

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MARCH 5, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING AGENDA

The March 5, 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 (6:38 PM)
David Jacobs, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 58-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Pending Litigation-COAH Matters
2. Contract Negotiations
3. Potential Litigation
4. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:33 PM in order to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:35 PM and called the public 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.

COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the changes to the Standing Committees of Council resulting from the adoption of Ordinance No. 01-2019 and the subsequent election of Jean Perrotti to Council; the appointments of a Camp Wyanokie Commission Trustee and a Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer; and the Council liaison assignments for Councilwoman Perrotti:

REVISED STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL - 2019

	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>	<u>Member</u>
Finance, Administration and Personnel ¹	Bardi	Fishman	Perrotti
Public Works ¹	Freda	Tolli	Jacobs
Public Safety ¹	Jacobs	Freda	Tolli
Recreation and Community Outreach	Tolli	Jacobs	Freda
Shared Services	Perrotti	Bardi	Fishman
Redevelopment and Legal	Fishman	Perrotti	Bardi
Police Committee ¹ [Ref. 2-24.4]			

Note: ¹ Chairpersons of the Finance, Administration and Personnel, Public Works, and Public Safety Committees comprise the Police Committee

APPOINTMENTS – MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL

Camp Wyanokie Commission Trustee

Michele Tolli to fill unexpired term of Richard Leonard	1 Year	3/5/2019 – 12/31/2019
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Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer

Detective Raymond Boulard	1 Year	1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019
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COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Councilwoman Jean Perrotti	Historic Preservation Committee Roseland Board of Education West Essex Board of Education
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The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco	20 Meeker Court
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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 04-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance amending Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration" to add a new section 2-81 entitled "Citizen Police Academy"". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 04-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on March 19, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 59-2019 approving the March 1, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$38,308.48. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Perrotti abstaining from the vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the four resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 61-2019 approving extension of an employment offer to Brian Reitmeyer as a probationary teamster for the Department of Public Works

Resolution No. 62-2019 approving extension of an employment offer to Xavier Sanchez as a probationary teamster for the Department of Public Works

Resolution No. 63-2019 approving extension of an employment offer to Nicholas Ammirato as a probationary teamster for the Department of Public Works

Resolution No. 64-2019 accepting a United States Bureau of Justice National Crime Statistics Exchange Grant

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Spango expressed concern that the \$2,650.00 cost of the EMT training course for police officer's Aue and Romeo appeared to be high, suggesting that approval for the officers to attend the course in Westfield be postponed until alternative offerings could be reviewed for cost saving benefits.

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the remaining six items on the Consent agenda:

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to attend "What the CFO Should Know" seminar on May 17, 2019 in New Brunswick, NJ for a total cost of \$125.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval for Ashley Passafiume to attend "Ethical Culture 2020 Workshop" seminar on March 29, 2019 in Saddle Brook, NJ for a total cost of 95.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval for Jock Watkins and Ashley Passafiume to attend the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Clerk's Association of Essex County on March 14, 2019 in Nutley, NJ for a total cost of \$70.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval for Angela Russomanno to attend "Understanding IRS Payroll Regulations" on April 26, 2019 in Neptune, NJ for a total cost of \$125.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval of draft letter in support of widening the bicycle pedestrian path on the George Washington Bridge

Approval for Detective Raymond Boulard to attend PTC Certified Humane Law Training Officer class from April 1, 2019 through April 4, 2019 at the Passaic County Police Academy for a total cost of \$389.00

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW), the police department, the Office of Emergency Management, the fire department, and the first aid squad for their excellent job during the recent snow storm. Mr. Spango reported that there is progress on addressing the problem with geese at Bond Force Park. Mayor Spango announced that the Borough will be hosting two concerts this summer at O'Beirne Field. The Infernos will perform on July 17th and the Cameos will perform on August 6th. The County will be loaning their bandstand for both concerts. Mr. Spango added that antique cars might be invited to the Cameos concert, and corporate sponsors will be invited to support the concerts. Mayor Spango noted that the budget is scheduled for introduction at March 19th meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi recommended that Council authorize issuance of a newsletter like last year's. Council agreed to issue a newsletter on or around April 1st with an estimated cost to print and mail of \$3,000. Mr. Bardi explained that the committee decided against a Borough calendar due to the estimated cost in excess of \$6,000. Council agreed to consider the calendar if corporate sponsorship can be secured. Mrs. Chumacas asked if Council wished to continue the practice of requiring Council approval for budgeted, departmental purchases in excess of \$6,000, rather than the \$17,500 bid limit. Council agreed to maintain the current limit at \$6,000.

Clerk Watkins explained that the police department has requested permission to donate three surplus defibrillators to South Orange Rescue, which would require an authorizing resolution. Mayor Spango referred the matter back to the police department prior to donating the units to another town, to determine if the units can be repurposed for use by the Roseland First Aid Squad or mounted in municipal buildings. Mr. Watkins added that an online auction will be scheduled to sell the obsolete postage machine and the obsolete telephone equipment. All departments will be polled to determine if there is any additional surplus equipment that is available for auction.

Council approved Councilman Bardi's recommendation to authorize Ashley Passafiume to begin taking courses which will lead to New Jersey certification as a Qualified Purchasing Agent. \$2900

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that West Caldwell is hosting the next shared service meeting on March 28th. In addition to the Mayors of Roseland, Caldwell, West Caldwell, North Caldwell, Essex Fells, Verona, and Livingston, the Mayor of Fairfield has been invited to attend the meeting.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that her committee is recommending that the term of membership for the Municipal Youth Guidance Council be changed from the calendar year to the school fiscal year. An ordinance amending the terms of office will be prepared for the March 19th meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the second electronic speed sign will be installed on the opposite side of Lincoln Street. The strobe lights will be disabled on both signs. Mayor Spango suggesting placing a ghost police car with a license plate reader to address citizen complaints about illegal trucks cutting through the neighborhood. Gary Schall and Chris Critchett have requested permission to advertise for bids for a new cleaning service due to complaints about the quality of the work done by the current service. Mrs. Chumacas advised Council that the current contract expires at the end of April and that the Borough has not bid this work recently because the current cleaning company is a sheltered workshop.

After discussion, Council agreed that moving forward, when a resident does not provide access to their building to allow the water department to either read the water meter or replace the meter as appropriate, then the water department is authorized to provide a notice that the water will be shut off if access is not provided by a date certain. Councilman Freda suggested that when the Borough prepares future bids for water system improvements, that Council approve utilizing proprietary bid specifications for fire hydrants in order to insure that all fire hydrants throughout the town are uniform. Borough Attorney McDonnell explained

that state law prohibits specifying a particular brand in bids unless Council adopts a resolution authorizing the proprietary bid.

Councilman Freda stated that he attended the recent Caldwell sewer meeting along with Administrator Chumacas, the Borough Attorney, and the Borough Engineer. One of the main issues coming out of the meeting is the need to perform inflow and infiltration studies of the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Freda noted that he would like to review the tape recordings of the recent video inspection that was completed, in order to plan for corrections to problems that were identified by the inspection.

Councilman Freda reminded Council that the Borough is required to comply with the Water Accountability Act. The Act sets deadlines for completion of water system inventory and mapping of hydrants and valves. The act also requires that water valves be regularly exercised. Mr. Freda noted that the Borough's water system engineer has previously discussed the requirements of the Act, but the water operator is responsible for coordinating compliance. Mr. Freda expressed concern that there does not appear to have been adequate effort toward compliance with the Act and that Council should consider replacing the water operator. Councilman Bardi suggested that water engineer and water operator be invited to next meeting.

After discussion, Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 60-2019 appointing Remington Vernick Engineers as the water and sewer engineer for 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by at 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs thanked the Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Public Works, and the Police Department for a great job during the recent snow storm. Mr. Jacobs noted that the tree pruning program established by the Shade Tree Commission has been very effective in reducing damage due to downed trees and limbs. Councilman Jacobs asked residents to maintain diligence in preventing auto thefts by locking their cars and removing the keys, keeping garage doors closed, and keeping doors between garages and dwellings locked.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli distributed a list of projects that the Municipal Youth Guidance Council has scheduled over the next couple of months. The recent lunch at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Orange had to be cancelled due to the snow storm, and has been rescheduled to May 4th. Recreation Director Mike Colitti suggested that all volunteers from other Borough committees who support recreation programs should be subjected to background checks the same as those who volunteer with the recreation department. Mrs. Tolli stated that the plans to update the Borough's parks will include plans to make the parks fully accessible. Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Beautification Committee plans to update the decorations in the entrance foyer at 19 Harrison Avenue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

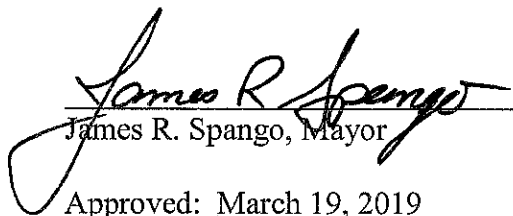
Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the February 21, 2019 budget meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Approval of the February 19, 2019 council meeting minutes was deferred to the March 19th meeting.

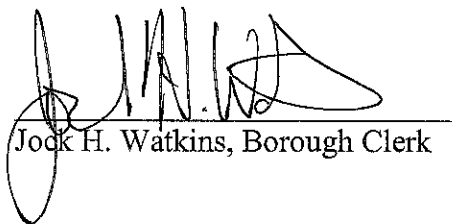
PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerald Goldberg 23C Nob Hill

AJOURNMENT

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the meeting at 8:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


James R. Spango, Mayor
Approved: March 19, 2019


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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