

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
NEW JERSEY

JUNE 20, 2017
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The June 20, 2017 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
David Jacobs, Councilman
Richard N. Leonard, Councilman
Peter M. Smith, Councilman
Michelle Tolli, Councilwoman
Mark Vidovich, Council President

ABSENT:

Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk (7:00 pm)
Ethan Jesse Sheffet, Borough Attorney

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 195-2017 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Redevelopment Attorney - 85 Livingston Avenue and 6 Becker Farm Road
2. Personnel
3. Negotiations – FOP Contract

Councilwoman Tolli seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close Executive Session and to return open session at 7:27 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vidovich and approved by a 5-

0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent). Mayor Duthie read the Sunshine Statement again 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 a proclamation recognizing the 2017 West Essex Jr. Knights wrestling team for winning their third straight league title: Anthony Barra, Carson Barry, Conner Decker, Michael DeMiro, Joseph Fano, Tyler Fiore, John Fiore, Michael Girardi, Nicholas Grieco, Christopher Kenny, Ethan Kerlin, Nicholas Lagreca, Anthony Lombardi, Joe Macrino, Michael Maglione, Aidan Manning, Carmine Masi, Michael Pescatore, Clark Rich, Thomas Ruane, Jack Ruane, Riley Ruane, Robert Simone, Luke Struss, Ricky Taylor, Mario Trigazis and Matthew Zaccaria

Mayor Duthie read a posthumous proclamation recognizing longtime borough resident Virgil Bavaro for his many years of volunteer service on various boards and commissions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Duthie took an informal poll of Council to determine if the two resolutions discussed in Executive Session should be put forward for a vote. With the majority in the affirmative, Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 205-2017 and Resolution No. 206-2017 to forward the Redevelopment Plan for Block 30.1, Lot 14, 85 Livingston Avenue, and the Redevelopment Plan for Block 30, Lot 2, 6 Becker Farm Road respectively, to the Planning Board for their review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 4-1 voice vote, with Councilman Leonard voting against and Councilman Tsilionis absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read ORDINANCE NO. 03-2017 for the first time by title only: An Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 16-2016 as amended which provides for salaries and compensation to be paid to non-union employees of the Borough of Roseland and substitute therefore salaries and compensation for the year 2017. Councilman Vidovich made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilman Leonard abstaining from the vote and Councilman Tsilionis absent. The public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read ORDINANCE NO. 04-2017 for the first time by title only: An Ordinance to amend section 2-17.3 "Other Positions" in Chapter 2-17 "Administration" to add the position of Land Use Administrator. Councilman Smith made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilman Jacobs seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilman Leonard abstaining from the vote and Councilman Tsilionis absent. The public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read ORDINANCE NO. 05-2017 for the first time by title only: An Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, providing for improvements to Locust Avenue in and for the Borough and appropriating \$173,000.00 to fund the same. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilman Leonard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent). The public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read ORDINANCE NO. 06-2017 for the first time by title only: An Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, providing for the reconstruction of borough roads and streets in and by the Borough, appropriating \$240,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$228,000.00 in general improvement bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the same. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilman Leonard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent). The public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read ORDINANCE NO. 07-2017 for the first time by title only: An Ordinance to amend Chapter XXX "Land Development" regarding fast service restaurants and convenience stores. Councilman Smith made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Councilman Jacobs seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent). The public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the nine resolutions on the agenda and the one Consent Agenda item:

Resolution No. 196-2017 authorizing participation in the CDBG Entitlement Program for 2018-2020

Resolution No. 197-2017 accepting the bid from Standard Elevator as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for elevator upgrades at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue in the amount of \$61,000.00

Resolution No. 198-2017 approving the June 16, 2017 Bill List

Resolution No. 199-2017 approving the June 16, 2017 Open Space Bill List

Resolution No. 200-2017 approval of the FOP Superior Officer Contract

Resolution No. 201-2017 ratification of salaries – May 2017

Resolution No. 202-2017 ratification of bills – April to June 2017

Resolution No. 203-2017 authorizing the purchase of two (2) Police Interceptor SUV's under MCCOP \$67,302.00

Resolution No. 204-2017 approving the release of Performance Bond No. 106062047 from Avalon Bay in the amount of \$1,959,077.00 in lieu of Maintenance Bond No. 106715112 in the amount of \$326,512.76 effective May 1, 2017 for a period of two years

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval for Nicholas Candela to work as an intern for the Roseland Police Department from July 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017

Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Leonard abstaining on the vote on Resolution Nos. 201-2017 and 202-2017 (Tsilionis absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Duthie stated that he was pleased with the attendance and spirit of community at the Mayor's Trophy softball game two weeks ago. Mr. Duthie reported that the Police Department retained the trophy for the next year. Mr. Duthie thanked Recreation Director Colitti and his staff for organizing the picnic that followed the softball game, and thanked members of Council who cooked the food for the picnic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Smith noted that he has received a lot of very positive feedback on the Picnic.

Mr. Smith reported that the Borough has settled the contract with the FOP Superior Officers and added that the Superior Officers were gentlemen during the negotiations.

Councilman Smith thanked the Department of Public Works for their work and reminded residents to continue using recycling bags for pickup.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs reported that the Shade Tree Commission has received a \$20,000.00 grant that was applied for two years ago. Mr. Jacobs thanked Shade Tree Chairman Bob McGuirk for his hard work.

Mr. Jacobs reported that car break-ins have again occurred and reminded residents to lock their cars and remove valuable contents.

Councilman Jacobs thanked the representatives of the FOP Superior Officers for being absolute gentlemen during recent contract negotiations. Mr. Jacobs stated that the officers understood the Borough's financial limitations and constraints and worked with the Committee to settle the contract.

Mr. Jacobs thanked Emergency Management Coordinator John Matheis for his hard work updating the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. Mr. Jacobs read a letter from the State Office of Emergency Management approving the Borough's plan through 2021.

RECREATION

No report

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Leonard reported that Farmer's Market reopened on June 16th and will be open Friday afternoons from noon until 6:00 PM throughout the summer.

Mr. Leonard also reported that Camp Wyanokie will host their annual Great Wyanokie Outing on Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Registrations can be completed online at Camp Wyanokie's website.

Councilman Leonard congratulated all graduates of West Essex High School, and the many private schools that Roseland residents attend.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Councilwoman Tolli congratulated the winners of the 2017 Municipal Youth Guidance Council scholarships: Sophia Colitti, Sidney Winkler, and Mark Bogdanoff. Mrs. Tolli also congratulated the winners of the 2017 Junior Women's Club scholarship: Carly Blume and Chris Zaccaria. Mrs. Tolli also congratulated all preschool, grammar school, high school, and college graduates.

Mrs. Tolli reported that the Borough and the County cohosted a very successful fishing derby on May 11th at Grover Cleveland Park. Roseland residents Vito Mielnicki, Lucas Bussanich, and Joseph Mielnicki each won a prize for the fish that they caught.

Councilwoman Tolli also reported that the Father/Child Bowling event at Eagle Rock Lanes on June 16th was very successful. Trophy winners were K-2: 1st place Jake and Dan Piccirillo, second place Thomas and Matthew Maulbeck; Grades 3-4: 1st Place James and Dan Piccirillo, 2nd Place Nicholas and Ed DiLegge; and Grades 5-6: 1st Place Daniel and Mike Piltzecker, 2nd Place Nick and Al Place.

Mrs. Tolli announced that new banners and hanging planters can be seen around town. Mrs. Tolli thanked members of the DPW for installing and watering the planters.

Councilwoman Tolli reminded residents that July is National Ice Cream Month. The Junior Women's Club is hosting a Make Your Own Sundae event on July 26th at the Roseland First Aid Squad building from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Mrs. Tolli added that the Camp Wyanokie Great Wyanokie Outing is scheduled for Saturday June 24th with a rain date of Sunday, June 25th.

Councilwoman Tolli closed her report asking residents to clean leaves and debris from storm water inlets near their homes in order to prevent flooding during heavy rain events.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Councilman Vidovich thanked Council and residents who attended the Borough Picnic for making an enjoyable event.

Mr. Vidovich thanked the FOP Superior Officers for negotiating with Council in a professional and cordial manner and without either side requiring attorneys. The contract provides increases under 2% for all years except one in which members will receive an increase slightly above 2%. Mr. Vidovich was also pleased to report that the new contract requires EMT certification for promotion to superior officer.

Councilman Vidovich reported that Council wishes to provide salary increases for non-union employees. Prior to providing the increases, the salary ordinance introduced tonight will amend the salary guide so that increases can be awarded next month.

Mr. Vidovich noted that the presentation on tax bills is being delayed pending receipt of final figures from the State and County.

Councilman Vidovich advised that the survey of roads completed several years ago, is now being compared to the recent water/sewer systems analysis in order to coordinate future capital improvement projects.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Vidovich made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2017 Council Meeting, the April 18, 2017 Council Meeting, the May 2, 2017 Caucus Meeting, and the May 16, Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved

by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Leonard abstaining from the vote on the February 28, 2017 minutes, and voting against the May 2, 2017 minutes (Tsilionis absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martin Greenwald, 19 Pacio Court, representing Roseland Green, asked about the status of proposed improvements to the Fernwood property.

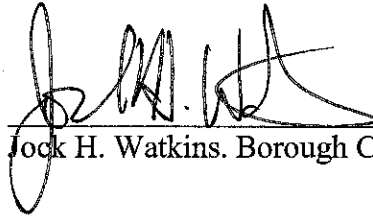
ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 195-2017 Approval to Close to Executive Session. Councilman Smith made a motion to close to meeting at 8:11 PM and return to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).

Councilman Vidovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).



Mayor John Duthie



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: July 11, 2017

ROLL CALL

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