

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

Mayor Holley 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 February 20, 2013 to order at 7:05 P.M.

Mayor Holley then called the Girl Scouts of Roselle to lead the flag salute to the American Flag and Council President Yves Aubourg 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

Also Present:

John Hudak, Esq., Borough Attorney

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."

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Holley read into the record the following proclamations:

- Girl Scouts Week
- Women's History Month
- African American History Month
- Presidential Call to Service Award – Adrienne Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Locke, seconded by Council President Aubourg to approve the Minutes of the following meetings:

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – January 9, 2013  
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – January 16, 2013  
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting – January 22, 2013  
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting – January 31, 2013

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2013-100 Appointing Keyboarding Clerk 1 in the Department of Administration
- 2013-101 Declaring Violence a Public Health Crisis and Support Senate Bill S2430
- 2013-102 Resolution Confirming Refund of Taxes in Accordance with Agreements with Roselle NSP, LLC Under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- 2013-103 Approving a Can Shake and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Endorse Same for Roselle Varsity Baseball
- 2013-104 Approving A Can Shake and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Endorse Same for the Roselle Vipers Football & Mentor Program
- 2013-105 Resolution of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union And State of New Jersey Authorizing Adoption of Complete Streets Policy
- 2013-106 Awarding a Contract to H & L Systems, Inc., to Provide Integrated Financial and Tax Collection Software and Implementation
- 2013-107 Resolution Approving a List of Qualified Vendors for Professional Services within the Borough of Roselle for the Calendar Year 2013
- 2013-108 Authorizing a Contract with Visiting Nurse & Health Services, Inc., D/B/A Holy Redeemer Home Care-NJ in an Amount of \$56,453.00
- 2013-109 Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Roselle Board of Education for Facilities for the Summer Day Camp Program
- 2013-110 Resolution Appointing Program Director for 2013 Roselle Summer Day Camp Program
- 2013-111 Authorizing the Tax Assessor and Tax Appeal Attorney to File Counterclaims
- 2013-112 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, \$1,315.22
- 2013-113 Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011, Block 3701, Lot 15, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$2,140.60
- 2013-114 Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2012, Block 3902, Lot 01, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$2,512.62
- 2013-115 Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2012, Block 4701, Lot 2,

- 2013-116 Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$6,403.37  
 Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 6301,  
 Lot 20, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$6,836.03
- 2013-117 Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2011 & 2012, Block 804,  
 Lot 4.02, Resulting From Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$9,552.13
- 2013-118 Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2010 Block 7306, Lot 1.01,  
 Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$14,229.15
- 2013-119 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 10-022, Block 2701, Lot  
 43.02, in the Amount of \$83,623.02
- 2013-120 Resolution Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2012, Block  
 6201, Lot 03, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment, \$2,794.34
- 2013-121 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate, Block 372, Lot 012, in  
 the Amount of \$20,501.36
- 2013-122 Approving a Bill List dated February 20, 2013

Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Council President Aubourg to the consent agenda as written.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke, and Aubourg  
 Nays: Council Member Locke (2013-107)  
 Abstentions: Council Member Sandifer (2013-122)  
 Absent: None

Motion Carries.

**NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-123**

**RESOLUTION CHANGING THE SALARY OF A TEMPORARY  
 EMPLOYEE UNDER THE WORK FORCE INVESTMENT ACT (“WIA”)  
 YOUTH PROGRAM**

Motion by Council President Aubourg, second by Councilwoman Shaw to adopt Resolution Number 2013-123.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE** – 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)**

Mayor Holley declared the time open for the public hearing on Ordinance Number 2450-13. Seeing no one come forward, the Mayor closed the public hearing on this ordinance.

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilman Sandifer to adopt Ordinance Number 2450-13.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

**ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE** – Ordinance  
Number 2451-13

**AN ORDINANCE INTRODUCING PUBLIC LABOR AGREEMENT**

Mayor Holley declared the time open for the public hearing on Ordinance Number 2451-13. Seeing no one come forward, the Mayor closed the public hearing on this ordinance.

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilman Hayman to adopt Ordinance Number 2451-13.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

**ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE** – 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)**

Mayor Holley declared the time open for the public hearing on Ordinance Number 2453-13.

1. Maria Hegner, 920 Spruce Street, questioned what the difference is between last year’s ordinance and Ordinance 2453-13 as it relates to Fees for Borough Services, and she questioned whether monies were collected last year.

Seeing no one come forward, the Mayor closed the public hearing on this ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilwoman Shaw to adopt Ordinance Number 2453-13.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Public Comment

1. Maria Hegener, 920 Spruce Street, stated that she is requesting a veto on Ordinance Number 2449-13 which gave an increase in salary to the Mayor and Council. She said that she has been knocking on doors and talking to the general public about it, and that she has over 100 signatures on a petition. She remarked that citizens are concerned about the raise, and want to see it on a Referendum. She reiterated that she wants the ordinance vetoed and repealed to allow the citizens to decide what amount of increase the Mayor and Council may receive.
2. Cynthia Johnson, 127 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented that she supports the increase in salary for the Mayor and Council; the cost of living went up, and that the Mayor and Council have not received an increase in years; Ms. Johnson feels the Mayor and Council are doing an excellent job; and that their increase has nothing to do with taxes; she urged residents to look throughout the Borough for all the work that the current administration did in 2012; she commented that she worked on a job for 25 years, and receives a good raise every time she did a good job; she then said that she

will circulate a petition stating all the good work that's being done by the Mayor and Council, and she told them to keep up the good work.

3. Michelle Harvey, resident of Union NJ, asked for the Mayor and Council and the Borough of Roselle to support the Parent's Association of the Woodbridge Developmental Center, in NJ. She said there was a task force designated by Governor Chris Christie to close two developmental centers, and she said the other facility is in Totowa, NJ. She remarked that she feels that she feels that the task force was biased. She also commented that her sister has been a resident of Woodbridge Developmental Center for 47 years, and she said that her sister cannot speak for herself, and she follows very basic commands. She urged the Mayor and Council to join with them to support people who cannot fight for themselves, and she asked for the Mayor and Council to send a resolution to Governor Christie asking him not to close the developmental centers. She said that it is a hardship for people to visit residents their family members, and it closed it will cause family members to travel over 60 miles. She said that the Woodbridge Developmental State School takes very good care of their residents, and that they have put out petitions to keep it open. She said that a survey was done and they are not against group placement; however, the parents feel that individuals will not adapt to a new location and make a difficult transition.
4. Rex Reid, 289 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ, Political Legislative Representative for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. He said that he represents the workers of the Woodbridge Developmental Center and the North Jersey Developmental Centers, and he said that he is here to ask the Mayor and Council and the citizens to work to fight to keep the Woodbridge Developmental Center and North Jersey Developmental Center open. He stressed that the residents of both centers are the Borough's citizens and they need help. He remarked that they are the least able to care for themselves and the reason why he and others came to ask for support to help them save their homes. He said that some of the residents have lived in the developmental centers for decades; and he feels that moving them into community group homes is ill conceived and deadly as stated by the former Deputy Director of the NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities for 32 years, Mr. Bernie White. Mr. White said that moving the residents from Woodbridge into Developmental centers into the community setting would result in a 47% higher death rate than them remaining in the center. He said the statistics are gathered from states where this has been done. He reported that three of the family members of the residents and 54 of the workers in the Woodbridge Developmental Center live in the Borough of Roselle. He encouraged the Mayor and Council to sign the petition and he also distributed his contact information and bumper stickers.
5. Deborah Smith, resident of the City of Paterson, remarked that her daughter Keisha Smith resides at the North Jersey Developmental Center for 27 years. She reported that back in August of 2012, the Governor's task force on developmental closures decided to close two of the seven developmental centers, the only two that are in North Jersey. Ms. Smith commented that the closing will devastate family members

because their loved ones could be moved 100 miles away from their family members. She said that her daughter is 42 years old and profoundly disabled and experiences 50 to 100 seizures per day. She said that her daughter started out in the community, but it did not work out for her due to her special needs, and she said that due to the special care that her daughter received at the North Jersey Developmental Center, her seizures are under control, and she did not have a seizure for at least 10 years, considering the level of seizures that she had. Ms. Smith asked for the Mayor and Council to submit a resolution on behalf of her daughter to support their plight. She also announced that there is a "Save Our Developmental Center" website, and she provided the Deputy Clerk with information.

6. Sylvia Turnage, 1104 Morris Street, commended Ms. Smith and the other speakers from the Developmental Center for their plight to save the community centers. She remarked that Ms. Annette Hubbard sits on the board of the developmental center and people can see Ms. Hubbard for additional information. She spoke directly to Ms. Smith and said that she was familiar with the developmental center and some of its residents, and that if the clients were moved 100 miles away, it would impact the family. Ms. Turnage said she basically came up to speak about TV34 and TV37 and she feels that both stations are really dysfunctional. She remarked that there is no community or public service information being aired; people don't have an opportunity to see what is going on in the local churches. She said that when you turn on TV 34 you can see silent movies, shadow boxes and news about the Frog Neck Bridge, and there is absolutely nothing about the community; she also stated that the last Council Meeting that she saw on TV34 was the January re-organization meeting. She said the citizens have no idea what's going on in the government, and said that there's a whole plethora of information that she knows the residents will be interested in. She said that the seniors do not tweet and are not on Face Book; Ms. Turnage said that the residents need real time information
7. Anthony Esposito, 414 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., questioned if the Borough was going to rent Sylvester Land Field out, and if they are allowed by law to rent the property. He said he is not sure if it was built by Green Acres funds. Mr. Esposito discussed the audits, and he said that they should be done in a timely fashion, and that the new audit is 8 months late; he feels there is a lot of spending going on, and he said that he is doing research and the Borough doesn't know how much money they started off with. He said the Audits were not good and that there is a problem in the financial area. He said the Borough is a Corporation and he is a stake holder in the corporation and he wants current information on the audit.
8. James Moore, 516 Sheridan Ave., commented that there have been several financial software systems used in the last five years in the Finance Department, and he also commented that the Mayor and Council said that the former CFO was touted to be great, and then let go for incompetency. He asked if any individuals were captured for the shootings that took place in 2012, one of which he said was a family member of his who was killed. Mr. Moore also commented that in reference to Hurricane Sandy, senior citizen housing at Pinewood Hall, Sheridan Avenue, and the facility on

Chandler Ave. & Grand Street, should be serviced before anyone when it comes to generators, and he said that Pinewood Hall was the last to be restored and it was unconscionable. He then stated that the church where he pastors, Second Baptist Church, was bypassed to help in any relief efforts, and commented that he was not approached by the Mayor and Council Members to make their facilities available to service residents. He said they have always serviced Pinewood Hall, feeding the poor, and feeding the citizens at Pinewood Hall on a monthly basis. He reiterated that he felt that Second Baptist Church was bypassed and that the Chestnut Street Community Church was not bypassed, and he had certain feelings about it.

9. Rose Burns, 250 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., remarked that she came to the meeting to add to the plea of not closing the Woodbridge Developmental Center. Ms. Burns also remarked that she understands the concerns that people have regarding transportation to and from the developmental centers, and she urged everyone to sign the petitions.

10. William came to say hello to the Mayor and Council.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Holley closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

#### Council Comment

Mayor Jamel Holley thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and he remarked that progress is continuing, and he thinks that the results are speaking for itself in Roselle. Mayor Holley remarked that they are working hard everyday, and appreciate all the support from the community. Mayor Holley also asked everyone to keep Ms. Alison Carter and her family in prayer while Ms. Carter is currently receiving hospice care.

Councilwoman Dansereau also thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting; she then commented that the Chestnut Street Church is designated a FEMA location that helps many communities in disaster relief. Ms. Dansereau reported that the Westbrook Flood Project is at full swing, and she is happy with the results; she reported that she and council members walked throughout the community to identify seniors that needed assistance in the wake of Hurricane Sandy; she discussed the ROID grant which will enable disabled children some form of summertime activities during the Summer Fun Camp. Ms. Dansereau stated that Finance Committee will be knee deep in budgetary involvement; she gave an update on the codification process which she said is continuing to move forward; and she offered condolences to the Stano Family and to Rick Journe on the passing of his daughter and his father George Journe.

Councilwoman Shaw gave her condolences to the Hughes family on their loss; she also thanked the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Residents for being supportive and understands the work they are doing. She reported that work on the Budd Simmons Park located on Pine Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue is moving along quite rapidly, and she said that there will be a ground breaking ceremony and reopening ceremony of intergenerational park in the future.

Councilman Sandifer encouraged everyone to visit Ms. Carter, and he said that she enjoyed his visit when he stopped by to see her at home, and he said that Ms. Carter enjoys visitors; he congratulated the Girl's Scouts and thanked them for attending the meeting, and he encouraged everyone to support them on their cookie fundraiser. Mr. Sandifer announced that he held a 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward meeting in January which was well attended, and said that his next meeting is posted on the Borough website. He also addressed the petition that Ms. Hegner is circulating regarding salary increases to the Mayor and Council Members, and he remarked to Ms. Hegner that she never had a dialogue with him and he gave his telephone number and email address. He also said that on behalf of the Mayor and Council Members, the Parent's Association for keeping the developmental centers open has their full support.

Councilman Hayman thanked the residents for giving him the opportunity to become active in his public service. He said that he's been in touch with various department heads, committee chairs, and his constituents to try to get things in order; he said that a lot of very exciting things are coming down the pike. Mr. Hayman announced that he will hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Council meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March at 7:00 p.m., in the Baker Room at Borough Hall. He said that some of the agenda items for the Ward meeting include redevelopment projects, recreation projects, and all things that will affect the residents Borough wide. He said that he very excited about what's going on in the Borough and he gave his contact telephone number and email address should anyone need to reach out to him by telephone. He also announced that he mailed out a letter to the clergy of Roselle, and that they will have their first Ministers meeting at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Rivington Street on March 2, 2013 at 3:00 p.m., and he expects a healthy dialogue and he said that all pastors are invited to the meeting.

Councilman Locke expressed his condolences to one of his neighbors who passed away; he said that he loves to see democracy at work, and he praised the advocates of the developmental center for engaging the Mayor and Council for support, and he reiterated that they make the whole system of democracy proud, he gave his support. Mr. Locke remarked that work is being done on community communications, and he thanked Ms. Turnage for raising the issue, and he encouraged residents to submit information and announcements relating to community events so that the word can get out to others, and so that everyone can be connected together. He commented on the increase in salary to the Mayor and Council, and he said that it is very easy to take a look at sound bites in the newspaper and latch onto. He said that you can focus on the percentage, but the truth is that if someone makes a dollar increase, it will equal a 100% increase. He said that there will be sound bites and sensationalism, but at the end of the day, he's confident that they explained to the community in several forums that the increase was internal and does not affect the budget. He said that those who want to investigate can reach out to any of the Council Members. He then commented that he is sponsoring his first ordinance in March which is in reference to permit parking on the Alison Road area; he also stated that Central Park making a number of efforts to curtail the crowds and nuisances. He said he sent out letters to all people that live in the area which will include a copy of the ordinance. He announced that his 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Meeting will be on Feb. 21, 2013 in the

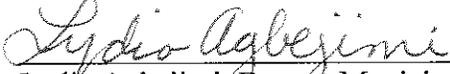
Baker Room of Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. He thanked wished everyone a good night and said God Bless.

Council President Aubourg gave his condolences to the families of Marjorie Williams, Lucille Obey, Mr. Burgess, the Journe family, Ms. Geraldine Dagers, and the Hughes family. He announced that he received a letter that a water pipe will be replaced from Linden Road to the Elizabeth boarder, and the police will monitor the traffic from 9:00 a.m. until the evening. He reported that bus stop on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue was somehow removed, and that it will be replaced; he reported on the status of a stolen car and a flood that took place in his ward, and he said that he discussed it with the engineer; he also discussed sidewalk repairs, paving, and a vacant house which had to be boarded up. He said that he heard the complaints about TV34 and TV37, and he said that it is being addressed by a committee. Mr. Aubourg gave his telephone number to the residents and encouraged them to call him and he also gave the telephone number to the Clerk's Office as another means to reach Mayor and Council members.

Mayor Holley then thanked everyone for coming out and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

#### Adjournment

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

  
Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk