

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MAY 15, 2018  
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM  
19 HARRISON AVENUE  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The May 15, 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 and location of the meeting were included in the Annual Meeting Schedule, 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  
Peter M. Smith, Councilman  
Michelle Tolli, Council President (6:36 PM)  
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman (6:47 PM)

ABSENT:

Richard N. Leonard, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 165-2018 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Caldwell Sewer Agreement
2. Fair Share Housing v. Roseland
3. West et al, v. Borough of Roseland, Chief McDonough and Captain Kitchin
4. Personnel

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close to Executive Session at 6:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Leonard, Tolli, and Tsilionis absent).

Council adjourned executive session at 7:21 PM in order to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Duthie read the Sunshine Statement again at

7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilwoman Tolli and Councilman Tsilionis were in attendance, and Councilman Leonard was absent.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Duthie read and presented a proclamation acknowledging the efforts of Police Chief McDonough, Patrolman Nicholson, and civilians Charles and Danny Winkler for their efforts in rescuing a woman and her two children from their car which had plunged into a pond on Livingston Avenue during the 20" snow storm on March 7, 2018. Captain Costello thanked the governing body on behalf of Chief McDonough who was unable to attend the meeting, adding that Chief McDonough was proud of Patrolman Nicholson and the Winkler brothers for their life saving actions. Patrolman Nicholson also thanked the governing body for recognizing the police department.

Mayor Duthie read and presented a proclamation congratulating Warren King upon achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mayor Duthie read a proclamation congratulating the West Essex Jr. Knights Wrestling Team upon winning their fourth consecutive Suburban Wrestling League championship. The proclamation was presented by Mayor Duthie and Recreation Director Colitti.

Mayor Duthie read and presented a proclamation congratulating the 2017 -2018 Roseland Lakers 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team upon winning the West Essex Boys' Junior League championship. Recreation Director Colitti presented trophies to the boys and congratulated the coaches on their successful season.

Mayor Duthie read and presented a proclamation to 2018 Mother of the Year recipient Lauren Seiner. Mrs. Seiner was nominated for the award by her daughter Claire.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ted Glick	500 Broughton Avenue, Bloomfield
Louis DeBell	4 Clarendon Court

After Mr. Glick's comments, Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 179-2018 requesting that the NJ Department of Environmental Protection conduct a public hearing on the Fresh Water Wetlands permit application submitted by Williams Transco in connection with their Gateway Expansion Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Leonard absent).

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt the nine resolutions and the four items on the Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 166-2018 Approve of Water and Sewer Installment Plan for 22 Meeker Court, Account #410430-0

Resolution No. 167-2018 Ratification of Salaries - April 2018

Resolution No. 168-2018 Approve of Water and Sewer Installment Plan for 14 Cedar Lane, Account #322990-0

Resolution No. 169-2018 Authorizing the Settlement of Gorman v. Watkins, Borough of Roseland Docket No. L-5760-17

Resolution No. 170-2018 Approval of 2017 Condominium Reimbursements

Resolution No. 171-2018 Approval of Proposal from Maser Consulting for Tax Map Revisions Required by the State Division of Taxation – Not to Exceed \$10,730.00

Resolution No. 172-2018 Approval to Hire Part-Time Seasonal Employee for the Department of Public Works

Resolution No. 173-2018 Award Unleaded Gasoline Fuel Delivery Contract to Allied Oil LLC through Morris County Co-Op Contract #1 for a Not to Exceed of \$37,000.00

Resolution No. 174-2018 Award Quote to Cifelli & Sons General Contracting for Repairs to Inlets for a Total Cost of \$9,300.00

Resolution No. 175-2018 Approval of 2016 Condominium Reimbursements

Resolution No. 176-2018 Bill List

Resolution No. 177-2018 Open Space Bill List

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve Mayor to Sign Blue Light Permit Application for Xavier Abelson of the Roseland First Aid Squad

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to Attend “NJMMA Summer Conference” to be held on June 20, 2018 in Iselin, NJ for a total cost of \$110.00

Accept with Regret the Resignation of Paula Frisch from the Beautification Committee effective May 15, 2018

Accept with Regret the Resignation of Ginny Jackimowitz from the Beautification Committee effective May 15, 2018

Approval for Gary Schall & Chris Critchett to Attend "Flood Plain Management" Seminar on June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> & July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Community Center Verona, NJ at No Cost to the Borough

Approval for Gary Schall & Chris Critchett to Attend "Clean Communities Grant Requirements" Seminar on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to be Held at the Livingston Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ at No Cost to the Borough

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to attend "NJLM Mini One Day Conference to be held June 15, 2018 in West Windsor, NJ for a total cost of \$110.00

Councilman Tsilionis seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilman Jacobs abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 166-2018, Resolution No. 170-2018, Resolution No. 175-2018, and Resolution No. 176-2018, and Councilman Bardi voting no on Resolution No. 169-2018 (Leonard absent).

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Duthie summarized correspondence received from Mr. Bob VanDerhoef of 18 Pitcairn Drive, who complemented the cleanup work done by the Department of Public Works following the March snow storm.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Duthie thanked local contractor Thomas J. O'Beirne and his crew for volunteering to oversee and perform repairs to the stone wall, known as the Centerville Wall, along the Roseland Avenue side of the Roseland Library property on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Duthie also thanked Jeffrey Osman and his masons, Boy Scout Troop 3, members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Council, and other Roseland residents who turned out to assist with the volunteer project. Mayor Duthie also thanked OEM Coordinator Matheis and auxiliary police officers, DPW Superintendent Schall, the Roseland First Aid Squad, and the Roseland Library for additional support.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Smith commended the Roseland Department of Public Works for their response during and following recent storms, including today's high winds.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs commended the police department, fire department, public works department and OEM for their response to the storms and high winds this afternoon.

Council briefly discussed the status of tree removal permits and possible changes to the shade tree ordinance in the absence of a shade tree commission. Mr. Jacobs agreed to take discussion of the ordinance review and other issues to his committee. Mayor Duthie noted that tree removal permits are automatically granted if not approved or denied by the Shade Tree Commission within time limits established in the Shade Tree ordinance.

## RECREATION

Councilwoman Tolli reported on a successful Easter egg hunt that was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Tolli noted that April was National Donate Life Month. Mrs. Tolli announced that the Roseland First Aid Squad will be hosting an open house from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman added that the Beautification Committee began planting flowers last night in the planters around town.

Councilman Tsilionis reported that a Little League Charter was formed earlier this year in Caldwell, noting that the Charter included Roseland without the Borough's permission. Mr. Tsilionis expressed concern that small towns like Roseland may not be able to field a little league team while also fielding recreation teams.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

No report.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Councilman Bardi suggested that Council should approve a resolution at the next meeting officially opposing the Williams Transco compressor station expansion. Mr. Bardi announced that the Compressor Station Committee will be holding its next meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Mrs. Chumacas reported that a payment on a tax lien redemption had been received on Monday, and as a result, the matter was added to the agenda late. Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 178-2018 approving Tax Lien Redemption Certificate 17-00001 for 4 Freeman Street. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Leonard absent).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Tedesco	20 Meeker Court
Scott Gorman	4 Cooper Avenue
Claudia Reis	4 Cooper Avenue
John Matheis	OEM Coordinator

**ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY**

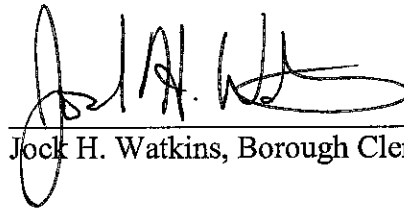
Councilman Smith made a motion at 8:49 PM to return to Executive Session to continue discussion of the agenda items. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Leonard absent).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to close the meeting at 8:59 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Leonard absent).



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Mayor John Duthie



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Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: June 5, 2018

**ROLL CALL**

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