

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 2, 2018  
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM  
19 HARRISON AVENUE  
7:00 PM

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

The January 2, 2018 Meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Duthie. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date, time and location of the meeting was included in the Annual Meeting Schedule, was sent to the official newspapers, posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Duthie, Mayor  
Christopher Bardi, Councilman  
David Jacobs, Councilman  
Richard N. Leonard, Councilman  
Peter M. Smith, Councilman  
Michelle Tolli, Councilwoman  
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk  
Ethan Jesse Sheffet, Borough Attorney

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Burke Comment, if needed.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to approve the ten resolutions and the two Consent Agenda items:

Resolution No. 15-2018 approving the 2018 Temporary Water/Sewer Budget

Resolution No. 16-2018 approving the 2018 Temporary Current Fund Budget

Resolution No. 17-2018 Ratification of Bills

Resolution No. 18-2018 approving the hiring of seasonal basketball officials

Resolution No. 19-2018 approving the release of Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$24,570.00 to Goksu Construction for work performed at the Municipal Building at 19 Harrison Avenue

Resolution No. 20-2018 authorizing the return of escrow in the amount of \$11,509.52 to AvalonBay Communities Inc. in the amount of

Resolution No. 21-2018 approving the release of Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$19,475.00 to Standard Elevator for Elevator Project at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 22-2018 approving the December 22, 2017 Bill List

Resolution No. 23-2018 ratification of Pre-Drawn Bill List – December 28, 2017

Resolution No. 24-2018 appointment of official towing companies for Calendar Year 2018

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Bingo License Application No. BA-367 for Home and School Association of Roseland, Inc. to be held on February 1, 2018

Approval for Jock Watkins and Ashley Passafiume to attend the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Clerks Association of Essex County on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at a cost of \$70.00

The motion was seconded by Councilman Leonard and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

In lieu of his report, Mayor Duthie commented on two items of correspondence. The first was a complaint from Mr. Bob Faszczewski regarding alleged reckless drivers on Choctaw Way and exiting office parking lots onto Becker Farm Road. Mayor Duthie reported that the matter was referred to the Police Department, that he responded to the complainant, that he facilitated a meeting between the complainant and the Police Chief, and that the Police Department has increased patrols in the noted areas.

Mayor Duthie also reported that he received an e-mail from Vision Real Estate Partners located in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, the new owners of 101, 103 and 105 Eisenhower Parkway, requesting a meeting to discuss the future use of the properties. Mayor Duthie asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to meet with the new owners, and a committee consisting of Councilman Jacobs, Councilman Bardi, and the Mayor was formed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Smith reported that the Department of Public Works has completed the collection of leaves from the streets. Mr. Smith also noted that the DPW will begin collecting and recycling unbagged and unbound Christmas trees through at least January 16<sup>th</sup>, and asked that residents remove all wires and other materials from the trees. The DPW will also begin collecting tree branches on the first Monday of each month.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs noted that he has observed and has received complaints from residents that drivers are ignoring the traffic signals at the intersection of Eisenhower Parkway and Eagle Rock Avenue. Mr. Jacobs urged all residents to obey all traffic signals.

### RECREATION

Councilwoman Tolli noted that the 2018 meeting schedule includes meetings on primary and general election days. After discussion, Councilwoman Tolli made a motion that the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the regular time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Tolli reported that the deadline to sign up for the Recreation sponsored ski trips has been extended until Friday. The Recreation Department needs thirty participants to cover the cost of the bus and only eighteen have signed up as of today.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Leonard reported that his committee will have their first meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Leonard expressed his desire that Council review the water maintenance plan and implement appropriate projects. Mr. Leonard also expressed his desire to see the resolution of the issues regarding the Borough assuming responsibility of the maintenance of the Roseland Green sewer pumping station.

Mayor Duthie added that he would like to see an ordinance get through committee that will address uniform maintenance of roads in all single family neighborhoods regardless of whether they are part of an association. Borough Attorney Sheffet noted that a global ordinance will clarify the Borough's responsibilities for maintenance of the private roads, but will also need to repeal ordinances previously adopted that are relative to specific condominium complexes.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Councilman Bardi thanked all residents who have volunteered to serve on various boards and committees. Mr. Bardi added that he will have a report available at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE


Councilman Tsilionis asked that budget meetings be scheduled to begin review of the 2018 municipal budget. Mrs. Chumacas noted that a draft budget will be complete in approximately two weeks. After discussion, Council agreed to schedule a budget review meeting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

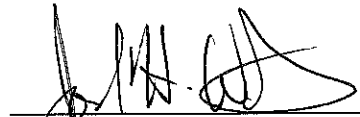
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ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

  
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Mayor John Duthie

  
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Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: January 16, 2018

ROLL CALL

Aye: Bardi, Jacobs, Leonard, Smith, Tolli, Tsilionis  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None