**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE**
**MAYOR & COUNCIL**
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**
**JANUARY 15, 2014**

Council President Kim Shaw 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 15, 2014 to order at 7:05 P.M.

Council President Shaw then led the flag salute to the American Flag, and Councilman Locke gave the invocation.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Dansereau; Council President Shaw; Councilman Sandifer Councilman Hayman; Councilman Locke; Councilman Aubourg, and Mayor Jamel Holley (arrived 7:08 p.m.)

The Deputy Municipal Clerk, Ms. Lydia 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 2014 to the Union County Local Source and the Home News Tribune in 2013 and by filing said notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk."

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Councilman Sandifer read into record the following Proclamations:
Human Trafficking Awareness Day Jan. 11th

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – December 11, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – December 18, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Special Meeting – December 30, 2013
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting – January 2, 2014

Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilwoman Dansereau to approve the minutes of meetings as written.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Council Members Dansereau, Shaw, Sandifer, Hayman, Locke, Aubourg
Nays: None
Abstentions: Council Member Locke (12/11/13) Council Member Aubourg (12/30/13)

Absent: None

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilman Sandifer to add as consent Resolution Numbers 2014-058 through 2014-061.

Roll Call:

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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| 2014-025 | Appointing Members to the Health Board |
| 2014-026 | A Resolution Celebrating the 350th Anniversary of the Establishment of New Jersey as a Colony |
| 2014-027 | Resolution Appointing Police Officer |
| 2014-028 | Resolution Appointing Police Officer |
| 2014-029 | Resolution Appointing Police Officer |
| 2014-030 | Resolution Appointing Firefighter |
| 2014-031 | Resolution Appointing Firefighter |
| 2014-032 | Accepting the Retirement of a Firefighter |
| 2014-033 | Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement for Animal Control Services with City of Linden for 2014 |
| 2014-034 | Resolution of the Borough of Roselle Authorizing the Joining of the Public Entity Joint Insurance Fund and the Execution of a Joint Trust Agreement |
| 2014-035 | Granting a Special Permit for a Social Affair and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Certify Same Special Permit Application |
| 2014-036 | Approving a Bill List Dated January 15, 2014 |
| 2014-037 | Approving a List of Qualified Vendors for Professional Services Within the Borough of Roselle for the Calendar Year 2014 |
| 2014-038 | A Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Recreational Purposes |
| 2014-039 | Resolution Authorizing Calendar Year 2014 Appropriation Reserve Transfer |
| 2014-040 | Resolution Accepting a Grant for the Roselle Everett Hatcher Municipal Alliance Against Alcohol and Drugs Committee (Everett Hatcher Municipal Alliance) |
| 2014-041 | Resolution To Amend Resolution 2014-007 Designating Authorized Signers for Bank Accounts of the Borough of Roselle |
| 2014-042 | Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Funds |
| 2014-043 | Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 12-008, Block 0503, Lot 11, in the Amount of $20,110.87 |
| 2014-044 | Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 13-004, Block 0702, Lot 04, in the Amount of $24,444.24 |
| 2014-045 | Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 13-006, Block 0903, Lot 34, in the Amount of $253.84 |
| 2014-046 | Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 13-009, Block 1603, Lot 09, in the Amount of $93,053.17 |
| 2014-047 | Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 13-010, Block 1603, Lot 10, in the Amount of $79,111.26 |
| 2014-048 | Authorizing Redemption Of Tax Sale Certificate 13-022, Block 2504, Lot 14, in the |

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| | Amount of $2,192.49 |
| 2014-049 | Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 13-036, Block 4804, Lot 04, in the Amount of $10,252.78 |
| 2014-050 | Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2010, Block 1302, Lot 01, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment |
| 2014-051 | Authorizing Refund of Real Estate Taxes for 2013, Block 2404, Lot 16, Resulting from Reduction of Tax Assessment |
| 2014-052 | Authorizing the Borough of Roselle to Enter an Agreement With The Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (MCCPC) for the Purchase Of Work, Materials And Supplies |
| 2014-053 | Authorizing the Borough of Roselle to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing System for the Year 2014 |
| 2014-054 | Authorizing the Borough of Roselle to Enter An Agreement with the County of Somerset Cooperative Pricing System for the Purchase of Work, Materials and Supplies |
| 2014-055 | 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 |
| 2014-056 | Authorizing Contracts With Certain Approved State Contract Vendors for Contracting Units Pursuant to N. J. S. A. 40A: 11-12A |
| 2014-057 | Accepting the Retirement of a Firefighter |
| 2014-058 | Granting a Special Permit for a Social Affair and Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Certify Same Special Permit Application |
| 2014-059 | Resolution Granting the Council's Advice and Consent to the Appointment of a Municipal Judge |
| 2014-060 | Resolution of the Borough of Roselle Relating to the Redevelopment of Certain Borough Property and Designating the Developer Therof |
| 2014-061 | Resolution Authorizing the Business Administrator to Take All Actions Necessary To Effectuate the Purchase of Block 2605, Lot 8 as Identified on the Borough of Roselle Tax Map |

Motion Carries.

Motion by Councilman Hayman, seconded by Councilman Sandifer to adopt Resolution Numbers 2014-025 through 2014-061.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Lydia Agbejimi administered the following Oaths of Office:

Police Officer Herve Vilaire
Police Officer Andres Perez
Police Officer Robert Ramirez
Firefighter William Benkovich
Firefighter Ronald Stotz

## ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING** – Ordinance Number 2477-14

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 64 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED "FEES FOR BOROUGH SERVICES"**

The Mayor read Ordinance Number 2477-13 by Title. Motion by Councilwoman Dansereau, seconded by Councilman Sandifer that Ordinance Number 2475-13 be introduced on first reading, advertised in the official newspaper as required by law, with a public hearing to be held February 19, 2014 after 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING** – Ordinance Number 2478-14

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCING VARIOUS CAPTAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Councilman Locke asked that Ordinance Number 2478-14 be pulled from the agenda for more vetting out. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilman Locke, seconded by Councilman Aubourg, to pull Ordinance Number 2478-14 from the agenda.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carries.

Mayor Holley then opened up the meeting for public comment.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rose Meng, Pine Street Apartments, commented that the Mayor is doing a great job.

2. Jacklyn Williams, Linden, New Jersey, read into the record a letter to Councilman Sandifer from the Union County Chapter of Little Sister's Inc., for a good deed that he did. She thanked him for his support of their organization.

3. Jaull Loram, resident of Cranford, NJ, remarked that things are progressing with his new establishment on 128 West 1st Avenue, and he invited the community to stop by and say hello, and that he looks forward to seeing the community at different upcoming events.

Carl O'Brien, Borough Engineer, stated that the Borough has received awards for the following projects: 2013 Municipal Management Project of the Year Award for the Westbrook Flood Project from The Society of Municipal Engineers; 2014 Distinguished Engineering Award from the New Jersey Alliance for Action for the Westbrook Flood Project, and he read into the record the award from FEMA for the Borough of Roselle Successfully Participating in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. He then briefed the public about the program, and he congratulated the Borough.

Mayor Holley then acknowledged Councilwoman Dansereau for her hard work and advocacy on the Westbrook Flood project, and for bringing in Councilwoman Shaw, and for bringing it to the attention of the Mayor and Council.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilwoman Dansereau reported that the first Community and Technology Committee meeting took place recently, and they are committed to make the education stations TV34 and TV37 a first grade Program to the community, and she will have report at the next Council meeting. She reported that the finance committee discussed the capital budget and that it is slightly delayed because of some adjustments that need to be made.

Council President Shaw wished everyone a happy new year and that 2014 has gotten off to a good start. She echoed the sentiment of the Engineer O'Brien that the Westbrook Flood Project is nearing completion. She wished Dr. Martin Luther King a happy birthday, and remarked that he would have been 85 years old today. She also announced that there will be a day of service in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She congratulated the new fire and police recruits. She asked for the residents to remain her eyes and ears in the community.

Councilman Sandifer gave his condolences to the Bellusio family, the Amiri Baraka. He also congratulated the new recruits in the Police and Fire Department and congratulated Firefighter Maul and Jeff Bonner and wished them and prosperous and happy retirement. He thanked Ms. Williams for recognizing him for supporting her organization, Little Sistahs In the Know, and he said he didn't expect it. He then gave the public the Little Sistah's website. He announced that his 3rd Ward meeting will be on Thursday, February 6, 2014, in the Baker Room, and he will give them and recap of 2013 and what's going on in 2014. He commented that they are going out for bid for the Chet and Johns demolition, and he hopes to see a wrecking ball very soon. He encouraged everyone to keep their dollars in Roselle by shopping at local stores. He said that he will give a report on the Everett Hatcher Municipal Alliance, and he highlighted some of the things that David Brown, OEM Coordinator, did in 2013. He then read into the record a letter from the Fire Chief regarding their

goals for the protection of the citizens. He also reported that the Police Department in 2013 answered close to 41,612 calls for service, there were no mishaps, and he said they did a tremendous job.

Councilman Hayman acknowledges the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He then gave his condolences to the Amiri Baraka Family and gave him accolades for his work and service. He thanked his colleagues and professionals for their support as DPW Chair and for providing the manpower and equipment. He said that DPW is considering doing garbage in-house, and that they will be shining in 2014. He then announced that his 2nd Ward meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the Baker Room. Mr. Hayman reported that he has been working with a team of people on the Public Stuff database, and he feels that it is an asset to the Borough. He also commented on redevelopment in the 2nd Ward and making Roselle a destination city.

Councilman Locke remarked that nothing is more beautiful than when government works they way it is designed to work. He said that a prime example is what was witnessed during the winter storm where the DPW did an excellent job of snow removal for the common good of the Borough. He also remarked that, he witnessed good government in 2013, and that as a member of the Finance Committee, he worked with his fellow colleagues to minimize any tax increases while still maintaining services in the borough. He said that they had to cut back in some areas, but worked creative to obtain grants from federal and state sources to defray the cost of municipal services; they will continue to try to reduce energy cost by exploring alternative electricity supplies. He stated that he will continue efforts to maintain and improve quality of life initiatives such as vigilant police patrol and greater recreational activities. He announced that the day of service in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. day will be held on Monday, January 20, 2014 at Abraham Clark High School at 8:30am to 2:30 p.m. He announced that as Recreation Chair, they already began to work recreation programs which will galvanize the community members and provide recreation outlets for the residents, with the promise working with the Board of Education to open up and establish the Mind and Body complex; he reported that they successfully offloaded properties that were owned by the Borough and sold to redevelopers. He read a passage of scripture, Jeremiah the 29th Chapter. He said as we work towards prosperity in the Borough, he encourages all residents to work with the Mayor Council, so as the Borough prospers, the residents will prosper as well.

Councilman Aubourg gave his condolences on the passing of Mrs. Bellusio and to Councilman Hayman on the lost of his brother-in-law. He reported that the DPW did a good job on snow removal in the First Ward, and he urged residents to remove their cars from the streets to assure that the snow removal truck can do a better job. He congratulated the new police and fire recruits, and he said it is a great day in Roselle. He thanked George Phipps and Carl O'Brien for a job well done. He then thanked Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for the vision that he had for all people, and he said that if it wasn't for the Mr. King, he would not be serving on the Dais. He thanked Mayor Holley for his response to people who loose family members and he thanked him for his support. He thanked all churches that participated in the unity prayer that was held at St. Joseph's the Carpenter Church. He also thanked Mayor Holley for reappointing Judge Carl Marshall.

Mayor Holley gave his condolences on the passing of Councilman Ronald Hayman's brother-in-law. He also remarked on the discussion to bring garbage collection in-house. He said it will create additional jobs and new ways in terms of saving money, and providing a better quality of life for the residents. He said it has been an amazing opportunity for him to work with the

Council in 2013; he announced that he is celebrating his 10th year in office, and that he's never been more excited to serve the Borough of Roselle; he stated that there have been more investments into the town in 2013, and so many initiatives that they are ready to announce. He thanked the Council and the Borough Administration for supporting him. He said there will be a rebirth on St. George Avenue in terms of redevelopment. He feels that the administration is doing the right thing, and that the community can see a collective body of members who have a common goal which is to grow a community. He also said that if people want to invest in the community, we should take advantage of it, and the governing body should do everything they can to support people who want to do business and invest in Roselle. He said that this administration is about creating opportunity for those who want that opportunity. He said that he is blessed, thankful for 2014, and that we've had some great exciting times ahead of us, and he thanked everyone for their support throughout the years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilman Sandifer, seconded by Councilman Hayman, all in favor, none opposed, by consensus the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Lydia Agbejimi

Lydia Agbejimi, Deputy Municipal Clerk