

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
NEW JERSEY

OCTOBER 7, 2014
CONFERENCE ROOM
BOROUGH HALL
7:00 PM

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The October 7, 2014 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, Councilman
Richard N. Leonard, Councilman
Peter M. Smith, Councilman
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman
Michelle Tolli, Councilwoman
Mark Vidovich, Council President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Ethan Jesse Sheffet, Borough Attorney
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Gary Schall, Superintendent of Public Works

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Borough resident William Tedesco questioned why Caucus meetings are being held in the conference room. Mayor Duthie explained the reason why.

Mr. Tedesco also questioned a wooden sign erected at the Solana on Eagle Rock Avenue, across the street from the firehouse. The matter will be referred to the zoning officer.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the ten resolutions on the agenda, approve payment of bills for Professional Services, and approve the six items on the agenda under Approvals:

Resolution No. 308-2014 approving the return of unused road job escrow to ECOL Sciences, Inc. in the amount of \$240.00 under P/O 14-01315

Resolution No. 309-2014 amending Resolution No. 278-2014 and authorizing the Treasurer to issue a check representing the amended deposit for the purchase of the Morris County Railroad Property

Resolution No. 310-2014 approving final payment to Tec-Con in the amount of \$6,025.97 for Fernwood Field

Resolution No. 311-2014 approving the Roseland Recreation Department's membership in the West Essex Youth Sports Alliance for an amount of \$14,182.73

Resolution No. 312 -2024 authorizing the purchase of one hundred twenty-six (126) three-quarter (¾) inch Neptune Water Meters and eight (8) one (1) inch water meters from RIO Supply Co. at a cost of \$25,276.00 through the Morris County Co-Op No. 47 under P/O 14-01294

Resolution No. 313-2014 authorizing the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department to participate in the Essex County Mutual Aid Agreement

Resolution No. 315-2014 approving the October 3, 2014 bill list

Resolution No. 316-2014 approving the October 3, 2014 Open Space bill list

Resolution No. 317-2014 approving a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation

Resolution No. 318-2014 approving submission of a request to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval to insert a Chapter 159 Receipt of Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$9,283.29 into the 2014 Municipal Budget

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

APPROVALS

Approval of request from Roseland Boy Scout Pack 801 to use Bond Force Park from 2:00 pm on October 25, 2014 until 9:00 am on October 26, 2014 for a camp out – conditioned upon submission of required certificate of insurance

Approval of payment of the 2014 aid to the Roseland Fire Department in the amount of \$40,000.00 under P/O 14-01128

Approval of the 2013 Solid Waste reimbursement to Segal & Segal in the amount of \$21,120.00 under P/O 14-01272

Approval to place a collection box in Borough Hall until November 6, 2014 for a winter Coat Drive for the Camden Street Elementary School, Newark, NJ

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to attend the "2015 Budget Workshop" seminar to be held on October 24, 2014 at the NJ Law Center in New Brunswick, NJ at a cost of \$99.00

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to attend the "Debt Management & Issuance" seminar to be held at the Fiesta Banquets in Woodridge, NJ at no cost

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli. After discussion, Councilmen Vidovich and Tsilionis abstained from voting on Resolution No. 315-2014. Abstentions noted, the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Duthie reported that the County Executive will be presenting checks to Essex County towns in the amount of \$150,000 at the Turtle Back Zoo on Tuesday, October 14th for the County's open space and recreation grant.

Mr. Duthie also reported that the Borough has been awarded a Housing and Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$40,250.00 for barrier free improvements at 19 Harrison Avenue to construct a new, accessible ramp in the rear of the building.

Mayor Duthie closed his report by announcing that the American heart Association will be holding their annual heart walk on October 26th from 8:30 am until noon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Schall reported that he has obtained quotes to purchase new, remote read water meters.

After discussion, Council suggested that Solar City be invited to a Council meeting to make a presentation about a potential solar power purchase agreement

Councilman Vidovich made a motion to approve Resolution No. 314-2014 authorizing payment to M&E Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.00 under P/O 14-01360 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for a new HVAC system for the Roseland First Aid

Squad building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tsilionis and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Smith absent for this vote).

Mr. Schall reported that the estimated cost to build a new salt shed approximately double in size of the storm damaged shed is \$680,000. The estimated cost to replace the shed with a similar size shed is \$470,000. Before making a decision on the size of the shed, Council asked for the amount of the projected insurance reimbursement.

After discussion, Council decided not to award a Professional Service contract to M&E Integrated Engineering Solutions in the amount of \$19,500.00 for a generator for the Municipal Building at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Discussion about sidewalks damaged due to tree roots was tabled for a future meeting.

RECREATION

Council agreed to a request from the Recreation Department to honor the 2014 Pitch, Hit & Run Local Competition overall winners at the October 21st Council Meeting: Billy Styskal, Boys 13-14 year old age category, Skyler DiFabio, Boys 11-12 year old age category, Christopher Corbo, Boys 9-10 year old age category, Jack Iannuzzi, Boys 7-8 year old age category, Nicole Ruddy, Girls 9-10 year old age category and Emily Styskal, Girls 7-8 year old age category.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion of the Water Meter Reading System and replacement of the Salt Shed was held during the Public Works Committee report.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Council discussed a request to allow a combined project by scouts and Municipal Youth Guidance students to paint murals of sports, landmarks, flowers, etc. on the basement room at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

Councilwoman Tolli suggested that resigning Committee Chairpersons should be advised to return all files to the Mayor or their Council liaison for review, after which they should be distributed to the new chairperson.

After discussion, Council decided that the request from the Farmers' Market and Sustainable Roseland to use the All Purpose Room on Saturdays from January through April from 10 am to 4 pm is not feasible.

Councilwoman Tolli closed her report advising that the Senior Citizen Transportation Committee has recommended that Caldwell, West Caldwell and Roseland apply for a joint CDBG grant to purchase a new senior transportation bus.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Discussion to allow Angela Russomanno and Ashley Passafiume to attend the "Human Resources" seminar to be held on November 20, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, Parsippany, NJ was tabled until the next meeting.

Councilman Vidovich reported on the Committee's meeting to discuss the Best Practices Inventory. The Committee will recommend new policies such as a revised sick leave policy and elimination of longevity for Council consideration in order to maximize the score on the Best Practices Inventory.

Councilman Vidovich made a motion to authorize purchase of a new Sharpe Digital copier/printer/scanner/fax machine from A.O.S. at a cost of \$3,182.40. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

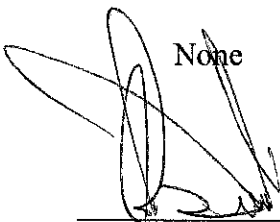
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PUBLIC COMMENT

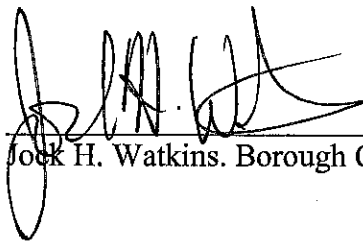
Borough resident William Tedesco expressed concern that the bathroom at Bond Force Park has been closed due to unsanitary conditions. Council asked Public Works Superintendent Schall to investigate this condition and again asked Mr. Schall to make sure that park facilities are improved.

Councilman Smith made a motion at 8:08 PM to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None


Mayor John Duthie



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: March 7, 2017

ROLL CALL

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