

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JULY 9, 2019  
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM  
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
6:30PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:30PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The July 9, 2019 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:40 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  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

**ABSENT:**

David Jacobs, Councilman

**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. 189-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Jacobs absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:33 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 Councilman Jacobs was not in attendance.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 190-2019 approving the July 2, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$102,717.83. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Jacobs absent).

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 193-2019 approving submission of the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant and execution of a grant contract for Second Avenue and Woodland Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Perrotti abstaining from the vote and Councilman Jacobs absent.

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

Resolution No. 191-2019 approving the appointment of Brian Reitmeyer as a Utilityman Grade 1 Laborer for the Department of Public Works

Resolution No. 192-2019 approving the appointment of Nicholas Ammirato as a Utilityman Grade 1 Laborer for the Department of Public Works

Resolution 194-2019 Governing Body certification of compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's enforcement guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Accept with regret the resignation of Donna Schiavone from the Planning Board effective June 16, 2019

Approval of dumpster and POD permit extension at 44 Roosevelt Street until August 3, 2019

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

## MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Steven Batta to the Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee effective July 9, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Jacobs absent).

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Spango summarized correspondence from Robert Rosen, president of Foulerton Brook Condo Association (Paradise Place), granting permission for the Borough to take physical control of the pump station, generator, and injector on the Foulerton Brook Condo Association. Mrs. Chumacas added that the Borough is awaiting correspondence back from the Condo Association verifying that the members of the Condominium Association have endorsed the move.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and OEM for their support of the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks in West Caldwell. Mayor Spango reminded residents that the first summer concert is scheduled for next Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Council agreed to support the Municipal Resolution in Support of Electric Vehicles as recommended by the Committee. The resolution will be added to the July 16<sup>th</sup> agenda.

The Committee is reviewing a draft ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance to regulate the placement of portable basketball poles on town streets as a result of incidents with snow plows during the winter, leaf vacuum during the fall, and street sweeping activities. The Committee is reviewing similar ordinances from other towns.

Councilman Bardi reported that there has been no response from the three local high schools regarding creation of a mural for the dais in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue. Jessica Freda presented a concept plan for Council's consideration. Mr. Bardi announced that the state has certified the Borough's budget and tax levy, and tax bills are expected to be mailed during the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. A presentation reviewing the tax bills will be made at the July 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The latest mockup of the new website was received today and Council agreed to proceed with the project with the condition that the format of the calendar be changed back to the original color scheme.

### SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that there is progress on a lease extension with the Roseland Board of Education. Borough Attorney McDonnell will be working on the language for the extension and a hold harmless agreement. Council authorized moving forward with the planning of the playground upgrade in anticipation of the lease extension being finalized.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Council discussed the Green Acres application process for Tedesco Park. Council agreed to put two ordinances on the next agenda regarding electronic cigarettes. The first ordinance will amend the existing tobacco ordinance to include electronic cigarettes and increase the legal age to 21 in accordance with state law. The second ordinance will amend the zoning ordinance to prohibit the sale of electric cigarettes within the Borough. The proposed zoning ordinance amendment will be forwarded to the Planning Board. Council discussed the possibility of installing one or two digital public announcement signs. Recreation Director Colitti provided information regarding similar signs in use in other towns. The matter was referred back to committee to discuss the possibility of sharing the cost of a sign with the Roseland Board of Education, potential corporate sponsorship, location and number of signs, and to get more accurate cost estimates for purchasing and installing a sign.

Borough Attorney McDonnell explained Senate Bill S-1611 regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Legislation. The legislation is intended to encourage the use of renewable energy systems and renewable energy products and would authorize municipalities to establish a program for public or private financing of projects under the PACE program to be undertaken by property owners as local improvements and the provision by ordinance for a PACE special assessment to be imposed on properties within the municipality. The legislation is still in Committee at this time. Mrs. Chumacas added that on last year's Best Practice Questionnaire, the Borough agreed to discuss and consider the program, and that this year's questionnaire will likely ask whether or not Council will take advantage of the program if enacted.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the Committee is awaiting an estimate from the Borough's water and sewer engineer to perform smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system so the Committee can evaluate whether or not it would be cost effective to do the testing in house. The NJ DEP recommends testing, maintaining, and repairing twenty percent of the sanitary system annually.

Council discussed the possibility of purchasing an asphalt spray patch system and an asphalt roller. Mayor Spango will reach out to shared service communities to see if there is any interest in sharing in the cost and service of an asphalt spray patch system. Mr. Freda explained that the Department of Public Works (DPW) capital equipment request included replacement of garage doors at the DPW building and the fire house because the doors are rotting and spare parts are no longer available because the operating equipment is obsolete.

Council discussed complaints that the garbage contractor has been starting collection in residential areas at 5:30 AM, while the contract prohibits starting in residential areas before 7:00 AM. Council asked Administrator Chumacas to follow up with contractor to let them know they can start before 7:00 on county roads in accordance with the contract, but cannot start on residential streets before 7:00 AM. Councilman Freda thanked the Office of Emergency OEM and Auxiliary Police for assistance at the West Essex July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display in West Caldwell.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Council agreed to put the introduction of an ordinance on the next agenda to amend Chapter III Police Regulations to clarify that hunting is not permitted within the Borough, and an ordinance to purchase license plate readers for the police department. Council approved purchasing of SCBA air packs and cylinders for the fire department through a cooperative agreement with Essex County. Discussion installation of as speed monitoring sign on Lincoln Street was tabled.

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Senior Transportation Committee magnets are ready for distribution to senior citizens. Attempts are being made to add additional vendors at the Farmer's Market. Cardiac screening will be held at West Essex High School on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM for high school athletes. Registration forms are available at the recreation office. July is National ice cream month. The Roseland Junior Women's Club is hosting Make Your Own Sundae on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM at the Roseland First Aid Squad building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the June 18, 2019 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Jacobs absent).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

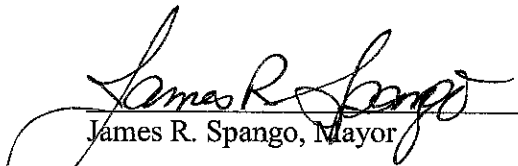
Aristotle Popolizio      206 Passaic Avenue  
John Matheis              OEM Coordinator

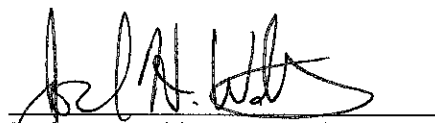
**RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to return to Executive Session at 8:49 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Jacobs absent).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to close the meeting at 9:49 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Jacobs absent).

  
James R. Spango, Mayor  
Approved: August 5, 2019

  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

**VOICE VOTE**

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