

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FEBRUARY 3, 2024
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
9:00 AM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

The February 3, 2024 budget meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 9:10 AM 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
John Biront, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION

Mayor Spango reviewed the proposed 2024 capital improvement budget. Council will evaluate the proposed projects after reviewing the request with the respective department heads.

Mayor Spango began the discussion of the 2024 municipal operating budget explaining that four large commercial properties did not make their 4th quarter tax payments before

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December 31st. As a result, approximately \$870,000.00 of revenue cannot be anticipated in the 2024 budget.

Administrator Chumacas reviewed the major components of the 2024 operating budget. Council began a line-by-line review of the budget and began the process of looking for budget cuts to offset the loss of \$870,000.00 in revenue. Council scheduled two more budget meetings and will review the capital budgets and operating budgets with individual department heads before making the final cuts.

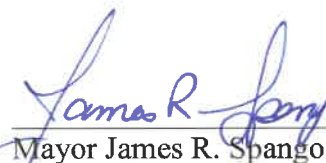
Council scheduled two additional budget meetings on Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 PM and on Tuesday, February 20th at 5:30 PM. Council plans to finalize the budget at the previously scheduled meeting on Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 AM. All meetings will be held at the municipal building at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

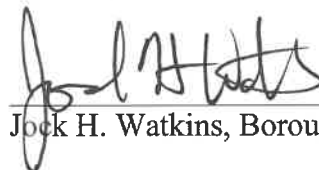
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None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 AM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote. Councilwoman Perrotti left the meeting just prior to the vote and Councilman Freda was absent. (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: February 6, 2024

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Biront, Fishman, Perrotti, Trillo

Nay: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Freda