

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 20, 2015
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The October 17, 2017 Meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:40 PM by Mayor Duthie. 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, was sent to the official newspapers, posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Duthie, Mayor
David Jacobs, Councilman
Richard N. Leonard, Councilman
Peter M. Smith, Councilman
Michelle Tolli, Councilwoman
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman
Mark Vidovich, Council President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Ethan Jesse Sheffet, Borough Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Duthie read and presented a proclamation to Joshua John Krasner upon his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Following the presentation, Mayor Duthie noted that there was also an item on the consent agenda to appoint Mr. Krasner to the fire department. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the appointment of Joshua Krasner as a cadet member of the Roseland Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 31-2015 congratulating B. Saavy Consignment and Accessory Boutique at 176 Eagle Rock for being selected by Suburban magazine as the Reader's Choice Gold Winner as best consignment shop in Essex County. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Duthie, joined by OEM Coordinator John Matheis, administered the oath of office to Chris Ruesch to serve as an auxiliary police officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the following changes to the Council committee assignments:

	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	<u>Member</u>
Administration and Finance	Vidovich	Smith	Jacobs
Public Works	Smith	Jacobs	Vidovich
Public Safety	Jacobs	Vidovich	Smith
Recreation	Tsilionis	Tolli	Leonard
Capital Improvements	Leonard	Tsilionis	Tolli
Public Affairs	Tolli	Tsilionis	Leonard

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

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Tsilionis suggested that there be a separate vote on Resolution No. 29-2015, opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. Resolution No. 31-2015 and Item No. 3 on the Consent Agenda, appointment of Joshua Krasner as a cadet member of the Roseland Fire Department, were voted on earlier in the meeting. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the remaining twenty-three resolutions and the remaining five items on the Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 26 December Salary Ratification

Resolution No. 27-2015 approving the January 15, 2015 Bill List

Resolution No. 28-2015 approving the January 16, 2015 Open Space Bill List

Resolution No. 30-2015 approving the low quote from Linnett Landscape Design for an expansion of the parking area on the south side of 140 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 32-2015 approving the Tax Appeal Settlement for 90 Eagle Rock Avenue, Block 46, Lot 11

Resolution No. 33-2015 amending the 2014 Holiday Schedule to include part-time employees as per OPEIU Contract to include New Year’s Day (Wednesday, January 1, 2014), Independence Day (July 4, 2014), Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 27, 2014), and Christmas Day (December 25, 2014)

Resolution No. 34-2015 approving the 2015 Holiday Schedule

Resolution No. 35-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to McEnerney, Brady & Co., LLC as Borough Auditor for 2015

Resolution No. 36-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Settembrino Architects LLC as Borough Architect for 2015

Resolution No. 37-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Vincent Loughlin of the Loughlin Law Firm as Affordable Housing Attorney for 2015

Resolution No. 38-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Ralph Tango of Maser Consulting, PA as Borough Engineer for 2015

Resolution No. 39-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Kaufman, Semeraro, Bern, Deutsch & Leibman as Borough Special Litigation Tax Appeal Attorneys for 2015

Resolution No. 40-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Capehart Scatchard, PA as Bond Counsel for 2015

Resolution No. 41-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Paul Jemas as Borough Real Estate Attorney for 2015

Resolution No. 42-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Apruzzese McDermott, Inc. as Borough Labor Attorney for 2015

Resolution No. 43-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Scarinci Hollenbeck as Redevelopment Attorney for 2015

Resolution No. 44-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to McManimon, Scotland, Baumann, LLC as Redevelopment Attorney for 2015

Resolution No. 45-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney, LLC as Special Litigation Attorney for 2015

Resolution No. 46-2015 awarding a Professional Service Contract to Sheffet and Dvorkin, PC as Special Litigation Attorney for 2015

Resolution No. 47-2015 appointing Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC as Real Estate Tax Appraisal Services

Resolution No. 48-2015 awarding a Contract to Air Intek as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for HVAC Modifications at the Roseland First Aid Squad Building for the Base Bid in the amount of \$64,100.00 under PO No. 15-00170

Resolution No. 49-2015 approving the appointment of Gary Schall and Mike Piltzecker to the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council

Resolution No. 50-2015 authorizing the Planning Board to undertake a Preliminary Investigation to determine if certain real property at 101 and 103 Eisenhower Parkway is an Area in Need of Redevelopment

CONSENT AGENDA

Accept with regret resignation of Lynn Mascera from the Municipal Youth Guidance Committee

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Appointment of R. Sessa and M. Traynor as members of the Roseland Fire Department

Approval of a request for temporary signage for the gas station at 525 Eagle Rock Avenue to include Under New Management (20' by 4') an "air puppet (20'), "Now Open Mechanic Shop" (20' by 2') "Now Open" sign 12' and 4 "Grand Opening" flags for a period not to exceed one month

Approval for the Roseland Junior Woman's Club International Outreach Community Service Project "SMILE BAGS" to place a collection box at the Roseland Library and 140 Eagle Rock Avenue from February 2nd through March 31st, 2015

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote with Councilman Leonard abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 33-2015 and Resolution No.34-2015, and Councilman Tsilionis abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 45-2015.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 29-2015, opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Duthie thanked the police, fire, first aid squad, and OEM first responders who responded to the ice storm on Sunday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Smith thanked the County, first responders, and residents who helped neighbors in distress during the recent flash freeze ice storm. Mr. Smith added that there was plenty of salt on hand as a result of the hared service agreement with Essex County. Councilman Smith announced that the department of public works will continue picking up Christmas trees and branches through the first week of February.

Mayor Duthie encouraged residents who are interested in receiving emergency notifications sign up on the Borough's website. Councilman Leonard added that residents can register for the Swift 9-1-1 emergency notification service. Councilman Tsilionis explained that after registering, Swift 9-1-1 requires residents double opt in, meaning that they will have to

confirm their registration via text or e-mail. Administrator Chumacas noted that when registering, residents need to select the check box for cell phone notification if so interested, otherwise, they will only receive notifications by house phone.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs reported that the Senior Advisory Group hosted a meet and greet in late December at the first aid squad building. Mr. Jacobs noted that there was a great turnout, and thanked the Roseland First Aid Squad members for their assistance. Councilman Jacobs also thanked the police and fire departments, Captain John Matheis and the auxiliary police officers, and all volunteers who assisted during recent storm. Mr. Jacobs stated that he was glad that the Shade Tree Commission had undertaken and completed an extensive tree removal and pruning project last year, noting that the work completed likely prevented a lot of problems during the recent ice storm. Councilman Jacobs reported that the first aid squad responded to a lot of calls during the severe weather that was a challenge to walk or drive in, adding that he was proud of the efforts of all those who responded.

RECREATION

No report

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Councilman Vidovich reported that Council has concluded the budget meetings that Council intends to introduce the budget at the February 3rd Caucus meeting. The public hearing and adoption is scheduled March 17th.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Leonard suggested that the discussion of maintenance of private roads be returned to both committees for addition discussion. Mr. Leonard noted that there were contrasting articles in the Star ledger about the aging infrastructure in New Jersey and implored the Governor and State Legislature to fund road and bridge maintenance. Councilman Leonard thanked police, fire, and EMS personnel who responded to all of the incidents caused by the surprise ice storm, noting one particularly tragic incident which occurred on Route 280. Mr. Leonard announced the passing of long time Borough mechanic Rodney Walker on January 15th, expressing condolences to the Walker family.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Roseland Municipal Advisory Committee is in need of four, new, adult volunteers, asking that interested parties send a letter to the Mayor. Councilwoman Tolli also invited anyone with questions to give her a call. Mrs. Tolli also asked residents to support Operation Smile, an international children's medical charity which has provided more than 220,000 free, special surgeries. Councilwoman Tolli noted that collection boxes will be available from February 2nd through March 31st at the Roseland Library, Regal Bank, and the municipal offices at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Salvante, Essex County Liaison

Mayor Duthie asked Mr. Salvante to thank the County for their prompt response fixing recent pot holes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

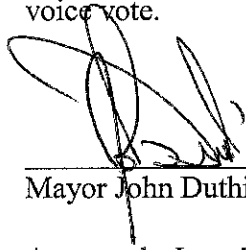
Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 25-2015 Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Pending Litigation

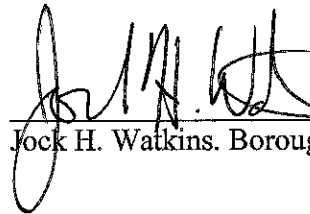
Councilman Tsilionis made a motion at 7:40 PM to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Councilman Smith made a motion to close the meeting at 8:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor John Duthie



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: June 5, 2018

ROLL CALL

Aye: Jacobs, Leonard, Smith, Tsilionis
Nay: None
Abstain: Bardi
Absent: Tolli