

**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2023**

Mayor Shaw called the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, held at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey to order on August 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The flag salute was done and the invocation was given by Councilman John Fortuna.

Borough Clerk Sanchez read the “Open Public Meetings Act” compliance statement.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the “Sunshine Law” has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger and published in the Union County Local Source on August 24, 2023, posted on the Bulletin Board in Borough Hall and on the Borough’s website and filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilman Richard Villeda, First Ward
Councilwoman Cindy Thomas, Fourth Ward
Councilman John Fortuna, Fifth Ward
Councilwoman Denise Wilkerson, At-Large (Via Telephone)
Council President Brandon Bernier, Second Ward
Mayor Donald Shaw

Also Present:

Lisette Sanchez, Borough Clerk
Shanel Robinson, Acting Borough Administrator
Abdul J. Roberts, Esq.

Absent:

Councilwoman Cynthia Johnson, Third Ward (Excused)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Shaw opened up the public comments portion of the meeting. There were no public comments; therefore, Mayor Shaw closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Shaw opened up the public hearing on the CY 2023 Municipal Budget Amendment. There were no public comments; therefore, Mayor Shaw closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-299

RESOLUTION TO READ THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 BUDGET BY TITLE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget shall be read in full at the public hearing of the budget or that it may read by title if at least one week prior to the date of the public hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget:

(a) Shall be made available on the Borough’s website, in the Office of the Borough Clerk, the Roselle Public Library and that the Borough Clerk has forwarded to the Borough Council an attestation that the budget has been submitted to the Borough’s website; and

(b) Copies are made available to each person requesting same during said week and during the public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey, it declares that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 (a) and (b) have been met and therefore the Calendar Year 2023 Budget shall be read by title only.

I, Lisette Sanchez, 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 August 29, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 29th day of August 2023.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-300

See Resolution 2023-300 attached in PDF format.

Motion to adopt Resolutions 2023-299 and 2023-300 by Council President Bernier, second by Councilman Villeda.

Vote Record – Resolution 2023-299 and 2023-300				
	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Villeda	X			
Councilwoman Johnson				X
Councilwoman Thomas	X			

Councilman Fortuna	X			
Councilwoman Wilkerson	X			
Council President Bernier	X			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn				

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilman Villeda urged council colleagues to be present for council meetings.

Councilwoman Thomas had no comments.

Councilman Fortuna had no comments.

Councilwoman Wilkerson had no comments.

Council President Bernier had no comments.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Donald Shaw asked everyone to pray for **Councilwoman Wilkerson** and her family.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023-301

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:
 - Personnel Matters
 - Contract Negotiations
 - Contractual Matters
 - Litigation Matters
 - Matters Falling Within Attorney Client Privilege

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, Lisette Sanchez, 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 August 29, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Borough of Roselle in the County of Union and State of New Jersey this 29th day of August 2023.

No action taken on Resolution 2023-301.

Motion to adjourn by Council President Bernier, second by Councilwoman Thomas. Motion was approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Lisette Sanchez, Borough Clerk

SECTION 2 - UPON ADOPTION FOR YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION

BOROUGH

Be it Resolved by the ROSELLE County of UNION that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of.

- (a) \$ 33,297,434.92 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) \$ - (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) \$ - (Item 4 below) to be added to the certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S.A. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of general revenues and appropriations.

- (d) \$ - (Sheet 43) Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund Levy
- (e) \$ - (Sheet 44) Arts and Culture Trust Fund Levy
- (f) \$ 641,401.21 (Item 5 Below) Minimum Library Tax

RECORDED VOTE

(Insert last name)

Ayes Villeda Thomas Fortuna Wilkerson Bernier	Nays Johnson
Abstained	Absent

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. General Revenues	08-100	\$ 4,764,000.00
Surplus Anticipated	13-089	\$ 14,277,602.99
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	15-499	\$ 1,436,900.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	07-190	\$ 33,297,434.92
2. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)		
3. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	\$ -
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$ -
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY		\$ -
4. To Be Added TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
Item 6(b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-14)	07-191	\$ 641,401.21
5. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY TAX	13-299	\$ 54,417,339.12
Total Revenues		

