

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 30, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Acting Mayor Wilkerson called the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, Mayor and Council Special meeting of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, held via Zoom to order on July 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The flag salute was done, and Acting Mayor Wilkerson gave the invocation.

Acting Municipal Clerk, Lydia Massey then read the below Statement of Compliance into Record:

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 emailing Notice to the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger Newspaper, by posting on the Borough Hall Bulletin Board and the Borough of Roselle website, and by filing said notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Brandon Bernier	Councilman	P	
Cindy Thomas	Councilwoman	P	
John Fortuna	Councilman	P	
Isabel Sousa	Councilwoman	P	
Cynthia Johnson	Councilwoman	P	
Denise Wilkerson	Acting Mayor	P	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jack Layne, Borough Administrator; Mohamed Jalloh, Borough Attorney; Everett Falt, Assistant Borough Administrator; Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk

Acting Mayor Wilkerson opened up the public comment portion of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Sylvia Turnage commented on the agenda and questioned why there were appointments, and said the meeting was supposed to be to fill the vacancy of the Mayor. She said the same thing was done by a prior Mayor, and they had an issue with it because the mayor was temporary. She also asked why the vacancies could not be filled at a regular council meeting.

2. Tracy Ann Holsten spoke about parking situation on the 700 block Galvin Avenue, and said that when people visit Warinanco Park they park their cars on Galvin Avenue and block driveways, play loud music, etc., and she said that other areas have something to prevent this from happening.
3. Jashua Price commented that he was riced and in attendance of the meeting.

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

Acting Mayor Wilkerson addressed Tracy Holsten concerns about parking issues and said that other residents have rallied to have something done about parking issues and that she is happy to help get it going, and she and Councilwoman Sousa will try to get it resolved.

Acting Mayor Wilkerson addressed Ms. Turnage comments about the Special Meeting agenda, and stated that the governing body has the right to conduct Borough business at any meeting; and that the meeting was properly noticed with all the agenda items to be considered.

A motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Sousa to adopt Resolution Number 2020-213 and go into Closed Executive Session.

### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-213**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting 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:
  - Union Contract Negotiations
  - Personnel Matters
  - To Interview the Candidates Presented for the Office of Mayor
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.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Special meeting of said Council held July 30, 2020.

<b>Vote Record – Resolution 2020-213</b>				
	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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The Mayor and Council came out of the Closed Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

**DIRECT APPOINTMENT FROM MAYOR TO BOARDS**

Acting Mayor Wilkerson asked Acting Clerk Massey to read the direct appointments into the record. Following this Ms. Massey read the below two appointment letters into the record.

July 30, 2020

Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk  
 Borough of Roselle  
 210 Chestnut Street  
 Roselle, NJ 07203

Dear Ms. Massey:

I hereby appoint the following:

Mayor’s Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Member  
 Term of Appointment: 1/1/20 to 12/31/22 (3 years)  
 Debbi Anderson, Borough of Roselle

Mayor’s Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Member  
 Term of Appointment: 1/1/20 to 12/31/22 (3 years)  
 Nancy Bolden, Borough of Roselle

Mayor's Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Member  
Term of Appointment: 1/1/20 to 12/31/22 (3 years)  
Geraldine Brown, Borough of Roselle

Mayor's Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Member  
Term of Appointment: 1/1/20 to 12/31/22 (3 years)  
Burie Haynes, Borough of Roselle

Mayor's Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Member  
Term of Appointment: 1/1/20 to 12/31/22 (3 years)  
Coretha Pengal, Borough of Roselle

Mayor's Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Member  
Term of Appointment: 1/1/20 to 12/31/22 (3 years)  
Gladys Simmons, Borough of Roselle

Mayor's Senior Citizen Advisory Board - Member  
Term of Appointment: 1/1/20 to 12/31/22 (3 years)  
Rev. Joanne Williams, Borough of Roselle

Sincerely,  
Denise Wilkerson, Acting Mayor  
Borough of Roselle

July 30, 2020

Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk  
Borough of Roselle  
210 Chestnut Street  
Roselle, NJ 07203

Dear Ms. Massey:

I hereby appoint the following:  
Planning Board – Alternate 2  
Term of Appointment: 1/1/20 to 12/31/20 (1 year)  
David Goyco, Borough of Roselle

Sincerely,

Denise Wilkerson, Acting Mayor  
Borough of Roselle

Borough of Roselle  
Minutes of the July 30, 2020 Closed Executive Session – Special Meeting

Following this Acting Mayor Wilkerson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-214 to go into Closed Executive Session.

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas to adopt Resolution Numbers 2020-214, 2020-215, 2020-216, 2020-217, 2020-218, and 2020-219.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-214**

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH WITH THE CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has deemed it necessary and in the best interest of the Borough of Roselle to appoint members to the Health Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has nominated individuals for appointment as members to the Board of Health for a three-year term effective July 30, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following Roselle residents are hereby appointed to the Borough of Roselle Health Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member Type/Term Duration</u>	<u>Term</u>
Dr. Lori Colyer-Aversa, M.D.	Member / 3 years	Ends 2022
Dr. Yvan Ducheine	Member / 3 years (Filling the unexpired term of Nancy Beausil)	Ends 2020

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and all newly appointed members will receive a copy of this resolution.

I, Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Special meeting of said Council held July 30 30, 2020.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-215**

**MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENT WITH THE CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, this Council has previously established the Roselle Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 and Section 650-80 of the Borough Code, Zoning Board members are appointed by the Mayor with the consent of Council for a four-year term effective July 30, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the consent of Council is granted for the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment who are Roselle residents:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Member Type/Term Duration</u>	<u>Term</u>
Kerry Napoleon	Member / 4 years (Filling the unexpired term of Richard Buska)	Ends 2022
Susie Horton	Alternate / 1-year (Filling the unexpired term of Kerry Napoleon)	Ends 2020

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and all newly appointed members will receive a copy of this resolution.

I, Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey as a Special meeting of said Council held July 30, 2020.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-216**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A PART-TIME SECRETARY IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SAMHSA DRUG FREE  
COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANT AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded the Borough of Roselle grant funding in the amount of \$625,000 for its Drug Free Communities Support Program more specifically identified as Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant program is providing the Borough of Roselle with \$125,000 per year for five (5) years for programs that will reduce substance abuse and establish coalitions between public and non-profit entities, as well as federal, state, county and municipal governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Roselle has completed the third successful year of its grant term and through the diligent efforts of its Everett Hatcher Drug Prevention Coalition Director Hellen Quesada, the Everett Hatcher Drug Prevention Coalition has expanded its drug free community program scope of services, community involvement, outreach and participation; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of its expanded drug free community program scope of services, community involvement, outreach and participation, the Coalition Coordinator is now in need of part-time secretarial assistance and support; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Borough of Roselle and the Everett Hatcher Drug Prevention Coalition to hire a Secretary on a part-time basis to assist with the operational and programmatic activities of its Drug Free Communities Support Program and to compensate the part-time Secretary with a salary at the rate of \$5,000 dollars per year, without benefits, and the funding for this position is provided for in the grant award; and

**WHEREAS**, all work to be performed by the part-time Secretary shall only be on weekends, holidays and after 4:30 PM on weekdays so that it will not in any way interfere with her municipal employment, duties and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, a part-time Secretary for the Drug Free Communities Program may not be hired without the approval of the Borough Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, THAT:**

1. The Borough Council of Roselle hereby authorizes the hiring of Stephania Monnay to be the part-time Secretary for the Everett Hatcher Drug Prevention Coalition in accordance with the terms of the grant award and to compensate her for the extra duties she will perform with a salary at the rate of \$5,000 dollars per year, for the term of the grant, effective August 1, 2020.
2. The work to be performed by the part-time Secretary shall only be on weekends, holidays and after 4:30 PM on weekdays.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Special meeting held of said Council held July 30, 2020.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-217**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14.17.38)  
UNDER WHICH A PUBLIC EMPLOYER MAY AGREE TO PAY FOR THE SHBP AND/OR  
SEHBP COVERAGE OF CERTAIN RETIREES**

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Borough of Roselle 0965-00  
Corporate Name of Employer SHBP/SHEBP Employer Location Number

hereby elects to adopt the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.38 and adhere to the rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission and School Employees' Health Benefits Commission to implement the provisions of that law.

2. This resolution affects employees as shown on the attached *Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum*. It is effective on the 1st day of November, 2020.  
*Month* *Year*
3. We are aware that adoption of this resolution does not free us of the obligation to pay for post-retirement medical benefits of retirees or employees who qualified for those payments under any *Chapter 88 Resolution* or *Chapter 48 Resolution* adopted previously by this governing body.
4. We agree that this resolution will remain in effect until properly amended or revoked with the SHBP and/or SEHBP. We recognize that while we participate with the SHBP and/or SEHBP, we are responsible for providing the payment for post-retirement medical coverage as listed in the attached *Chapter 48 Resolution Addendum* for all employees who qualify for this coverage while this resolution is in force.
5. We understand that we are required to provide the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) complete copies of all contracts, ordinances, and resolutions that detail post-retirement medical payment obligations we undertake. We also recognize that we may be required to provide the NJDPB with information needed to carry out the terms of this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the:

Borough of Roselle 7 / 30 / 20  
*Corporate Name of Employer* *mm dd yyyy*

210 Chestnut Street Roselle NJ 07203  
*Street Address* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

(908) 245-5600  
*Area Code* *Telephone Number*

Everett Falt Assistant Borough Administrator  
*Signature* *Official Title*

248 226002272  
*Number of Employees* *Employer's State Employer Identification Number (EIN)*



**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-218**  
**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION UNDER THE SHBP AND/OR SEHBP**

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Borough of Roselle 0965-00  
Corporate Name of Employer SHBP/SHEBP Employer Location  
Number

hereby elects to participate in the Health Program provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Act of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.26 and N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.46.2) and to authorize coverage for all the employees and their dependents thereunder in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

2. a.  We elect to participate in the Employee Prescription Drug Plan defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

b. o We will be maintaining \_\_\_\_\_ as our Prescription Drug Plan.<sup>1</sup> This plan is

*Name of Plan*

comparable in design to the State Employee Prescription Drug Plan.

c. o We will not have a stand-alone prescription drug plan and understand that prescription drug coverage will be provided based on the medical plan chosen by the subscriber.

3. a. We elect to participate in the Employee Dental Plans defined by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq. and authorize coverage for all employees and their dependents in accordance with the statute and regulations adopted by the State Health Benefits Commission and/or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.

b. x We will be maintaining Delta Dental/Eastern Dental \_\_\_\_\_ as our dental plan.<sup>1</sup>

*Name of Plan*

c. o We will not have a dental plan.

4. We elect 35<sup>2</sup> hours per week (average) as the minimum requirement for full-time status in

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<sup>1</sup> If not electing prescription drug coverage and/or dental plan participation through the SHBP or SEHBP, attach copies of the current prescription drug and dental plan contracts.

accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:9-4.6.

5. As a participating employer we will remit to the State Treasury all charges due on account of employee and dependent coverage and periodic charges in accordance with the requirements of the statute and the rules and regulations duly promulgated thereunder.

6. We hereby appoint Evertt Falt/ Asst. Borough Administrator to act as Certifying Officer in the administration of this program. *Name/Title*

**Note:** An individual is permitted coverage as an employee, retiree, or dependent. Multiple coverage under the SHBP or SEHBP is prohibited.

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7. This resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage shall be effective as of 07 / 30 / 2020 or as *mm dd yyyy*

soon thereafter as it may be effectuated pursuant to the statutes and regulations (can be no less than 75 or 90 days pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:9-1.4).

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the:

Borough of Roselle 7 / 30 / 20  
Corporate Name of Employer *mm dd yyyy*

210 Chestnut Street Roselle NJ 07203  
Street Address City State Zip Code

908 245-5600  
Area Code Telephone Number

Everett Falt Assistant Borough Administrator  
Signature Official Title

248 226002272  
Number of Employees Employer's State Employer Identification Number (EIN)

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<sup>2</sup> May not be less than 25 hours per week for employees, or 35 hours per week for elected or appointed officials.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-219**  
**RESOLUTION HIRING SEASONAL TEMPORARY LABORERS IN THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 11A:4-13(c) and NJAC 4A:4-1.7, allow for the appointment of seasonal temporary employees in the Borough and there is a need in the Borough of Roselle for seasonal temporary Laborers in the Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, the Appointing Authority of the Borough of Roselle has agreed to hire seasonal temporary workers in the Department of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, the individuals listed herein have been deemed qualified for seasonal temporary employment as Laborers in the Department of Public Works; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle that Roselle Residents Jashua Price, Bashir Clay, Robert Scott, Marc Lando, Tomorry Jernigan, Marc Angervil, and Gregory Hyacinthe are hereby appointed to the position of Seasonal Temporary Laborer in the Department of Public Works in the Borough of Roselle, effective July 31, 2020, not to exceed three (3) months, at the salary of \$13.00 per hour, from account 0-01-26-291-000-111.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the hiring of the enumerated seasonal temporary laborers is subject to the satisfactory completion of a criminal background check, the initial cost of which is to be borne by the prospective part-time employee and will be reimbursed by the Borough so long as the check is satisfactory and employment is continued.

I, Lydia Massey, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a Special meeting of said Council held July 30, 2020.

<b>Vote Record – Resolution 2020-214, 2020-215, 2020-216, 2020-217, 2020-218, 2020-219</b>				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x	2020-214 & 2020-216		
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Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Fortuna to amend Resolution Number 2020-220 to replace the blank in the Resolution with the name of Reginald Atkins.

Acting Mayor Wilkerson asked if any one had discussion, and no one replied.

<b>Vote Record – Add the name Reginald Atkins to the Resolution 2020-220</b>				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson		x		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Adopted</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn				

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas to adopt Resolution Number 2020-220 as amended.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-220**

**RESOLUTION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND TO APPOINT REGINALD W. ATKINS AS MAYOR**

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2020, Christine Dansereau (“Dansereau”) resigned her position as Mayor of the Borough of Roselle; and

**WHEREAS**, the resignation of Mayor Dansereau created a vacancy in the office of Mayor of the Borough of Roselle (hereinafter referred to as the “Vacancy”); and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the office of Mayor previously held by Dansereau expires, as a matter of law, on December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Roselle is a municipality which holds general elections for the offices of the Mayor and members of the Borough Council; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5(b) provides, in pertinent part, that if a vacancy occurs in prior to September 1 of the next to the last year of the term, the vacancy shall be filled for its unexpired term at the next general election to be held not less than 60 days after the occurrence

of the vacancy and the vacancy may be filled for its unexpired term by appointment by the governing body; and

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11** further provides that when there is an appointment to fill a vacancy where the incumbent was a nominee of a political party, the municipal committee of the political party of which the incumbent was the nominee shall, no later than 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, present to the governing body the names of three nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 9, 2020, the Chairman of the Roselle Democratic Committee (“RDC”) submitted a list of three nominees for the Office of Mayor; and

**WHEREAS,** the RDC submitted the names of Donald Shaw, Reginald Atkins and Cynthia Atkins as qualified individuals to serve as Mayor; and

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11** further provides that the Governing Body shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, appoint one of the nominees as the successor to fill the vacancy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, the Borough Council hereby appoints Reginald W. Atkins to fill the vacancy in the office of Mayor for the unexpired term of Dansereau.

I, Lydia D. Massey, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Special meeting of said Council held July 30, 2020.

<b>Vote Record – Add the name Reginald Atkins to the Resolution 2020-220</b>				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson		x		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Adopted</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn				

Following this, Acting Clerk Massey administered the oath of office to Mayor Reginald Atkins.

Council President Wilkerson then stated that it was privilege to serve as Acting Mayor and turned over the meeting to newly appointed Mayor Reginald Atkins to finish the meeting out.

### COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilwoman Sousa expressed her continued condolences to Councilwoman Johnson on a tremendous loss. She congratulated everyone who was appointed, and encouraged everyone to stay safe, well, and blessed and to feel free to reach out to her.

Councilman Bernier congratulated Mayor Atkins on his appointment and said he looks forward to working with him to continue to move the Borough forward together. He spoke to the switch on the employee health benefits to the state health benefits plan which could potentially save the Borough upwards of \$1 Million dollar in health care costs annually.

Councilwoman Johnson congratulated Richard Villeda on being elected as the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Councilman. She also commented that a hard copy of the meeting packet was dropped off to her late on the day of the meeting and was the reason she didn't support two of the resolutions; she also said she had concerns about the Health Board appointments and questioned why the Mayor's appointments could not wait for the duly elected Mayor. She congratulated Mayor Atkins and said she looks forward to working with him. She also thanked the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward residents for putting their trust in her.

Councilwoman Thomas congratulated Mayor Atkins and said looks forward to working with him; she thanked Council President Wilkerson for serving as Acting Mayor, and looks forward to her continuing as Council At-Large; she said she hopes they will be able to come together on Council and keep things moving forward.

Councilman Fortuna congratulated Mayor Atkins on his appointment and said there are great things going on in Roselle and he looks forward to working with him and Council to keep things going in the right direction. He said commented on the DPW hires and said eight seasonal workers left over the past weeks and there was a manpower shortage which resulted in DPW delays; addressing at the meeting enables the taxpayer to get the services they need.

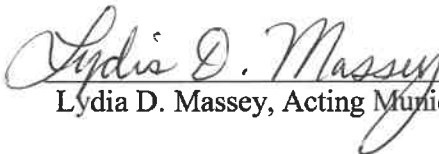
Council President Wilkerson expressed her condolences to Councilwoman Johnson and said everyone is with her during this period as one family and one community. She congratulated Mayor Atkins on his appointment and said it is a chance to represent the Borough well; she talked about good decorum and trusts the Mayor will do that. She talked about her experience as the Acting Mayor and said it was a blast spending time with the Borough employees; she said the staff was amazing and did an outstanding job, and spoke to how much was done in 30 days; she talked about the new systems in place and how departments were open and working hard in alternative ways to engage with the public during the pandemic, and she thanked the public for their patience. She commented that she saw both sides of the fence during her 30 days, was proud to be a part of the Borough and to have been of service to it; she looks forward to working with the new Mayor to get things done and thanked everyone for their support.

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Atkins thanked the Council for their vote of confidence and said he appreciated it, and he thanked Donald Shaw and Cynthia Atkins who also were considered for the appointment. He remarked that Roselle is at a pivotal point and his goal is to bring everything together, and said it can't be done by just one person. He said he looks forward to all the programs that are being put in place with Recreation and across the board. He expressed his condolences to Councilwoman Cynthia Johnson and said he is praying for her through this devastating time on the loss of her son. He said that he looks forward to meeting with the staff and will be a source of support while pushing things in other areas to make sure things get done. He said he heard the concerns from the community and will make sure every concern is addressed to move things forward. He said his focus will be on service, delivery and execution, and that they are elected to make people feel comfortable. He thanked everyone for their support and reiterated that he looks forward to working with everyone and moving things forward.

## ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Council President Wilkerson, seconded by Councilman Fortuna, all were in favor and none opposed, the meeting was duly adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk