

**BOROUGH OF ROSELAND**  
**COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

JANUARY 16, 2018  
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM  
19 HARRISON AVENUE  
6:30PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:30PM OPEN SESSION

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

The January 16, 2018 Meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 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 were 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, Council President  
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman (7:04 PM)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

Councilman Jacobs made a motion at 6:31 PM to approve Resolution No. 25-2018 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Redevelopment Agreement 85 Livingston Avenue
3. Redevelopment Agreement 6 Becker Farm Road

Councilwoman Tolli seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent). Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).

Councilman Smith made a motion to close Executive Session and to return open session at 7:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Mayor Duthie read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll with there being no changes.

## **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Duthie read and presented a Proclamation to Borough resident Mark Lachenauer upon his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Tedesco, 20 Meeker Court

## **MAYOR'S ANNUAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Duthie delivered his annual address.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 01-2018: "An ordinance amending Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration", Section 2-24 entitled "Department of Police or Police Department". Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on February 20, 2018.

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the seven resolutions (Resolution No. 32-2018 withdrawn) and three Consent Agenda items:

Resolution No. 26-2018 Ratification of Salaries – December 2017

Resolution No. 27-2018 Budget Transfers

Resolution No. 28-2018 Authorizing Refunds, Overpayments or Cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 29-2018 Approval to Extend Contract with Allied Oil LLC for the Purchase of Unleaded Fuel and Delivery for a Sixth Extension from November 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018

Resolution No. 30-2018 Reappoint John Matheis as the Coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management

Resolution No. 31-2018 Bill List

Resolution No. 33-2018 Approving "Cell Phone Policy" to be added to Section II of the Borough of Roseland's Employee Policies and Procedures Manual

## CONSENT AGENDA

Approval for Michael Colitti to attend the NJRPA Conference in Atlantic City from March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 for a total cost of \$375.00

Approval for Jock Watkins to attend an OPRA seminar on January 19, 2018 at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick at a cost of \$99.00

Accept with regret the resignation of Martin Greenwald from the Shade Tree Commission

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilman Leonard abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 26-2018.

## MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Duthie acknowledged his appointment of Neal Goldstein to the Environmental Commission with a term expiration of December 31, 2020.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Duthie reported that he and Administrator Chumacas and Maureen met with representatives of Roseland Board of Education and discussed the proposed redevelopment projects.

Mr. Duthie also reported that he and Councilman Bardi met with representatives of Vision Real Estate Partners, the new owners of 101, 103 and 105 Eisenhower Parkway, to discuss their plans to invest in their properties.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Smith asked residents to keep the streets clear of obstructions in order to facilitate snow removal.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs thanked Bud Meeker for his many years of service on the Shade Tree Commission and asked that a proclamation be prepared recognizing Mr. Meeker's service. Mr. Jacobs also thanked Martin Greenwald who is also stepping down from the Shade Tree Commission.

Councilman Jacobs asked residents to assist the fire department by shoveling fire hydrants clear of snow. Mr. Jacobs also urged residents to keep fresh batteries in their carbon monoxide alarms. Mr. Jacobs cautioned residents to drive carefully on snow covered and icy roads.

## RECREATION

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Roseland First Aid Squad responded to seven hundred and sixty-four calls and twenty-nine mutual aid calls in 2017. Mrs. Tolli added that the first aid squad is always looking for volunteers.

Councilwoman Tolli announced that members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Council will be meeting next Tuesday to prepare sandwiches for distribution at a homeless shelter.

Mrs. Tolli asked that all businesses and residents clear snow from public sidewalks following storms.

Councilwoman Tolli congratulated West Essex High School for being ranked by Niche.com as the most attractive high school for athletes in Essex County, 13<sup>th</sup> in New Jersey, and 172<sup>nd</sup> in the country.

Mrs. Tolli invited interested residents to attend an adult rubber stamping class which will be held at the Roseland Public Library on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Leonard thanked Mayor Duthie his comments in his annual message.

Mr. Leonard, noting the recent public safety scare in Hawaii and the recent overturned truck on Interstate Route 280, asked OEM Coordinator John Matheis to review the Borough's alert systems for notifying residents in the event of an emergency.

Councilman Leonard thanked outgoing Governor Christie for his leadership following Superstorm Sandy and for his leadership on the OPIOD challenge. Mr. Leonard also congratulated Governor elect Murphy.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Councilman Bardi reported that over the past few weeks he met with Administrator Chumacas and several department heads to get a better understanding of how the Borough functions and how Council can help.

Mr. Bardi announced that the Public Affairs Committee will have their first meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Committee plans to focus on how the Borough can improve communication, transparency, and strengthen the Borough's image.

Council Bardi noted that the Library Board recently held their reorganization meeting, and Mr. Bardi encouraged residents to visit the library to see the improvements that have been made and to take advantage of their programs. Mr. Bardi also reported that Library Director Jen Overton has indicated that she would like to present updates to Council on a quarterly basis at their meetings.

Councilman Bardi thanked Councilman Tsilionis on his assistance to transition to the Environmental Commission. The Commission has tentatively scheduled a meeting for January

25<sup>th</sup> with future meetings on the third Thursday of every month. The Commission is also going to investigate the possibility of holding their meetings at the County Environmental Center.

Mr. Bardi congratulated Neal Goldstein on his appointment to the Environmental Commission and John Matheis on his reappointment as OEM Coordinator.

#### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Councilman Tsilionis reported that he attended the recent Recreation Committee meeting and that he was sad to be moving on as liaison to the Committee for the past five years.

Mr. Tsilionis announced that Council will be holding a budget meeting on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the December 11, 2017 Council Meeting minutes, the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting minutes, and the January 2, 2018 Caucus Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

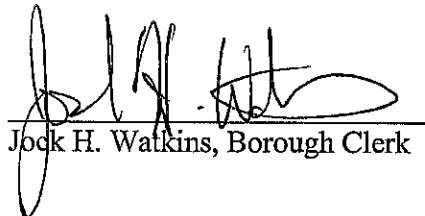
#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Lupinacci, Eagle Rock Avenue  
Michael Pacio, 23 Stonegate Drive  
Elaine Perna, 68 Freeman Street  
William Tedesco, 20 Meeker Court  
Eileen Fischman, 15 Schweinberg Drive

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to close the meeting at 9:16 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: February 6, 2018

#### ROLL CALL

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