

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM**

Mayor Dansereau called the Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey to order on February 13, 2019 at 6:35 P.M. The flag salute was done and the invocation was given by Council President Wilkerson.

The Acting Municipal Clerk, Ms. Massey, read the “Open Public Meetings Act” compliance statement.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

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 emailing the Annual Notice of Regular and Workshop meetings for 2019 to the Union County Local Source and The Home News Tribune in 2019, by posting on the Borough of Roselle website, and by filing said notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Reginald Atkins	Councilman	P	
Kim Shaw	Councilwoman	P	
Cynthia Johnson	Councilwoman	P	
Brandon Bernier	Councilman	P	
John Fortuna	Councilman	P	
Denise Wilkerson	Councilwoman	P	
Christine Dansereau	Mayor	P	

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Roselle Golf Course Project – Daniel McCarthy, Esq., gave an update on the Redevelopment plan for the Roselle Golf Course Property. He said that Phase I (192 units) is now complete and almost completely occupied, with Phase II currently underway. The Financial Agreement calls for \$610,000 to be billed to the redeveloper this year; and he explained the community impact fee, which translates to \$350 per unit, per year (currently about \$66,500 for the units that are occupied). With respect to the Financial Agreement, the Borough is allowed to charge a 2% Administrative fee, which can be used for infrastructure or however the Borough sees fit. He mentioned that changes will need to be made to the Redevelopment Plan and Site Plan, which are fairly modest. Without changing the total number of units, the Redeveloper is looking to change some elements of phasing, such as unit mixture. He explained that the changes to the Redevelopment Plan will have to go to the Planning Board before it is finally approved by the

Council. He announced that there is open space on the site, which is available to all residents of the Borough, regardless of residency in The Park.

He then entertained questions from the Governing Body.

DEPARTMENT AND OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

1. Robert Lawson – Code Enforcement Officer, referenced the 2018 End-of Year Report; and asked if any members of the Governing Body had any questions. He said that the Code Enforcement Division is making great strides in choosing new software to link Code Enforcement records with those of the Department of Public Works and the Building Department. He mentioned that his division, along with the tech Committee, had seen several presentations from software vendors and that the field had been narrowed to two vendors. He then asked if any members of the Council had questions.

Councilwoman Shaw and Councilman Atkins both emphasized the need for solid software that allows for up-to-the-minute posting of issues by residents, and gives the possibility of timely response from the Borough. Mr. Lawson responded that the goal is to create a more centralized process with access by all departments.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATOR

Isiah Barr, Interim Borough Administrator, said that there are three resolutions on the agenda from the Department of Administration, two for Financial Advisors and one for Arminio Field, which is required by Green Acres.

SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 20, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Dansereau asked the Council if they would like to set a Consent Agenda.

Discussion:

Councilman Bernier questioned the Ordinance amending the Central Roselle Revitalization Plan, and asked if there is any potential legal action to be taken against the Borough if it is not amended.

Borough Attorney, Karen Brown stated that if the question is about potential litigation, then it should be discussed in Executive Session.

Councilman Atkins stated that he is not comfortable setting a Consent Agenda because he is not in agreement with all items listed for consideration.

Councilwoman Shaw interjected that her issue is not about the Consent Agenda; but rather the language in the by-laws, stating that if a Consent Agenda is approved, then one may not vote “no” when it is time to take roll. She said that she is not comfortable with her compliance with the Consent Agenda being construed as an affirmative vote.

Further discussion ensued and it was asked that the process for setting the agenda be explained.

Councilman Bernier moved that Resolution Number 2019-040 be removed from the table and placed on the agenda to be voted on next week.

Isiah Barr, Interim Borough Administrator, explained the process by which resolutions are presented to the Borough Administrator and forwarded to the Municipal Clerk for placement on the agenda.

Borough Attorney Karen Brown, read the section of the by-laws that speak to setting of the draft agenda; and gave her opinion regarding the language. She said that it is appropriate for the BA to work with the Municipal Clerk to establish the agenda.

Councilwoman Shaw then asked what has changed in the past month since she requested that the resolution be placed on the agenda.

Councilman Fortuna answered that he had spoken to a representative at Brown and Brown; and asked about the position of the proposed Co-Broker, who seemed to be unqualified. According to Councilman Fortuna, the representative at Brown and Brown stated that the Co-Broker will not be involved in negotiations or plan design; but would be on hand for enrollment meetings and the like.

Mayor Dansereau interjected that the discussion should not be a negative discourse.

Borough Attorney Karen Brown, alerted the Council that there had been no second to Councilman Bernier’s motion to untable Resolution Number 2019-040, which technically bears no discussion, according to Robert’s Rules of Order.

Councilman Fortuna seconded the motion to untable Resolution Number 2019-040.

Vote Record - Motion to Remove Resolution Number 2019-049 from the table				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Atkins		x		
Councilwoman Shaw		x		
Councilwoman Johnson		x		
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Mayor Dansereau – Tie Breaker	x			
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Motion by Councilwoman Shaw, seconded by Councilman Atkins to add a Resolution appointing Fairview Insurance Agency as Broker of Record for the Borough of Roselle to the agenda for February 20, 2019.

Discussion: Councilman Bernier asked if the Resolution to appoint Fairview was written as a resolution to appoint Fairview and Acrisure as Co-Brokers; and said that if this was the case, then the resolution would need to reflect such. Councilman Atkins noted that the resolution does not list Acrisure as co- broker

Borough Attorney, Karen Brown, stated that Acrisure is a Qualified Vendor for co-brokering services.

Vote Record - Motion to add Resolution Appointing Fairview Insurance and Acrisure as Co-Brokers for the Borough of Roselle to the agenda for February 20, 2019				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Atkins	x			
Councilwoman Shaw	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilman Bernier		x		
Councilman Fortuna		x		
Councilwoman Wilkerson		x		
Mayor Dansereau – Tie Breaker	x			
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There was no consensus to make consent agenda of any of the resolutions for consideration.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Junior Police Academy: *Fatima Y. Castillo – Martinez, Magali Castro Perez, Sebastien Fabre, Hector B. Henriquez, Joseph W. Jean, Gurleen K. Lamba, Ramanpreet K. Lamba, Fabienne Louis, Sandra M. Louis, Joshua Melvin, Daniel A. Saldana*

PROCLAMATIONS

Black History Month
 Honoring Roselle Residents for Black History Month: *James Carey, Ethelyne Grimsley, Jerry Walker*

CORRESPONDENCE / APPOINTMENTS

Direct Appointment from Mayor to Planning Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting – January 2, 2019
 Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop – January 9, 2019

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – January 9, 2019
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – January 16, 2019
Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – January 16, 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance 2588-19
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY [Public Hearing February 20, 2019]

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance 2589-19
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, SECTION 30-4 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED "STAFFING LEVELS" [Public Hearing February 20, 2019]

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING – Ordinance 2590-19
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 [Public Hearing March 20, 2019 Pending Approval]

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING – Ordinance 2591-19
ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AMENDMENT TO CENTRAL ROSELLE REVITALIZATION PLAN [Public Hearing March 20, 2019 Pending Approval]

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on Pending resolutions only)

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor

1. Mayor's Appointment of _____ as Borough Administrator for the Borough of Roselle With the Consent of Council [To be provided]

Borough Administrator

2. Resolution of the Borough Of Roselle Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement for Block 3401, Lot 2, and Management Agreement for Block 3401, Lots 1 and 2, for the Arminio Field Project
3. Resolution to Award a Contract to Acacia as Financial Advisors for the Borough Not to Exceed \$7,500
4. Resolution to Award a Contract to NW Financial Group, LLC as Financial Advisors for Redevelopment Not to Exceed \$2,500

Engineering

5. Release of Performance Guarantee for Aldi, Inc. – Store No. 66

Finance

6. Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Funds

Municipal Court

7. Appointing a Part Time Temporary POAA Funded Employees in the Municipal Court at the Rate of \$18.00 Per Hour

Police Department

8. Acceptance of the Retirement of Police Lieutenant Thomas Nugent
9. Acceptance of the Resignation of Police Officer Beatrice Loiseau

Tax

10. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 18-00019, Block 702 Lot 6, Qual. –C-5 in the Amount of \$18,783.28
11. Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate 17000003, Block 502, Lot 7, Qual. in the Amount of \$32,563.42

PAYMENT OF BILLS

12. A Bill List Dated February 20, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Michelle Nowlin, Shop Steward for Crossing Guards, stated that the Crossing Guards are having issues with safety. She said that there are some areas in which there are many accidents; and she fears that someone may get killed.
2. Drew, Roselle Resident, said that he has spoken with five Council Members and has gotten nowhere. He said that he gets no protection on the corner where he crosses children; and that there was an accident there the Friday past. He gave instances of car accidents near his post and said that nothing is being done.
3. Sylvia Turnage, echoed the sentiments of the Crossing Guards. She said that she drops off at 5 schools daily; and sees the peril of the Crossing Guards; and has asked numerous times that pedestrian walkways be implemented. She exclaimed that it is so disrespectful to ignore the cries of the Crossing Guards. She remarked on the relationship between Council Members, asking if they even talk to each other. She said she didn't see why any Council Member wouldn't want to entertain the requests of others. She said the Council needs to do better.
4. Tony Delfino, Crossing Guard, said that his corner is not as bad a Drew's corner; but it could be. He detailed the conditions of working on his corner; and said that he would be blamed if anything happens to a pedestrian.
5. Georgette, Roselle Resident, commented on the issue of safety of Crossing Guards, and said that she has witnessed the trouble on Mr. Drew's corner and that she saw Mr. Delfino save a life. She then talked about the issues on her block and asked if there could be an increased police presence there.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Dansereau closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council President Wilkerson greeted the public and thanked everyone for coming out. She said that it is encouraging to see members of the public coming out to stand up for what they feel is right. She gave her condolences to the family of the student from ACHS that was killed in Newark. She addressed the concerns of the Crossing Guards. She commented on the ad-hoc committee to assess the by-laws, stating that they want to get through the budget period first, then go back to the by-laws.

Councilman Bernier said he would save most of his comments for next week; but that he does hear the lamentations of the Crossing Guards. He remarked that he would be in touch with Georgette with regard to her complaint.

Councilwoman Johnson greeted the public and thanked everyone for coming out. She committed to ensuring that something is done about the safety concerns brought up by the Crossing Guards. She wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councilwoman Shaw thanked the Crossing Guards for coming out; and stated that what she hears is that their concerns will be addressed. She said that she, too, has hopes that things will be better by the next meeting. She spoke to the issue with Insurance Brokers, saying that our Insurance Broker plays a vital role in the business of the Borough; but none of the Council Members who want to change Brokers have spoken to the current Broker. She said we have to be clear about the things we are deciding. She decided to save the rest of her comments for the following week and wished everyone a good night.

Councilman Fortuna congratulated the Police Department on a quick and efficient response to an accident earlier that day. He commented on the situation with the Crossing Guards. He brought attention to the fact that the roads and curbs are a mess because the sub-contractor is still doing work during the winter months, which is not good.

Council At-Large Atkins remarked on the safety issues with the Crossing Guards, saying that it's not ok to simply acknowledge the issue; but that something needs to be done about it. He said that the problem of changing insurance brokers is a lack of communication; and that Council Members really need to do their homework. He posited that Council Members need to be about moving the business of the Borough. He said that the Police Department is doing a really great job responding to complaints and said goodnight.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Dansereau greeted the public and said that she understands the Crossing Guards coming forward to speak out; and quipped that she used to do the same thing. She added that her dogged fighting for what she believed in was the reason she became a Councilwoman. She said that the Crossing Guards absolutely matter; and that their voices are heard. She mentioned that Councilwoman Shaw will join her in interviewing the top two candidates for the position of Borough Administrator during the upcoming week. She recognized Isiah Barr for the great work he did in leading the Borough and keeping us together in the interim. She praised his diligence and intelligence in keeping the Borough moving forward. She commended Councilwoman Johnson on the wonderful Black History bookmarks that she shared with the community. She

remarked on the relationship between Council Members and said that she does not like it when Council Members try to make each other look bad. She said that resentment, anger and greed need to be taken out of the hearts of people, so that they can make the best decisions on behalf of the people they represent.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION

At 8:15p.m Councilman Bernier, moved to go into Executive Session, in accordance with Resolution Number 2019-079. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilkerson. All were in favor, none were opposed.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-079
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Roselle Council, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussions of and action hereinafter specified as:
 - AST v. Borough of Roselle
 - Esposito v. Borough of Roselle
 - Anticipated Litigation
2. It is anticipated at this time the above stated subject matters will be made public when it is determined that the need for confidentiality no longer exists.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote Record - Resolution 2019-079				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Atkins	x			
Councilwoman Shaw	x			
Councilwoman Johnson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
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The governing body came out of Closed Executive Session at 9:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Bernier, all were in favor, none were opposed, and the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

ATTEST: Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk