

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

APRIL 9, 2024
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The April 9, 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
Neal Goldstein, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 126-2024 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. COAH Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Goldstein and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session and returned to open 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 all members were present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco

20 Meeker Court

APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the following appointments:

MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL

Affordable Housing Board

John Matheis	3 Years	4/9/2024 – 12/31/2026
Jean Capasso (Alt. 1 to Regular Member)	3 Years	4/9/2024 – 12/31/2026

Board of Health

John Matheis	4 Years	4/9/2024 – 12/31/2027
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Camp Wyanokie Commission Trustee

Michael Colitti	1 Year	4/9/2024 – 12/31/2024
Marcelino Trillo	1 Year	4/9/2024 – 12/31/2024

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the following mayoral appointments:

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

Lauren Batta Class I Mayor's Designee	1 Year	4/9/2024 – 12/31/2024
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The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 07-2024: “An ordinance amending Section 14-4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Use of Outdoor Facilities””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on April 23, 2024.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 127-2024 approving the April 5, 2024 bill list in the amount of \$972,079.95. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 128-2024 approving the emergency temporary budget

Resolution No. 129-2024 approving the return of unused escrow – various properties

Resolution No. 130-2024 amending Resolution No. 33-2024 “Adopting the Rules and Regulations for the Roseland Pickleball Courts”

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Resolution No. 131-2024 approving the cancellation of water and sewer billing- balances

Resolution No. 132-2024 accepting the proposal from Boswell Engineering Services for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 to prepare an application for a 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant for Bond Force Park basketball court improvements

Resolution No. 133-2024 approving the return of unused escrow in the amount of \$2,868.25 to J.A. Alexander, Inc. for a police side job

Resolution No. 134-2024 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with Piazza and Associates in the amount of \$5,400.00 for affordable housing administrative services

Resolution No. 135-2024 awarding a contract to JCT Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for IT infrastructure, fiber optics network advanced applications and services for 2024 telephone maintenance through Union County Co-Op 8-2022 until March 17, 2026

Resolution No. 136-2024 awarding a two-year contract in the amount of \$95,360.00 to LTI, Inc. for 2024/2025 lawn maintenance services

Resolution No. 137-2024 appointing Michael Boettinger as a firefighter to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Resolution No. 138-2024 awarding a contract for the purchase of tires, tubes and services to Custom Bandag, Inc. and Barnwell House of Tires, Inc. through June 30, 2024 under state contracts 20-Fleet-00948 and 19-Fleet-00708

Resolution No. 139-2024 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Verizon Business Network for an internet circuit for the athletic field at 19 Harrision Avenue

Resolution No. 140-2024 approving the appointment of aids for 2024 spring recreation programs

Resolution No. 141-2024 awarding a required disclosure contract for an amount not to exceed \$19,080.00 to Quikteks LLC for 2024 IT services

Resolution No. 142-2024 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 143-2024 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with the Essex County Mosquito Control

The motion was seconded by Councilman Biront and approved by a 6-0 voice.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval for Heidi Levine to attend a training conference from May 8th to the 10th in Atlantic City, NJ at a total cost of \$275.00

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Approval for Jock Watkins to attend the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey annual education conference in Atlantic City from April 23rd to April 26th for a cost of \$475.00 for conference registration

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

After discussion, Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 144-2024 authorizing Roseland to secede from the Caldwell-West Caldwell Little League. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Spango summarized correspondence that he received about an offer to provide a college financial planning seminar for Noecker School parents.

Mayor Spango thanked everyone who made the annual Easter celebration a success.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

No report

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that Baseball Opening Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 21st at Fernwood Field. More than two hundred people are currently registered for pickleball.

SENIOR & FAMILY SERVICES

Councilwoman Fishman reported that the seniors enjoyed their Cherry Blossom tour at Branch Brook Park last week. New Jersey State Senator McKeon will be making a presentation to seniors at the library on May 10th to discuss the Senior Freeze and NJ Stay programs. The annual senior luncheon is scheduled for May 17th, and the senior picnic will be in June.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Goldstein reported that he attended his first Public Works Committee meeting last week.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked PD for assistance with Easter celebration. Thanked Michael Boettinger for joining the Roseland Fire Department. Thanked for every police car.

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING

Councilman Biront announced that construction on Ridge Road has resumed. Plans for Lincoln Street improvements are being finalized. The Committee is discussing the possibility of getting pedestrian crosswalk signals installed at three key locations. Mr. Biront expressed his desire to see sidewalks installed on Eagle Rock Avenue

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Biront made a motion to approve the February 27, 2024 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilman Goldstein abstaining from the vote.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the March 19, 2024 Council meeting minutes and the March 19, 2024 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco
John Matheis

20 Meeker Court
OEM Coordinator

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: May 7, 2024



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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

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