

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2013**

Council President Aubourg called the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, Mayor and Council Regular Meeting held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey on January 16, 2013 to order at 7:05 P.M.

Council President Aubourg then led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag and Borough Administrator, David Brown gave the invocation.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Christine Dansereau; Councilwoman Kimberly Shaw; Councilman Randy Sandifer; Councilman Ronald Hayman; Councilman Roy Locke; Council President Yves Aubourg; and Mayor Jamel Holley (Absent)

Also Present:

John Hudak, Esq., Borough Attorney; Rachel Caruso, Labor Attorney; Lydia D. Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk; David Brown, Borough Administrator; Bryan Russell, Assistant to CFO

The Deputy Municipal Clerk, Ms. Agbejimi, read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement.

"This is to state for the record that this meeting is being held according to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, by posting and maintaining the annual notice of regular and workshop meetings on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board, by mailing the Amended Annual Notice of regular and workshop meetings for 2012 to the Union County Local Source and the Home News Tribune in 2012 and by filing said notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk."

Council President Aubourg asked for a moment in silence in memory of those killed in Sandy Hook.

PROCLAMATIONS

Councilwoman Christine Dansereau read into the record the following proclamations:
Human Trafficking Awareness Day

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilwoman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Sandifer to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Borough of Roselle
Minutes of January 16, 2013 Regular Meeting

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting – December 12, 2012
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – December 12, 2012

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – December 19, 2012
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Reorganization – January 4, 2013

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Locke and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: Council Member Hayman
Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2013-002 A Resolution of the 2013 By-Laws of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle – Second Reading
- 2013-020 A Resolution Accepting Retirement of Vincent Amatel
- 2013-021 A Resolution Revising Salary of Temporary Employees Appointed Pursuant to the Hurricane Sandy National Emergency Grant
- 2013-022 A Resolution Appointing Seasonal Laborers to the Department of Public Works
- 2013-023 A Resolution Appointing a Police Officer – Jaelyn R. Odom
- 2013-024 A Resolution Appointing a Police Officer – Nazeek A. Hurling
- 2013-025 A Resolution Appointing a Police Officer – Kenneth Seward
- 2013-026 A Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Funds
- 2013-027 A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Roselle to Enter An Agreement with the County of Union Cooperative Pricing System for the Purchase of Work, Materials and Supplies
- 2013-028 A Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12A
- 2013-029 A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Roselle the Borough of 2013 Roselle to Enter an Agreement with the County of Somerset Cooperative Pricing System for the Purchase of Work, Materials, and Supplies
- 2013-030 A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Roselle the Borough of 2013 Roselle to Enter an Agreement with Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) for the Purchase of Work, Materials, and Supplies
- 2013-031 A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Roselle to Enter Into a Cooperative Pricing System for the Year 2013
- 2013-032 A Resolution Approving a List of Qualified Vendors for Professional Services within the Borough of Roselle for the Calendar Year 2013
- 2013-033 A Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-077, Block 7201, Lot 16, in the Amount of \$16,370.75
- 2013-034 A Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-037, Block 2602, Lot 04, in the Amount of \$8,349.27

- 2013-035 A Resolution Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-049, Block 3501, Lot 02, in the Amount of \$20,088.64
- 2013-036 A Resolution Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 304, Lot 02, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment \$2,243.08
- 2013-037 A Resolution Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 6201, Lot 03, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment \$2,805.71
- 2013-038 A Resolution Authorizing a Refund of Tax Overpayment for the Year 2012 Authorized by the Tax Collector of the Borough of Roselle, Due to Overpayment of Taxes and Tax Sale Fees
- 2013-040 A Resolution Authorizing Interest on Delinquent Tax Sale Fees
- 2013-040 A Resolution Authorizing Contract Extension of Time for the 2012 NJDEP Green Acres Parks Improvements to April 30, 2013 within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-041 A Resolution Authorizing Contract Extension of Time for the 2012 Road Paving Program to May 15, 2013 within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-042 A Resolution Authorizing Professional Engineering Services in Connection with the Zoning Ordinance Revisions and Updates within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-043 A Resolution Authorizing Professional Engineering Construction Administration Services in Connection with the West Brook Flood Control Project – Phase IV Funded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and County of Union and the Municipality within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-044 A Resolution Authorizing Professional Environmental Engineering Services for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) Regarding the West Brook Flood Control Project – Phase IV Funded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and County of Union and the Municipality within the Borough of Roselle
- 2013-045 A Resolution Authorizing Professional Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services in Connection with the 2013 Improvements to Various Roadways Funded by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Local Aid Grant Program and the Municipality within the Borough of Roselle, UNION County, New Jersey
- 2013-046 A Resolution Authorizing Professional Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services in Connection with the CDBG Year 38 – Roselle Street Improvement Project Funded by the Union County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Municipality within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-047 A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Settlement Agreement for Back Pay with Charles Glagola and Setting Forth His Employment Terms
- 2013-048 A Resolution Supporting a Bill to Amend the Definition of Hazardous Substances within the Spill Compensation and Control Act N.J.S.A. 58:10-23:11(b)

- 2013-049 A Resolution Amending Resolution Number 2013-402 Approving Annual Notice of Calendar Year 2013 Workshop Sessions, Pre-Agenda meetings and Regular Meetings
- 2013-050 A Resolution Amending Resolution Number 2013-012 Appointing One Member and Two Alternates to the Union County Air Traffic and Noise Advisory Committee
- 2013-052 A Resolution to Apply for the 2013 Homeland Security Fire Prevention Grant

Motion by Councilwoman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Sandifer to pull Resolution Number 2013-051 from the Non-consent agenda.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke, and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, second by Councilwoman Shaw to add Resolution Numbers 2013-048, 2013-049, 2013-050, and 2013-052 to the consent agenda.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke, and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Councilman Sandifer to adopt Resolution Number 2013-002 and Resolution Numbers 2013-020, through 2013-052, omitting 2013-051 as amended.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke, and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

Deputy Borough Clerk Lydia Agbejimi then gave the oaths of office to Police Officers Nazeek A. Hurling, Kenneth Seward, and Jaelyn R. Odom. Police Chief Gerard Orlando then made remarks about the appointment of the new officers. He thanked the Mayor and Council, the Public Safety Committee, and the residents for their support in hiring new officers.

Following the swearing in, Chief Orlando presented Sargent Stacy Williams with a Certificate from the Division of Highway Safety recognizing him for recording the most DWI arrests in the Borough of Roselle.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2449-13

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Council President Aubourg read Ordinance Number 2449-13 by Title. The public hearing notice for the above ordinance was published, copies of the ordinance posted on the Borough Hall bulletin Board and copies made available to the public.

The Council President declared the time open for the public hearing on Ordinance Number 2449-13.

1. Maria Hegner, 920 Spruce Street, asked if there were any changes from the prior year; and she commented that the Mayor and Council Members salaries are being increased by \$6,000.00; she also asked how many people on the governing body opted out of the health insurance, and she feels that it is a shame that the governing body gets to vote on their increase.
2. Sheronda Johnson, 411 W. 5th Ave., commented that the Mayor and Council should take into account that nothing has improved in the finances of the Borough and she asked them to share with the community how they are able to get a raise, and she said that Mayor Garrett was denied a raise in the past. She asked them to revisit the past.
3. Anthony Esposito, 414 E. 3rd Ave., echoed the sentiment of Sheronda Johnson and he asked why the mayor and council received a 75% increase and not a 2% increase. He said it is not fair and it is like a slap in the face for every citizen in town. He said he will personally send out a letter on who voted for it and he asked for the ordinance to be pulled or tabled.
4. Annette Hubbard, 403 Stockton Avenue, questioned how the Mayor and Council are getting more than a 2% raise. She feels that the residents should have known about it and she hopes they can do better and that it is bad news.

5. William Frolich, 116 E. 4th Ave., remarked that about 100 years ago, neither the Mayor or Council Members of Roselle were paid anything for their service as legislators.

Seeing no one else come forward, the Council President closed the public hearing on this ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Locke, seconded by Councilwoman Shaw to adopt Ordinance Number 2449-13.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – Ordinance Number 2450-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 113 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO DESIGNATE A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE RESERVED FOR A SPECIFIC PERSON IN FRONT OF A CERTAIN RESIDENCE (Dwight Bostic)

The Council President read Ordinance Number 2451-13 by Title. Motion by Councilwoman Shaw, seconded by Councilwoman Dansereau that Ordinance Number 2450-13 be introduced on first reading, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on February 20, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – Ordinance Number 2451-13

AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCING PUBLIC LABOR AGREEMENT

The Council President read Ordinance Number 2451-13 by Title. Motion by Councilwoman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Sandifer that Ordinance Number 2451-13 be introduced on first reading, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on February 20, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING – Ordinance Number 2453-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 64 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED “FEES FOR BOROUGH SERVICES” AND CHAPTER 91 (ROSELLE COMMUNITY CENTER)

The Council President read Ordinance Number 2453-13 by Title. Motion by Councilwoman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Dansereau that Ordinance Number 2453-13 be introduced on first reading, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on February 20, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, and Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: Council Member Locke
Absent: None

Motion Carries.

Public Comment

1. Maria Hegener, 920 Spruce Street, remarked on the salary increases for the Mayor and Council, and she said she was very angry about it. She also commented that she volunteered her time and never once asked for a dime; she also remarked that any donation that Council member make can be written off at the end of the year. She also commented that there was no bill list and she feels that the Mayor and Council choose not to pay bills, and instead paid themselves. Then asked the Mayor and Council how they can sleep at night. .

2. Annette Hubbard, 403 Stockton Ave., commented that she is angry because she does things for seniors and she doesn't ask for any pay. She said she gives of herself all the time and she doesn't ask for any money.
3. William Frolich 116 E. 4th Ave., questioned what programs were cut to provide the salary increases for the Mayor and Council Members.
4. Anthony Esposito, remarked that he knows for a fact that FY 2012 budget for the Roselle library was cut by 17%, and he said the library had to close early and furlough a lot of employees. He said if the cut remains for the 2013 Calendar year, the Library will not be able to function as it did for the last 10 years.
5. Sheronda Johnson, 411 W. 5th Ave., welcomed Mr. Ronald Hayman to the Council; she then questioned that the Council take up all the facts financially. She also asked for the budget to be displayed in the Council Chambers once a year; she also feels there is no information about Roselle on TV34, and she feels that all town information should be posted on TV34 and TV37. She then apologized to Councilman Sandifer and said that when the truth is spoken she will keep quiet, and that Mr. Esposito didn't come up as a Board of Education member, he came up as a resident.
6. Cecilia Ricks, 154 W. 5th Ave., commented that the things that Council Members do as political people are not tax deductible. She commented that when she was a Council Member she paid for a lot of things came out of her money and reiterated that it was not tax deductible. Ms. Ricks then remarked that she believes that it is the Borough's responsibility to maintain the library, and she believes that cuts should not be made to the Library and its employees.

Seeing no one else come forward, the Council President closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Council Comment

Councilwoman Dansereau commented on the Roselle Library and she said that she loves it and it's quaint charm; she discussed making unions with the board of education to make the schools safer; she said that she wants to get past the fighting and misinformation; she said that the library is autonomous board that makes their own decisions; she said the Council is in it to win it for Roselle. Councilwoman Dansereau also announced that she and Councilman Locke will meet as an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss TV34 and TV37, and they will report back to Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Shaw congratulated the newly hired police officers; and she wished them success; she congratulated the Library for its 75th anniversary; she reported that the Westbrook Flood project is moving a head of schedule; she reported on the park renovations, and she said that Budd Simmons Park is on schedule for Spring completion; she announced that the next 4th Ward Council Meeting will be on Feb. 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fire House; and she said that the Senior Advisory Committee had a meeting on 1-15-13 and that Mother Wiggins lost her son.

Councilman Sandifer commented that he will keep Mother Wiggins and her family in prayer; and he thanked the three new police officers that were sworn in; he commented part of his campaign and his running mate's platform and promise was to insure public safety and they promised to keep up the quality of life to make sure that everyone sleeps well at night; Councilman Sandifer feels that they have done that; he announced that he will have a 3rd Ward Council at 7:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fire House; and he said that he would like to hear comments from the residents, good or bad, and he encouraged residents to come out. He thanked the Mayor for being in Washington advocating for Gun Control. He said that

Councilman Hayman remarked that he is still getting acclimated as a Council Member, and he said that he supports the Roselle Library and that he used it a great deal for searching for information. He said that there are plans to do great things with the library; he hopes to get away from people making comments during meetings that doesn't give all the information; he feels that it does not give the Borough a good look; he said there is a lot that the Council is trying to do and they appreciate what everyone has to say, but he asked the residents to give the governing body an opportunity to do their research and get back to them. He said that he will announce when his 2nd Ward meetings will start and he anticipates a possible meeting in February.

Councilman Locke congratulated the Police Officers that were hired; he then told a story about a man on a boat who was praying for God to help him. He said that he used the story because he is getting frustrated when people say that they are not getting information. Mr. Locke also remarked that there is information posted on the website; information in the Clerk's office; and that there are all types media for residents to obtain information, and he said that at some point residents need to stop saying it is not available. He encouraged everyone to work together; he reported that there is a bridge closed down near Washington School as a result of the Westbrook Flood project, and he asked for everyone to be patient. He announced that his 5th Ward Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Baker Room. He said that one item on the agenda will be concerning residents affected by Central Park, and an open forum to discuss other issues and concerns.

Council President Aubourg reported that Mayor Holley was in Washington lobbying congress on the Gun Control Issue, and he reported that President Barack Obama is supporting all the Mayors on the Gun Control Issue; Mr. Aubourg stated that Mayor Holley is one of the leaders in the group with Mayor Bloomberg; and he said with the Mayor's leadership, he took control of gun issues in the Borough of Roselle by appointing more police officers to patrol schools and the streets to deter gang activity. He responded to comments regarding the Roselle Library, the bill list, and the raise for the Mayor and Council members, and he said that the public knows who is telling them the truth on issues.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Sandifer, seconded Councilman Locke, all in favor, none opposed, by consensus the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:59P.M.


Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk