

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MAY 23, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The May 23, 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 sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough website, 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
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 138-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation
2. Potential Litigation
3. Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:28 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 read a proclamation and Councilwoman Tolli presented a proclamation congratulating Tami Brandeis upon her selection as 2019 Mother of the Year for Grades 1-3.

Mayor Spango read a proclamation and Councilwoman Tolli presented a proclamation to Macarena Herrera upon her selection as 2019 Mother of the Year for Grades 4-5.

Mayor Spango introduced Environmental Commission Chairman Chris Duthie and Commission member Priscilla Johnson, noting that the members of the Environmental Commission recently distributed 1,000 trees to residents. The Commission also distributed a number of bat boxes and bee boxes to residents in an effort to reverse declining populations. Councilman Jacobs read a proclamation acknowledging the Commission's efforts so far this year.

Mayor Spango introduced Honorary Mayor Aaron Klaff. Mr. Spango announced that a plaque listing the names of Honorary Mayors will soon be mounted in the hallway outside the public meeting room. Mayor Spango presented a Key to the City thanking Mr. Klaff for his service as Honorary Mayor.

Mayor Spango introduced Paulos Arvanitopoulos as the incoming Honorary Mayor for 2019 – 2020. Mayors Spango and Klaff administered the oath of office to Honorary Mayor Arvanitopoulos.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco	20 Meeker Court
Dan Salvante	Essex County Liaison – announced that there will be an Open House at Turtle Back Zoo on June 1 st and that there will be free admission for the day.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to appoint Recreation Director Michael Colitti and Barbara Scheifler to the Community Events Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Mayor Spango invited anyone interested in serving on the committee to please contact the municipal building.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 10-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Section 13-2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Fire Zones; Stopping or Standing Prohibited". Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 10-2019. 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 Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2019 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 2-9 entitled "Borough Attorney", Section 2-16 entitled "Departments, Boards and Commissions Established", Section 2-17 entitled "Department of Administration", Section 2-46 entitled "Affordable Housing Board", and Section 2-51 entitled "Senior Transportation Committee". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 11-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 12-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance amending Chapter XVII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer" to amend Section 17-6 entitled "Meter Readings, Consumer's Charges, Billings and Penalties", Section 17-16 entitled "Definitions", Section 17-20 entitled "Use off Public Sewers", and Section 17-23 entitled "Powers an Authorities of Inspectors". Councilman Freda made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 12-2019. 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 Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XXX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Land Development" to amend Section 30-404 entitled "District Regulations", Section 30-511 entitled "Drainage", and Section 2-51 entitled "Senior Transportation Committee". Councilman Freda made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 13-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Board to determine whether the proposal is substantially consistent with the Borough's Master Plan. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance appropriating \$76,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of equipment in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey". Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 14-2019. 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 Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 05-2019 for the second 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 open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 05-2019. 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 Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 05-2019 for the third and final 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 Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 08-2019 for the second time: “An ordinance authorizing the lease of certain space within Borough Hall located at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland to the ARC of Essex County, Inc.”. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 08-2019 for the third and final time: “An ordinance authorizing the lease of certain space within Borough Hall located at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland to the ARC of Essex County, Inc.”. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 09-2019 for the second time: “Bond Ordinance providing for various improvements to the Harrison Avenue Park in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$650,000.00 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$500,000.00 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the costs thereof”. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

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

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 139-2019 to approve the May 20, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$550,083.36. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the twenty-six resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 140-2019 rescinding Resolution No. 43-2019 "Authorizing Refunds, Overpayments or Cancellations in the Tax Office"

Resolution No. 141-2019 authorizing creation of an Ad Hoc committee for the Roseland First Aid Squad 40th Anniversary

Resolution No. 142-2019 authorizing creation of an Ad Hoc Master Plan Committee

Resolution No. 143-2019 supporting Senate Bill 3385 which requires employers to provide paid leave to employees to vote in certain circumstances

Resolution No. 144-2019 awarding a non-fair and open contract to Quikteks, LLC in the amount of \$23,100.00 for IT services

Resolution No. 145-2019 awarding a non-fair and open contract to Lighthouse Computers in the amount of \$26,300.00 for a turnkey Public, Educational, and Governmental Channel (PEG) system

Resolution No. 146-2019 authorizing execution of an Interlocal Senior Citizen Transportation Agreement with Caldwell and West Caldwell for the years 2019 through 2021 and payment in the amount of \$24,236.74 for calendar year 2019

Resolution No. 147-2019 approving the hiring of 2019 SCRAM Staff

Resolution No. 148-2019 requesting permission from the Director of the DLGS for the Dedication by Rider for Donations to the Roseland Police Citizen Academy Scholarship Fund

Resolution No. 149-2019 authorizing creation of an Ad Hoc committee for Mental Health Awareness

Resolution No. 150-2019 awarding a contract to Jack Doheny Companies Inc. in the amount of \$12,686.60 for repairs to the 1998 high pressure sewer jet

Resolution No. 151-2019 approval of 2018 condominium reimbursements in the amount of \$6,977.97 to The Eagle Rock, \$3,572.25 to Roseland Glen, \$13,377.94 to Roseland Green, \$2,791.81 to Stonegate, and \$155.97 to Foulerton Brook, for a total amount of \$26,875.94

Resolution No. 152-2019 Governing Body Certification of 2018 Annual Municipal Audit

Resolution No. 153-2019 approving the 2018 Audit Corrective Action Plan

Resolution No. 154-2019 approving the renewal of the 2019-2020 liquor license for Fairchild's Market

Resolution No. 155-2019 approving renewal of the 2019-2020 liquor license for Roseland VFW Post #2619

Resolution No. 156-2019 approving the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers in the amount of \$96,350.00 for consulting engineer services for the upgrade of the one-million-gallon water storage tank

Resolution No. 157-2019 approving the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers in the amount of \$46,500.00 for consulting engineer services for GIS water utility infrastructure system mapping and preparation of an Asset Management Plan

Resolution No. 158-2019 approving the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers in the amount of \$17,200.00 for consulting engineer services for CCTV inspection services for the sanitary sewer system within various streets

Resolution No. 159-2019 approving the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers in the amount of \$19,800.00 for consulting engineer services for upgrades to water system pressure regulator valves

Resolution No. 160-2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Fun Services in the amount of \$5,350.00 for the Community Picnic and End of SCRAM Party

Resolution No. 161-2019 awarding a contract in the amount of \$31,980.87 to Wildan Energy Solutions to complete lighting upgrades at 300 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 162-2019 ratification of salaries – April 2019

Resolution No. 163-2019 authorizing extension of the contract with John Manganaro of Water Resource Management Inc. for Water Operator and Waste Water Operator Services through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$2,970.00

Resolution No. 164-2019 authorizing an agreement with Spatial Data Logic for proprietary Construction Code software at a cost of \$8,250.00

Resolution 165-2019 amending Resolution No. 25-2019 “Award Two Year Contract to Morton Salt Inc. for the Purchase of Rock Salt Thorough Essex County Co-Op – Not to Exceed \$50,000.00” to increase the amount of certified funds to \$32,000.00 for 2019

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilman Jacobs abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 151-2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the two items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of May 30, 2019 Treasurer’s Report

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to attend seminar on June 21, 2019 in Neptune, NJ for a total cost of \$125.00 plus mileage reimbursement

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Spango reminded residents that the town picnic will be on Saturday, June 8th and that there are two summer concerts scheduled, the first on July 7th, and the second on August 6th. Mr. Spango reported that after one week, the Borough has received close to enough donations to cover the cost of the concerts. Mayor Spango thanked all of those who have made or plan to make a donation to support the concerts, and offered special thanks to premier sponsor Mr. Tom O'Beirne for his \$5,000 donation, and Shumacher Chevrolet for their \$2,500 donation.

Mayor Spango noted that although Memorial Day is the unofficial start to summer, he asked that everyone remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice to allow all of us to enjoy the freedoms that we have, and to remember loved ones who are no longer with us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi reported that the Committee, with the assistance of Administrator Chumacas, has reviewed the concepts and prototypes of the new website design. Mr. Bardi will provide an update at the next meeting, and the hope is that the new website will be ready to go live within the next eight weeks.

Councilman Bardi made a motion approve Resolution No. 166-2019 approving the hiring of Ravi Ranjan Thakur as a summer intern from June 3, 2019 through August 16, 2019 at no more than 25 hours a week and paid at an hourly rate of \$12.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that Livingston will be hosting the next shared services meeting on a date to be determined. The West Essex Board of Education and the Roseland Board of Education have both adopted their budgets. Noecker School's tricky tray fund raiser appears to have been a great success.

DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman announced that four "Stigma Free" signs have been installed around town which state that Roseland is a stigma free community. The governing body recently created a Mental Health Task Force and Mrs. Fishman asked that any residents interested in serving on the task force please contact the borough hall.

Mayor Spango added that signs announcing community events will soon be erected at major intersections, and banners will be hung announcing upcoming community events such as the town picnic and the summer concerts.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the Department of Public Works (DPW) has been chipping branches, picking up yard waste on Wednesdays, repairing potholes, and installing remote read water meters. Residents who receive a yellow card regarding the water meter replacement program are asked to contact the DPW and make an appointment to provide access to their building for the meter replacement. The DPW has announced that the spring fire hydrant flushing program will begin on May 28th and the hours of flushing will be from 8:00 PM until midnight.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) reported that the Auxiliary Police have provided eighty hours of assistance with traffic control at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament church and traffic control at the gas compressor station protest on Eagle Rock Avenue. The OEM has been assisting the Roseland Radio Club with relocation of their equipment, and

auxiliary police officers have been training on the location of equipment of the first aid squad ambulances. Auxiliary police officers have assisted the police department at major intersections during recent power outages. Mr. Freda noted that the backup batteries on the traffic signals have been working, allowing OEM time to setup backup generators during extended power outages. Councilman Freda thanked OEM Coordinator John Mathies for coordinating with Essex County the outfitting of traffic signals at major intersections with backup batteries and generator connections.

The Roseland First Aid Squad (RFAS) responded to fifty-six calls and five mutual aid calls in April, for a total of one hundred and eighty-six calls to date this year. The first aid squad is hosting their annual Open House on June 22nd from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on the RFAS should call the OEM.

Councilman Bardi added that Essex County began aerial spraying this week to control mosquitos, and that ground spraying will begin as early as tomorrow.

Mayor Spango noted that the Borough has received numerous complaints from residents about the condition of the pavement on the ramp from Eisenhower Parkway onto Route 280 East. The Borough contacted the NJ Department of Transportation and was advised that the ramp will be scheduled for complete re-pavement.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs reported that the Planning Board approved one resolution for solar panels on the roof of a commercial building. The fire department recommends that residents clean their dryer vents to prevent fires, and to regularly check the gauges on kitchen fire extinguishers. The police department encourages residents to lock their car doors, not to leave their cars running, and to lock their doors from attached garages into dwellings. Mr. Jacobs encouraged residents to use sidewalks when out walking and to wear light colored, reflective clothing at night. Councilman Jacobs advised residents that the Environmental Commission is planning to establish a community garden and is planning to obtain additional bat and bee houses for distribution to residents.

Mayor Spango recommended that with summer vacation season approaching, residents should advise the police department so that the police department can perform vacant house checks.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli thanked the Beautification Committee for their work in obtaining and distributing new planters around town. Mrs. Tolli commented that the new planters have reservoirs to contain rainwater for self-watering and they look great. Mrs. Tolli thanked the DPW for the initial watering of the new planters. Council is developing plans to upgrade the three Borough Parks, starting with Harrison Park. The Recreation Department is hosting their 28th annual father/child bowling night for K-6 children on Friday, June 14th from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at the West Orange Eagle Rock Lanes.

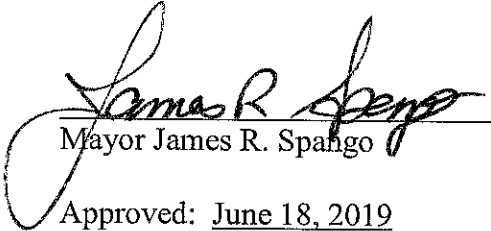
Council has created an ad hoc committee to assist the RFAS with planning their 40th anniversary celebration next year. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is asked to contact borough hall. Camp Wyanokie is holding their 100th anniversary celebration on June 14th from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Borough will host their Memorial Day service in front of the municipal building at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue at 8:30 AM on Monday, May 29th. The Memorial Day Parade will step off at 9:30 AM in Caldwell.

PUBLIC COMMENT

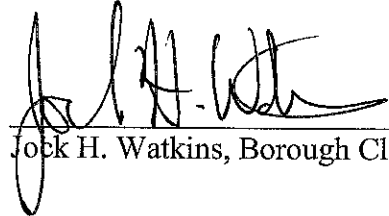
John Arvanitopoulos 24 Ford Lane

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to close the meeting at 8:48 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango
Approved: June 18, 2019



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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