

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2020**

Mayor Shaw called the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, Mayor and Council Regular meeting of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey to order on December 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The flag salute was done, and the invocation was given by Mayor Shaw.

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 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 2020 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
Denise Wilkerson	Councilwoman	P	
Brandon Bernier	Councilman	P	
Cindy Thomas	Councilwoman	P	
Isabel Sousa	Councilwoman	P	
John Fortuna	Councilman	P	
Cynthia Johnson	Councilwoman	P	
Donald Shaw	Mayor	P	

ALSO PRESENT:

Everett Falt, Assistant Borough Administrator; Mohamed Jalloh, Borough Attorney; Anders Hasseler, CFO; Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk

PROCLAMATIONS

In Memory of Dorothy A. King proclamation was read into the record by Acting Clerk Lydia Massey

In Memory of John Flowers proclamation was read into the record by Mayor Shaw

In Memory of Laila Danielle Gethers was read into the record by Council President Wilkerson

In Memory of Beulah McClinton Woody proclamation was read into the record by Councilwoman Johnson
 Councilwoman Sousa was presented a plaque from the Mayor and Council and Councilwoman Johnson read what was written on the plaque into the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Motion by Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Council President Wilkerson to approve the minutes of meetings.

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Workshop Meeting – November 4, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – November 4, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular Meeting – November 10, 2020

Minutes of the Mayor and Council Closed Executive Session – November 10, 2020

Vote Record – Approval of Minutes				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Councilman Bernier discussed finances and spoke to the two ordinances on the agenda, one that will increase fees for certain departments and the other increasing the towing fees for the police department; he remarked that all fees are no in lieu with other municipalities; he also reported that finance met with department heads in November to discuss their budget and capital requests for 2021; he spoke to the library project, a recent tax sale, the fixed asset ledger, and the Cares Act reimbursements for everything the Borough spent in reference to COVID since July of 2020; he then reported that the Planning Board will meet in January to discuss a project on Drake and 1st Avenue and that they will also hold their annual reorganization meeting.
2. Councilwoman Thomas reported on Recreation and thanked the department for the tree lighting ceremony that took place on December 7th. She also announced that the tree lighting was reduced a message from Santa and the governing body due to the pandemic

and the safety of the residents and can be found on the Borough of Roselle's website and on Facebook live streamed.

3. Councilman Fortuna reported on behalf of DPW and commented on the snow storm cleanup efforts by the DPW staff and that preparation for it was discussed with DPW, Mayor Shaw, Police Chief Barnes, and the Assistant Borough Administrator; he also reported on potholes in town and how they are being patched and the plan to address them after the winter storm.
4. Councilwoman Johnson reported on Public Safety and gave the following remarks: the police department is anticipating hiring more police officers once they are finished with the academy and background checks and the governing body may see the candidates for hire on the January or February meeting agenda. She also reported that she spoke with Fire Chief Pearson and discussed the fire department equipment as there is still a need to get more equipment and transport vehicles in 2021.
5. Council President Wilkerson spoke to redevelopment, the master plan and the North Chestnut Street Redevelopment plan; she reported that a resolution regarding redevelopment will be reviewed again and that the plans for a project on 1st Avenue is being further defined and will be brought to the governing body; she reported that Governance looked at the year 2020 and is looking for improvements in 2021; she reported that there were 220 positive COVID cases in for the month of December in Roselle, and the total since March 2020 is 1,517. She reported that the Borough is continuing to build up their PPE in line with the Cares Act funding, and she urged the public to wear masks and continue to social distance.

INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2634-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 “FEES FOR BOROUGH SERVICES,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE TO UPDATE VARIOUS FEES

WHEREAS, Title 54 of the New Jersey Revised Statutes authorizes municipalities to charge certain fees for various services provided by the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle currently charges fees for other Borough services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to review and update said fees on a regular basis.

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

Section 1. Amendment of Article IX

Chapter 55 “Fees for Borough Services,” Article IX “Tax Collector’s Office” of the Code of the Borough of Roselle is hereby amended by adding the following sections. Chapter 55 “Fees for Borough Services” shall be further amended by renumbering all subsequent sections to consecutively follow the new sections.

§ 55-20 Duplicate tax bill.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-64(d), the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge the following fees for the preparation of duplicate tax bills:

A. \$5 for the first duplicate copy.

B. \$25 for each subsequent duplicate copy requested in the same fiscal year.

§ 55-21 Tax search certificate.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-14, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge a fee of \$10 for each official municipal tax search certificate issued. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-15, the Tax Collector is further authorized to charge a fee of \$2 per calendar year for the continuation of an official municipal tax search.

§ 55-22 Duplicate tax sale certificate.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-52.1, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge a fee of \$100 for the preparation of a duplicate tax sale certificate. This fee shall be collected upon the receipt of a written request for a duplicate certificate from the legal lienholder or their representative and must be approved by the Mayor and Council, by resolution, before a duplicate certificate can be created.

§ 55-23 Certificate of redemption.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-97.1, the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge a fee of \$35 to prepare and execute a certificate of redemption of tax sale. This fee shall be collected upon the receipt of a written request from the property owner or their authorized agent.

§ 55-24 Mailing of tax sale notices in lieu of advertising.

The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to send, by regular mail, two notices in lieu of any two tax sale publications to the property owner of record and to any person or entity entitled to notice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-104.48 for a fee of \$25 per notice. The total cost to be charged and collected shall not exceed \$50 per property tax sale.

Section 2. Amendment of Article X

Chapter 55 “Fees for Borough Services,” Article X “Fees for Usage of Certain Borough Facilities; Regulations” of the Code of the Borough of Roselle is hereby amended as follows:

I. In Subsection A(1), regarding the community center rental fee, replace \$200 with \$300 and replace \$50 with \$100.

II. In Subsection E(4), regarding the refundable security deposit, replace \$50 with \$150.

Section 3. Amendment of Article XI

Chapter 55 “Fees for Borough Services” is hereby amended by replacing Article XI “Summer Program Fees/Summer Event Fees” of the Code of the Borough of Roselle in its entirety with the following:

Article XI Fees for Recreation Programs/Events

§ 55-26 Summer camp.

There shall be hereby fixed and established fees chargeable to participants by the Borough for summer camp as stated below:

A. Roselle resident:

1 child	\$360 for summer (\$60 per week)
2 children	\$330 for summer (\$55 per week) per child
3 or more children	\$300 for summer (\$50 per week) per child

B. Nonresident: \$750 (\$125 per week)

C. Fees for those attending less than the full season will be prorated on a weekly basis.

D. All campers must be picked up promptly at or before 5:30pm. Any camper that is not picked up by a designated parent or guardian by 5:30pm each day during the six-week program will be taken to a site as designated by the Director of Recreation or their designee, be picked up from there, and the following fees will be imposed:

- (1) \$5 for pickup between 5:30pm – 5:45pm
- (2) \$10 for pickup between 5:46pm – 6:00pm
- (3) \$15 for pickup after 6:00pm

§ 55-27 Vendor registration fees.

There shall be hereby fixed and established the following fees and regulations for any vendor seeking to register for space at a Borough-sponsored event as stated below:

A. All standard Borough-sponsored events:

- (1) Non-food vendor: \$100
- (2) Food/beverage vendor: \$150

B. Summer Music Festival:

- (1) Non-food vendor: \$250
- (2) Food/beverage vendor: \$500

C. Refunds will only be issued if the original event date(s) are cancelled by the Borough.

D. The above fees may be waived for any verified non-profit organization seeking space solely to distribute literature or information.

E. Each vendor seeking space under this section shall be required to certify their understanding and acceptance that in consideration of the aforementioned fees, they shall be permitted to exhibit articles for sale, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The vendor agrees to release the sponsors and the Borough of Roselle from any loss or damage, personal, bodily or property, as a result of any cause, including but not limited to fire, theft, or breakage during the duration of the event as well as while moving into or out of the event space.
- (2) The vendor shall be responsible for cleanup of their space immediately following the event, including all paper and boxes.
- (3) The Borough of Roselle reserves the right to allocate space assignments at its own unfettered discretion. In addition, the Borough reserves the right to make changes due to unforeseen circumstances or in the interest of public safety.
- (4) The Roselle Police Department has forbidden the sale of smoke bombs, firecrackers, items of a hazardous nature, and illegal items. Products of this type will be confiscated. Merchandise to be sold must comply with the law as interpreted by the event sponsor.
- (5) Items for sale must be handmade crafts, new merchandise, and fresh food/beverage only. No used products will be allowed for sale and the Borough of Roselle reserves the right to exclude vendors not in compliance with this guideline.
- (6) Advance approval of all food/beverage sales is a mandatory requirement of the Borough Health Department. The New Jersey Uniform Fire Code section N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a)3.v. will be enforced by the Roselle Fire Department. Inspection and permits must be issued to food vendors using flame producing devices before the start of the event.

(7) The vendor agrees and acknowledges that all advertising and promotion of their product is their own responsibility. The Borough of Roselle assumes no responsibility or liability for advertising related to any vendor's specific product.

F. Any vendor that fails to comply with subsection **D(2)** above may be charged an additional cleanup fee of \$50.

G. Any vendor that fails to comply with any of the provisions of subsection **D** above may be prohibited from future inclusion at subsequent Borough-sponsored events.

Section 4. Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately or as prescribed by law.

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2634-20 by title and then opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

1. Archange Antoine asked for clarity on the dollar amounts associated with the changes, and Councilman Bernier gave a detailed description of the ordinance and the changes in the fees.

Seeing no one else coming forward, Mayor Shaw closed the public hearing of the ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to adopt Ordinance Number 2634-20.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2634-20 – Second Reading & Final Passage				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2635-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 514 “TOWING,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE TO UPDATE FEES AND AUTHORIZED TOWING RATES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle requires towing operators to apply and be licensed to operate within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle Police Department has conducted a review of the current fees and maximum authorized towing rates, which have not been updated since at least 1997, and the Police Chief has made recommendations for revision; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to review and update said fees on a regular basis.

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

Section 1. Amendment of § 514-5 License fees.

Chapter 514 “Towing,” Section 5 “License fees” of the Code of the Borough of Roselle is hereby amended as follows:

III. In Subsection A(1), regarding the application fee, replace \$100 with \$250.

IV. In Subsection A(2), regarding the license fee, replace \$375 with \$500.

Section 2. Amendment of § 514-11 Rates.

Chapter 514 “Towing,” Section 11 “Rates” of the Code of the Borough of Roselle is hereby amended as follows:

I. In Subsection A(1), regarding the inside storage rate, replace \$20 with \$50.

II. In Subsection A(1), remove “the outside storage charges are to apply.” and replace it with “there shall be no cost to the Borough of Roselle or the registered owner pursuant to § 514-4D(23). After the Police Department concludes its investigation and notifies both the registered owner and the tow yard, charges may begin to accumulate the next day. After said notification, the tow yard may move the vehicle from inside to outside storage at no cost to the Borough of Roselle or the registered owner.”

III. Replace Subsection A(2), regarding the outside secured storage rate, in its entirety with “Outside secured storage: \$30.”

IV. Replace Subsection A(3), regarding the outside unsecured storage rate, in its entirety with “Outside unsecured storage: \$20.”

V. In Subsection C(1), regarding the daytime towing rate, replace \$40 with \$75.

VI. In Subsection C(2), regarding the nighttime towing rate, replace \$50 with \$75.

VII. In Subsection C(3), regarding the holiday towing rate, replace \$50 with \$75.

VIII. In Subsection C(4), regarding the dolly towing rate, replace \$25 with \$50.

IX. In Subsection C(6), regarding the winching rate, replace \$15 with “\$75 up to 50 feet, \$2.50 per foot thereafter.”

X. Add Subsection C(8) as follows: Motorcycles/Street Bikes/Quads: \$175.

XI. Add Subsection C(9) as follows: Rollover: \$150.

XII. Add Subsection C(10) as follows: Additional services: \$50 each. Additional services include lockouts; snatch blocks; yard tows; and the application, collection, and disposal of products necessary for fuel, oil, and antifreeze spills. Non-fluid debris is

to be collected by the towing operator both on and off the roadway at no additional charge.

- XIII. Add Subsection **C(11)** as follows: Towing operators are prohibited from charging the registered owner for towing the vehicle from one storage facility to another storage facility controlled by said operator.
- XIV. At the end of Subsection **D**, add the following: All towers shall also ensure that each storage yard has a current and complete rate schedule posted in their facility in a clear and unobstructed manner. All rates listed in this section are to be included in said rate schedule, and only those rates expressly authorized by this section are to be charged to a vehicle owner. No other fees or charges are permitted.

Section 3. Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately or as prescribed by law.

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2635-20 by title and then opened up the public hearing.

1. Archange Antoine asked for an explanation of the ordinance and CFO Hasseler spoke to the ordinance as well as Councilman Bernier who gave a detailed explanation of the increase in fees.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Shaw closed the public hearing,

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Council President Wilkerson to adopt Ordinance Number 2635-20.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2635-20 – Second Reading & Final Passage				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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PUBLIC COMMENTS (on Pending resolutions only)

Mayor Shaw opened up the public comment on resolutions only. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Shaw closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Shaw asked for a motion to move the consent agenda as presented and written.

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilman Fortuna to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented and written.

Vote Record – To Adopt the Consent Agenda				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-341

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE 2020 PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUNDED IN PART BY THE 2018 AND 2019 UNION COUNTY KIDS TRUST RECREATION GRANTS AND BY THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, bids were received on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. for the above-referenced project; and

WHEREAS, there were seven (7) of bids received with the low bidder for the project being Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, 1316 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 with a Base Bid amount of \$147,820.00, Alternate A Bid amount of \$22,660.00 and Alternate B Bid amount of \$2,520.00 for a Total Bid amount of \$173,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Inc. and other appropriate Borough Officials have reviewed the bids and recommend award of contract for this project, to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose capital budget and/or grant appropriations; specifically within bond ordinance number 2627-20 for said construction services; and

WHEREAS, this Project is funded by the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, this project is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public in the Borough of Roselle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the above-referenced construction project is awarded to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC, 1316 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 with a Total Bid amount of **\$173,000.00**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 forgoing is 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 regular meeting of said Council held on December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-342

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2020 PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUNDED IN PART BY THE 2018 AND 2019 UNION COUNTY KIDS TRUST RECREATION GRANTS AND THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle is desirous in undertaking roadway improvements within the Borough and the improvements desired by the Borough is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Inc.. is familiar with the construction administration procedures that is necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the December 8, 2020 correspondence; and

WHEREAS, the improvements desired by the Borough is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the Borough of Roselle, and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Inc. is familiar with the preparation park improvement projects and have prepared same for the numerous New Jersey municipalities in prior years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough issued a Request for Qualifications for such services and received responses from several firms; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2020, the Borough Council, after review of the responses deemed certain firms as "Qualified" in accordance with the terms of the Request for Qualifications (Resolution No. 2020-041); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has deemed it necessary and in the best interest of the Borough to retain the services of an engineering firm for said purposes and has selected Maser Consulting Inc. from the "Qualified" firms; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator and/or Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose; specifically, within bond ordinance number 2627-20 for said engineering services for the various roadway improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the Borough Engineer is authorized to perform professional engineering construction administration services in the amount of **\$37,500.00** for the 2020 Park Improvements Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 forgoing is 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 regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-343

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE 2020 NJDOT
VARIOUS STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDED IN PART BY NJDOT AND
THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, bids were received on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. for the above referenced project; and

WHEREAS, there were eleven bids received with the low bidder for the project being DLS Contracting Inc., with a Base Bid amount of \$409,657.97; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Inc. and other appropriate Borough Officials have reviewed the bids and recommend award of contract for this project to DLS Contracting Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose; specifically, within bond ordinance number 2627-20 for said construction services; and

WHEREAS, this Project is funded by multiple sources including NJDOT Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Aid Grant funds and the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, this project is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public in the Borough of Roselle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced construction project is awarded to DLS Contracting Inc., 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004 in the amount of **\$409,657.97**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 forgoing is 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 regular meeting of said Council held on December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-344

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NJDOT FISCAL YEAR
2020 VARIOUS STREETS- 2020-ROSELLE IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED IN PART BY
THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) LOCAL AID
GRANT PROGRAM AND THE MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF
ROSELLE, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle is desirous in undertaking roadway improvements to various streets within the Borough and the improvements desired by the Borough is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the Borough of Roselle; and; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Inc. is familiar with the construction administration procedures that are necessary for said improvements and shall perform the tasks as delineated in the December 8, 2020 correspondence; and

WHEREAS, the improvements desired by the Borough is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public of the Borough of Roselle; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting Inc.. is familiar with the preparation of roadway improvement projects and have prepared same for the numerous New Jersey municipalities in prior years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough issued a Request for Qualifications for such services and received responses from several firms; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2020, the Borough Council, after review of the responses deemed certain firms as "Qualified" in accordance with the terms of the Request for Qualifications (Resolution No. 2020-041); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has deemed it necessary and in the best interest of the Borough to retain the services of an engineering firm for said purposes and has selected Maser Consulting Inc. from the "Qualified" firms; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose; specifically, within bond ordinance number 2627-20 for said engineering services for the various roadway improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the Borough Engineer (Maser Consulting Inc.) is authorized to perform professional engineering and construction administration services in the amount of \$39,750.00 for the NJDOT FY2020 Various Streets Improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-345

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MRC FOR PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION FOR THE 2020 PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, Educational Services Commission (ESCNJ) is a NJ State Approved Cooperative Pricing System (#65MCESCCPS) that provides pre-determined preferential pricing by approved vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Roselle is a member of the ESCNJ Co-op; and

WHEREAS, MRC is an approved vendor for ESCNJ under Contract No. ESCNJ 20/21-06; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of the services of a playground equipment contractor for the 2020 Park Improvement project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-11 the Borough may award a contract to a vendor approved by ESCNJ, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough reviewed the available funding for the improvements and has certified that sufficient funds are available within the current and/or previously adopted budget for said purpose, specifically Bond Ordinance 2627-20; and

WHEREAS, this project is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in the Borough of Roselle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the above referenced construction project is awarded to MRC at PO Box 106, Spring Lake, NJ 07762 with a total contract not to exceed \$83,586.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, that the appropriate officials are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-346

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$20,000.00, as a result of a check having been received by the Borough of Roselle from the County of Union for the Year 45 CDBG program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$20,000.00 be appropriated under the caption:

Revenue: Year 45 CDBG Program - 2020

Appropriations: Year 45 CDBG Program - 2020

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 Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-347

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$193,978.69 as a result of a letter from the County of Union informing the Borough of Roselle of such award for COVID relief funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$193,978.69 be appropriated under the caption:

Revenue: COVID CARES Act Grant - 2020

Appropriations: COVID CARES Act Grant – 2020

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 Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-348

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$335.63 as a result of a check from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety informing the Borough of Roselle of such award for the Roselle Police Department to prevent unsafe driving.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$335.63 be appropriated under the caption:

Revenue: Click It or Ticket Grant - 2020

Appropriations: Click It or Ticket Grant – 2020

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 Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-349

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$5,000 as a result of a check having been received by the Borough of Roselle from Comcast for the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$5,000 be appropriated under the caption:

Revenue: Comcast Community Grant - 2020

Appropriations: Comcast Community Grant – 2020

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 Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-350

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$4,895.00 as a result of a check from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety informing the Borough of Roselle of such award for the Roselle Police Department to prevent distracted driving.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$4,895.00 be appropriated under the caption:

Revenue: Distracted Driving Grant - 2020

Appropriations: Distracted Driving Grant – 2020

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 Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

2020-351	Resolution Authorizing the Insertion of Special Items of Revenues and Appropriations in the 2020 Municipal Budget, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant - 2020
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-351

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$8,437.50 as a result of a check from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety informing the Borough of Roselle of such award for the Roselle Police Department to prevent unsafe driving.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$8,437.50 be appropriated under the caption:

Revenue: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant - 2020

Appropriations: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant – 2020

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 Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey at a Regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-352

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A CERTIFIED COPY FEES

WHEREAS, Sullivan Funeral Home has requested a refund for certified copies; and
WHEREAS, the Health Department has approved the refund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle that the Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized to refund the certified copy fees in the amount of \$72.00.

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 Regular meeting of said Council held on December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-353

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF CLEANING DEPOSIT AT COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, Christine Wheeler has requested a refund for the rental deposit at the Anthony Amalfe Community Center to be held on May 30, 2020 and was cancelled due to COVID and
WHEREAS, the Recreation Department has approved the refund of the deposit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle that the Municipal Finance Officer is hereby authorized to refund of the rental deposit in the amount of \$180.00.

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 Regular meeting of said Council held on December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-354

SUPPORTING THE DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2020 YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN

Whereas, approximately one-third of all fatal traffic crashes in the United States involve impaired drivers; and

Whereas, impaired driving crashes killed 10,551 people in the United States in 2018; and

Whereas, impaired driving crashes cost the United States almost \$44 Billion a year; and

Whereas, during the past five years New Jersey's roadways experienced 36,049 crashes and 648 fatalities involving impaired drivers; and

Whereas, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and

Whereas, the year-end holiday season is traditionally a time for social gatherings which include alcohol; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the state to participate in the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday Crackdown*; and

Whereas, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 4, 2020 through January 1, 2021; and

Whereas, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be is resolved that the Borough of Roselle declares its support for the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday Crackdown* from December 4, 2020 through January 1, 2021 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

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 Regular meeting of said Council held on December 16, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-355

AUTHORIZE TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTIONS

WHEREAS, at a sale of land for delinquent taxes and all liens held by the Tax Collector of Roselle Borough, Union County, various blocks and lots were sold to the attached persons; and

WHEREAS, said property and/or liens have been redeemed by the owners thereof, and the purchasers of said property are legally entitled to a refund of monies paid at the time of redemption in the attached specific amounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amounts covering the certificates of sale, together with all the charges due the said individuals at the time of redemption be and the same are hereby ordered refunded to the said individuals, and the proper officials of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey are hereby authorized and empowered to execute a voucher to the said individuals in the attached amounts.

LIENHOLDER	BLOCK	LOT	QUAL	CERTIFICATE	PREMIUM	REDEMPTION	TOTAL
MTAG ASCUST FOR ATCF II NJ, LLC	4804	17		18-00051	\$8,600.00	\$36,070.55	\$44,670.55
US BANK CUST FOR PC7 FIRSTTRUST	901	14		18-00009	\$100.00	\$41,536.72	\$41,636.72
TOTAL					\$8,700.00	\$77,607.27	\$86,307.27

Redemptions (acct#T18-56-400-000-000)

Premiums (acct#T18-56-500-000-000)

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle at a meeting held December 16, 2020.

NON-CONSENT

Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Council President Wilkerson to adopt Resolution Number 2020-356.

Discussion: Councilwoman Johnson asked when the street sign will be erected, and Councilman Bernier commented that DPW would have to order the signage and that it will most likely be erected in the Spring. Councilwoman Johnson and Mayor Shaw asked about process and procedures for designating a block in a resident's name. Discussion ensued and the Borough Attorney and Assistant Borough Administrator were asked to look into it and report back to Mayor Shaw.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-356

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BLOCK OF HARRISON AVENUE BETWEEN NEWMAN PLACE AND ST. GEORGE AVENUE AS EDWARD ABDUSSALAAM WAY

WHEREAS Edward Abdussalaam was a beloved fixture in the Roselle community, having lived on the same block of Harrison Avenue for over 70 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle that

1. The block of Harrison Avenue between Newman Place and St. George Avenue in the Borough of Roselle shall be honorarily designated and hereafter known as "Edward Abdussalaam Way"
2. The Department of Public Works shall provide for the appropriate signage to be placed on the corner of Harrison Avenue and St. George Avenue in the Borough of Roselle designating the block as "Edward Abdussalaam Way"
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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, and State of New Jersey at a regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

Vote Record – To Adopt Resolution Number 2020-356				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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Motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to adopt Resolution Number 2020-357.

Discussion: Councilman Bernier said he had several questions about the resolution and asked who requested the products. He also remarked that he looked up the company on the internet and could not locate them. Discussion ensued and Purchasing Agent Eric Walker was on the Zoom meeting and answered all questions posed to him by Councilman Bernier. Other members from the governing body gave their input prior to the vote.

Vote Record – To Adopt Resolution Number 2020-357				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson		x		
Councilman Bernier		x		
Councilwoman Thomas		x		
Councilwoman Sousa		x		
Councilman Fortuna		x		
Councilman Johnson	x			
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Councilwoman gave remarks about the resolution and made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Fortuna to table Resolution Number 2020-357. Discussion ensued about tabling the resolution, and the Acting Clerk was asked for a roll call on the motion to table.

Vote Record – To Table Resolution Number 2020-357				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson		x		
Councilman Bernier		x		
Councilwoman Thomas		x		
Councilwoman Sousa		x		
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-357

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH EPITOMENY, LLC., FOR THE PROVISION OF AIR ULTRAVIOLET PURIFICATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6; and

WHEREAS, there is presently a demanding need to procure goods and the performance of sanitary and disinfecting services to secure and protect the public health, safety, and welfare for the Borough of Roselle; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE:

1. That a contract is awarded to Epitomey NY, LLC to provide sanitary and disinfecting goods and services to the Borough for a total contract amount not to exceed \$41,640.00.
2. The Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available within the CY 2020 Capital Budget in the amount of \$41,640.00 in Account#C-04-55-258-618-003.
3. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 50:30-5.5(e) the award of the contract shall be subject to the availability and appropriation of funds in the CY 2020 Capital budget in **account#** C-04-55-258-618-003; and
4. If funds are not available for the contract in the 2020 capital budget, the contract will be terminated.
5. That an executed copy of the Contract between the Borough and EpitomeNY, LLC. and a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk and be available there for public inspection in accordance with law.
6. All previous Resolutions and/or orders and directives of Borough employees or officials, which are contrary to or inconsistent with the terms of this instant Resolution, are hereby rescinded, repealed and otherwise deemed ineffectual, to the extent of their inconsistency.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 Regular meeting of said Council held December 16, 2020.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Council President Wilkerson, seconded by Councilman Bernier to adopt Resolution number 2020-358.

RESOLUTION # 2020-358

RESOLVED: That the following be paid by the borough by checks drawn on TD Bank made payable to those persons for whom the warrants are drawn:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>BILL LIST</u>	
	<u>16-Dec-20</u>	
	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	13.20

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$	257,646.21
CDBG TRUST		
CURRENT FUND	\$	2,845,678.75
ESCROW TRUST	\$	3,606.68
FSLEF		
SLEF		
GENERAL TRUST ACCOUNT	\$	440.00
TRUST DCA FEES		
GRANT ACCOUNT	\$	43,375.97
NOVEMBER 20, 2020 PAYROLL	\$	743,514.81
DECEMBER 4, 2020 PAYROLL	\$	812,280.33
MANUAL CHECK	\$	62,342.32
POAA		
REDEMPTION PREMIUM ACCOUNT	\$	8,700.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER		
REDEMPTION TRUST	\$	77,607.27
RESERVE FOR ESCROW		
SALARY DEDUCTION		
SUI		
GRAND TOTAL		<u><u>\$4,855,205.54</u></u>
LYDIA MASSEY		
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK		

DATED: DECEMBER 16, 2020

Vote Record – To Adopt Resolution Number 2020-358				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Wilkerson	x			
Councilman Bernier	x			
Councilwoman Thomas	x			
Councilwoman Sousa	x			
Councilman Fortuna	x			
Councilman Johnson	x			
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Mayor Shaw opened up the public comment portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Sylvia Turnage gave condolences to the Flowers and also gave heartfelt condolences to Amani Bryant and to Council President Wilkerson. She questioned why the Public Information Officer was not hosting the Zoom meetings, and said she wants to see the PIO do her assigned duties and believes it is not an assignment for Councilman Bernier; she also talked about the discussion on the company Epitomey and said while she appreciates Councilman Bernier's due diligence, there was time in the Workshop meeting to discuss it; she also made a comment about the misgivings of the Finance Department; and said there should be no grandstanding and feels that is what Councilman Bernier did; and said she wants him to use the same energy to usher in and welcome people into the Borough.

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

Mayor Shaw asked Assistant Borough Administrator Falt why the Councilman was made a host on the Zoom meeting. Mr. Falt commented that it was occurring before he arrived and that he could be the host for future meetings and make the Acting Municipal Clerk a cohost.

PIO Kathy Lloyd weighed in on the question about Councilman Bernier helping with the breakout sessions, and she commented that other than the breakout rooms for executive sessions, she has been hosting all of the Zoom meetings.

Council President Wilkerson echoed the sentiment of PIO Lloyd that she was running the Zoom meeting and that Councilman Bernier was only assisting with the breakout sessions. She also said that she respects the office of Mayor as do her Council colleagues, and said they are not doing anything to interject what Mayor Shaw is doing, and it is not personal and the reason why there is discussion around the resolutions.

Councilman Bernier echoed the sentiment of PIO Lloyd and Council President Wilkerson in terms of him being a cohost and said the only reason is because when the breakout rooms are set up, they have to be able to bring people in and out of the executive session because the PIO doesn't is not allowed in the executive session, and it had to be someone inside of the session to manage the breakout room. He said additional questions and information came up regarding Epitomeny, LLC and they did not purposely wait to address it at the meeting. He also said that he has been speaking to problems in finance throughout the year and how there have been efforts to clear things up.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilwoman Sousa congratulated Mayor Shaw and advised that her comments may take a bit longer. She gave her condolences and prayers to the families of Council President Wilkerson and Borough Attorney Jalloh on their recent losses and to others mentioned; she thanked the Fire and Police for bringing holiday cheer to the residents and being a part of it with the community. She thanked the Mayor, Council, PIO Kathy Lloyd, Jeanne Marie Ryan, Borough Administrator and

Assistant Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney Jalloh, and Acting Municipal Clerk, CFO and countless others for their support she thanked her 1st Ward constituents and said the Borough is resilient and can overcome anything if they stick together. She congratulated Richard Villeda and encouraged the 1st Ward resident to continue to be active participants in the community and to contact Councilman Villeda with their concerns and questions. She expressed her gratitude to everyone she met along the way and said she is better for it. She expressed that she enjoyed being a public servant and appreciated every text, email and phone call during the year and said they will always be connected because she loves the town and was proud to have served with integrity. She thanked her children, sister and mother for their support, and that she set the example to her students on how people should lead. She said it is her Christmas gift that they all come together and put the town first and work together and know that kindness is not weakness and passion never look like aggression. She read a quote from Mother Theresa and she encouraged everyone to mask up, be safe and wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilman Bernier thanked Councilwoman Sousa for her service and talked about how she dove in head first and did a heck of a job serving the residents. He gave his condolences to the families of Dorothy King, John Flowers, Mohamed Jalloh, and Council President Wilkerson and family. He talked about the strength that Council President Wilkerson showed with her family and encouraged her to continue on for the residents. He said that 2020 hit everyone in different ways and sometimes behind the scenes took Council members out of it mentally and asked everyone to keep them all in prayer. He talked about financials and grants and how they started cleaning up issues by amending bond ordinances from 2005 and 2006. He spoke Roberts Rules and said he is not an appointed parliamentary and that it is inappropriate for anyone to step on the new Mayor's toes. He congratulated Mayor Shaw and said he looks forward to working together and wants a solid and unified group on the Council to move the Borough forward, and that everyone from the governing body and staff should be held accountable for tax dollars. He thanked the Dr. Fisher Superintendent of the Roselle Schools and Board President Delia Ware-Tibbs for attending his 2nd Ward meeting. He announced that through the CDBG grant application there will be repaving of Frank Street between East 10th Avenue and St. George Avenue next year. His next 2nd Ward meeting will be December 29th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. He also talked about the COVID pandemic and encouraged everyone not to be complacent and he wished everyone happy holidays. He gave his contact information.

Councilwoman Johnson talked about the people who lost their lives because of the COVID-19 pandemic and read a poem entitled "First Christmas in Heaven", and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas; she also talked about the Council working together for the betterment of the Borough and said it is the only way to move the Borough forward and making it about the residents that are paying their salaries and taxes; she also said to talk about things in the workshop meeting and not make a mockery of something. She thanked Assistant Borough Administrator Falt and Library Director Jeanne Marie Ryan for allowing 3rd Ward residents to park in the Library Parking as a result of the snow storm so the roads could be plowed. She said it was a trying year with ups and downs with people going through things, and that she prayed to God to bring everyone together as one team. She thanked Councilwoman Sousa for her service to the Borough and also thanked Anders Hasseler, CFO, for cleaning up the financials in the

Borough when he came back. She also thanked Michael Schnurr, Tax Collector for doing a good job. She wished everyone a safe and blessed holiday, and congratulated Mayor Shaw and said she is here for him and not against him.

Councilwoman Thomas extended her condolences to the King, Flowers, Jalloh, and Council President Wilkerson and the Woody families. She thanked Councilwoman Sousa for stepping up to the plate and said it was nice working with her and a pleasure. She thanked the Mayor and Council members for the Santa event on Sunday and said brought a lot of joy to the parents and children. She congratulated Mayor Shaw and said he is doing an amazing job and looks forward to working with him. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza and Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. She gave her contact information and encouraged everyone to stay masked up.

Councilman Fortuna congratulated Councilwoman Sousa on her year of service and said she did a great year and that she was greatly appreciated. He talked about an ordinance introduced last at the Workshop meeting and asked for an answer as to why it could not be on the regular meeting versus the Special meeting. He spoke about trees that were decorated in the 5th ward by residents who are taking pride in the neighborhood. He also said 2020 was a year for the ages and we got through it. He thanked the Mayor's who were in office in 2020 and asked Mayor Shaw not to make it a 5th Mayor. He said it is a pleasure working with the members of the governing body and thanked the men and women in the Borough for doing an outstanding job. He said it's been a year where it is easy to focus on the negative things, and it is the time of year to be optimistic about the good things and be grateful for what you do have no matter what circumstances are around you. He encouraged everyone to have faith and to enjoy time with family and said 2021 will be much better.

Council President Wilkerson congratulated Mayor Shaw on his win and said he did a great job and is here to work with him to move the Borough forward. She also congratulated and welcomed Councilwoman Johnson and Councilman Villeda to the dais. She talked about democracy and said it is about outcomes and a process. She talked about how the governing body communicates before the meetings and was proud of the agenda; she worries that during the pandemic they forgot about other things like World Aids Day, the International Day of Persons With Disabilities and spoke to these days encouraged everyone to think about others. She wished everyone a Happy Hannukah, Happy Kwanza, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and said we are one community. She acknowledged Kailin Womack of Roselle and gave kudos to her for a project she did. She thanked Jack Layne for his service to the Borough as well as Councilwoman Sousa for her service as a Councilwoman and a committee member, and said it was an honor to serve on the dais with her. She gave condolences to the King, Flowers, Jalloh, and Woody families, and the loss of Beulah Woody to the community. She gave her condolences on other people who passed away including Kabili Tayari, Activist and lifelong member of NAACP. She encouraged everyone to reach out to people who lost loved ones this year. She thanked Mayor Shaw for his support of her during her loss, Council colleagues who called and checked on her, friends, family and residents, and said at the end of the day they work together

and are there for one another when it matters and knows this town is family. She talked about her daughter Amani and said she is proud of the woman she is.

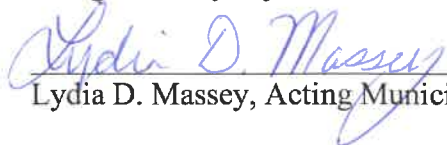
Mayor Shaw asked Acting Clerk Massey to offer Councilman Fortuna an explanation on why the ordinance he referred to in his comments was not on the agenda, and Ms. Massey explained that the second reading and final passage of the ordinance must be 10 days after introduction, and therefore it could not be on second reading at the Regular meeting tonight.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Shaw gave his deepest condolences to everyone that was mentioned via proclamation and in other comments and talked about how it is a rough time for the nation and the Borough of Roselle; he feels there is "unity in the community" and believes we are stronger together. He echoed the sentiment of Council President Wilkerson about checking on neighbors and being more neighborly and loving. He talked about the pandemic as he is on the COVID Task Force. He commended the Freeholder Board for giving free testing and encouraged everyone to mask up and practice social distancing. He thanked Kathy Lloyd and Eugenia Simms for the tree lighting ceremony event and other filmed holiday events that touched many people in the Borough. He said his first ride along was with Councilwoman Sousa and that he appreciated the conversations they had during the elections and on the ride along and looks forward to working with her in the future and thanked her for her service. He encouraged everyone to share information with their Council colleagues so that everyone can have sound discussion and make decisions on agenda items. He appreciates the well wishes from the Council on his election, and said they have been communicating on calls and to get the work done. He thanked Assistant Borough Administrator Falt and Attorney Mohamed Jalloh for being an ear and said the communication will grow much better. He told Jeanne Marie Ryan, Library Director, that he appreciated her emails and will touch base with her and Dave Biunno to move the library forward. He gave his cell phone number to residents and thanked the County Officials for giving Roselle the support that they need. He provided the County website out for information on COVID testing, and encouraged people not to drink and drive during the holidays. He wished everyone Happy Hannukah, Happy Kwanza and Happy Holidays and asked for a roll call to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Council President Wilkerson, seconded by Councilwoman Sousa, all were in favor, none were opposed and the Regular meeting was duly adjourned at 8:49 p.m.


Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk