons 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

Councilwoman Lyons moved at 7:10 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.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilwoman Lyons moved at 7:10 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on agenda items only; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

Scheduled Verbal Reports:

None (Scheduled for February 6, 2025)

Written Reports Received:

1. Construction Official's Report for December 2024
2. Community Center Director's Report for December 2024
3. Treasurer's Report for December 2024

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

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Mayor Signorello asked Borough Clerk/Administrator Casais to read the Closed Session Resolution into the record.

Borough Clerk Casais read the following into the record.

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

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

1. Matter of Attorney/Client Privilege Involving the Borough's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Obligations

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

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

Councilwoman Lyons moved at 7:12 p.m. to adopt the Closed Session Resolution and go into Closed Session; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Councilwoman Lyons moved at 7:52 p.m. to end Closed Session and return to the open portion of the meeting; seconded by Councilman Robaina, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

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

1. Matter of Attorney/Client Privilege Involving the Borough's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Obligations

Borough Clerk Casais said in Closed Session, the Governing Body discussed a matter of Attorney/Client privilege involving the Fourth Round Affordable Housing Obligations and no actions are going to be taken on this matter at this time, but possibly later.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING

None

INTRODUCTION

Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2803

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”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter 7, Section 39, Subsection 2 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to On-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces

7-39.2 Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences

- a. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6, the governing body may, by Ordinance, designate restrictive parking zones for persons who have a mobility disability as defined in paragraph b. of this subsection and who meet the other criteria set forth herein. These zones shall be established in front or near to the residence occupied by the handicapped person provided that such parking is not otherwise prohibited and does not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. A restrictive parking zone so designated shall be reserved for the exclusive use of the person and vehicle for whom such zone is established pursuant to this subsection. No other person shall be permitted to park in these zones.

The following on-street locations have been found to meet the procedural and review requirements of the forgoing subsection and are designated as handicapped parking spaces within the Borough of Roselle Park pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6:

License Plate / Placard Number	Name	Street Address	Location
1874188	Arizona Heskeyahu Acevedo	462 Colonial Road	462 Colonial Road
2242785	Carmine Granato	116 Hawthorne Street	116 Hawthorne Street
2207449	Maryann Mansueto	305 West Clay Avenue	305 West Clay Avenue
2575054	Melanie Canter	A43 Woodside Gardens	A43 Woodside Gardens
2795193	Sonia Carmargo	351 Seaton Avenue	351 Seaton Avenue
	Fiona Henry	306 West Webster Avenue	306 West Webster Avenue

- b. *Requirements, Generally.* The General requirements for local consideration and approval of a restricted parking zone for handicapped parking pursuant to this subsection shall be as follows:
- i. The applicant shall be in possession of a valid windshield placard or wheelchair symbol license plates issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission for a vehicle owned by the handicapped person, or by another occupant of the residence who is a member of the immediate family of the handicapped person.
- ii. A “mobility disability” is defined as a condition wherein a person has lost the use of one (1) or more lower limbs as a consequence of paralysis, amputation, or other permanent

disability or who is permanently disabled so as to be unable to ambulate without the aid of an assisting device or whose ambulating is otherwise severely limited.

- iii. Absent rare and truly extenuating circumstances as determined by the Governing Body, at the recommendation of the Chief of Police, or their designee, no restrictive parking zone will be established for a person who does not transport his or herself as permitted under this subsection unless documentation is provided showing that the nondisabled driver resides in the same household as the disabled person. Documentation must be provided to the Chief of Police, or their designee, detailing the extent of the disability. No restrictive parking zone under this section will be established unless the applicant's disability is such that it would preclude the disabled person from waiting on the sidewalk until a nondisabled driver arrives with the car. A person whose disability otherwise qualifies under this section and who is under the age of sixteen (16) years will be presumed to be unable to wait alone on the sidewalk.
 - iv. No restrictive parking zone may be established for any individual who has a functional driveway, garage, carport, or any other type of off-street parking within one hundred (100) feet of the perimeter of his or her residence.
 - v. In multi-family residences containing a driveway, carport or garage not owned by the disabled driver, but owned by a family member, it shall be presumed the disabled driver has access to such driveway, carport or garage and said status shall preclude the disabled driver from being granted a restrictive parking zone.
 - vi. Applicants must occupy their residence on a full-time basis.
 - vii. Only one (1) restrictive parking zone will be granted per household. Related parties living in separate units in a multi-family residence are to be considered as being part of one household for the purpose of this Ordinance.
 - viii. All restrictive parking zones shall be subject to annual reviews, and shall remain in effect until an improvement in an individual's physical condition rendering the restricted parking zone unnecessary, the death of the individual, or the revocation of a restricted parking zone for just cause as recommended to the Governing Body by the Chief of Police, or their designee.
- c. *Application Procedure.* The application procedure for a restricted parking zone for handicapped parking pursuant to this subsection shall be as follows:
- i. All applicants shall file a completed application on a form furnished by the Police Department and submitted to the Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee, for review.
 - ii. The application shall be accompanied by a medical evaluation form completed by a physician with a plenary license to practice medicine and surgery and shall include a certification by the physician that the applicant has a mobility disability as described in this subsection.
 - iii. The Police Chief, or the Chief's designee, shall verify the extent of the disability of the applicant or resident of the applicant's household by reviewing the physician's certification submitted with the application and may request an independent evaluation that shall be conducted by the Borough's physician at the Borough's cost.

- iv. The Police Chief, or the Chief's designee, shall ascertain whether all the credentials of the applicant and the location of the proposed parking zone are consistent with applicable State statutes and Borough Codes.
 - v. The Police Chief, or the Chief's designee, shall ascertain whether or not the applicant or any member of the applicant's household, has a functional driveway, garage, carport, or any other type of off-street parking within one hundred (100) feet of the residence. If the applicant or member of the applicant's household has such parking available, the application shall be denied.
 - vi. Upon determining that the applicant meets all of the qualifications set forth in this subsection, the Chief of Police shall recommend to the Governing Body that the applicant be granted a restricted parking zone. The Governing Body may, by Ordinance, designate the location of the restricted parking zone.
 - vii. By July 1st of each year, application must be made for renewal of each restricted parking zone granted in accordance with this subsection. Renewal shall be made via written application on a form to be mailed to all individuals approved for a restricted parking zone by the Police Department no later than May 1st of each year. The application for renewal must be accompanied by a certification completed by the applicant's personal physician that the mobility disability of the applicant, or the qualifying household member, as previously outlined, still exists to the extent that such a restricted parking zone continues to be required. In addition, the applicant or qualifying household member may be required to be evaluated by Borough's physician. The Borough reserves the right to revoke, remove or rescind a restrictive parking zone if it is determined that an applicant's condition has improved to the extent that it renders the restricted parking zone unnecessary, or upon death of the applicant or for other just cause as recommended by the Chief of Police or their designee.
 - viii. Upon receipt of the application and physician certification for renewal in every second year, a personal visit to the applicant's household and parking site shall be made by the Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee, to verify that the findings required by this subsection still exist.
 - ix. The Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee, shall notify a new applicant of the decision to recommend the approval of a restricted parking zone pursuant to this subsection for action by the Governing Body, or of a decision to deny the applicant, within sixty (60) days of the initial receipt of the completed application by the Department. Notification of the renewal or denial of an existing zone shall be made by September 1st of each year. Any and all denials shall set forth the reasons for the negative decision(s).
- d. *Notifications Requirements.* All individuals approved for a restricted parking zone shall notify the Police Department within thirty (30) days of any change in the individual's name, address, telephone number, vehicle ownership, or of an improvement in the applicant's physical condition. Failure to do so will be deemed a violation of this subsection and may result in revocation of the zone. Members of the household or the executor/executrix for individuals who have an approved zone who have died shall be required to likewise notify Police Department within thirty (30) days after the date of death. Failure to do so shall be considered a violation of this subsection.

- e. *Violations and Penalties.* In addition to the violations outlined in paragraph d. of this subsection, any deviations from this subsection or misuse of restricted parking zones shall be subject to enforcement actions and penalties whereas violators shall be liable for a penalty of not less than one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a first offense and not less than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than one-thousand (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or both, for each subsequent offense.

SECTION 2. Invalidity

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

SECTION 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

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SECTION 4. Captions and Editing Indications.

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SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Councilwoman Lyons moved that Ordinance No. 2803 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on February 6, 2025; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

Borough Clerk Casais said there is a shortage of information when he drafted this ordinance. He just wants to make a note for the record that the placard number that should be inserted into this particular entry is P2689621. If we could just amend the ordinance to include that residence’s placard number, so they can be reflected in the ordinance.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 2803 to Reflect the Placard Number; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Amended Ordinance No. 2803 to Reflect the Placard Number					
		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"/>
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SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Councilwoman Lyons made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 2803 as amended; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2803 as Amended		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted	Petrosky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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. 2804

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 39, SUBSECTION 1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, ENTITLED “HANDICAPPED PARKING ON STREETS”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter 7, Section 39, Subsection 1 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to On-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces

7-39.1 Handicapped Parking on Streets for Private Residences

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197, the following on street locations are designated as handicapped parking places. Such spaces are for use by persons who have been issued special identification cards or plates or placards by the Motor Vehicle Commission, or a temporary placard issued by the Chief of Police. No other person shall be permitted to park in these places.

Street	No. of Spaces	Location
West Colfax Avenue	1	From a point on the north side of West Colfax Avenue 327 feet west of Hazel Street to a point 352 feet west thereof
West Roselle Avenue	1	From a point on the north wise of West Roselle Avenue 242 feet west of Hazel Street to a point 25 feet west thereof

SECTION 2. Invalidation

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

SECTION 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

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

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SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Councilwoman Lyons moved that Ordinance No. 2804 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on February 6, 2025; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2804					
		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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Borough Clerk Casais read the following Ordinance by title:

ORDINANCE NO. 2805

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 36 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, ENTITLED "SHADE TREE COMMITTEE"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter 2, Section 36 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Increasing Membership

§ 2-36 SHADE TREE COMMITTEE.

§ 2-36.1 Established.

There is hereby established in the Borough of Roselle Park, a Shade Tree Committee which shall be known and designated as the "Shade Tree Committee" of the Borough of Roselle Park. The Shade Tree Committee shall consist of ~~five~~ **seven** members. The Superintendent of Public Works and the Chairperson of the Environmental Commission shall hold two seats on the Committee by virtue of their positions. The remaining ~~three~~ **five** members shall be residents of the Borough of Roselle Park appointed by the Mayor. No member of the Shade Tree Committee shall receive compensation for their services.

§ 2-36.2 Terms and Organization.

- a. The terms of the ~~three~~ **five** members of the Shade Tree Committee subject to appointment by the Mayor shall be one year running on a calendar year basis. Shade Tree Committee members shall be appointed at the annual reorganization meeting of the governing body. Initial terms shall commence January 1, 2025.
- b. In January of each year, the Shade Tree Committee shall meet for an organization meeting and, at a minimum, elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and establish a schedule of meetings.

§ 2-36.3 Duties.

The duties of the Shade Tree Committee shall be:

- a. To exercise, subject to the provision of resources approved by the governing body, full and exclusive control over the regulation, planting, and care of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery now or hereafter located or planted on any public property or right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Borough.
- b. Regulate and control the use of the ground within the drip line of such trees, as may be necessary for their proper growth, care, and protection on any public property.
- c. Remove, trim, or require the removal or trimming of any tree, or part thereof, dangerous to the public safety, whether on public property or rights-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Borough, or private property.
- d. Recommend to the Mayor and Borough Council any and all Ordinances, Resolutions, or policies necessary or proper for carrying out the provisions of this Section.

- e. To encourage the planting of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery throughout the Borough of Roselle Park on public and on private property and to assist the various public boards, bodies and agencies of the Borough in their efforts with regard to the encouragement of planting shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery.
- f. Hold regular meetings, maintain minutes of said meetings, and report, at least annually to the Mayor and Borough Council setting forth therein and detailing the activities and operations of the Shade Tree Committee during the preceding year.

§ 2-36.4 Appropriation of Funds.

There may be appropriated in each annual budget of the Borough of Roselle Park such sum or sums as may be determined by the governing body to be necessary for the proper operation and functioning of the Shade Tree Committee. The Committee is authorized, subject to approval of the governing body, to use and expend such funds for such purposes upon the adoption of the annual budget. All payments for services rendered to the Shade Tree Committee shall be on standard Borough vouchers and shall be approved pursuant to codified internal control processes.

§ 2-36.5 Public Improvements Affecting Trees.

Prior to any work being done by any person, private entity, government entity, or utility, within the Borough of Roselle Park that may impact shade and ornamental trees or shrubbery by the laying of sidewalk, the construction or paving of any street, or any similar act, written notice shall be provided to the Shade Tree Committee. In all such cases, the Shade Tree Committee shall reasonably cooperate with such person, board, body or official for the general public good.

§ 2-36.6 Records and Annual Reports.

The Shade Tree Committee shall keep records of its meetings and activities and make an annual report to the Chief Administrative Officer by January 31st of each year.

SECTION 2. Invalidity

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

SECTION 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed

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

SECTION 4. Captions and Editing Indications.

Any captions contained in this Ordinance have been included only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section. Likewise, editing indications are structured such that all strikethrough text, ~~thusly~~, should be considered a deletion from existing Borough Code, and all bolded text, **thusly**, should be considered an addition to existing Borough Code.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the Notice of Final Adoption prepared by the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Councilwoman Lyons moved that Ordinance No. 2805 be adopted on first reading and advertised as prescribed by law for second reading and public hearing on February 6, 2025; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

Vote Record – Ordinance No. 2805					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Signorello, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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RESOLUTIONS

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 38-25

AFFIRMING ACTIONS TAKEN TO BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN NOTIFYING TRACY A. WENSKOSKI OF NON-REAPPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND FIRE INSPECTOR PURSUANT TO *N.J.S.A. 5:23-4.4(A)9*

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park employs Tracy A. Wenskoski as the Fire Subcode Official and Fire Inspector pursuant to the statutory and regulatory provisions of the Uniform Construction Code of the State of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, Tracy A. Wenskoski was appointed as Fire Subcode Official and Fire Inspector of the Borough of Roselle Park pursuant to the adoption of Resolution No. 77-21 on February 18, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Tracy A. Wenskoski’s statutory four (4) year term as Fire Subcode Official and Fire Inspector will end on March 5, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2025 the Chief Administrative Officer transmitted notice to Tracy A. Wenskoski that she would not be reappointed and otherwise receive tenure as Fire Subcode Official and Fire Inspector of the Borough of Roselle Park pursuant to the provisions and requirements of *N.J.S.A. 5:23-4.4(A)9*; and,

WHEREAS, it is the sense and desire of the governing body to affirm, ratify, and otherwise memorialize the actions taken by the Chief Administrative Officer as enumerated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey hereby affirm, ratify, and memorialize the actions taken by the Chief Administrative Officer in notifying Tracy A. Wenskoski that she would not be reappointed to the position of Fire Subcode Official and Fire Inspector of the Borough of Roselle Park pursuant to the provisions and requirements of *N.J.S.A. 5:23-4.4(A)9*.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-25

APPROVING THE TIME-DUE CALCULATION AND TERMS OF FINAL PAYMENT FOR ROSE COOPER

WHEREAS, Rose Cooper retired from employment with the Borough of Roselle Park with her final date of employment being December 31, 2024; and,

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount of Days/Hours</u>	<u>Daily/Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2024 Vacation Days	0 Days	\$173.58	\$0.00
2024 Personal Days	3 Days	\$173.58	\$520.74
2024 Sick Days (Calculated 1 Day for 3 Days Accumulated)	14.33 Days	\$173.58	\$2,487.40
2025 Vacation Days (20 Days Prorated for 12 Months; Paid for 20 Days)	20 Days	\$173.58	\$3,471.60
Total Due			<u>\$6,479.74</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to pay Rose Cooper the entitled compensation at the above schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-25

AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE ONE (1) CHECK TOTALING \$1,529.20 PAYABLE TO ONE (1) LIEN HOLDER ON TWO (2) PROPERTIES AND ONE (1) CHECK TOTALING \$1,200.00 FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR’S PREMIUM ACCOUNT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to issue one (1) check totaling \$1,529.20 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 \$1,200.00 from the Tax Collector’s Premium Account.

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK TAX COLLECTOR ANALYSIS OF LIEN REDEMPTIONS 1/16/2025															
	TSC.#	BLOCK	LOT	QUAL.	PREMIUM	TOTAL AMOUNT REDEEMED	CERTIFICATE AMOUNT	REDEMPTION PENALTY PERCENTAGE	INTEREST ON CERTIFICATE DATE 2/15/2024	SEARCH FEE	RECORDING FEE	SUBSEQUENT TAXES PAID	INTEREST ON SUBSEQUENTS TO 2/15/2024	6% INTEREST PENALTY	LEGAL FEES
BALA PARTNERS LLC	24-002	121	4		\$ 600.00	\$ 564.05	\$ 297.24	\$ 5.94		\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 190.54	\$ 3.33		
BALA PARTNERS LLC	24-012	1110	44		\$ 600.00	\$ 965.15	\$ 202.88	\$ 4.06		\$ 12.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 679.32	\$ 11.89		
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TOTAL					\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,529.20	\$ 500.12	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 24.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 869.86	\$ 15.22	\$ -	\$ -

RESOLUTION NO. 42-25

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, January 30, 2025; 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>
2003	BMW	X5	5UXFA53513LV77388	\$450.00	George’s
2004	Ford	Expedition	1FMDU84W44ZA70763	\$450.00	George’s

RESOLUTION NO. 43-25

REAPPOINTING MICHAEL POWERS TO THE POSITION OF CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Michael Powers be and is hereby reappointed to the position of Class II Special

Law Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Roselle Park effective immediately at the rate of \$37.00 per hour not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours per week; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment shall expire December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-25

REAPPOINTING JANET DIPAULO TO THE POSITION OF CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Janet DiPaolo be and is hereby reappointed to the position of Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Roselle Park effective immediately at the rate of \$37.00 per hour not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours per week; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment shall expire December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-25

REAPPOINTING JOHN V. ZIMMERMAN TO THE POSITION OF CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that John V. Zimmerman be and is hereby reappointed to the position of Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Roselle Park effective immediately at the rate of \$37.00 per hour not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours per week; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment shall expire December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-25

REAPPOINTING MICHAEL A. HELLER TO THE POSITION OF CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Michael A. Heller be and is hereby reappointed to the position of Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Roselle Park effective immediately at the rate of \$37.00 per hour not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours per week; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment shall expire December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-25

REAPPOINTING BRAND M. SPORER TO THE POSITION OF CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Brand M. Sporer be and is hereby reappointed to the position of Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Roselle Park effective immediately at the rate of \$37.00 per hour not to exceed twenty-five (25) hours per week; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment shall expire December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-25

REAPPOINTING ANTHONY LIMA TO THE POSITION OF CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Anthony Lima be and is hereby reappointed to the position of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Roselle Park effective immediately at the rate of \$37.00 per hour not to exceed forty (40) hours per week; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment shall expire December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-25

REAPPOINTING RAYMOND J. GULBIN TO THE POSITION OF CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE ROSELLE PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Raymond J. Gulbin be and is hereby reappointed to the position of Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Roselle Park effective immediately at the rate of \$37.00 per hour not to exceed forty (40) hours per week; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing appointment shall expire December 31, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-25

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE AND COUNTY OF UNION RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE, CONTROL, SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE GORDON STREET BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park recognize that the public convenience, safety and necessity of the Borough and the people of the Borough require that the Gordon Street Bridge (hereinafter, the "Project") be adequately and properly maintained; and,

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act authorizes local units to enter into Interlocal Shared Services Agreements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park recognizes that shared services may result in property tax relief and enhanced services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park, the Borough of Roselle and the County of Union have reached a Protocol of Interlocal Shared Services Agreement (hereinafter, the "Protocol"- **Exhibit A**); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park is desirous of making sure the proper and adequate maintenance of the Project by entering into an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with fair terms as summarized in the Protocol.

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

1. The Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Borough Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and take all legal and necessary actions to facilitate the Borough of Roselle Park's participation in a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Roselle and the County of Union with terms summarized in the Protocol.
2. The Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into and take all legal and necessary actions to facilitate the execution of the Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Roselle

and the County of Union, as approved by the Department of Public Works Superintendent and the Borough Attorney.

3. That all orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Exhibit A of Resolution No. 50-25

PROTOCOL OF INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
AND THE COUNTY OF UNION RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF
GORDON STREET BRIDGE

1. The Borough of Roselle shall provide a copy of the agreement between the Borough of Roselle and the Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. for the lighting of the Gordon Street Bridge (“the Project”).
2. The County of Union shall own and maintain the Project.
3. The Priority Repairs issued during the Project’s inspections related to the bridge structure, footings and roadway shall be the responsibility of the County of Union.
4. Priority Repairs issued during the Project’s inspections related to guardrail shall be the responsibility of the respective municipality in which the guiderail is located.
5. Replacement and Repair of the Sidewalks shall be the responsibility of the County of Union.
6. Snow removal on the roadway and sidewalk shall be the responsibility of the respective municipality in which the roadway and sidewalk are located.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Lyons; seconded by Councilman Robaina.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-25

COMMITTING TO FOURTH ROUND PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE NEED
AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Park (hereinafter the “Borough” or Roselle Park”) has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance as evidenced by its Third Round record; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), on June 12, 2015, the Borough of Roselle Park filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in Superior Court, Law Division seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, to be amended as necessary, satisfies its “fair share” of the regional need for low and

moderate income housing pursuant to the “Mount Laurel doctrine;” and,

WHEREAS, that culminated in a Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and a Final Judgment of Compliance and Repose, which precludes all Mount Laurel lawsuits, including builder’s remedy lawsuits until July 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the “Amended FHA”); and,

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA required the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) to provide an estimate of the Fourth Round affordable housing obligations for all municipalities on or before October 20, 2024, based upon the criteria described in the Amended FHA; and,

WHEREAS, the DCA issued a report on October 18, 2024 (“DCA Report”) wherein it reported its estimate of the Fourth Round affordable housing obligations for all municipalities based upon its interpretation of the standards in the Amended FHA; and,

WHEREAS, the DCA Report calculates the Borough’s Fourth Round (2025-2035) obligations as follows: a Present Need (Rehabilitation) Obligation of 78 and a Prospective Need (New Construction) Obligation of 75; and,

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA further provides that, irrespective of the DCA’s calculations, municipalities have the ability to either accept, or provide alternate calculations for, the DCA’s “present and prospective fair share obligation(s)...by binding resolution no later than January 31, 2025”, a deadline which was later extended to February 3, 2025 by the Administrative Office of the Courts (“AOC”) via a directive issued on December 19, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution satisfies the requirements of the Amended FHA by accepting the DCA estimate of need as described in the DCA Report; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Amended FHA provides that: “the municipality’s determination of its fair share obligation shall have a presumption of validity, if established in accordance with sections 6 and 7” of the Amended FHA; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough’s acceptance of the Fourth Round obligations calculated by the DCA are entitled to a “presumption of validity” because it complies with Sections 6 and 7 of the Amended FHA; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Borough specifically reserves the right to adjust its fair share obligations in accordance with applicable Council on Affordable Housing (“COAH”) regulations or other applicable law based on one or more of the foregoing adjustments if applicable: 1) a windshield survey or similar survey which accounts for a higher-resolution estimate of present need; 2) a Vacant Land Adjustment predicated upon a lack of vacant, developable and suitable land; 3) a Durational Adjustment, whether predicated upon lack of sewer or lack of water; and/or 4) an adjustment predicated upon regional planning entity formulas, inputs or considerations, including but not limited to, the Highlands Council Regional Master Plan and its build out, or the Pinelands Commission or Meadowlands Commission regulations and planning documents; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Borough specifically reserves all rights to revoke or amend this Resolution and commitment, as may be necessary, in the event of a successful challenge to the Amended FHA in the context of the case The Borough of Montvale v. the State of New Jersey (MER-L-1778-24), any other such action challenging the Amended FHA, or any legislation adopted and signed into law by the Governor of New Jersey that alters the deadlines and/or requirements of the Amended FHA; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Borough reserves the right to take a position that its Fourth Round Present or Prospective Need Obligations are lower than described herein in the event that a third party challenges the calculations provided for in this Resolution (a reservation of all litigation rights and positions, without prejudice); and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, nothing in the Amended FHA requires or can require an increase in the Borough’s Fourth Round Present or Prospective Need Obligations based on a successful downward challenge of any other municipality in the region since the plain language and clear intent of the Amended FHA is to establish unchallenged numbers by default on March 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Acting Administrative Director of the AOC issued Directive #14-24 on December 19, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Directive #14-24, a municipality seeking a Fourth Round Compliance Certification from the entity created by the Amended FHA known as the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (hereinafter “the Program”), shall file an action in the appropriate venue with the Program, in the form of a Declaratory Judgment Complaint within 48 hours after adoption of the municipal resolution accepting or challenging its Fourth Round fair share obligations, or by February 3, 2025, whichever is sooner; and,

WHEREAS, nothing in this Resolution shall be interpreted as an acknowledgment of the legal validity of the AOC Directive and the Borough reserves any and all rights and remedies in relation to the AOC Directive; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks a Compliance Certification from the Program and, therefore, wishes to file a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in the appropriate venue with the Program, along with a copy of this Resolution, within 48 hours of the adoption of this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Mayor and Borough Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Borough to declare its obligations in accordance with this binding Resolution and in accordance with the Amended FHA; and,

NOW, THEREOFRE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. All of the Whereas Clauses are incorporated into the operative clauses of this Resolution as if set forth in full.
2. For the reasons set forth in this Resolution, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby commit to the DCA Fourth Round Present Need (Rehabilitation) Obligation of 78 and the DCA Fourth Round Prospective Need (New Construction) Obligation of 75 as described in this Resolution, subject to all reservations of rights, which specifically include, without limitation, the following:
 - a) The right to adjust the Borough’s fair share obligations based on a windshield survey or similar survey, a Vacant Land Adjustment, a Durational Adjustment, and all other applicable adjustments, permitted in accordance with applicable COAH regulations or other applicable law; and,
 - b) The right to revoke or amend this Resolution in the event of a successful legal challenge, or legislative change, to the Amended FHA; and,
 - c) The right to take any contrary position, or adjust its fair share obligations, in the event of a third party challenge to the Borough’s fair share obligations.
3. Pursuant to the requirements of the FHA as amended, and the Administrator of the Court’s (AOC) Directive #14-24 issued on December 19, 2024, the Borough hereby directs its Affordable Housing Counsel to file a Declaratory Judgment Complaint, along with this Resolution and a Case Information Statement (Civil CIS), in the appropriate venue with the Program or any other such entity as may be determined to be appropriate, to initiate an action within 48 hours of the adoption of this Resolution, so that the Borough’s Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan can be reviewed and approved.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, according to law.

Councilwoman Lyons asked if we could table Resolution No. 41-25, so we can think about it and then reconvene with the Special Meeting.

Mayor Signorello said we are going to call a Special Meeting for January 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and we will vote on this then.

Councilwoman Lyons moved to table Resolution No. 41-25 until the January 23rd Special Meeting; seconded by Councilman Johnson.

<input type="checkbox"/> Vote Record – Table Resolution No. 41-25 until the January 23, 2025 Special Meeting					
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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REPORTS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councilman Signorello

Noted we have a cold snap coming in the next few days. He said he went to a fire call the other day and the folks did not have water in their boiler. Please check your boiler. Open up your kitchen sinks so your plumbing does not freeze. Be safe.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Johnson

Noted he is excited about Pershing Avenue receiving their \$375,000 State aid grant for improvements. He is looking forward to Pershing Avenue getting done this year, as well as finishing off Avon and Berwyn.

Mentioned he is in the process of sponsoring a Putting Life First CPR event again, along with the Garwood First Aid and Director Rupen Shah. Thanked the Governing Body for supporting this initiative last time.

Noted the last event that he is looking forward to do this year, hopefully if the budget permits, is a Multi-Cultural Day Celebration for Roselle Park. We have so many different ethnicities and we were ranked number six in Union County for 2024, and we received a 99 out of 100 for ethnic diversity within our community. It just makes sense to encompass the whole community.

Provided contact information.

Thanked the Governing Body for supporting him during the loss of his mother and appreciates all the love that he has received from everyone. He said let’s just spend time with our families and focus on what matters most; community.

Councilman Petrosky

Expressed condolences to the families of Gloria Grace Rego Cotroneo, Ron Rudolph, George Hollings, Frank Green and Helen Addie.

January 6th attended the Fire Department Meeting; received some updates on work orders and a heat issue. He said he appreciates what the Fire Department does.

January 8th attended the Recreation Meeting. They are having a Storytime Party event on Sunday, January 19th from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Anthony Signorello Youth Center. Wear some cozy pj's and bring a stuffed animal and listen to stories, and leave with a treat.

January 16th attended the Joint Sewer Meeting and provided an update on what was discussed.

Reminder to please support the American Legion Post 60.

Sends his prayers out to Councilman Johnson on the loss of his mother.

Provided contact information.

Thanked the people of the 2nd Ward for voting him in again.

Councilwoman Lyons

Expressed heartfelt condolences to Councilman Johnson on the loss of his mother.

Noted we really start picking up with events in March. She will be doing Woman of the Year again and we love to honor a woman each year, and that will be coming up in March; will be sending out reminders in February.

Mentioned St. Patrick's Day events coming up, as well as CPR Seminars and Meet the Borough; stay tuned for that.

Noted the Roselle Park app is being updated, but these events will be posted.

Mentioned the Multi-Cultural Day Celebration sounds awesome and she would love to help in any way she can.

Stay tuned for the Woman's Night in March as well. She will also be starting the Roselle Park Walking Club again soon too.

Noted she is excited for the new year and the many upcoming events.

Provided contact information.

Councilman Robaina

January 6th held a Chamber of Commerce Meeting at Sunrise Diner and discussed several matters, including the upcoming Ribbon Cutting for County Excellence Credit Union on Chestnut Street. This event will be held on February 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

January 7th attended the Board of Education's Reorganization Meeting.

January 12th was invited to the Union County Connects Social in Cranford and discussed key initiatives such as Rails-to-Trails projects and bike and pedestrian safety, Support on these initiatives is strong; so much so that the following day, on January 13th, Governor Murphy signed legislation establishing

the Target Zero Commission; a new initiative aiming to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries in New Jersey by 2040.

January 13th attended the Municipal Land Use Board Reorganization Meeting.

January 15th along with Mayor Signorello, Councilman Signorello and Borough Clerk Casais met with PSEG to discuss the ongoing electrical upgrade project, which includes the installation of new utility poles along West Colfax and Locust. During the meeting, we stressed the need for better communication from PSEG to keep the community informed about progress and restoration effort.

Noted has been working with the DPW and the Police Department to address traffic related concerns from residents on Hazel and West Roselle.

Noted he is committed to initiatives that make our town safer for families. Efforts such as Rails-to-Trails, greenways and the Safe Streets for All survey are central to this mission. Strongly encourages residents to participate in the #SafeStreets4All Action Plan survey, which aims to reduce roadway deaths and serious injuries. If you've had any safety concerns or close calls on local or County roads (Faitoute, Locust, Chestnut, East Lincoln, Galloping Hill, Colfax, Lincoln, Webster), please take this opportunity to share your feedback.

Mentioned we have also been in touch with NJ Transit regarding the train station project. The final design is expected to be completed by March, with construction bids scheduled for late summer or early fall.

Noted on January 15th the Roselle Park Police Department responded to a suspicious package call at the NJ Transit bus shelter on Faitoute Avenue, near Aldene Park and Aldene School. At 12:07 p.m. a report was made and within an hour, the package was cleared and deemed safe. Fortunately, it turned out to be a snowman ornament in a Styrofoam package inside a plastic bag. A local resident walking her dog alerted the authorities, reminding us all of the importance of the "See Something, Say Something" initiative. He commended that resident, along with Chief Frino and the Roselle Park Police Department for their quick and thorough response.

Mentioned to support our law enforcement, please consider visiting the Roselle Park PBA Local 27 swag store at bluelinebeats.com or accessing the link on the RP PBA Facebook page.

Expressed his deepest condolences to the families of Marilyn Hansen and George Hollings; as well as to Councilman Johnson on the loss of his mother.

Provided contact information.

Mayor Signorello

Noted we are starting to plan our events for 2025, and as part of that, the Bender Avenue Halloween situation is really rough. So when he scheduled a meeting with Councilmen Petrosky and Johnson, to see what we can do in terms of either just giving relief to the residents that want to participate there. It's also going to happen. Is there a way we can enhance it, because it used to be something that everybody participated in and now it's like scattered. It's just something that we cannot prevent; so if we can give relief to the people that are doing that, he thinks that's the thing that we can do. He said if you are on Bender or in those wards, if you want to email him with any feedback, and suggestions are welcome. It's a very divisive thing; people either love it or hate it or go away for the day. Hopefully, between the three

of us, we can come up with something; at least give these guys some candy or something. He said these guys go through thousands of dollars of candy that day; so see if we can provide some help.

Provided contact information.

PUBLIC PORTION

Councilwoman Lyons moved at 8:14 p.m. to open the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Johnson, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

There being no one wishing to speak, Councilwoman Lyons moved at 8:14 p.m. to close the public comment portion of the meeting on any subject matter; seconded by Councilman Johnson, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Councilwoman Lyons moved at 8:14 p.m. to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Johnson, five members present voting Aye and one absent, said motion was adopted.

Attest:

Andrew J. Casais, RMC
Borough Clerk