

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2024
19 HARRISON AVENUE
5:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

The February 20, 2024 budget meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Spango. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that 48-hour notice of the date, time and location of the meeting were 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, Council President (5:35 PM)
John Biront, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (via Zoom)

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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 79-2024 approval to submit a grant application for the 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program – Bond Force Park basketball court improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

DISCUSSION

Council reviewed the tax assessor's operating budget with Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito.

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Council reviewed the Police Department operating budget with Police Director Livio Cioffi. Director Cioffi then summarized the police department's proposed capital improvement expenditures.

Council reviewed the Department of Public Works (DPW) operating budget with Superintendent of Public Works Chris Critchett. Superintendent Critchett then summarized the DPW's proposed capital improvement expenditures.

Council reviewed the Recreation Department operating budget with Recreation Director Michael Colitti. Director Colitti then summarized the recreation department's proposed capital improvement expenditures.

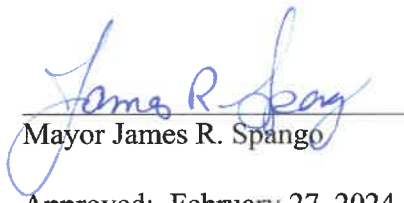
Council reviewed the IT and Citizen Notification operating budget with Office Supervisor Ryan Schwertfeger. Supervisor Schwertfeger then summarized the IT and citizen notification proposed capital improvement expenditures.

Council reviewed the Fire Department operating budget with Fire Chief Richard Loveless. Chief Loveless then summarized the fire department's proposed capital improvement expenditures.

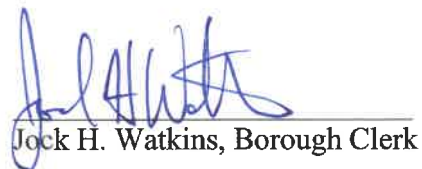
The next budget meeting was included in the annual meeting notice for Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 AM. The location of the meeting will be moved from 140 Eagle Rock Avenue to the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue. If Council decides that an additional budget meeting is warranted, Council will announce the date, time, and location of the meeting during the February 24th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: February 27, 2024

VOICE VOTE

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