

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JUNE 18, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The June 18, 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 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
Roger Freda, Councilman
David Jacobs, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ABSENT:

Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango asked Recreation Director Colitti to introduce Alan Markman and Vincent Azzinnari, retiring members of the Recreation Committee. Mr. Colitti commended both men for their dedication serving on the Committee and performing other recreation related duties during their tenure. Councilwoman Tolli read a proclamation congratulating Mr. Markman for his six years of service and Mr. Azzinnari for his five years of service.

Mayor Spango thanked the police officers, firefighters, and members of the Department of Public Works (DPW) who participated in the Mayor's Trophy softball game at Saturday's town picnic. Mr. Spango presented the Mayor's Trophy to DPW Superintendent Gary Schall, noting

that this is the first time since 1969 that the trophy went to a department other than police or fire. The DPW team defeated a combined police/fire team by a score of 13-12.

Mayor Spango and Councilman Bardi presented a proclamation to Emily Styskal of Girl Scout Troop 20499 upon her achieving the Silver Award. Ms. Styskal explained that her project was the construction of handmade bird houses to create a bird sanctuary on the Noecker School environmental trail.

Mayor Spango introduced Tiana Pimentel, Vice president of the Gay-Straight Alliance at West Essex High School. Ms. Pimentel thanked members of Council and others for their support of the members of the Club.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

Member of Roseland Bridge Club

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 15-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 12-2018 as amended which provided for salaries and compensation to be paid to non-union employees of the Borough of Roseland and substitute therefore salaries and compensation for the year 2019". Councilman Freda made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 15-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on July 16, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 16-2019 by title only for the first time: "Ordinance appropriating \$32,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of equipment in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 16-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on July 16, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 17-2019 by title only for the first time: "Ordinance appropriating \$30,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund and \$124,000 from a State of new Jersey Department of Transportation grant for improvements to Conover Avenue in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 17-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on July 16, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 18-2019 by title only for the first time: "Bond Ordinance providing for various road improvements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$290,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$275,500 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof". Councilman Bardi

made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 18-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on July 16, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Spango announced that the police and fire chiefs have recommended an additional change to the fire zones proposed in Ordinance No. 10-2019, and asked Clerk Watkins to read the proposed change: “The police chief and the fire chief are requesting that Ordinance No. 10-2019 be amended by adding a 75' "No Parking Fire Zone" on the north side of Steel Court where it intersects with Woodland Road and a 50' "No Parking Fire Zone" just opposite that on the south side of Steel Court where it intersects with Woodland Road. This will allow all emergency vehicles to navigate the turn in a safe manner”. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to make the recommended change to Ordinance No. 10-2019 and to reschedule the public hearing to the July 16, 2019 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2019 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 2-9 entitled “Borough Attorney”, Section 2-17 entitled “Department of Administration”, Section 2-46 entitled Affordable Housing Board”, and Section 2-51 entitled “Senior Transportation Committee”. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 11-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2019 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 2-9 entitled “Borough Attorney”, Section 2-17 entitled “Department of Administration”, Section 2-46 entitled Affordable Housing Board”, and Section 2-51 entitled “Senior Transportation Committee”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 12-2019 for the second time: “An ordinance amending Chapter XVII of the Revised General Ordinance 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 of Public Sewers”, and Section 17-23 entitled “Powers and Authorities of Inspectors”. Councilman Freda made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

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 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 12-2019 for the third and final time: “An ordinance amending Chapter XVII of the Revised General Ordinance 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 of Public Sewers”, and Section 17-23 entitled “Powers and Authorities of Inspectors”. Councilman Freda made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Fishman absent).

Mayor Spango explained that Ordinance No. 13-2019 to amend and supplement Chapter XXX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Land Development” was advertised for public hearing at the July 16th meeting of the Mayor and Council and was mistakenly included on tonight’s agenda for consideration. The public hearing will be held on July 16th as originally scheduled.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2019 for the second 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 Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2019 for the third and final 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 adopt Ordinance No. 14-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Fishman absent).

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 172-2019 approving the June 13, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$198,416.13. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the sixteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 173-2019 ratification of bills

Resolution No. 174-2019 approving the use of Open Space Trust Funds for the purchase of a new sign for Mayor Louis and Lynn DeBell Field at a cost of \$2,300.00

Resolution No. 175-2019 approving moving Louis Zagada from Step 3B to Step 4 in the salary guide

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Resolution No. 176-2019 awarding a contract to the Shauger Group for an amount not to exceed \$178,530.00 for emergency services associated with the pipeline work for the water and sewer utility for 2019-2020 -

Resolution No. 177-2019 opposing Senate Bill 3784 to convert the Senior Freeze Reimbursement Program into a credit program

Resolution No. 178-2019 supporting Assembly Bill A5450 concerning local taxation of business personal property of local exchange telephone companies

Resolution No. 179-2019 approving the appointment of volunteers as liaisons to Recreation Director for the recreation Duplicate Bridge Program

Resolution No. 180-2019 approving cancellation water sewer billing-balances and refunds

Resolution No. 181-2019 authorizing the Recreation Department to conduct a new youth pre-kindergarten soccer program

Resolution No. 182-2019 ratification of salaries – May 2019

Resolution No. 183- approving the advertisement of a Request for Proposals by competitive contracting for the revaluation of all real property

Resolution No. 184-2019 awarding a contract to Onix Networking Corporation in the amount of \$7,686.00 for e-mail services for the period beginning June 24, 2019 through June 24, 2020

Resolution 185-2019 designating June as “LGBTQ Pride Month” in the Borough of Roseland

Resolution No. 186-2019 awarding a contract to Community Institute for Career Advancement for cleaning services for 2019

Resolution No. 188-2019 approving the renewal of Jim Johnston’s Liquor License

The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Tolli asked that North Jersey Avalanche, a sanctioned 501(c)3. Girls, softball team, be authorized to use Harrison Field on Wednesday nights beginning tomorrow night through July as recommended by Recreation Director Colitti. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Councilwoman Tolli asked that the Beautification Committee be authorized to purchase four (4) additional self-watering planters. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the

request. The motion as seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Councilwoman Tolli asked that permission be granted to send a letter soliciting donations for golf signs promoting the annual Run 4 the Roses. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the request. The motion as seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the four items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of Matt Popola, Daniel Madden and Douglas Yates to attend Paratech Rescue training for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department on July 20 and July 21, 2019 for a total cost of \$600.00

Approval for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department to hold a wet down on September 7, 2019

Approval of raffle license application no. RA-376, submitted by Pearls of Wisdom Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2372, Morristown, NJ 07652, to conduct an off-premise 50/50 raffle on October 20, 2019 at SS Nicholas Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church at 80 Laurel Avenue, Roseland, NJ

Approval of May 2019 Treasurer's Report

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the May 23, 2019 Council meeting minutes and the June 6, 2019 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked everyone who attended and volunteered at the Borough Picnic, noting that more than five hundred residents were in attendance. Mr. Spango reminded residents that there are two summer concerts scheduled on July 17th and August 6th. Mayor Spango thanked the police department, fire department, and office of emergency management for their response to a gas leak earlier today resulting when a contractor struck a gas line that was thought to have been shut off.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi commented that the borough picnic was a great success and thanked everyone who volunteered and attended. Mr. Bardi called attention to five signs that have been erected at key intersections throughout the Borough to announce community events such as the

picnic and upcoming concerts. Council is awaiting state approval of the budget and tax levy in order to send out tax bills rather than estimated tax bills. If approval is in time, a presentation will be made at the July 16th Council meeting. The Committee is attempting to contact Sustainable Roseland in order to discuss opportunities to expand the Farmer's Market which is scheduled to open on June 28th.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the next shared services meeting with surrounding towns has been scheduled for June 27th in Livingston. The West Essex Board of Education (BOE) reported that Dawn Smith has resigned from the Board effective July 1st and that any Roseland resident interested on serving on Board should contact the BOE. The Board also announced that one hundred and fifty applications have been received for the position of Middle School Principal, which they hope to fill before the beginning of the new school year. The Roseland Board of Education announced that long time physical education teacher Laurie Martell was honored with a retirement dinner two weeks ago. Noecker School Family Fun Day was a success, and the last day for school is June 20th.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

PUBLIC WORKS

Council deferred voting on the resolution approving submission of the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant application until the July 9th meeting to allow the Committee time to further discuss which road should be the subject of the application.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent Schall reported that the DPW has completed the spring hydrant flushing of more than four hundred fire hydrants, and they have been exercising water valves in order to comply with NJDEP Water Accountability Act requirements. The deadline to complete 12" valves is October 19th and the DPW expects to meet that deadline. The DPW is continuing to repair and rebuild catch basins as required and repair pot holes. The DPW has established the practice of installing remote read meters when residents schedule final meter readings, and the meter replacement program is continuing. The Laurel Avenue water main project is almost complete and the DPW is looking to begin smoke testing of sanitary sewer lines as part of the inflow and infiltration reduction program.

Councilman Freda thanked OEM Coordinator John Matheis for his assistance at the Cooper Avenue gas line break, and the Auxiliary Police for their assistance at the Williams Transco compressor station protest, the Memorial Day Parade, and an event at Noecker School. The Auxiliary Police provided sixty-two hours of volunteer service last month. Anyone over the age of eighteen who is interested in serving as an auxiliary police officer should contact the OEM office. Residents are reminded that all are welcome at the Roseland First Aid Squad (RFAS) open house scheduled for this Saturday, June 22nd, from 11:00- 3:00. Mayor Spango added that the RFAS will be celebrating their 40th anniversary next year and that anyone interested in serving on the ad hoc committee that was formed to help plan a celebration should contact borough hall.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs thanked everyone who volunteered to make the town picnic a success. Mr. Jacobs reminded residents to use extra caution while driving on local streets as school closes on Thursday and students will be out and about. Mr. Jacobs also reminded residents not talk on cell phones while driving, and to wear reflective clothing when walking at night. Councilman Jacobs asked that the DPW repair the potholes on ADP Boulevard that were reported by an Access Link bus passenger. Mr. Jacobs reported that the Environmental Commission has a meeting tomorrow night. The fire department will be celebrating the arrival of a new fire apparatus with a wet down on Saturday, on September 7th. All residents are invited to attend. Mr. Jacobs asked that residents maintain their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to avoid false alarms, especially during hot, summer days.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

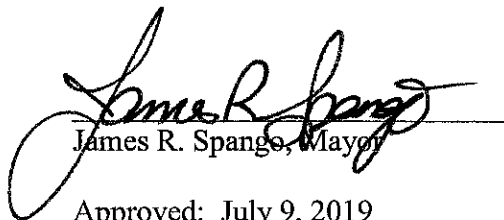
Councilwoman Tolli thanked Councilwoman Perrotti and Councilwoman Fishman for their help handing out hamburgers at the town picnic. Mrs. Tolli reported that she and Mr. Colitti attended Camp Wyanokie's 100th anniversary celebration over the last weekend. Over one hundred and forty people attended the barbecue and the grills were manned by three West Caldwell firefighters. The Roseland Senior Citizens are having a barbecue behind the library on Friday, June 28th from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM and all Roseland senior citizens are invited to attend. The Farmers Market will begin this Friday from 12:00 until 6:00 PM. The Senior Citizen Transportation Committee's next meeting will be held on the first Monday after Labor Day. Local resident boxer Vito Melnicki has turned pro and will have his first professional match on July 13th at the Prudential Center in Newark. Mayor Spango added that the library summer reading program will begin after the close of school on Thursday, June 20th, with the first program running from 1:00 until 4:00 PM.

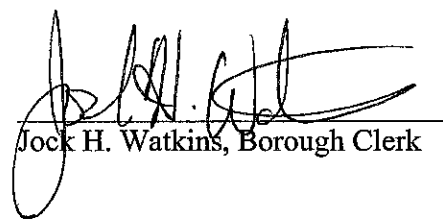
PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerald Goldberg 23C Nob Hill

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the meeting at 8:48 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).


James R. Spango, Mayor


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: July 9, 2019

VOICE VOTE

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