

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The June 6, 2019 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30 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 public bulletin board in the Municipal Building, posted on the Borough's website, 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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

John Yakamik of Boswell Engineering presented a revised concept plan for the upgrade of Harrison Avenue Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco

20 Meeker Court

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 168-2019 approving the June 3, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$83,747.76, withholding the bill from the Loughlin Law Firm for master plan review pending additional information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the two resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 169-2019 authorizing the return of escrow for 56 Livingston Avenue

Resolution No. 170-2019 authorizing the recreation department to host a Lunch Cruise for senior citizens through Spirit of New Jersey on June 26, 2019 and establishing the fee of \$82.00/person.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the four items on the Consent Agenda:

Approve application of Tyler Logan as a cadet member for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Approval for Alla Nudel to attend the ECMCAA meeting to be held on June 21, 2019 from 11:30AM until 2:00 PM in Livingston, NJ at no cost to the Borough except mileage reimbursement

Approval for Melissa Barnes to attend the Affordable Housing Professionals of NJ Symposium on June 19, 2019 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM in South Iselin, NJ for a total cost of \$175.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval for Jock Watkins and Ashley Passafiume to attend the Essex County Clerk's Association quarterly meeting on June 13, 2019 in Maplewood, NJ for a total cost of \$70.00 plus mileage reimbursement

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that concert donations to date are almost \$10,000, so the summer concerts will be fully funded by outside sponsors. The Exit 4 ramp from Eisenhower Parkway to Interstate Route 280 was shut down last week and completely repaved. Ravi Thakur, the summer intern, has created a flyer promoting the Borough picnic. Council

recommended some changes to the flyer and asked that the revised flyer be posted on the Borough's website, Facebook page, and public access television station.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi reported that the committee is reviewing the rent control ordinance for possible amendments, and reviewing the Borough's Facebook page for compliance. When the new website goes live, Council agreed that the Facebook page should be taken down and completely rebuilt.

SHARED SERVICES

Council agreed to accept the proposal from Verona for Street Sweeping services. As soon as a formal proposal with the amended streets is received, a resolution will be placed on the June 18th agenda. Livingston has suggested three dates for the June shared services meeting.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Council agreed to put a resolution on the next meeting agenda to oppose the state's proposal to amend the Senior Freeze program. The Committee recommends that once the NJ Legislature establishes the "Main Street Assistance Program", which would provide financial and technical assistance to businesses located in the "Main Street area" within a small municipality (population of less than 20,000), that the Borough apply to participate in the program.

PUBLIC WORKS

Council agreed that the discussion regarding adjustment to Roseland Green's water bill, due to inaccurate meter readings and a frozen meter, be deferred to Executive Session.

Council discussed the DPW capital improvement projects and asked that additional information be gathered on several of the items. Council agreed to have an ordinance on the next agenda for a bond ordinance in the amount of \$290,000.00 to resurface Steele Court, Crestview Court, Cobb Terrace, Baldwin Court, and Woodland Road through the Morris County Coop.; and an ordinance on the agenda appropriating \$30,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund and \$124,000.00 from a NJ DOT grant for improvements to Conover Avenue. Council authorized repairs to the library walkway and entrance with funds from an existing capital ordinance for repairs to public buildings.

Council agreed to award the contract for emergency pipeline work in the amount of \$178,530.00 to the Shauger Group of 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ 07017, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Council asked that DPW Superintendent Schall provide additional

information to Council on why Second Avenue is the recommended project for the DOT application that is due in July.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs explained that the fire department has requested that Council approve a bond ordinance in the amount of \$290,000.00 to replace thirty-six air packs. Council asked that the fire chief provide an inventory as soon as possible of existing equipment including the expiration date of the units, and the specifications for the requested air packs.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the town picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th. Camp Wyanokie is celebrating their 100th anniversary on June 15th. The Senior Transportation Committee has a meeting on Monday. The Committee has magnets which contain important information for seniors that are available for distribution at the town picnic. The Farmer's market is scheduled to reopen on Friday, June 14th between the hours of noon and 6:00 PM. Council is going to attempt to meet with sustainable Roseland in order to discuss possible ways of improving the farmer's market.

Mrs. Tolli reported that the Bridge Group has outgrown the Library and will be temporarily holding their matches at Arbor Glen until they find a new home. Mrs. Chumacas reported that there is no more money in the recreation budget for the new sign at DeBell Field. Council agreed to have a resolution on the June 8th agenda authorizing use of Open Space Trust funds for a new sign at a cost of \$2,300.00 and a resolution approving a new recreation soccer league for ages 4-6 which will require hiring of two addition seasonal employees.

After discussion, Council decided to wait until the end of June to see if the County has adopted their budget in order to decide whether to send out estimate tax bills.

Councilwoman Perrotti added some additional information on her investigation into getting ideas for a new mural on the wall behind the dais in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the April 23, 2019 Council meeting minutes and the May 7, 2019 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to be heard at this time. Council confirmed that the August 6th meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, August 5th in order to avoid a conflict with one of the summer concerts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

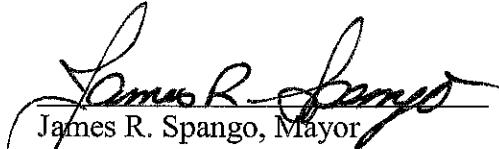
Councilman Jacobs made a motion at 9:11 PM to approve Resolution No. 167-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

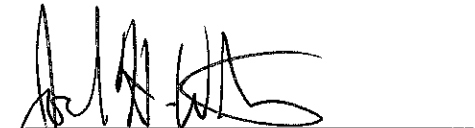
1. Personnel

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion at 9:35 PM to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


James R. Spango, Mayor


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: June 18, 2019

VOICE VOTE

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