

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
NEW JERSEY

JULY 19, 2016
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
BOROUGH HALL
7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The July 19, 2016 Council Meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Duthie. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date, time and location of the meeting were included in the Annual Meeting Schedule, was sent to The Progress and the Star Ledger, posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Duthie, Mayor
David Jacobs, Council President
Richard N. Leonard, Councilman
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman
Michelle Tolli, Councilwoman
Mark Vidovich, Councilman

ABSENT:

Peter M. Smith, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Ethan Jesse Sheffet, Borough Attorney
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

PRESENTATION

Councilman Vidovich presented a brief PowerPoint presentation on the final 2016 tax bills. After the presentation, Councilman Vidovich announced that the tax bills are expected to be mailed out by the end of the week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Essex County District 4 Freeholder Lenny Luciano congratulated the Mayor and Council on the 2016 Municipal Budget. Mr. Luciano then reported that the County has not road projects scheduled in Roseland this year. Mr. Luciano concluded by offering his assistance to the governing body should they feel the need.

Councilman Leonard asked Freeholder Luciano to follow up on the Borough's request to the County regarding the feasibility of creating "Do Not Block the Box" zones at key intersections. Mr. Luciano agreed to follow up.

Councilwoman Tolli asked Freeholder Luciano to see if he could determine the schedule for lawn cutting at the County Park near Locust Avenue, citing overgrown grass. Mrs. Tolli also asked if the County would be willing to remove the pedestrian crosswalk on Eagle Rock Avenue by the Roseland Plaza as its close proximity to the intersection of Roseland Avenue makes it unsafe. Mr. Luciano agreed to follow up.

Councilman Vidovich asked Freeholder Luciano to pass along a request that the County provide advance notice of road paving projects in the Borough so that the Borough can evaluate and budget for underground infrastructure improvements before the paving gets done. Mr. Luciano agreed to forward the message to the appropriate department.

Mayor Duthie thanked the County for their responsive repairing of potholes in the Borough.

Roseland resident William Tedesco asked the Mayor and Council to consider incorporating the \$100/quarter meter fee assessed to all residential properties in the Borough into the tax bill so that residents could write off the expense on their income tax returns. Borough Attorney Sheffet advised Mr. Tedesco that the Tax Assessor is required by law to assess all properties based on their value, and therefore cannot adjust property values to generate tax revenue to offset a service fee.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 08-2016 – An ordinance amending Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration", amending section 2-55 entitled "Senior Citizens' Advisory Board" to reduce the number of members from twelve (12) to eight (8). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 Roll Call Vote (Smith absent). The public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 09-2016 – An ordinance amending Chapter XVII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer", implementing requirements for hydrant meter permits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Leonard and approved by a 5-0 Roll Call Vote (Smith absent). The public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 10-2016 – An Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, Providing for acquisition of equipment for use in and by the Borough, appropriating \$100,000 therefore, and authorizing the issuance of \$57,000 in General Improvement Bonds or Notes of the Borough to finance the same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vidovich and approved by a 5-0 Roll Call Vote (Smith absent). The public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Councilman Leonard made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE 11-2016 – An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey providing for the reconstruction

of White Oak Road in and by the Borough, appropriating \$110,880.00 therefore, and authorizing the issuance of \$105,336.00 in General Improvement Bonds of Notes of the Borough to finance the same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vidovich and approved by a 5-0 Roll Call Vote (Smith absent). The public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to approve the nine resolutions and the four consent agenda items:

Resolution No. 194-2016 approving Final Payment No. 9 in the amount of \$60,335.00 to Howard Storer, LLC including Change Order No. 1 and No. 2 for the completion of the construction of the new Salt Shed and Storage Facility

Resolution No. 195-2016 approving Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$73,663.00 to Patwood Roofing Co. for the fire department roof replacement project

Resolution No. 196-2016 approving the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 14-00006

Resolution No. 197-2016 approve 2016 DPW overtime rates

Resolution No. 198-2016 approving the ratification of bills

Resolution No. 199-2016 approving renewal of Jim Johnston's liquor license

Resolution No. 200-2016 authorizing the cancellation of an overpayment in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 201-2016 approving the July 15th Bill List

Resolution No. 202-2016 approving the July 15th Open Space Bill List

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval to appoint Michael Molesworth as a Volunteer Jr. Counselor for the remainder of the 2016 Summer Playground Program

Approval of Cadet Application of Thomas Callahan to the Roseland Fire Department

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Approval of the June 2016 Treasurer's Report

With no comments or questions being offered by Council or the public, the motion was seconded by Councilman Vidovich and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Smith absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Duthie reported that the NJDOT plans to reconstruct the westbound I-280 bridge over the Passaic River and adjacent sign structures in 2017. The project is expected to last approximately two months.

Mayor Duthie also informed residents that Governor Christie issued Executive Order No. 210 which will result in the postponement of the Phase II road improvements on Monroe Avenue, and will result in the postponement of bidding for the Becker Farm Road improvement project. The Executive Order was enacted because the State's Transportation Trust Fund, which is financing the bulk of these two projects, has run out of money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Department – Councilman Jacobs reported that the fire department now consists of nine cadets and thirty-four members. Mr. Jacobs added that the fire department conducted two drills in June and responded to twenty- six alarms. Mr. Jacobs added his thanks to all members of the fire department. Councilman Jacobs cautioned residents to use extreme caution when grilling with propane. Councilman Jacobs commented that the new roof on the firehouse is performing well. Mr. Jacobs also asked residents to be considerate of the effects of extreme heat at this time of year on firefighters, and properly maintain fire alarm systems.

Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Jacobs reported that the Commission's regular pruning efforts have resulted in limited downed trees during recent wind and rain events.

Police Department – Councilman Jacobs cautioned residents to lock their cars and remove any packages and electronic devices.

Office of Emergency Management - Mr. Jacobs reported that during the recent storm, a power outage impacted a resident who requires an electric oxygen machine. Upon notification, OEM responded and provided a portable emergency generator.

Councilman Jacobs thanked all local emergency service agencies for their well-coordinated efforts during the storm.

RECREATION

Councilman Tsilionis deferred most of his report to the upcoming caucus meeting. Mr. Tsilionis did note that he would like to take advantage of the e-mail addresses on file and provide an annual newsletter to residents.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In light of the current world conditions, Councilman Leonard thanked all borough employees and all residents who communicate with local emergency service providers, commenting that this communication helps keep Roseland a safe community.

Mr. Leonard asked that the Borough compile a list of streets that appear to regularly experience power outages. Mr. Leonard would like this information submitted to PSE&G in order to determine if repairs or equipment upgrades are warranted.

Councilman Leonard closed his report by noting that the Farmer's Market is doing well, reminding residents that the Market is open every Friday afternoon from noon to 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Councilwoman Tolli reminded residents that every Wednesday during the summer, the Public Works Department makes weekly pickups of grass clippings and sticks. Mrs. Tolli added that it is illegal to blow lawn debris into the street, as it washed into catch basins during rains storms blocking the drains and causing street flooding.

Mrs. Tolli announced that the 2nd annual bonfire has been scheduled for October 7th with additional information to follow.

Mrs. Tolli also announced that the Roseland Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring a Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae event on Wednesday, July 27th to celebrate National Ice Cream Month. The event will take place at the Roseland First Aid Squad Building on Eagle Rock Avenue from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Councilwoman Tolli closed her report by announcing that the County will dedicate a new 9-11 memorial at the South Mountain reservation site on August 17th, honoring the rescue dogs that participated in the rescue efforts.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Councilman Vidovich thanked local police officers for the frightening job that they perform.

Councilman Vidovich reported that there has been a positive appeals court decision regarding the so-called COAH gap period, adding that the Fair Share Housing Center is challenging that decision.

Mr. Vidovich closed his report advising residents that there will be an explanatory newsletter sent out with the pending tax bills.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes and the July 5, 2016 Caucus Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Smith absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tedesco thanked Council for appointing him to several volunteer boards, and encouraged residents to take advantage of the services provided by the Roseland Free Public Library.

Borough Attorney Sheffet left to dais in order to speak as a resident, commending and thanking local police officers for the dangerous job that they perform.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

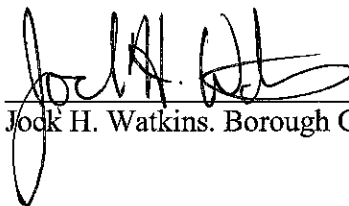
Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 203-2016 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion at 8:06 PM to close to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Smith absent).



Mayor John Duthie



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: August 2, 2016

Roll Call

Aye: Jacobs, Leonard, Tsilionis, Tolli, Vidovich
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Smith