

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

FEBRUARY 6, 2024
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The February 6, 2024 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. This meeting was also available via Zoom conference call.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Council President
John Biront, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (6:37 PM)

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. Resolution No. 57-2024 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation
2. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). Councilman Trillo arrived at 6:37 PM. Council adjourned executive session at 6:57 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:00 PM and called the meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Trillo was in attendance and Councilman Freda was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Roseland Board of Education Superintendent Giuseppe Leone, along with Anthony and Matt Gianforcaro from the firm of Gianforcaro Architects, Engineers, & Planners, made a presentation explaining the scope of the plans associated with the upcoming school board bond referendum.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 58-2024 approving of the February 2, 2024 bill list in the amount of \$2,289,856.24. 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 twenty-one resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 59-2024 cancellation of water and sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 60-2024 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 61-2024 establishing fees for the hometown banner program

Resolution No. 62-2024 authorizing the rejection of competitive contracting proposals for IT services

Resolution No. 63-2024 authorizing contracts with approved Morris County Pricing Council Contract for vendors from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Resolution No. 64-2024 approving the hiring of Liz Benne as the seasonal youth track program director for the recreation department

Resolution No. 65-2024 approving the hiring of pickleball instructors for the recreation spring program

Resolution No. 66-2024 approving the appointment of recreation spring seasonal employees

Resolution No. 67-2024 authorizing the return of unused inspection escrow in the amount of \$127.50 to Robert Cavallo for 67 Roosevelt Street

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Resolution No. 68-2024 authorizing the purchase of certain goods and services through the use of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

Resolution No. 69-2024 appointing Ashley Kennedy as the Qualified Purchasing Agent and establishing the salary

Resolution No. 70-2024 authorizing the recreation department to conduct a new Senior Advisory Board fitness program and establish fees

Resolution No. 71-2024 approving the hiring of Jennifer DeLorenzi to run a senior fitness program

Resolution No. 72-2024 authorizing the use of state contract 20-TELE-01510 to purchase computer software from Dell Technologies

Resolution No. 73-2024 rescinding Resolution No. 52-2023 entitled "Authorize Submission of Strategic Plan and Municipal Alliance Grant Application DEDR Fund October 2020 - June 2025" – Incorrect Title

Resolution No. 74-2024 rescinding Resolution No. 330-2023 entitled "Authorize Submission of Strategic Plan and Municipal Alliance Grant Application DEDR Fund FY25 July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 – Incorrect Amount

Resolution No. 75-2024 authorizing submission of a Strategic Plan and Municipal Alliance Grant application DEDR Fund FY24 July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Resolution No. 76-2024 authorizing submission of a Strategic Plan and Municipal Alliance Grant application DEDR Fund FY25 July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Resolution No. 77-2024 authorizing a new recreation Pre-K multi-sport youth program

Resolution No. 78-2024 approving the sponsorship fees for the 2024 Summer Concert Series

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval for Ryan Schwertfeger to attend the Jersey Access Group conference on May 16, 2024 in Edison, NJ at a cost of \$225.00 plus mileage reimbursement

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Approval for Steven Willenborg to attend the following Zoning Official classes – Introduction to Planning and Zoning on March 14th, 21st and 28th, Introduction to Planning and Zoning Enforcement on April 5th, 12th and 19th, Understanding Plans for Zoning Officials on May 8th and 15th and Zoning Administration and Enforcement on May 23th, 30th and June 6th at a total cost \$2,130.00

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough has received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 to install new sidewalks on Roseland Avenue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi announced that the next three budget meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, February 20th at 5:30 PM, and Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 AM in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue. It was noted that the Saturday meeting was originally advertised to be held at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that basketball season is going well and is expected to conclude on schedule. Baseball and softball registration is open through March 1st.

SENIOR & FAMILY SERVICES

Councilwoman Fishman announced that senior programs are scheduled on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, and the Senior Advisory Board has a great schedule planned for 2024.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the Department of Public Works for doing a great job.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING

Councilman Biront advised that he attended the Planning Board reorganization meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the January 16, 2024 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Bardi recusing himself from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the February 3, 2024 budget meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 57-2024 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 7:36 PM to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

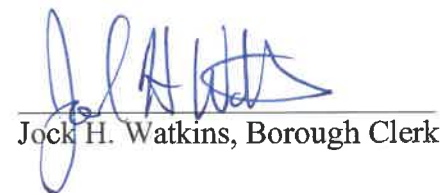
The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to open session at 7:48 PM. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).


Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: February 27, 2024


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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

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