

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Shaw called the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, Mayor and Council Special meeting of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey to order on December 30, 2020 at 6:32 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 emailing Notice to the Home News Tribune, and the 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:

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

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING & FINAL PASSAGE – Ordinance Number 2636-20

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCES 2225-05 AND 2251-06 FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE:

The Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, New Jersey, has ascertained and determined to amend the Bond Ordinances set forth below, as follows:

BOND ORDINANCE 2225-05

“SECTION 1:

The Bond Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, New Jersey entitled “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$1,743,933 THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$955,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEROF, AUHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY”, finally adopted on March 16, 2005, as amended (the “Ordinance”) is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

SECTION 2:

Section 1(d) of the Ordinance is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

“(b) the sum of \$125,000 expected to be received as grant monies from the County of Union Green Streets Program Grant in connection with the improvements described in Sections 3(a)(10)”

The description of the Improvements described set forth in Section 3(a)(10) of the Ordinance is hereby amended as set forth below:

Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Useful Life
(10) Chestnut Street streetscape, infrastructure and landscaping	\$250,000	118,750	15

The Ordinance is hereby amended by (a) deleting the reference of “\$955,000” for the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes and substituting in lieu therefore “\$1,073,750” and by (b) deleting the reference to “\$55,500” for the down payment required by the Local Bond Law and substituting in lieu therefore “61,750”.

SECTION 3:

All other provisions of the Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 4:

This amendatory bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by Local Bond Law.”

BOND ORDINANCE 2251-06

“SECTION 1:

The Bond Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, New Jersey entitled “BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$1,999,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$799,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF” AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, finally adopted on August 16, 2006 (the “Ordinance”) is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

SECTION 2:

Section 1(d) of the Ordinance is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

“(d) the sum of \$222,543.80 expected to be received as grant monies from the State of New Jersey Transportation Enhancement Program and the sum of \$277,456.20 from the capital improvement fund in connection with the improvements described in Section 3(a)(2)”

SECTION 3:

All other provisions of the Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

SECTION 4:

This amendatory bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption as provided by Local Bond Law.”

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2636-20 by title and then opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Shaw closed the public hearing of the ordinance.

Motion by Council President Wilkerson, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to adopt Ordinance Number 2636-20.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2636-20 – 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 2637-20

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2621-20 OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A RESIDENTIAL OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMIT FOR CERTAIN AREAS

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle has recognized the need to further limit parking and to establish regulations and control parking on Grant Avenue, between the hours of **3:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.**; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds and determines that for the good and welfare of its citizens, it is necessary and advisable to establish regulations and provide for the enforcement of parking regulations within the Borough that improve the quality of life for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

The Code of the Borough of Roselle shall be amended by changing the time for Grant Avenue
 Borough of Roselle

only as follows:

Section 3. Parking Restriction. Parking in the Alison Road Area, in non-metered spaces, shall be restricted to those licensed, registered and insured Vehicles displaying a valid parking permit between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 a.m. **Except for Grant avenue which will be between the hours of 3:00 pm and 10:00 am.**

Mayor Shaw read Ordinance Number 2637-20 by title and then opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Shaw closed the public hearing of the ordinance.

Discussion: Mayor Shaw asked about the street that would be affected. Councilman Fortuna gave a detailed description of the area which will be affected. Councilwoman Johnson said she did a drive through of the area and now supports the ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Fortuna, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson to adopt Ordinance Number 2637-20.

Vote Record – Ordinance Number 2637-20 – 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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RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Fortuna, seconded by Councilwoman Thomas to adopt Resolution Number 2020-359.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-359

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND APPOINTMENT AS ACTING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, Jack Layne. was appointed as Business Administrator for the Borough of Roselle on February 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Layne wishes to resign his position effective December 31, 2020;
and

WHEREAS, said resignation will create a vacancy in the office of Business Administrator as of December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Borough Code of the Borough of Roselle requires the Borough to have a Business Administrator appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the council; and **WHEREAS**, During the absence of or disability of the Borough Administrator or if there shall exist a vacancy in the office of Borough Administrator, Council may, by resolution, appoint any employee or officer of the Borough to perform the duties of the Borough Administrator during such absence, disability or vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is desirous of allowing Mr. Everett Falt, serve as the “Acting Business Administrator.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle:

1. Hereby accepts the resignation of Jack Layne, as Business Administrator for the Borough of Roselle and authorizes the CFO to settle all outstanding compensation to Mr. Layne including a three (3) months’ severance compensation.
2. Everett Falt, is hereby appointed as “Acting Business Administrator” effective January 1, 2021, to perform all the duties of the Business Administrator and compensated at the rate of \$100,000 per annum.
3. Mr. Falt’s employment as Acting Business Administrator shall terminate automatically, and without the need of a resolution upon Council acceptance of a permanent Business Administrator for the Borough of Roselle.
4. The provisions of this resolution are severable. To any extent that any clause, phase, sentence, paragraph, or provision of the Resolution shall be declared invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

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 December 30, 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 Thomas to adopt Resolution Number 2020-360 through 2020-368.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-360

TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN LINE ITEMS

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that it is necessary to make the following transfers between budget line items in order to pay appropriations 2020 invoices;

From: Clerk S&W	\$ 10,000.00	
From: Finance S&W	\$ 10,000.00	
From: Tax Assessor OE	\$ 55,000.00	
From: Economic Development OE	\$ 15,000.00	
From: Planning Board OE	\$ 5,000.00	
From: Building S&W	\$ 5,000.00	
From: Building OE	\$ 5,000.00	
From: Other Insurance	\$ 75,000.00	
From: Health Insurance	\$ 275,000.00	
From: Police OE	\$ 30,000.00	
From: Fire OE	\$ 20,000.00	
From: Shade Tree	\$ 15,000.00	
From: DPW OE	\$ 35,000.00	
From: Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00	
From: Health S&W	\$ 15,000.00	
From: Community Center S&W	\$ 5,000.00	
From: Recreation S&W	\$ 5,000.00	
From: Recreation OE	\$ 20,000.00	
From: Telephone	\$ 15,000.00	
From: Fire Hydrant	\$ 15,000.00	
From: Natural Gas	\$ 5,000.00	
From: Gasoline	\$ 50,000.00	
From: PERS	\$ 10,000.00	
From: Social Security	\$ 25,000.00	
From: Court OE	\$ 5,000.00	
From: Public Defender OE	\$ 5,000.00	
To: General Administration S&W		\$ 25,000.00
To: General Administration OE		\$ 35,000.00
To: Tax Assessor S&W		\$ 1,000.00
To: Engineering OE		\$ 5,000.00
To: Code Enforcement OE		\$ 3,000.00
To: Police S&W		\$ 200,000.00
To: Dispatch S&W		\$ 5,000.00
To: Fire S&W		\$ 165,000.00
To: OEM OE		\$ 5,000.00
To: DPW S&W		\$ 66,000.00
To: Solid Waste		\$ 45,000.00
To: Public Health OE		\$ 60,000.00
To: Electricity		\$ 15,000.00

To: Street Lighting \$ 15,000.00
 To: PFRS \$ 50,000.00
 To: Court S&W \$ 25,000.00
 To: Bond Principal \$ 25,000.00
 To: Loan Principal \$ 5,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary transfers per above.

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 December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-361

RESOLUTION CANCELING GRANT BALANCE

WHEREAS, there exists Grant Receivables and Grant Reserves on the Current Balance Sheet;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel the receivable balance and their offsetting appropriation balance from the balance sheet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the following grant receivable and appropriation balance be cancelled:

Grant	Year	Cancel Appropriation	Cancel Receivable
WIA Youth Program In School	2013		100.00
Healthy Neighborhoods	2014		1.00
Community Policing	2017	2,200.03	10,000.00
Edward Byrnes	2018	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total			

1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit to the Chief Financial Officer and Township Auditor, a certified copy of this resolution.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be filed forthwith with the Director of New Jersey, Division of Local Government Service

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 December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-362

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF
A CODE ENFORCEMENT FEE**

WHEREAS, Tanya Beals has requested a refund for code enforcement fees and
WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement 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 of code enforcement fees in the amount of \$100.00.

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 Special meeting of said Council held on December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-363

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF
A CODE ENFORCEMENT FEE**

WHEREAS, COBO Realty Inc. has requested a refund for code enforcement fees and
WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement 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 of code enforcement fees in the amount of \$200.00.

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 Special meeting of said Council held on December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-364

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-048 DECREASING THE CONTRACT
AWARD TO ASSOCIATED APPRAISAL GROUP FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES BY
\$55,000**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously approved a contract award to Associated Appraisal Group for appraisal services via Resolution 2020-048 in the amount of \$55,000; and
WHEREAS, the Borough is decreasing its contract with Associated Appraisal Group by \$55,000 with a new not to exceed amount of \$20,000 for calendar year 2020.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the contract award to Associated Appraisal Group for appraisal services be amended for a total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000 in account #0-01-20-150-000-229; and

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 of said Council held December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-365

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO RUBBERECYCLE FOR PLAYGROUND SURFACE 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, RubbeRecycle. is an approved vendor for ESCNJ under Contract No. ESCNJ 20/21-02

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of the services of a playground surface contractor for the 2020 Park Improvement project, specifically Grove Street Park; 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 RubbeRecycle at 1985 Rutgers University Blvd., Lakewood, NJ 08701 with a total contract not to exceed \$41,017.50

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.

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 Special meeting of said Council held on December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-366

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-194 INCREASING THE CONTRACT AWARD TO SHAIN SCHAFFER FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES BY \$30,000

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously approved a contract award to Shain Schaffer for special counsel via Resolution 2020-194 in the amount of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is increasing its contract with Shain Schaffer by \$30,000 with a new not to exceed amount of \$60,000 for calendar year 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the contract award to Shain Schaffer for special counsel be amended for a total contract amount not to exceed \$60,000 in account #0-01-20-155-000-228; and 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 of said Council held December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-367

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-099 INCREASING THE CONTRACT AWARD TO WEINER LAW GROUP FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES BY \$20,000

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously approved a contract award to Weiner Law Group for special counsel via Resolution 2020-099 in the amount of \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is increasing its contract with Weiner Law Group by \$20,000 with a new not to exceed amount of \$40,000 for calendar year 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the contract award to Weiner Law Group for special counsel be amended for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,000 in account #0-01-20-155-000-228; and 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 of said Council held December 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-368

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2020-195 INCREASING THE CONTRACT AWARD TO FLORIO PERRUCCI STEINHARDT & FABER FOR LITIGATION COUNSEL SERVICES BY \$40,000

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously approved a contract award to Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Faber for special counsel via Resolution 2020-195 in the amount of \$30,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is increasing its contract with Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Faber by \$40,000 with a new not to exceed amount of \$70,000 for calendar year 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey that the contract award to Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Faber for litigation counsel be amended for a total contract amount not to exceed \$70,000 in account #0-01-20-155-000-228; and

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 of said Council held December 30, 2020.

Discussion:

Mayor Shaw asked CFO Hasseler to explain Resolution numbers 2020-360 as it related to transferring funds between line items, and Resolution 2020-361 regarding canceling a grant balance. CFO Hasseler gave a detailed explanation of both resolutions.

Councilwoman Johnson asked Attorney Jalloh why contracts for Resolution Numbers 2020-364, 2020-365, 2020-366 were being increased. Attorney gave a detailed explanation on the increases of each resolution.

Vote Record – To Adopt Resolution Number 2020-360 thru 2020-368				
	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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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution # 2020-369

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:

BILL LIST

30-Dec-20

FUND

ANIMAL CONTROL		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$	70,162.39
CDBG TRUST		
CURRENT FUND	\$	190,985.93
ESCROW TRUST	\$	886.25
FSLEF		
SLEF		
GENERAL TRUST ACCOUNT		
TRUST DCA FEES		
GRANT ACCOUNT	\$	69,559.00
DECEMBER 18, 2020 PAYROLL	\$	889,250.36
DECEMBER 31, 2020 PAYROLL	\$	694,077.34
MANUAL CHECK		

POAA
 REDEMPTION PREMIUM ACCOUNT
 PUBLIC DEFENDER
 REDEMPTION
 TRUST
 RESERVE FOR ESCROW
 SALARY DEDUCTION
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GRAND TOTAL

\$1,914,921.27

LYDIA MASSEY
 ACTING BOROUGH CLERK
 DATED: DECEMBER 30, 2020

Vote Record – To Adopt Resolution Number 2020-3698				
	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 then opened up the public comment portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Sylvia Turnage commented on the attorney bills and said she understands the not to exceed limits but feels the Borough Attorney and CFO should have been advised earlier of the need to increase contracts. She spoke to Attorney Karen Brown, and remarked that the CFO, Borough Attorney and Council has to do better and feels they are not good stewards of tax dollars, and that the same thing will happen next year.

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

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilwoman Sousa gave her condolences to Councilwoman Johnson on the loss of a family member. She thanked the Council for all their support and wished everyone a happy and safe New Year.

Councilman Bernier talked about Ms. Turnage's comments about the contracts being amended, and he said that the Borough Attorney and CFO were forthright with Council and echoed the sentiment of the Borough Attorney on his explanation of the need to increase the contracts.

Councilwoman Johnson talked about the contracts and explained why she questioned the increase of contracts; she also talked about Administrator Jack Layne, former Attorney Karen Brown, CFO Anders Hasseler, and Attorney Mohamed Jalloh.

Councilwoman Thomas gave her condolences to Councilwoman Johnson and wished former Borough Administrator Jack Layne good luck in his future endeavors.

Councilman Fortuna wished Councilwoman Sousa farewell and thanked the DPW for a good job during the snow storm and he thanked his council colleagues for their support of the parking ordinance.

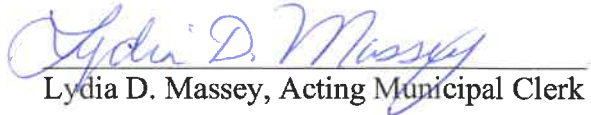
Council President Wilkerson gave her condolences and love to all families who lost someone. She also talked about the contracts and thanked Attorney Jalloh for his handling of them. She said Council is not wasting taxpayer dollars and takes the finances seriously. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Shaw thanked all the Borough Officials and his Council colleagues for the work done. He also gave his condolences to Councilwoman Johnson and it announced that it was the 5th day of Kwanza which means "purpose."

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Bernier, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, all were in favor, none were opposed and the Special meeting was duly adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Lydia D. Massey, Acting Municipal Clerk