

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE  
MAYOR & COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 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 August 21, 2013 to order at 7:10 P.M.

Mayor Holley then led the flag salute to the American Flag and Council President Aubourg gave the invocation.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Kraig Dowd, Esq., filled in for John Hudak Borough 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 2013 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 proclamation:  
In Memory of Bishop Leroy Holmes

Councilman Hayman read into the record the following proclamation:  
In Honor of Nearly 100 Years of Service – Masonic Acacia Lodge #23

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting – July 2, 2013  
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – July 10, 2013  
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – July 17, 2013

### **Roll Call:**

Ayes: Council Members Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke, and Aubourg  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: Councilmember Locke (7-2-13 Special Meeting)  
Absent: Councilwoman Dansereau

### **Motion Carries.**

Motion by Councilman Sandifer, seconded by Councilman Hayman to add resolution numbers 2013-316, 2013-317, 2013-318, 2013-19, 2013-319, 2013-320, 2013-321, 2013-322. All in favor, with the exception of Councilman Locke saying no, to add resolutions 2013-316 through 2013-322, to the consent agenda. Motion carries.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2013-281 Appointing Keyboarding Clerk I in the Department of Administration
- 2013-282 Appointing a Code Enforcement Officer Trainee
- 2013-283 Approving A Contract Extension for the 2012 Youth Program Services Agreement With the County of Union
- 2013-284 Appointing Students Under the Roselle First Workforce Investment Act ("WIA") Youth Program
- 2013-285 Adjusting the Salary of the Case Manager for the Roselle First Initiative/ Youth Program
- 2013-286 Authorizing a Release of Part of Mortgage Property to Roselle NSP, LLC in Accordance With the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
- 2013-287 Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same – Shirley Taylor
- 2013-288 Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same – Second Baptist Church
- 2013-289 Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same – Jo-Ann Drake

- 2013-290 Approving a Block Party and Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Endorse Same – MVB Barbershop
- 2013-291 Approving a Can Shake and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Endorse Same – Abraham Clark Football
- 2013-292 Approving a Can Shake and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Endorse Same – Team Freckles
- 2013-293 Amending Resolution 2013-259 Granting a Special Permit for a Social Affair and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Certify Same Special Permit Application
- 2013-294 Authorizing the Borough Administrator or Designee to Direct the Closing of Certain Streets Preapproved for the Outdoor Activities During the Months of June thru December
- 2013-295 Appointing Callmen in the Callmen’s Division of the Roselle Fire Department
- 2013-296 Authorizing Settlement of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Tax Appeals Entitled Auto body Realty, LLC, v. Borough of Roselle, Docket Nos.: 016269-2010 and 014044-2011 and 013053-2012, Block 702, Lot 6 Commonly Known as 429 E. First Avenue
- 2013-297 Authorizing Settlement of the 2012 and 2013 Tax Appeals Entitled Assuncao, Helder J. V. Borough of Roselle, Docket Nos.: 014041-2012 and-2013, Block 6106, lot 9 Commonly Known as 229 Amsterdam Avenue
- 2013-298 Authorizing Settlement of the 2011 Tax Appeal Entitled Tanner, Shalonda v. Borough of Roselle, Docket No.: 012533-2011, Block 7203, Lot 13 Commonly Known As 718 Franklin Terrace
- 2013-299 Authorizing Settlement of the 2012 and 2013 Tax Appeals Entitled Barker, Diane v. Borough of Roselle, Docket Nos.: 014040-2012 and 011000-2013, Block 1102, Lot 14 Commonly Known As 740 Drake Avenue
- 2013-300 Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2012 Block 5601, Lot 11, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment
- 2013-301 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-003, Block 307, Lot 08, in the Amount of \$25,457.71
- 2013-302 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-006, Block 406, Lot 17, in the Amount of \$23,902.31
- 2013-303 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-013, Block 908, Lot 06, in the Amount of \$13,179.48
- 2013-304 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 11-032, Block, Lot 18, in the Amount of \$40,832.88
- 2013-305 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 10-015, Block 2403, Lot 19, in the Amount of \$66,894.88
- 2013-306 Approving a Bill List dated August 21, 2013

- 2013-307 Resolution For The Lease With Option To Buy Of (2) 2013 Ford Sedan Police Interceptors From Beyer, Inc. / Ford Motor Credit Under The Cranford Co-Op Agreement For The Police Dept. With the Borough of Roselle
- 2013-308 Resolution Authorizing An Emergency Temporary Appropriation
- 2013-309 A Resolution Referring A Proposed Zoning Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of The Borough Of Roselle By Amending Chapter 77 Of The Code Of The Borough Of Roselle Entitled – "Land Use", And Deleting Chapter 118 "Zoning' " To The Planning Board For A Consistency Hearing In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64.
- 2013-310 A Resolution Appointing School Crossing Guards
- 2013-311 Resolution Authorizing Approval To Submit A Grant Application And Execute A Grant Agreement With The New Jersey Department Of Transportation For Various Streets -2014-Roselle
- 2013-312 Resolution Authorized Contract Change Order For As-Built Final Quantities For The NJDEP Green Acres Parks Improvements Funded By The New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Green Acres Program, Union County And The Municipality Within The Borough Of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey
- 2013-313 Authorizing Participation in the Union County 2012 Kids Recreation Trust Fund Grant
- 2013-314 Authorizing An Application For The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Recreational Opportunities For Individuals With Disabilities (ROID) FY 2014 Grant Program
- 2013-315 Accepting the Retirement Of Crossing Guard Bernadette Eckert
- 2013-316 Approving The Filing of a 2014 New Jersey Department Of Transportation, Safe Streets To Transit Grant Application And Execute A Grant Contract For The Borough Of Roselle Portable Pedestrian Safety Trailer Project
- 2013-317 Appointing Legal Counsel to Undertake In Rem Foreclosures in The South Central Redevelopment Area
- 2013-318 Approving Club Pouyas' Request For Extended Closing Hours During The Holidays
- 2013-319 Approving A Can Shake and Authorizing The Borough Clerk To Endorse Same – Abraham Clark Cheerleading Squad
- 2013-320 Approving A Block Party And Authorizing The Municipal Clerk To Endorse Same - George Payne
- 2013-321 Approving A Can Shake And Authorizing The Borough Clerk to endorse same – Team Freckles
- 2013-322 Authorizing Signage in the Borough of Roselle for the Masonic Acacia Lodge #23

Motion by Councilwoman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Sandifer to adopt the consent agenda as amended.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke and Aubourg  
Nays: Council Member Locke (2013-318)  
Abstentions: Council Members Sandifer (2013-281), Locke (2013-322)  
Aubourg (2013-306, Bill List Item - Account # 012010-20-1552-028)  
Absent: Councilwoman Dansereau

Motion Carries.

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE** – Ordinance  
Number 2465-13

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND CODIFYING ORDINANCE  
NUMBERS 2196, 2267-07, 2320-08 AND 2423-12 A PROCEDURE FOR  
PAYMENT FOR OFFICER OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT**

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2465-13 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.

Mayor Holley declared the time open for the public hearing on Ordinance Number 2465-13.

1. William Frolich, 116 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., questioned several phrases and wording in the ordinance, and he then gave his comments in writing to the Deputy Clerk..

Seeing no one else come forward Mayor Holley then closed this portion of the meeting.

Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilman Hayman to adopt Ordinance Number 2465-13.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING** – Ordinance Number 2466-13

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED "CHAPTER 48: BUILDING, ABANDONED AND DANGEROUS"**

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2466-13 by Title. Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilman Aubourg, that Ordinance Number 2466-13 be introduced on first reading, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on September 18, 2013 after 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING** – Ordinance Number 2467-13

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, SECTION 304 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED "STAFFING LEVELS"**

Mayor Holley read Ordinance Number 2467-13 by Title. Motion by Council President Aubourg, seconded by Councilman Sandifer that Ordinance Number 2467-13 be introduced on first reading, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing on September 18, 2013 after 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Maria Hegener, 920 Spruce Street, discussed comments that were made by the Mayor and Council at the July 2013 that she didn't agree with; she commented on her tax appeal; and talked about an incident that she reported to the Borough Administrator regarding a Borough employee and children including her daughter which she feels is child abuse; she then discussed the matter of her Block Party.
2. Cynthia Johnson, 127 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., commented on statements that Ms. Hegener made concerning her daughter, she also gave her opinion on Ms. Hegener's block party, and she commended the Mayor and Council and told them to keep up the good work.
3. Anthony Esposito, 414 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., commented on the Debt report for the Borough of Roselle, and he said that it was not filed with the state; he made comments about the budget and audit and told the Mayor and Council to get things in order.
4. William came to the microphone to greet the Mayor and Council.
5. William Frolich, 116 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., commented on tax appeals and feels that hiring a lawyer is not necessarily needed in most cases. He commented that if the entire town were to appeal taxes and win the appeals, it would result in increasing the tax rate.
6. Alfred Agbejimi, 1121 Warren Street, thanked the Mayor and Council and said they were doing a great job and he thanked them. He then commented on remarks that Mr. Maria Hegener made regarding her daughter and Anthony Esposito on the budget.
7. Garrett Smith, 636 Jackson Ave., discussed a resolution adopted by the Council to rescind a contract between the Board of Education and Alamo Insurance, and he said that the information in the resolution and numbers are not true; he commented that the Council did everything to undermine him when he was Mayor; and he accused Mayor Holley of being arrogant doing things unlawful; He remarked that he is man and anytime someone wants to speak to him face to face, they can.
8. Aaron Johnson, 428 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, feels that the Mayor and Council members should not respond to residents when they make comments, he stated that it is a new era and Mayor and Council should not discuss issues of the past. He feels it is not right and out of order.
9. Jim Ortuso, 327 John Street, commented on the previous Council meeting and he said that he was appalled by the comments that were made, and he remarked that if anyone knows what the community is about they should look back to when Hurricanes Sandy occurred. He commented on how everyone worked hand in hand to get Roselle back in order, and he feels that there is great leadership and good people in town. He commented about individuals who had their music turned up to loud, and he wants it addressed.
10. Ms. Burnes, made comments about the Pine Street Park and she stated that people are walking dogs in the park and not cleaning up behind them.

11. Rose Meng, 250 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., joked that she wanted to marry the Mayor. She remarked that the Mayor is a perfect gentlemen and she feels that the Mayor and Council members are doing a good job. She commended the Mayor and Council on the newly renovated Pine Street Park, and she feels it's a god send which keeps children off of the street. She thanked the Mayor for a wonderful job.
12. Annette Hubbard 401 Stockton Ave., commented that she is appalled at the way the meetings are being held, and she feels that the Mayor lambasted the former Mayor, and she wants something better done.
13. Keyanna Lovett, 116 Walnut Street, announced that the Senior Advisory Board will have a Picnic for the Senior Citizens at Pine Street Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m., and she encouraged all seniors to attend. She commented on a senior bus trip which she said was a success. Ms. Lovett also passed a message to the Mayor and Council that they are doing a wonderful job and to keep up the good work on behalf of Mr. Timothy Green.

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

#### Council Comment

Councilwoman Shaw thanked Ms. Meng and Ms. Burns regarding signage at the Pine Street Park, she announced that the West Brook flood project is near completion; she thanked Ms. Lovett for discussion the senior advisory picnic; she commented on tax appeals and how there is an associated cost to the Borough. She encouraged residents to support the recreation activities in the Borough, and she thanked residents for coming out to the meeting.

Councilman Sandifer updated residents on third ward issues, and he said that there will be a survey taking place in the coming weeks for the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Chestnut Street regarding a traffic light. He gave a status update on the Chet & John Building on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and he congratulated the Masonic Lodge on their service to the community. He also commended the police department and the fire department for their dedication and service to the community. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

Councilman Hayman apologized for cancelling the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward Council meeting and he said that an emergency came up; he gave his condolences to the Family of Bishop Leroy Holmes on his passing. He offered his gratitude to the proclamation for the Acacia Lodge for nearly 100 years of Service. He then applauded Police Chief Orlando for walking the beat in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward to secure safety and talk to residents in town. He reported that the DPW has been diligent in getting things done in the Borough, and, he feels that things are moving forward and the efforts will be seen throughout the Borough. He discussed a new initiative called City Stat which is designed to move Roselle forward;

he announced that the Health Department will do influenza screenings for residents, and that there will be a block party in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward as a Community Outreach, tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2013. He announced the dates of his next 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward meeting and wished everyone a good night.

Councilman Locke reported to residents on Stanley Terrace that Borough is still working on getting the street paved in 2014; he discussed the parking ordinance and he said that registration and permits will be issued, and the enforcement will start in September; he reported that Summer Camp wrapped up and that it was an excellent program and the children had a great time and he thanked the Recreation Leader Donald Shaw. He also remarked that the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Block Party was very nice and that everyone had a great time getting to know each other and they are looking forward to it next year. He also thanked all the sponsors who chipped in and made donations and took part in the block party. He thanked the Roselle Fire Department for their participation in the event. He then announced that he will resume the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward meetings.

Council President Aubourg gave condolences to the family of Bishop Leroy Holmes, Jon Montis (Haitian artist), and the Henry family; he also gave condolences to the family of a driver who passed from Roselle Park. Council President feels that people should not wait to report things when involving the safety of other residents. He also thanked the Summer Camp staff and administrators, police for overseeing the National Night Out and also those who are helping to improve the town.

Mayor Holley commended Councilman Hayman on the work he has done with Roselle and the future work he will be doing for our community especially in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ward as far as redevelopment. Mayor Holley also addressed Councilman Locke's block party and remarked that it was a success. Mayor Holley commented that he is excited about moving Roselle forward. He encouraged the seniors to attend the Senior Picnic on Pine Street Park on September 20, 2013. He also spoke to residents about parking around private businesses who hire companies to boot or tow cars of individuals when they are not patronizing certain businesses.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Councilman Locke, seconded by Councilman Sandifer, all in favor, none were opposed, by consensus the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

  
Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk