

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DECEMBER 5, 2023  
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

**CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

The December 5, 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  
Christopher Bardi, Councilman  
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman  
Marcelino Trillo, Council President (6:55 PM)

**ABSENT:**

Roger Freda, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator  
Ashley Kennedy, Deputy Borough Clerk  
Joni McDonnell, Borough

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 354-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). Councilman Trillo arrived at 6:55 PM. Council adjourned executive session at 6:58 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again and called the meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Freda was absent.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Response to Public Comment, if needed.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 40-2023: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Section 2-31 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Department of Construction Code Enforcement and Inspections” in int’s entirety and replace with new Section 2-31 entitled “Department of Code Enforcement and Inspections””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2023.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 41-2023: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending and supplementing Section 2-24 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Department of Police or Police Department””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2023.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to add the definition of senior citizen as fifty-five (55) years of age or older to Ordinance No. 42-2023 prior to introduction. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce amended Ordinance No. 42-2023: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending and supplementing Section 14-5 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Use of Pickleball Courts””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2023.

Mayor Spango suggested that Section 2-6.2 of Ordinance No. 43-2023 be amended to read “The members of the Standing Committees of Council shall be appointed annually by the mayor with the advice and consent of Council”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to amend and introduce Ordinance No. 43-2023: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Administration”, amending Section 2-6 entitled “Standing Committees of the Borough Council””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2023.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 355-2023 approving of the December 1, 2023 Bill List in the Amount of \$224,724.56. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

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Resolution No. 356-2023 Budget Transfers

Resolution No. 357-2023 approving the hiring of seasonal recreation employees for the arts and crafts program

Resolution No. 358-2023 establishing fees for the winter 2024 senior balance program

Resolution No. 359-2023 appointing Linda Wheeler as program director for the winter 2024 senior balance classes

Resolution No. 360-2023 accepting the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services associated with the possible Major Subdivision of the former Morristown & Erie Railroad property for an amount not to exceed of \$28,300.00

Resolution No. 361-2023 authorizing the use of various state contracts to purchase a 2023 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicle with options from Nielsen Fleet Inc. at a cost of \$63,405.84

Resolution No. 362-2023 authorizing the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use on an online auction website

Resolution No. 363-2023 authorizing the purchase of radio communication system from Motorola Solutions Inc. for the police department at a cost of \$31,513.20 through state contract NJ Start 83909

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the four items on the Consent Agenda:

Approve the cadet application of Thomas Maulbeck to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Company (Department)

Approval for Christopher Critchett to carry over five (5) vacation days into the calendar year 2024

Approval to release the aid to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$50,000.00 per N.J.S.A 40A:14-34

Accept with regret the resignation of Captain Russell Sampson from the Roseland Auxiliary Police effective November 25, 2023

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The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that the Hannukah menorah lighting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Santa is scheduled to arrive on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Plans have begun to expand the scope of the Hannukah celebration next year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

No report

#### PUBLIC WORKS

No report

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti announced that the Santa ride around town is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>. The ride around will begin on Laurel Avenue and move west through town. Residents can track Santa's progress on the Borough's website. Mrs. Perrotti thanked cadet Thomas Maulbeck for volunteering to serve on the Roseland Fire Department. Mrs. Perrotti also thanked Captain Russell Sampson for his years of service on the Auxiliary Police Department.

#### RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that the basketball program has begun. Uniforms are expected to be delivered in time for the beginning of scheduled games.

#### REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the student members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be assisting with the holiday celebration activities on Saturday. The Beautification Committee has completed most of the holiday decorations. 19 Harrison Avenue was completed last week, and 140 Eagle Rock Avenue is expected to be completed tomorrow.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the November 21, 2023 Council meeting minutes and the November 21, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by at 3-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Trillo recusing themselves from the vote, and Councilman Freda absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Tedesco	20 Meeker Court
Janet Treamont	38 Leonard Terrace

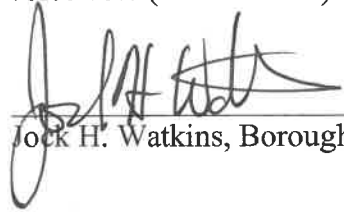
**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spargo

Approved: December 19, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

**VOICE VOTE**

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

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