

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2019**

Council President Wilkerson 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 May 08, 2019 at 6:31 P.M. The flag salute was done and the invocation was given by Councilman Atkins.

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	Excused	

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mike Coyle, Public Affairs Manager – Public Service Electric & Gas, Co. (PSE&G), talked about an upcoming project, which was presented to the Development Review Committee (DRC). He said that the main content of the project is replacement of transmission lines. He introduced Jay Cavello, who gave an overview of the timeline for the project. Mr. Covello said that the project will commence in June of 2019, with surveying of the rights of way and then the access roads will be constructed. He estimated that the project will continue through spring into summer. He informed the Council that there will be notification sent out to affected residences and there is an "800" number that will be provided for residents to call PSE&G if necessary.

They entertained and answered questions from the Governing Body.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATOR

Jack Layne, Borough Administrator, talked about the completion and submittal of the budget. He said that there was an ADP Payroll training held during the preceding week; and that there is another one scheduled. He commented on union negotiations, saying that the unions have begun meeting and that they are moving right along. He announced the upcoming Sexual Harassment Training and the Pothole Killer demo, which was covered by Channel 12 News. He remarked about the Grand Opening of Wawa, stating that it begins at 9:00am, with free coffee for all. He talked about the delay in having the Borough Hall spray washed and gave updates on various facets of the Borough's insurance policies. He said that he would be meeting with the CFO, Mr. Hasseler and the Tax Assessor, Ms. Steele regarding the PILOTS. He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilwoman Shaw asked Mr. Layne for further explanation regarding the ADP Training that was provided; and Mr. Layne provided the rationale for the training. Discussion ensued amongst the Council Members about who has access to personnel payroll records.

No Council Members proposed to set a consent agenda from the Regular Meeting agenda as follows:

SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 15, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

PROCLAMATION

Immigrant Heritage Month – June 2019

Declaring the First Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – March 20, 2019

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – March 20, 2019

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – April 10, 2019

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – April 10, 2019

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – April 17, 2019

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – April 17, 2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance 2594-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE APPROVING THE AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ROSELLE GOLF CLUB REDEVELOPMENT AREA PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET SEQ.) - [Public Hearing May 15, 2019]

Borough of Roselle

Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Workshop Meeting

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance 2596-19
AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “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 May 15, 2019]

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance 2597-19
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, SECTION 30-4 OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED "STAFFING LEVELS" [Public Hearing May 15,
2019]

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING – Ordinance 2598-19
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 – (Patricia E. Wilson) - [Public Hearing June 19, 2019
Pending Approval]

PUBLIC COMMENTS (on Pending resolutions only)

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Dansereau

1. Resolution Urging the Legislature to Increase the Property Tax Deduction for Senior Citizens and Veterans

Borough Administrator

2. Resolution Appointing 5 Part-Time Laborers in the Department of Public Works at the Salary of \$13.00 Per Hour
3. Resolution Designating Authorized Signers for Bank Accounts of the Borough of Roselle
4. Resolution Promoting Walter Wimbush to the Position of Code Enforcement Officer
5. Resolution Authorizing Professional Financial Services Specific for the Analysis of the Borough Sanitary Sewer System Not To Exceed \$20,000.00

Engineering

6. Resolution Authorizing Professional Engineering Design Services in Connection With the Fiscal Year 2019 Various Roadway Improvements Funded by the Municipality Within the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey

Finance

7. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of an Emergent Temporary Budget for the Year 2019

Grant Writer

8. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs 2019 Neighborhood Preservation Program

9. Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Roselle to Assist the Roselle Public Library With the Preparation and Filing of the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act Grant Application

Police Department

10. Approving the Participation in the United States Department of Defense 1033 Program and Approving the Acquisition of Surplus Military Equipment
11. Resolution Appointing Carol Martin as a Public Safety Telecommunicator in the Police Department at the Salary of \$43,684.00 Effective June 3, 2019

Tax Collector

12. Authorize Tax Title Lien Redemptions
13. Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayments

PAYMENT OF BILLS

14. A Bill List Dated May 15, 2019 [To be provided]

Council President Wilkerson asked if there were any questions regarding the ordinances on the agenda for consideration next week.

Acting Municipal Clerk, Lydia Massey, reported that she was still awaiting confirmation from the Chief of Police for Ordinance Number 2598-19, and that upon receipt of the proper paperwork, it would be forwarded to the Governing Body. She said that she expected to have it the next day.

Councilwoman Johnson asked for explanation on the Resolution to increase the amount of the Senior Citizen tax deduction and Veterans Tax Deduction.

Chief Financial Officer, Anders Hasseler gave the amount of the proposed increase; and Council President Wilkerson added that the sentiment behind it stems out of the fact that the amount of the Senior and Veterans deduction has been the same for so long, despite increases in the cost of living.

Councilman Bernier asked if the individuals to be hired by the resolution appointing part-time laborers in the Department of Public Works are all Roselle Residents.

Borough Administrator, Jack Layne, said that it was his understanding that all those to be employed by the resolution are, in fact, Roselle Residents.

Council President Wilkerson then declared the meeting open for Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Anthony Esposito, 414 E. 3rd Avenue, read an article from Politifax regarding a settlement. He said that the article does not state anything about the lawsuit or how it was awarded. He

said that he would be submitting OPRA Requests for the documentation related to the settlement.

Borough Attorney, Karen Brown, stated that there was no lawsuit filed; but rather a Tort Claim that was handled by the Joint Insurance Fund. She said that there was never any public discussion on the matter.

2. Fran Bernier, 430 East 6th Avenue, said that the ability to OPRA Records should not be a political thing. She commented that the demeanor of some Council Members is ridiculous.

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

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council President Wilkerson thanked everyone for coming out, and stated that being a part of the process is what it's all about. She posited that the Workshop Meetings are

Councilman Bernier had no comments.

Councilwoman Johnson said that the CFO should follow the dollars and said Happy Mother's Day to all.

Councilwoman Kim Shaw had no comments.

Councilman Fortuna commented that Councilwoman Johnson, Council President Wilkerson and himself, were edited out of the media clip.

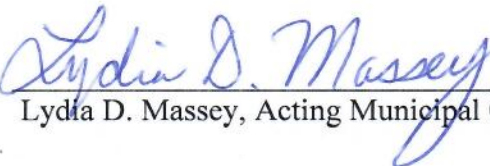
Councilman Atkins said that he was anxious to see the Pothole Killer segment as well, and that he hopes that all of the Council members will be invited next time.

Borough Attorney, Karen Brown spoke to the order of the agenda, and asked that the Council consider having both Public Comment Portions of the Regular Meeting prior to the vote on resolutions.

The consensus of the Council was to have both Public Comment portions prior to the vote on resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, with all in favor and none opposed, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:17 p.m.


Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk