

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
NEW JERSEY

MAY 16, 2017  
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM  
19 HARRISON AVENUE  
7:30PM

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The May 16, 2017 Meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30 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 was sent to The Progress and the Star Ledger, 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  
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman  
Michelle Tolli, Councilwoman  
Mark Vidovich, Council President

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Duthie led the salute to the flag.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Duthie presented a Proclamation to Dawn Afanador, and her daughter Ella, as "Mother of the Year" for Grades 1 through 3.

Mayor Duthie presented a Proclamation to Ann Racpan, and her daughter Jasmine, as "Mother of the Year" for Grades 4 through 6.

Mayor Duthie presented a Proclamation to William Panitch upon his retirement from the Shade Tree Commission, following 22 years of service on various Board and Commissions.

Mayor Duthie read a Proclamation for Sheryl Ryan, a thirty-eight year Borough resident, upon her resignation from the Municipal Youth Guidance Council. Ms. Ryan continues to serve on the Beautification Committee and the Senior Transportation Committee.

Mr. William Northgrave, attorney with the law firm of McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, and Ms. Stephanie Cuthbert, professional engineer with the firm of Remington & Vernick Engineers were in attendance to discuss the draft Water/Sewer System Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan. Ms. Cuthbert displayed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the report and answered questions from the governing body and the audience.

Mr. Art Caprio, 230 Eagle Rock Avenue, asked Ms. Cuthbert some questions regarding the draft 20-year capital improvement plan.

Mayor Duthie remarked that the Borough has been in consultation with PSE&G in an effort to coordinate PSE&G underground work with the Borough's water, sewer and road reconstruction projects.

Councilman Vidovich noted that the Borough has also consulted with Essex County to coordinate water and sewer projects with the County's road reconstruction projects, and asked Ms. Cuthbert some questions regarding the draft 20-year capital improvement plan. Mr. Vidovich asked if the draft plan is responsive to requirements imposed on the Borough by the NJDEP. Ms. Cuthbert answered the NJDPE requires municipalities to have a long term capital improvement plan and the draft plan addressed that requirement.

Roger Freda, 14 Lyons Avenue, asked Ms. Cuthbert some technical questions regarding the draft 20-year capital improvement plan.

Claudia Reis, 4 Cooper Avenue, asked Ms. Cuthbert some questions regarding the draft 20-year capital improvement plan.

Councilman Leonard asked Ms. Cuthbert some questions regarding the draft 20-year capital improvement plan.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan Salvante, Essex County Liaison, announced a number of special events being offered by the County: Family Garden Party on Saturday from 11-3 at Presby Iris Gardens [Montclair], Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday and Sunday at Verona Park, Fishing Derby on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Verona Park, Essex County Open House from 10:00 until 2:00 on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Turtle Back Zoo with free admission, and the new Lion and Hyena Exhibit is schedule to open in early June at the Turtle Back Zoo.

Mayor Duthie expressed his thanks to the County for their timely response to recent complaints about mosquitos, noting that the presence of mosquitos has since dramatically decreased.

Mr. William Tedesco, 20 Meeker Court, asked about the award of the contract for Waste Collection and recycling to Joseph Smentkowski, in light of complaints about poor service. Mayor Duthie and other members of Council acknowledged that the Borough will have to stay on top of complaints, noting that the next lowest bidder was more than double this contract.

Scott Gorman, 4 Cooper Avenue, asked about Resolution No. 165-2017 - appointing McNally, Yaros, Kaczynski & Lime, LLC as Redevelopment Attorney. Mayor Duthie answered that the redevelopment project being handled by this attorney is 165 Eagle Rock Avenue.

### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Vidovich made a motion to approve the nine resolutions and three Consent Agenda items:

Resolution No. 162-2017 approving the May 12, 2017 Bill List

Resolution No. 163-2017 approving the Ratification of Salaries - April 2017

Resolution No. 164-2017 approving the hiring of 2017 SCRAM staff

Resolution No. 165-2017 amending Resolution No. 67-2016 and Resolution No. 258-2016, reappointing the firm of McNally, Yaros, Kaczynski & Lime, LLC as Redevelopment Attorney to complete the project at 165 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 166-2017 authorizing inclusion of the Borough in the Essex County Urban County Community Development Program 2018-2020

Resolution No. 167-2017 approving the hiring of Assignors and Umpires for Youth Baseball Softball

Resolution No. 168-2017 approving the cancellation of Water Sewer Billing-Balances and Refunds

Resolution No. 169-2017 awarding a three-year contract for Solid Waste Collection & Recycling to Joseph Smentkowski

Resolution No. 170-2017 authorizing the Borough of Roseland to purchase Electric Generation Services through the Essex County Aggregate Energy Procurement Cooperative Pricing System

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval for Mark Aue and Richard Romeo to attend courses June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> through June 16<sup>th</sup> total cost \$1,060.00

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to Attend "Embezzlement Seminar" on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Law Center in New Brunswick for a total of \$99.00

Approval for Clerk's Office to Issue Field Permit to Resident at 1 Davenport Avenue for Bond Force Park on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30PM-6PM

Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote with Councilman Tsilionis abstaining from the vote on Resolution No.167-2017 and Councilman Leonard abstaining from the vote on Resolution Nos. 162-2017 and 163-2017 and recusing himself from the vote on Resolution No. 165-2017.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Duthie asked County Liason Salvanto to pass along thanks for their prompt response to recent mosquito complaints.

Mr. Duthie announced that the Police Department has reported that the Borough has been the target of a first and only daytime house break. The Police Department recommends keeping burglar alarm systems in working condition, even keeping the alarm system on while at home. Another suggestion is that residents can change their contact number on their alarm account from their personal number to the police department number

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Smith thanked other members of Council for their selection of the engineer to perform the water and sewer system analysis, noting that the engineers did a great job preparing a valuable assessment.

Mr. Smith reminded residents that they should continue bagging grass clippings and leave the clippings at the curb for pickup.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilman Jacobs advised residents to lock the doors from their garage to their house to deter break-ins. Mr. Jacobs also encouraged residents not to hesitate, but to call police if they suspect suspicious activity.

Councilman Jacobs noted that the Fire Department cautions residents to use extreme caution when using propane barbecue grills. Mr. Jacobs also reminded residents that smoke detectors should be replaced every eight to ten years and to be sure to keep fresh batteries in their alarms.

Councilman Jacobs thanked OEM Coordinator John Matheis for his continual efforts to keep the Borough prepared for emergencies.

Mr. Jacobs reported that the Shade Tree Commission is continuing their maintenance efforts with Borough owned trees to mitigate problems resulting from severe weather.

Councilman Jacobs closed his report congratulating the two recipients of the 2017 Mother of the Year Awards.

### RECREATION

Councilman Tsilionis reported on last week's Recreation Committee meeting, noting that the condition of all recreation facilities was discussed in detail. Mr. Tsilionis thanked the Committee and Sheryl Ryan for their efforts.

Councilman Tsilionis noted that the IT Committee is revisiting past communications efforts, noting that the ability to quickly communicate with residents during emergencies is vital.

Mr. Tsilionis announced that the Environmental Commission is in need of volunteers, and that the Farmer's Market is scheduled to open on June 16<sup>th</sup> and operate through October.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Leonard congratulated the Roseland First Aid Squad on their recent Open House. Mr. Leonard also commented on the success of the Squad's cadet program.

Mr. Leonard thanked former Councilman Art Caprio for attending the meeting and commenting on the draft water sewer system analysis.

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Farmer's Market will re-open from June 16<sup>th</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon until 6:00 PM on Fridays.

Mrs. Tolli announced that Memorial Day services will commence on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM, followed by the West Essex Parade at 9:30 AM.

Councilwoman Tolli noted that the Beautification Committee doesn't just hold meeting, but they also work in the field to maintain the flowers throughout the center of town. Mrs. Tolli added that new hanging baskets will soon be erected on light posts in the center of town, and that the DPW will be receiving new mobile equipment shortly that will enable them to water the plants.

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the annual Run for the Roses will be held at 9:00 AM on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and that the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Borough Picnic will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00

PM until 5:00 PM at Harrison Field, with a rain date of June 17<sup>th</sup>. Festivities will kick off with a return of the Mayor's Cup softball game between members of the Roseland Fire Department, Roseland Police Department, and the Roseland First Aid Squad.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

In honor of National Police week, Councilman thanked the members of the Roseland Police Department for their work to keep residents safe.

Mr. Vidovich congratulated Ms. Stella Marano for being honored as the 2017 Roseland Senior Citizen of the Year.

Councilman Vidovich reported that the Administration and Finance Committee is continuing to negotiate various labor contracts, and that he and Administrator Chumacas are awaiting final tax numbers from the County in order to make a tax bill presentation at the June meeting.

Mayor Duthie reported that the Noecker School Mock Council meeting held this evening will be televised on the Borough's municipal access channels prior to the regular Council meetings for the next few weeks. Mr. Duthie also announced that the Municipal Youth Guidance Council Scholarship applications are available on the Borough's website, and encouraged all interested Roseland seniors at West Essex High School to submit an application.

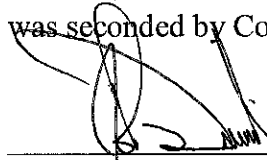
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

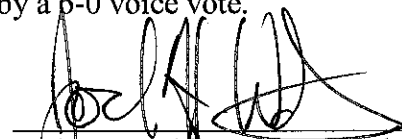
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY**

None

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

  
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Mayor John Duthie

  
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Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: June 20, 2017

**ROLL CALL**

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