

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 22, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The January 22, 2019 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 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.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Council President
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
David Jacobs, Councilman
Richard N. Leonard, Councilman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Ashley Passafiume, Deputy Clerk
Nicholas Grieco, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel – Professional Service Interviews
2. Pending Litigation – COAH Matters

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:16 PM in order to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that all members were present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Honorary Mayor Aaron Klaff led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango congratulated the players and coaches of the 3rd and 4th grade Roseland Fire soccer team on their winning the 2018 West Essex World Cup with an 11-1 record. Honorary Mayor Klaff assisted Mayor Spango with presentation of trophies to the players present.

Mayor Spango read a proclamation in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Russo. Mr. Spango presented the memorial proclamation to Mrs. Russo's sons Michael, Mark, and Matthew.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

Essex County Liaison Dan Salvante announced that the County's deer management program will continue every Tuesday through March 5th at the South Mountain Reservation and every Thursday through March 7th at the Hilltop. County facilities at those locations will be closed on those dates.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Tolli advised Council that Joseph Kubala moved out of Roseland two years ago and should therefore not be appointed to the Senior Transportation Committee. Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the following appointments:

Borough Physician 1 Year (1/1/19 – 12/31/19) Shakira Slater-Okoro, MD

APPOINTMENTS – MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL

Affordable Housing Board (Chair appointed to one year term by Mayor)

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| Claudia Reis | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Claudia Reis, Chair | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Gloria Chamberlain | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| John Matheis | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Eric Fauerbach | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |

Board of Adjustment

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| John Derites | 4 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2022 |
| Frank Perrotti (Alt. No. 1) | 2 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2020 |
| Joseph LaRicca – Unexpired (Alt. No. 2) | 2 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |

Board of Health

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| Robert DeFilippis, DVM | 4 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2022 |
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Camp Wyanokie

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| Michael Colitti | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Richard Leonard | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |

Landmarks and Historic District Commission

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| Angelo Sena – Class A Member | 4 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2022 |
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| Vienna Mooney – Class B Member | 4 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2022 |
| Charles Rosen, Esq. – Class C Member | 4 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2022 |
| Jack Gordon – Class C Member | 4 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2022 |
| <u>Municipal Alliance Committee</u> | | |
| Eileen Fishman – Council Member | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Police Chief McDonough or Designee | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Lauren Seiner – Local Religious Group | 2 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2020 |
| Salvana Verola | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Angela Gillespie | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| <u>Municipal Youth Guidance Council</u> | | |
| Lisa Duthie | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Phedra Tsilionis | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Jill Frangione | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12-31/2019 |
| Nikole Bakirtzis | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Leslie Klaff | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Eileen Masone | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Lois Vitiello | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Candy Vidovich | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Michele Tolli (Council Liaison) | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| <u>Recreation Committee</u> | | |
| Angela Gillespie | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Jeff Liddle | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Ken Freeman | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| <u>Senior Citizens' Advisory Board</u> | | |
| Mary Ann Carroll | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Pat Ehrhardt | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| <u>Rent Review Board</u> | | |
| Steve Marx – Tenant | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Ned Steiner – Tenant | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Dave Veneri – Single Family Homeowner | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Beth Raven – Tenant Alternate | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| <u>Senior Transportation Committee</u> | | |
| Sheryl Ryan | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Maria Biasotti-Lee | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

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| Vienna Mooney | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Elise Geiger | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Patricia Braga | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Priscilla Navarez | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| Alice Batta – Unexpired | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2020 |

Environmental Commission

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| Joseph LaMonica (Planning Board) | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |
| George Meleas | 3 Years | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2021 |

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| Eileen Proven – Unexpired | 3 Years | 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2019 |
| Priscilla Navarez-Johnson (Alt. No. 1) | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| Gina Kelly (Alt. 2) | 1 Year | 1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019 |
| <u>Shade Tree Commission</u> | | |
| Elise Geiger | 5 Years | 1/2/2019 – 12/31/2023 |

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilman Leonard abstaining on the Board of Adjustment appointments, and Councilwoman Fishman abstaining on the Municipal Alliance appointments.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 01-2019 by title only for the first time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Administration”, Section 6 entitled “Standing Committees of the Borough Council””. Councilman Bardi suggested that the following language should be added to Section 2-6.3a.:

Paragraph 5 should begin with: The Shared Services Committee shall be responsible for **“evaluating the shared service opportunities and recommendations;”** . . . ; and

Paragraph 6 should begin with: The Council Committee on Redevelopment and Legal shall be responsible for **“evaluating and recommending redevelopment opportunities, and”** . . .

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 01-2019 with the corrections suggested by Councilman Bardi. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on February 19, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 02-2019 by title only for the first time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Administration””. Councilman Freda made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 02-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on February 19, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the fifteen resolutions, the approval of bills resolution, and the one item on the consent agenda:

Resolution No. 20-2019 In Memoriam – Elizabeth “Betty” Russo

Resolution No. 21-2019 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 22-2019 appointing O'Connor Davies as Borough Auditor for calendar year 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$34,500.00

Resolution No. 23-2019 authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a renewed shared service agreement with the Township of Verona for Construction Code services through December 31, 2019

Resolution No. 24-2019 approving the release of Final Payment and Change Order No. 2 to Matina & Sons Inc. for the 2018 Water Utility Improvement Project with a final adjusted contract price of \$470,353.13

Resolution No. 25-2019 awarding a contract to Morton Salt Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to furnish and deliver rock-salt through the Essex County Co-Op through December 31, 2019

Resolution No. 26-2019 appointing Kevin Boswell of Boswell Engineering as Borough Engineer for calendar year 2019 for an estimated contract amount of \$150,000.00

Resolution No. 27-2019 appointing Shirley Bishop as COAH Professional Planner for calendar year 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

Resolution No. 28-2019 appointing Frank J. Rossi of Boswell Engineering as LSRP for calendar year 2019 at a rate of \$207.00 per hour

Resolution No. 29-2019 appointing Jeffrey Surenian as COAH Attorney for calendar year 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00

Resolution No. 30-2019 appointing Hendricks Appraisal Co. as Real Estate Tax Appraisal Services for calendar year 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Resolution No. 31-2019 appointing IMAC Insurance Agency as Broker of Record and Consultant for employee benefits for calendar year 2019 in accordance with the standard commission structure that is built in by the carrier

Resolution No. 32-2019 appointment of Daniel Bloch of Maser Consulting as Borough Planner for calendar year 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00

Resolution No. 33-2019 approving the hiring of Gym Supervisors and Time-Score Keepers for the Recreation Basketball Program

Resolution No. 34-2019 2019 awarding a contract to Verizon Business Network Service, LLC to provide telephone carrier services for the two-year period beginning February 1, 2019 and terminating January 31, 2021 at a contract price of \$31,264.18

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution No. 35-2019 approving the January 18, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$47,633.26

CONSENT AGENDA

Appointment of Jack Iannuzzi as a Community Service Volunteer for the Recreation Department on January 25, 2019 from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote on Resolution Nos. 26-2019, 28-2019, 30-2019 and 32-2019, and Councilman Leonard abstaining from the vote on Resolution Nos. 23-2019 and 32-2019.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked the Department of Public Works, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the First Aid Squad and their families for their storm preparation efforts. Mr. Spango congratulated Chris Bardi on his election as Council President. Mayor Spango thanked all of the members of Council for their collaborate efforts to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Councilman Bardi congratulated Mayor Spango, Councilwoman Fishman, and Councilman Freda on their election to the governing body. Mr. Bardi reported that Council held their first budget meeting of 2019 this past Saturday. The next budget meeting will be held in the meeting room at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue on February 2nd at 9:00 AM.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

No report

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Leonard complemented Mayor Spango on his coordination of department heads in preparation of the severe winter storm that was predicted this past weekend. Mr. Leonard thanked the SS Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church for hosting the annual Reorganization Meeting, and for their gracious hospitality. Councilman Leonard thanked the Department of Public Works, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Police Department for their storm preparation efforts. Mr. Leonard congratulated Deputy Clerk Ashley Passafiume on her first Council meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda thanked the Department of Public Works for the great job they did in preparation for severe winter storm that was predicted. Mr. Freda will be meeting with the Superintendent of the DPW in the near future to inspect their equipment in order to determine their needs in the coming years.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs asked residents to help the police department prevent the theft of vehicles, by removing personal belongings, removing their keys, and locking their cars. Mr. Jacobs reminded residents that the danger of Carbon Monoxide poisoning increases during winter months, and to make sure that their carbon monoxide alarms have fresh batteries.

Councilman Jacobs asked OEM Coordinator John Matheis to provide a traffic signal update. Mr. Matheis reported that the traffic signal at the intersection of Roseland and Eagle Rock Avenues has been upgraded with a battery backup and to allow for use of a generator in the event of an extended power failure. Mr. Matheis added that the traffic signal at the intersection of Eagle Rock Avenue and Becker Farm Road will be upgraded in the same manner by the developer of 6 Becker Farm Road, at the conclusion of the redevelopment project.

Mayor Spango encouraged residents to sign up for the SwiftReach Swift 911 notification system on the Borough's website. The SwiftReach service allowed the Mayor and Police Chief to send a message last week to subscribers reminding them that the mirrors on modern luxury cars do not fold in when the key fob is left in the car, making the car an easy target for theft.

RECREATION

Councilwoman Tolli reminded residents to call the recreation department for updates on activities. Mrs. Tolli announced that April 27th will be opening day for baseball. Councilwoman Tolli reported that there is one opening on the Senior Transportation Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should submit a Citizen Leadership Form to the Mayor.

Mayor Spango thanked the volunteers who were appointed this evening to the various boards and committees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

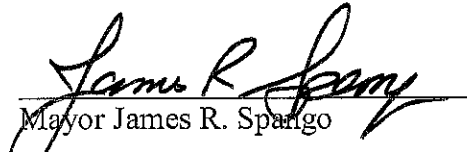
Councilman Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 caucus meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

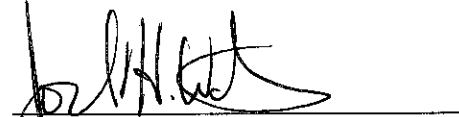
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William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the meeting at 8:11 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spargo
Approved: February 5, 2019



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Tolli
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Jacobs