

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
19 HARRISON AVENUE
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The September 19, 2023 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Spango. 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, sent to the official newspapers, posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. This meeting was also available via Zoom conference call.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Council President (via Zoom)

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, Councilman (via Zoom)
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango congratulated Roseland resident Evan Marshall for his 2nd place finish in the Professional Acrylic Category at the 2023 Essex County Senior Art Show. Mr. Marshall explained his work and thanked Council for their acknowledgment.

Mayor Spango thanked Mr. Thomas J. O'Beirne for his continuing and generous support as a Platinum Sponsor of the Borough's summer concerts. Mayor Spango presented a plaque to

Mr. O'Beirne and thanked him for his support of the concerts and other Borough projects. Mr. O'Beirne expressed his thanks to the Mayor, Council members, recreation department, public works department, and police department for their efforts in making the concerts a success.

Essex County liaison Dan Salvante announced the upcoming community events that are offered by Essex County.

Councilman Bardi Tax made a PowerPoint presentation of the final 2023 tax rate reflected in the recently mailed final tax bills.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 20-2023 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 13-2023 entitled "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" adding new Section 14-5 entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"", and to repeal Ordinance No. 16-2023 entitled "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" amending Section 14-5 entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Trillo made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 20-2023 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 13-2023 entitled "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" adding new Section 14-5 entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"", and to repeal Ordinance No. 16-2023 entitled "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" amending Section 14-5 entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"".

Borough Attorney McDonnell explained to Council that upon recommendation of the Recreation Committee, Ordinance No. 24-2023 was introduced at the September 9th Caucus meeting, to be adopted in lieu of Ordinance No. 20-2023. Mayor Spango asked for a motion on Ordinance No. 20-23023, and no motion was forthcoming.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2023"

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 21-2023 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance establishing a new Chapter 19, Section 22 entitled "Public Utilities Construction and Pole Installation and Replacement"". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public

hearing on Ordinance No. 21-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 21-2023 for the third and final time: "An ordinance establishing a new Chapter 19, Section 22 entitled "Public Utilities Construction and Pole Installation and Replacement"". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 23-2023 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Department of Administration", amending Subsection 2-34 entitled "Recreation Coordinator" and adding new Section 2-36 entitled "Recreation Coordinator"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Trillo made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 23-2023 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Department of Administration", amending Subsection 2-34 entitled "Recreation Coordinator" and adding new Section 2-36 entitled "Recreation Coordinator"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 24-2023 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" amending Section 14-5 entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"". Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 24-2023 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" amending Section 14-5 entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 282-2023 approving the September 15, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$125,675.11. The motion as seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the ten resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 283-2023 ratification of salaries – August 2023

Resolution No. 284-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign an escrow agreement with Avalon Bay for 85 Livingston Avenue and 6 Becker Farm Road

Resolution No. 285-2023 awarding a contract in the amount of \$9,080.00 to Telco Communications for the repair of fire sirens at 300 Eagle Rock Avenue and Ridge Road

Resolution No. 286-2023 authorizing the tax appeal settlement for 75 Eisenhower Parkway

Resolution No. 287-2023 awarding a contract to S. Rotondi & Sons Inc. for 2023 Leaf Hauling and Disposal Services at a cost of \$11.34 per cubic yard, for a total amount not to exceed \$39,690.00

Resolution No. 288-2023 approving Maria Porreca to take an unpaid leave of absence

Resolution No. 289-2023 awarding a contract to Ciocca FMFL Inc. in the amount of \$142,718.00 for the purchase of two (2) 2023 or newer pick-up trucks

Resolution No. 290-2023 approving Jenelle Sorisi to take an unpaid leave of absence

Resolution No. 291-2023 amending Section IV of the personnel policies and procedures manual entitled "Overtime Compensation Policy"

Resolution No. 292-2023 approving the appointment of fall recreation seasonal employees

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the three items on the Consent Agenda:

Approve On-Premise 50/50 raffle application No. RA-400 from Pearls of Wisdom for October 14, 2023

Authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, stating that the Roseland First Aid Squad is authorized and qualified to provide basic life support services

Approval for Christopher Critchett to attend the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference from November 14th – 16th, 2023 in Atlantic City, New Jersey at a cost of \$60.00

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that Roseland Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th and will be held at Bond Force Park this year, noting that there will be a lot of activities for children.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi reminded residents that in addition to the Borough television station, borough council meetings, concerts, and other activities can be viewed for free on the local BTV app on smart televisions, tablets and mobile phones. Information on the BTV app is available on the Boroughs' website.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report

Acting Police Director Matheis reported that the new block party ordinance was put to test the past weekend and everything worked very well.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that the annual Run 4 Roseland and the Junior Olympics are scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd. Soccer season is in full swing. Ground breaking has begun on the improvements to Thomas O'Beirne. The pickleball court at Tedesco Park is

scheduled to open very soon. Adult and youth kickball program are set to begin on Friday, September 22nd.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman congratulated Councilman Bardi on the property tax presentation. Redevelopment of properties on South Livingston Avenue is progressing, as several of the office buildings have been raised. Mr. Fishman commented that the Essex County Senior Wellness program slated for October 3rd at the Codey Arena in West Orange is an outstanding program. The local senior society will begin balance classes on Fridays, beginning September 22nd at 10:00 am at the Roseland First Aid Squad building. The seniors are also having an Octoberfest luncheon on October 13th at the Black Forest Inn in Stanhope.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the Greek Festival at Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church begins this weekend on September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee is looking for adult and student members to join. The Make Your Own Sundae event has been cancelled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

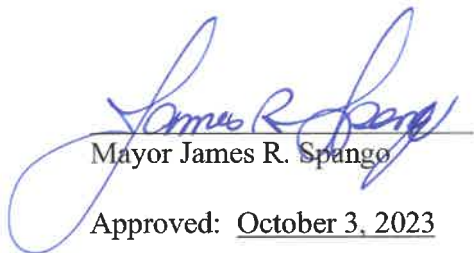
Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 caucus meeting minutes and the September 5, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Perrotti absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

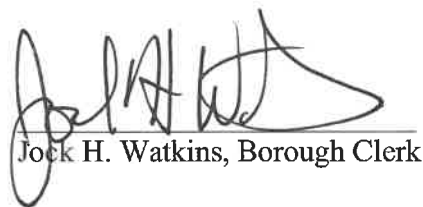
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: October 3, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Fishman, Tolli, Trillo
Nay: None
Recuse: Perrotti
Absent: Bardi, Freda