

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

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The March 19, 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  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 65-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation
2. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:26 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**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Spango asked former Mayor Pacio to join him at the podium to make a presentation. Mayor Spango read Resolution No. 68-2019 in memory of Kathleen Ann Biglasco Kaczynski. Mayor Spango and Mayor Pacio presented former Councilman and former borough administrator Tom Kaczynski with a framed copy of the resolution.

Mayor Spango read and presented John Glenn O'Brien with a proclamation upon his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mayor Spango introduced Nicole Sabato from Team 94. Ms. Sabato explained the goals of Team 94, which is a not-for-profit group that has been formed to create and provide continuing education programs for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Team 94's goal is to provide education in daily life skills, community participation, vocation, leisure, and recreation, to adults with ASD. Ms. Sabato announced that Team 94 is hosting their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Color Run fund raising event on April 7, 2019 in North Caldwell. The next events are the West Essex Football Club Golf Outing on May 30<sup>th</sup> and a Gala on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Information about Team 94 is available on their Facebook page "Team94", @Team94NJ on Instagram, and their donation page at [missionteam94@yahoo.com](mailto:missionteam94@yahoo.com). Mayor Spango encouraged residents to support Team 94.

Essex County liaison Dan Salvante announced the following coming events sponsored by Essex County: Opening of the new entrance plaza and train route at Turtle Back Zoo on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Cherry Blossom bike challenge at Branch Brook Park on April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Cherry Blossom Annual 10K Run at the Visitor's Center at Branch Brook Park on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the 1-mile fun run/walk and family fun day by the concert grove on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Bloom fest at Cherry Blossom Center at Branch Brook Park on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the meeting to public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

William Tedesco      20 Meeker Court

Councilman Bardi made a motion to close public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 05-2019 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" to amend Section 2-50 entitled "Municipal Youth Guidance Council"". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 05-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice

vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on April 23, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 06-2019 by title only for the first time: "Calendar Year 2019 ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank". Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 06-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on April 23, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

### **PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 03-2019 for the second time: "An ordinance amending Chapter IV of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing and Business Regulations", creating new Section 4-12 entitled "License to Operate Food and/or Beverage Vending Machines on Borough Owned Property"". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 03-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 03-2019 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending Chapter IV of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing and Business Regulations", creating new Section 4-12 entitled "License to Operate Food and/or Beverage Vending Machines on Borough Owned Property"". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 04-2019 for the second time: "An ordinance amending Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration", to add new section 2-81 entitled "Citizen Police Academy"". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 04-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 04-2019 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration", to add new section 2-81 entitled "Citizen Police Academy"". Councilman Freda made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 04-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

## **INTRODUCTION OF 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Councilman Bardi and CFO Chumacas presented a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed 2018 Municipal Budget. Following the presentation, Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 66-2019 – Introduction of 2019 Municipal Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote. The public hearing on adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget will be held at 7:30 PM on April 23, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 67-2019 approving the March 15, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$272,603.54. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

Resolution No. 68-2019 in memory of Kathleen Ann Biglasco Kaczynski

Resolution No. 69-2019 approving the Emergency Temporary Budget

Resolution No. 70-2019 authorize the submission of the 2019 Recycling Tonnage Grant application

Resolution No. 71-2019 approving the use of certain Morris County Co-Op vendors for 2019

Resolution No. 72-2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Comcast for internet services for 19 Harrison Avenue and 300 Eagle Rock Avenue municipal buildings

Resolution No. 73-2019 ratification of salaries – February 2019

Resolution No. 74-2019 authorizing the specification of proprietary goods or services for the Borough of Roseland Water and Sewer Utility

Resolution No. 75-2019 cancellation of water and sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 76-2019 appointing Acacia Financial Group as Continuing Disclosure Agent for 2019

Resolution No. 77-2019 ratifying the cancellation of Water Sewer Account budget appropriations with unexpended balances

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Resolution No. 78-2019 approval to extend employment offer to Daniel Brown as a seasonal T-Ball assistant program director pending results of a background check

Resolution No. 79-2019 approval to extend employment offer to Daniel Brown as a seasonal youth track and field assistant director pending results of a background check

Resolution No. 80-2019 approving the hiring of Liz Benne as a seasonal employee as the youth track and field director

Resolution No. 81-2019 approving the release of Final Payment in the amount of \$15,923.10 to Wildan Energy Solution for energy efficient measures for various municipal buildings

Resolution No. 82-2019 approving payment of unused sick days to Herman Jaegel upon his retirement

Resolution No. 83-2019 approving payment of unused sick days to Glenn Bynan upon his retirement

Resolution No. 84-2019 approving payment of unused sick days to James Fallat upon his retirement

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the seven items on the Consent Agenda:

Accept with regret the resignation of Jean Perrotti from the Library Board of Trustees effective February 20, 2019

Approval for Ashley Passafiume to attend a licensing seminar on June 7, 2019 in Saddle Brook, New Jersey for a total cost of \$95.00

Approval for Ashley Passafiume to attend a professional development seminar on May 3, 2019 in Saddle Brook, New Jersey for a total cost of \$95.00

Approval of February 28, 2019 Treasurers Report

Appointing Patricia Braga to fill the unexpired term of Jean Perrotti on the Library Board of Trustees through December 31, 2023

Approval for Frank Perrotti and John Derites to attend the mandatory training course on May 4, 2019 in West Orange, NJ for newly appointed members of the Board of Adjustment for a total cost of \$170.00

Approval for Kevin Codey to attend the mandatory training course on May 4, 2019 in West Orange, NJ for newly appointed members of the Planning Board for a total cost of \$85.00

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Perrotti abstaining from the vote on accepting the resignation of Jean Perrotti from the Library Board of Trustees and the approval for Frank Perrotti to attend Board of Adjustment training.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango commended members of Council for their efforts to keep the 2019 municipal budget flat. Mr. Spango announced a new concert series which will feature the Infernos on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and the Cameos on August 6 at 7:00 PM. Both concerts will be held at O'Beirne Field. Mayor Spango explained that the newly created Community Events Committee will be soliciting corporate sponsors for the concerts. August 6<sup>th</sup> is also National Night Out, so the Community Events Committee will also be trying to incorporate some National Night Out events as well.

Mayor Spango commented that Team94 is a worthwhile cause and encouraged residents to support Team94's efforts. Mr. Spango reported that the Borough is in conversation with a vendor to begin efforts to correct the problem with geese at Bond Force Park.

Mayor Spango discussed the press conference held by Essex County Executive DiVincenzo this past week at the Environmental Center, at which concern was expressed about the Williams Transco compressor station expansion. The conference was attended by several environmental coalitions including Roseland Against the Compressor Station. Two federal permits required for the expansion have been approved, and a NJDEP wetlands permit has been issued. Press conference attendees implored the Governor and local and state legislators to appeal the approval of the NJDEP wetlands permit and to stop the expansion project. The expansion project is doubling the unmanned station's horsepower and is only expected to be used ten days per year. Mayor Spango thanked County Executive DiVincenzo and state leaders for their support.

Mayor Spango reported that area Mayors are having their next shared services meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Spango thanked Governor Codey and Congresswoman Sherrill for their assistance with addressing issues with mail delivery in Roseland. Due in part to their assistance, the local Postmaster has assured that there will be a reevaluation of Roseland's postal routes and possible increases in manpower.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

Councilman Bardi reported that the Borough is finalizing the selection of a vendor to update the Borough's website. Plans to upgrade the Borough's public access television equipment have been accelerated due to recent equipment failures. Mr. Bardi noted that

tonight's meeting will be broadcast live but the customary replays of the meeting on the Public access channels will be delayed.

### SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that West Caldwell is hosting the next shared services meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Fairfield has been invited to join Roseland, Caldwell, West Caldwell, North Caldwell, Livingston, Essex Fells and Verona.

As liaison to the Roseland and West Essex Boards of Education, Mrs. Perrotti will be attending their meetings and will bring information back to Council:

Roseland Board of Education - The Roseland HSA donated twenty-three new Chrome Books to Grade 3, the Waldman Family donated coding software for students use, the Board of Education expects to complete contract negotiations and have a contract ratified by the April Board meeting, the HAS is sponsoring the play Annie on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Gordon Gibbs has been hired as the new Business Administrator beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board has presented their preliminary budget which will result in a 2.8% increase in the tax levy, and the Board elected Ms. Corby Murano to fill the seat vacated by Mrs. Perrotti through Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. An election will be held in November to fill the remaining two years on Mrs. Perrotti's term.

West Essex Board of Education – Superintendent of Schools Barbara Longo is retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board hopes to hire a new Superintendent rather than appoint an interim, no preliminary budget has been presented so the tax levy is not yet available, Mr. Jason Lerner was approved by the Board to be the new Instructional Supervisor of Science and Environmental Safety effective September 1, 2019, residents are encouraged to visit the Board's website for all news events, Makers Day is scheduled for March 23, 2019, and the high school music groups will perform at a Concert in the Round on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that Mayor Spango and she attended a recent meeting of the Senior Advisory Board. The Board expressed the need for additional bus routes, asked for additional resources, and reviewed planned events. Mrs. Fishman advised that she also attended a recent Board of Adjustment meeting. As liaison to the Affordable Housing Board, Councilwoman Fishman discussed possible ordinance changes and bylaws changes to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their response to the recent snow events. Mr. Freda reported that the DPW has been repairing catch basins and assisted National Water Main with the inspection of an additional 1,700 feet of sanitary sewer main. Councilman Freda attended a meeting with Borough Administrator Chumacas, DPW Superintendent Gary Schall, Assistant DPW Superintendent Critchett, the Borough's water engineer and the Borough's water operator, to review the findings of the original sewer

main inspection video. Mr. Freda encouraged residents who receive a water meter replacement notice to please contact the DPW to schedule an appointment. Mr. Freda attended the recent Caldwell Sewer Treatment meeting along with the Borough Administrator, the Borough Attorney and the Borough Engineer. The primary concern raised at the meeting was the negative impact of storm water infiltration and inflow on the sewage treatment plant.

Councilman Freda reported that the Roseland First Aid Squad responded to forty-three calls in February and repeated the need for volunteers. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Auxiliary Police logged seventy-two hours of volunteer service in February. One member of the Auxiliary Police has resigned in order to take a position as a police officer in West Caldwell. Councilman Freda thanked OEM Coordinator John Matheis for a great job facilitating the recent upgrade to the Borough's telephone system.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs reported that the Planning Board recently approved a subdivision which will result in the replacement of a dilapidated home with two, new single family dwellings. Mr. Jacobs asked residents to assist the fire department to reduce false alarms by replacing alarm and detector batteries when the clocks change. With the onset of spring, Councilman Jacobs encouraged residents to inspect their barbecue grills and making sure that all gas connections are tight.

Mr. Jacobs reminded residents to lock their cars and remove any valuables in order to discourage potential car thieves. Mr. Jacobs asked that residents contact the Police Department if they observe any improprieties in their neighborhood, and cautioned residents not to intervene personally. Councilman Jacobs encouraged residents to take advantage of Project Medicine Drop to safely discard unused and unneeded medications. There is a Drop Box located in the lobby of Police Headquarters on Harrison Avenue.

### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli advised residents that Camp Wyanokie, which is located in West Milford, NJ, was gifted to the residents of Caldwell, Fairfield, North Caldwell, Roseland, and West Caldwell. Camp Wyanokie will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special celebration on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, where all residents are invited. Camp Wyanokie is comprised of one hundred and fifty wooded acres and a five acre lake. Residents of the five towns are encouraged to take advantage of the free hiking and camping opportunities offered by the camp.

Mrs. Tolli announced that the Borough's annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM on the front lawn at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue. The opening day baseball parade is scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM at Bond Force Park. The Senior Citizen Transportation Committee is sponsoring a bus ride to Atlantic City on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the bus ride is \$30/person with a \$25/person slot credit. The Roseland, Caldwell, West Caldwell senior citizen bus will be taking a special trip to the West Orange K-Mart on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in taking the trip should call



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973-226-5108 between 8:15 AM and 8:30 AM that morning to schedule pick up. Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Beautification Committee has begun making spring decorations. Mrs. Tolli made a motion to authorize the purchase of self-watering planters from Home Depot and to authorize the DPW to make improvements to the brick planter in the lobby at 19 Harrison Avenue. The new planters will add brightness to the center of town and eliminate the need for manual watering of the plants. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Council meeting, the March 5, 2019 caucus meeting, and the March 5, 2019 special budget meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

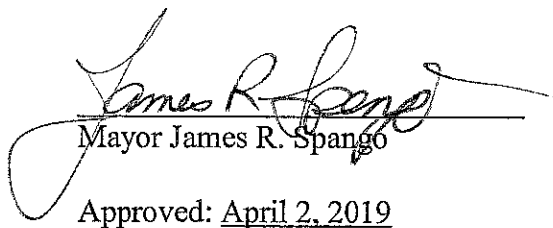
Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2019 budget meeting and the February 5, 2019 caucus meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Perrotti abstaining from the vote.

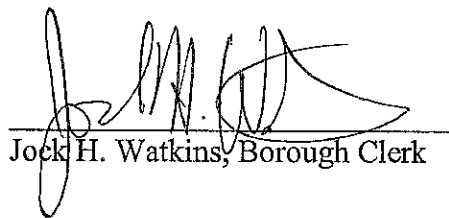
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to close the meeting at 8:56 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

  
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Mayor James R. Spango  
Approved: April 2, 2019

  
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Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

**VOICE VOTE**

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