

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MARCH 6, 2018
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
8:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
9:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The March 6, 2018 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 8:00 PM by Council President Tolli. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date and location of the meeting were included in the Annual Meeting Schedule, and that forty-eight hour notice of the time change 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:

Christopher Bardi, Councilman
David Jacobs, Councilman
Richard N. Leonard, Councilman
Peter M. Smith, Councilman
Michelle Tolli, Council President
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman (8:10 PM)

ABSENT:

John Duthie, Mayor

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 90-2018 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Tax Appeal Litigation
2. Redevelopment of 85 Livingston Avenue and 6 Becker Farm Road

Councilman Jacobs made a motion at 8:09 PM to approve Resolution No. 90-2018. Councilman Smith 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 Tsilionis arrived at 8:10 PM.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close Executive Session and to return open session at 9:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council President Tolli read the Sunshine Statement again at 9:12 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll with all Council Members being present, and Mayor Duthie absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Council President Tolli led the Salute to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco, 20 Meeker Court

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the fourteen resolutions and the five items on the Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 91-2018 approving the hiring of 2018 SCRAM Staff Directors

Resolution No. 92-2018 authorizing Tax Exemption and refunding on a dwelling house of an approved Surviving Spouse of a Disabled Veteran - 93 Kent Avenue

Resolution No. 93-2018 authorizing submission of an application for FY 2019 Municipal Alliance Grant

Resolution No. 94-2018 approving a water and sewer payment plan for 28 Artho Lane, Account Number 441780-0

Resolution No. 95-2018 accepting the quote from Russo Brothers & Co. for 2018 general plumbing services for an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00

Resolution No. 96-2018 authorizing the cancellation of certain accounts payable items for the Borough of Roseland

Resolution No. 97-2018 approving the use of Open Space Trust Funds for the purchase of "Wood Carpet" for parks and playgrounds from The Fibar Group in the amount of \$1,986.00

Resolution No. 98-2018 approving a water and sewer payment plan for 8 Park Street Account Number 234454-0

Resolution No. 99-2018 approving a water and sewer payment plan for 19 Glen Avenue, Account Number 312179-0

Resolution No. 100-2018 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 101-2018 approving the emergency temporary budget

Resolution No. 102-2018 approving the March 2, 2018 Bill List

Resolution No. 103-2018 authorizing Refunds, Overpayments or Cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 104-2018 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Aerial Mosquito Control Agreement with the Essex County Department of Public Works for 2018

Councilman Tsilionis seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilman Jacobs abstaining on the vote for Resolution No. 92-2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve Andrew Vogel as the volunteer coordinator for the 5K Run for the Roses Event

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to attend the "Purchasing Primer" seminar on March 21, 2018 in New Brunswick, NJ for a total cost of \$218.00

Approval for Christopher Critchett to attend the "Debt Management & Issuance" seminar on June 8, 2018 in East Brunswick, NJ for a total cost of \$90.00

Approval for Christopher Critchett to attend the "Ethics & Internal Controls" seminar on March 2, 2018 in Rockaway, NJ for a total cost of \$90.00

Approval for Ashley Passafiume to attend the "Election Law in NJ" seminar on April 4, 2018 in Totowa, NJ for a total cost of 95.00

Councilman Tsilionis seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilman Jacobs abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 92-2018.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Council President Tolli announced that Krysten Myslak is being moved from Alternate #1 on the Beautification Committee to become a Regular Member of the committee to fill the unexpired term of Carmen Koshnick through 12/31/2019.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council President Tolli reported that the Borough received a letter from the NJ Department of Transportation announcing the award of a fiscal year 2018 grant in the amount of two hundred and eighty-thousand dollars (\$280,000.00) to repave Roosevelt Street.

Council President Tolli appointed Councilmen Bardi, Smith and Jacobs to serve as the local judging committee for the Louis Bay Scholarship Competition.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

After discussion, Council authorized the Land Use Administrator to attend an Affordable Housing Professional Certification Program with classes scheduled for the spring of 2018.

RECREATION

After discussion, Council agreed that the policy for using any Borough facilities should be uniform. It was suggested that the facility use permit application form be amended to reflect all borough facilities that are available for public use. There was consensus that since the Library is an autonomous entity, the Library Board should regulate public use of that building. It was agreed that there should be no public use of 300 Eagle Rock Avenue, but there was disagreement as to whether the first aid squad of the governing body should have control of who uses the first aid squad building.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Leonard reported on the passing of former Construction Official William Howard and extended his condolences to Mr. Howard's family.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Councilman Bardi reported that his committee discussed a draft ordinance to prohibit operating unmanned aircraft or drones on Borough property or within 500 feet of schools, daycare facilities, or nursery schools for public safety and to protect residents from equipment falling from the sky.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Councilman Tsilionis explained that Administrator Chumacas has requested authorization to investigate potential share services with neighboring communities for services

that will not impact any employees, involving services currently outsourced including but not limited to vehicle maintenance, tree removal, and zoning officer. Council approved the request.

Councilman Tsilionis reported that his committee discussed the possibility of changing to a non-partisan form of government. Borough Attorney Sheffet agreed to look into the requirements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES


Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the January 20, 2018 Council Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded Councilman Smith and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilman Leonard abstaining.

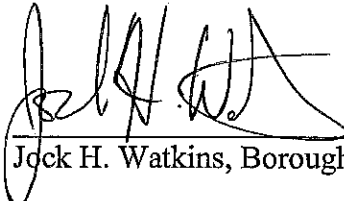
PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Murphy, 138 Passaic Avenue
Scott Gorman, 4 Cooper Avenue

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the meeting at 9:42 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote.



Mayor John Duthie

Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: May 1, 2018

ROLL CALL

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