

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JULY 16, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The July 16, 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 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
David Jacobs, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Elnardo J. Webster, II, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 195-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:26 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

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

No. 22-2019. 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, August 20, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2019 for the second 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”, and Section 30-511 entitled “Drainage””. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda 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 Bardi made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2019 for the third and final 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”, and Section 30-511 entitled “Drainage””. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2019, with a change to Section 30-404.2j.3. to increase the time to file an appeal from five (5) days to ten (10) days. The motion to adopt the amended ordinance was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 15-2019 for the second 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”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 15-2019 for the third and final 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 Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

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 Freda made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 196-2019 approving the July 12, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$134,397.70. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the fourteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 197-2019 ratification of salaries – June 2019

Resolution No. 198-2019 appointing Charles Blau, Esq., of the law firm Blau & Blau as Tax Appeal Attorney for Essex Fells Country Club only for 2018 and 2019

Resolution No. 199-2019 approving Change Order No. 1 to reduce the contract with National Water Main Cleaning for 2018 utility televising services from \$59,790.00 to an adjusted contract price of \$36,327.00 and approving payment of same

Resolution No. 200-2019 authorizing return of a performance bond for the amount of \$500.00 for 63 Roosevelt Street

Resolution No. 201-2019 awarding a non-fair and open contract in the amount of \$23,895.00 to Greenwood Tree Experts for tree trimming, removal, and stump grinding throughout the Borough

Resolution No. 202-2019 amending Resolution No. 184-2019 "Award Contract to Onix Networking for E-Mailing Services", to provide G Suite Premier Licenses at a cost of \$72/license and G Suite Vault at a cost of \$50/license resulting in an increase in the amount of the purchase order from \$7,686.00 to \$9,516.00

Resolution No. 203-2019 approving a Water and Sewer Installment Plan for 38 Artho Lane, Account #441730-0

Resolution No. 204-2019 authorizing the Borough Administrator to submit the purchase of SCBA Air Pack/Cylinders and related supplies at a cost of \$290,000.00 to the Essex County Improvement Authority for purchase through the Guaranteed Equipment Leasing Program

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked member of Council for approving the shared services agreement with Verona for street sweeping. Mrs. Perrotti met with members of the Landmarks and Historic District Commission. The Commission is interested in getting 140 Eagle Rock Avenue and 19 Harrison Avenue classified as historic buildings. The West Essex Board of Education has appointed Gina Donlevie, Ed.D. as the new Middle School Principal effective July 1st, and Kimberly Westervelt was appointed last night as Assistant Principal at West Essex High School. The Board also approved an approximate \$900,000 face lift at the high school including new auditorium lighting, sound, rigging and seating.

The Roseland BOE announced that Christina Cash has been named teacher of the year, and that new Business Administrator Gordon Gibbs started last month.

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked Police Officer Hesselbirt for attending to an injured baby deer. Officer Hesselbirt contacted the Borough Veterinarian who treated the fawn, and the fawn was transferred to the Mercer County Wildlife Center for rehabilitation.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman thanked Council for introducing two ordinances regulating the sale of vaping equipment in Roseland. Mrs. Fishman noted that is an important step in protecting the youth of the Borough from the dangers of e-cigarettes.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the Laurel Avenue water main work has been completed. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is continuing to repair roadways as necessary. Anyone who observes a pothole or other damage should report the situation to the DPW. The Borough's upgrade to remote water meters is continuing. Anyone who receives notice that their meter needs to be replaced should contact DPW to schedule an appointment for the installation.

Mr. Freda congratulated Deputy OEM Coordinator Jess Kelly upon her completion of coordinator training. The Auxiliary Police and the Roseland First Aid Squad are looking for members. Anyone interested should contact the Office of Emergency Management and the Roseland First Aid Squad accordingly.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs thanked Councilman Bardi and Administrator Chumacas for a great job on the 2019 budget. Mr. Jacobs was pleased with the ordinance introduction to purchase license plate readers, but noted that residents must take responsibility for protecting their property by locking car and house doors, and removing key fobs and valuable from their