

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

OCTOBER 3, 2023  
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

**CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

The October 3, 2023 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 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. The meeting was also available via Zoom conference call.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

James R. Spango, Mayor  
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman  
Marcelino Trillo, Council President

**ABSENT:**

Christopher Bardi, Councilman  
Roger Freda, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 293-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Tax Appeal Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:06 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again and called the meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Bardi and Councilman Freda were absent.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Tedesco      20 Meeker Court

## **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to make the following appointments:

### **Municipal Youth Guidance Sub-Committee (MYGSC)**

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| Carol Corcoran  | 1 Year | 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 |
| Leslie Klaff    | 1 Year | 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 |
| Eileen Masone   | 1 Year | 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 |
| Suzanne Panicoe | 1 Year | 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 |
| Eileen Stewart  | 1 Year | 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 |

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

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 25-2023: “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””. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on October 17, 2023.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 26-2023: “Ordinance amending Section 3(c) of Bond Ordinance No.06-2023 of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, finally adopted February 21, 2023, in order to amend the description in its entirety”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on October 17, 2023.

Ordinance No. 27-2023 was withdrawn and replaced by Ordinance No. 28-2023 below.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 28-2023: “Ordinance reappropriating \$1,365,943 aggregate proceeds of obligations not needed for their original purposes in order to provide for various water main replacements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on October 17, 2023.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 294-2023 approving the September 29, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$513,078.76. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent).

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the first seven resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 295-2023 cancellation of water sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 296-2023 ratification of bills – July through September 2023

Resolution No. 297-2023 authorizing refunds, overpayment or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 298-2023 authorizing JCT Solutions to perform police infrastructure improvements related to the replacement and relocation of the police communication system through the Union County Co-Op 8-2022 at a cost of \$27,931.44

Resolution No. 299-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a grant application for the NJDEP stormwater program

Resolution No. 300-2023 approving the appointment of Nicholas Masone as a firefighter to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Resolution No. 301-2023 memorializing authority for the mayor to sign the PSE&G gas application to install a new gas line for the generator project at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue

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

Resolution No. 302-2023 was withdrawn.

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

Resolution No. 303-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract in the amount of \$4,000.00 with 107 Productions to book Super TransAm for the 2024 summer Concert Series

Resolution No. 304-2023 approving the hiring of seasonal employees for 2023 fall recreation programs

Resolution No. 305-2023 rescinding Resolution No. 234-2023 entitled “Amend Resolution No. 162-2022 approval of Task I and Task II of proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services for O’Beirne Field Improvements”

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

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 306-2023 approval to hire Livio Cioffi as Police Director effective October 19, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Fishman recusing herself from the vote and Councilman Bardi and Councilman Freda absent.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the final three resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 307-2023 awarding a contract in the amount of \$450,773.00 to Shauger Property Services for the Freeman Street Water Main Improvements project

Resolution No. 308-2023 awarding a contract for the base bid plus alternate in the amount of \$469,228.30 to D&L Paving Contractors Inc. for the Ridge Road Improvement project

Resolution No. 309-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with the American Heart Association for the 2023 Heart Walk

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the two items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Jock Watkins and Ashley Kennedy to attend the Essex County Clerk's Association mini-conference and quarterly meeting on October 12, 2023 in Verona, NJ for a total cost of \$90.00

Approval for Sergeant Hiter and Detective Carnevale to attend a Juvenile Investigations training course on October 20, 2023 at a total cost of \$340.20

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango advised that due to the poor weather forecast for Roseland Day on Saturday, a decision will be made on Thursday whether to postpone the event.

Following a discussion of the proposed 2024 Holiday Schedule, council agreed that the Borough will be closed on every third Friday in June in observance of Juneteenth.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

No report

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

No report

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked Nicholas Masone for volunteering to serve on the Roseland Fire Department. Mrs. Perrotti also thanked John Matheis for his service during his tenure as Acting Police Director.

**RECREATION**

Councilman Trillo reported that despite the fact that there have been a lot of cancellations due to recent heavy rain, the Soccer and Cross-Country programs are underway. Mr. Trillo also reported that basketball registration is opening.

**REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

No report

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES**

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade Halloween Dance is scheduled for Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 until 9:00 PM at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent).

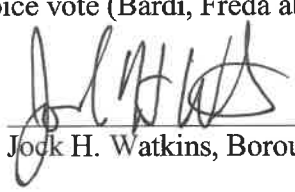
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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| Scott Gorman | 4 Cooper Avenue        |
| John Matheis | Acting Police Director |

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent).

  
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Mayor James R. Spango

  
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Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: October 17, 2023

**VOICE VOTE**

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

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