

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

**OCTOBER 17, 2023
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The October 17, 2023 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:06 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
Roger Freda, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Council President (6:39 PM)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Perotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 310-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Tax Appeal Litigation
2. Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent). Councilman Trillo arrived at 6:39 PM. Council adjourned executive session at 7:07 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango presented a donation to the Roseland First Aid Squad in the amount of \$4,917.00. Accepting the donation of behalf of the first aid squad were Bob Geraghty and

Tom Loucopolos. The donation represented one half of the proceeds from the 2022 Mayor's Ball. The other half of the proceeds was previously donated to the Roseland Library.

Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again and called the meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll with all members present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sal Polidoro	50 Cooper Avenue
William Tedesco	20 Meeker Court

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Outgoing Honorary Mayor Andrew Mercadante administered the oath of office to incoming Honorary Mayor Adam Trillo.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 29-2023: "An ordinance replacing Section 30-512 of the Land Development Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Stormwater Management and Control" in its entirety". The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Board to ensure that the amendments proposed are not inconsistent with the Master Plan. The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2023.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 30-2023: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to adopt the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Model Ordinance for Private Salt Storage". The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Board to ensure that the amendments proposed are not inconsistent with the Master Plan. The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2023.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 31-2023: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2, Article VII entitled "Public Records and Services; Fees; Charges and Assessments", Section 2-75.7 entitled "Fee Charged by the Department of Recreation – Recreation Fee Refund Policy"". The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on November 21, 2023.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 32-2023: "An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of

Roseland entitled "Administration", Section 2-24.10 entitled "Outside Employment of Police Officers"". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on November 21, 2023.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 33-2023: "An ordinance amending the Code of the Borough of Roseland to provide for the administration of the requirement imposed by the State of New Jersey for lead-based inspections of certain residential rental dwellings and to establish fees for inspections". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on November 21, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 25-2023 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Section 4-14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Block Parties; Permit Required", Subsection 4-14.4 entitled "Standards for Issuance of Block Party Permits"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 25-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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 Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 25-2023 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Section 4-14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Block Parties; Permit Required", Subsection 4-14.4 entitled "Standards for Issuance of Block Party Permits"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 26-2023 by title only for the second time: "Ordinance amending Section 3(c) of Bond Ordinance No. 06-2023 of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, finally adopted February 21, 2023, in order to amend the description in its entirety.". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 26-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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Ordinance No. 27-2023 was withdrawn.

The public hearing on Ordinance No. 28-2023 will be held at a Special Council Meeting to be held via Zoom Conference call on October 23, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 311-2023 approving the October 13, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$610,744.13. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 312-2023 ratification of salaries – September 2023

Resolution No. 313-2023 Governing Body Certification of 2022 Annual Municipal Audit

Resolution No. 314-2023 authorizing the Borough of Roseland to participate in the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund (NJIIF) through 2026

Resolution No. 315-2023 authorizing the return of unused escrow in the amount of \$89.50 for 31 Ridge Road

Resolution No. 316-2023 awarding a Required Disclosure Contract in the amount of \$21,363.00 to Open-Facility Solution Group for the purchase of LED lighting for the fire department and Department of Public Works (DPW) building at the 300 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 317-2023 approving the 2024 holiday schedule

Resolution No. 318-2023 approving the hiring of Matthew Gautieri as a Probationary Teamster for the Department of Public Works effective November 1, 2023

Resolution No. 319-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a Developers Agreement with Gardens at Roseland

Resolution No. 320-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a subrecipient agreement with Essex County for a Community Development Block Grant for Tedesco Park Improvements – Phase II

Resolution No. 321-2023 approving the hiring of John Matheis as Deputy Police Director effective October 23, 2023

Resolution No. 322-2023 approving the hiring of Patricia Gentile as a full-time Recreation Program Supervisor effective October 18, 2023 at an annual salary of \$41,414.00

Resolution No. 323-2023 authorizing the execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Verona for the provision of services to the Construction Code Department

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked everyone who helped make Roseland Day a success, including the DPW, fire department, police department, recreation department, and office of emergency management (OEM). Activities had to be postponed one day due to the poor weather, and the movie and bonfire have been rescheduled to October 28th. Team 94 will be hosting their annual fund-raising event on November 5th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi thanked the recreation department, fire department, DPW, and all volunteers who helped during Roseland Day. Mr. Bardi congratulated Administrator Chumacas for the 2022 annual audit report with no recommendations. Mr. Bardi thanked John Matheis for his service as the police director for the past year and a half.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked everyone who made Roseland Day a success, particularly the first aid squad and the fire department. Mrs. Perrotti thanked John Matheis for his leadership and guidance as the Acting Police Director. The police department is scheduled to complete the transfer of dispatching duties to the West Caldwell Police

Department by the end of December. The West Caldwell Police dispatch has been testing dispatch of the fire department. Several fire sirens are currently under repair.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that despite delays due to rainy weather, soccer season will hopefully wrap up by Halloween. Basketball registration is now available on the recreation website.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that several of the new housing projects have begun construction. Mrs. Fishman announced that the Senior Society has a painting event scheduled for Friday, October 20th. painting event. Flu clinics for Roseland residents have been scheduled in East Hanover on October 19th from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM, and in Roseland on October 26th from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. High dose and regular dose vaccines will be available, and pre-registration is required. Forty-five seniors attended the Octoberfest luncheon at the Black Forest Inn in Stanhope on Friday, October 13th. A free Thanksgiving luncheon is scheduled for November 17th at 12:30 PM at the Roseland library. Registration is required by November 15th.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli also noted that Roseland Day was a success. great. October is breast cancer awareness month. Men and women are encouraged to schedule screening as early detection is crucial to successful treatment. There are five adult vacancies on the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee. In the coming weeks, student members will be serving refreshments at the rescheduled bonfire on October 28th, and collecting non-perishable food items at the West Caldwell Shop-Rite for the Roseland Food Bank, the West Essex Food Bank, and the Blessed Sacrament Church for their Thanksgiving food baskets.

Members of the Beautification Committee have finished the fall decorations around town. There are currently two vacancies on the Beautification Committee. There are also two vacancies on the Environmental Commission. Anyone interested in serving on any boards or commissions can access the Citizen Leadership Form on the Borough's website and submit the completed form to the Clerk's office. The Roseland Junior Women's Club is collecting clothing for the homeless in Essex County. A collection box for donations will be located at the Roseland Library from now through October 31st. A free talk and presentation of pictures reminiscing the Palisades Amusement Park is scheduled at the West Caldwell Library on Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 PM. The annual 5th grade Halloween dance is scheduled for Friday, October 27th from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM in the auditorium at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. A trunk or treat is scheduled at Noecker School on Saturday, October 28th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

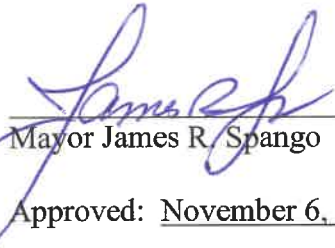
Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the October 3, 2023 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Bardi and Councilman Freda recusing themselves from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

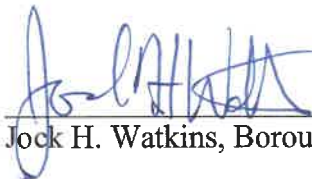
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Trillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: November 6, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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

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