

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
NEW JERSEY

DECEMBER 9, 2014
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT

The December 9, 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 Meetings 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 (7:45 PM)
 Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
 Tom Tsilionis, Councilman (7:14 PM)
 Mark Vidovich, Council President

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.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Duthie read a proclamation honoring the Boys 5-6 grade recreation fall soccer team upon winning the WEYSA Junior League Co-Championship. Coach John Flood introduced the team and the coaches and congratulated all on a great season.

Mayor Duthie introduced Essex County Surrogate Thaddeus Stephens. Surrogate Stephens explained the services provided by the Surrogate's office. Mr. Stephens reported that the Surrogate's website is more robust, office hours have been expanded, and a satellite office will be opening at the Codey Arena to better service the western part of the County.

Councilwoman Tolli presented a proclamation declaring January 2015 as Radon Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roseland resident John Foley advised Council that a number of borough residents have received notice about a proposed church on Laurel Avenue in West Orange. Mr. Foley asked for Borough's support of Roseland residents' position expressing concern about this project as church incorporation papers are from another country, and no grading report and no traffic report have been prepared due to size of the development.

Mayor Duthie noted that the property is located in West Orange and is currently the subject of a Planning Board application scheduled to be heard on January 15th. Mayor Duthie requested that the Borough Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works review the plan relative to parking and drainage.

Councilman Leonard suggested the Council revisit the possible acquisition of 1 Eagle Rock Avenue to protect Roseland residents

Mr. Foley added that he has no objection to the Greek Church on Laurel Avenue, but is opposed to the proposed project in West Orange due to the proximity of the stream in the rear of the property and the lack of a drainage plan

West Orange resident Mihan Payshe echoed Mr. Foley's concern adding that the proposed church is not registered in New Jersey as a religious institution, by rather as a not-for-profit organization. Ms. Payshe added that this use will not be beneficial to the community and asked if County Planning Board approval would be required.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Vidovich made a motion to approve the twenty-eight Resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 377-2014 ratifying November 2014 salaries

Resolution No. 378-2014 approving the Bill List

Resolution No. 379-2014 approving the 2015 Meeting Schedule

Resolution No. 380-2014 approving the hiring of gym supervisors and score/time keepers

Resolution No. 381-2014 approving the 2015 recreation fee schedule

Resolution No. 383-2014 re-authorizing Piazza & Associates to administer an income recertification program

Resolution No. 384-2014 re-authorizing the Roseland Municipal Housing Liaison to coordinate an energy efficiency assistance program

Resolution No. 385-2014 expanding the COAH Affordability Assistance Program for Energy/Efficiency Assistance and adopting an amended manual for the program

Resolution No. 387-2014 approval of emergency repair of the pump transfer switch on Engine 661 by Fire & Safety Service

Resolution No. 388-2014 approval of close out of CDBG funding in the amount of \$15,250.00

Resolution No. 389-2014 authorizing the submission of a joint Community Development Block Grant Application to the County of Essex by the Boroughs of Roseland, Caldwell, and West Caldwell for the Acquisition of a new senior transportation bus

Resolution No. 390-2014 authorizing the hiring of Sheryl Ryan at a rate of \$45.00 per hour as the Supervisor/Instructor for the K-3rd grade Winter Arts & Crafts Program

Resolution No. 391-2014 approving cosponsoring 2015 Annual Seasonal Sports Pictures for Youth Baseball/Softball, Basketball and Soccer Program Teams with TSS Photography

Resolution No. 392-2014 amending Resolution No. 322-2014 – Municipal Alliance

Resolution No. 393-2014 declaring Galaxy Recycling in default and authorizing action with respect to their Performance Bond

Resolution No. 396-2014 approving cancellation of \$295.99 of the Water and Sewer Billing in the amount of \$741.99 for account 322990-0 at 4 Cedar Lane, with the revised 4th Quarter bill in the amount of \$446.00

Resolution No. 397-2014 approving Items of Revenue and Appropriation

Resolution No. 398-2014 approving the Open Space Bill List

Resolution No. 399-2014 awarding a contract to H2M Architects in the amount of \$12,550.00 as lowest quote for interior restoration work at 19 Harrison Avenue

Resolution No. 400-2014 accepting the Direct Install Clean Energy Grant for replacement of three roof-top HVAC units on DPW/Fire Department building

Resolution No. 403-2014 approving cancellation of Water and Sewer Billing at 14 Meeker Court

Resolution No. 404-2014 approving cancellation of Water and Sewer Billing at 7 Belaire Drive

Resolution No. 405-2014 approving cancellation of Water and Sewer Billing at 18 Pine Road

Resolution 406-2014 awarding a contract to Linnett Landscape Design in the amount of \$2,350.00 for cleanup services for the abandoned property at 36 Cooper Avenue

Resolution No. 407-2014 approving final payment to Greenwood Tree Experts in the amount of \$97,450.00 for Shade Tree Project 2014D

Resolution No. 408-2014 approving cancellation of Water and Sewer Billing at 15 Roseland Avenue

Resolution No. 409-2014 approving Bill List No. 2

Resolution No. 401-2014 adjusting certain job titles effective September 1, 2014 to reflect changes implemented on September 1, 2014

After discussion, Resolution No. 380-2014 and Resolution No. 386-2014 were pulled from consideration. Resolution No. 380-2014 will be discussed in Executive Session. Councilwoman Tolli seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote with Councilman Jacobs abstaining on Resolution No.407-2014 and Resolution No. 409-2014.

APPROVALS

Councilman Vidovich made a motion to approve the three Approvals Items and the two Consent Agenda items:

Ashley Passafiume to attend Rutgers training program "Introduction to the Duties of Municipal Clerk" from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on February 28th, March 7th, 14th and 21st at a cost of Cost \$838.00

Two DPW Employees to attend "Chain Saw Safety and Maintenance", "Electricity & Trees", "Tree Maintenance from the Ground", "Pruning Techniques, Trees and Road Reconstruction" training courses for Shade Tree Personnel at a cost of \$150.00 on November 20, 2014 in Riverdale, NJ

Police Officer Williams to attend "Armourer Certification" training course on February 11 & 12, 2015 at a cost of \$415.00 under P/O 14-01644

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 395-2014 - Ratification of Bills

Treasurer's Report

Councilman Jacobs seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Duthie remarked that the Borough looks great with all of the holiday decorations and thanked the Beautification Committee for a great job. The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety

Councilman Jacobs thanked everyone who volunteered during the course of this past year. Mr. Jacobs specifically thanked the office of emergency management and other volunteers who provided emergency service during storms. Councilman Jacobs also thanked the members of the Shade Tree Commission, the Planning Board, the Senior Advisory Board, the Fire Department, and the Police Department. Mr. Jacobs closed his report wishing Council and all others a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Public Works

Councilman Smith thanked members of the governing body for a very good, successful year and for making the tough financial decisions that were necessary. Mr. Smith wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

Administration and Finance

Councilman Vidovich presented a tentative budget meeting schedule. Mr. Vidovich thanked all of the volunteers who made the tree lighting celebration a great success. Councilman Vidovich thanked the members of the fire department for the great job of decorating the fire trucks and for all of the Borough volunteers who save the Borough millions of dollars every year. Mr. Vidovich invited all resident to think about getting engaged in the Borough as a volunteer. Councilman Vidovich wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Recreation

Councilman Tsilionis had no report but wished happy Holidays to everyone.

Capital Improvements

Councilman Leonard reported that the Farmers Market is going to experiment with an indoor market to be held from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 17th in the Library. Mr. Leonard also congratulated local business Be Savvy for being recognized as the best, local

consignment shop by Suburban Essex magazine. Mr. Leonard closed his report by announcing that the Borough Hall will be open through December 31st and suggested that anyone wishing to take advantage of the financial benefits of pre-paying property taxes before the end of the calendar can do so through the 31st.

Public Affairs

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the tree lighting ceremony was attended by approximately three hundred people. Mrs. Toll thanked the police department, the police auxiliary, the fire department, the first aid squad, the department of public works, Avalon Roseland, the Junior Women's Club, the Bolger Family, the office of emergency management, Santa's helpers, and three dance groups who all combined to make a wonderful tree lighting ceremony. Councilwoman Tolli also reported that Roseland members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Council will be hosting a holiday story telling time at the Library on Monday December 15th from 6:30 until 7:30 PM, and that the annual Menorah lighting will take place at 6:15 on December 16th at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue. Mrs. Tolli thanked the Beautification Committee for decorating the borough for the holidays. Mrs. Tolli closed her report wishing everyone a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy and Healthy New Year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Council meeting and the October 21, 2014 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vidovich and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Duthie suggested and Council agreed that the one item of correspondence should be tabled for Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Essex County Liaison Dan Salvante wished all residents of the Borough a happy and healthy holiday season. Mr. Salvante reported that the Holiday Lights celebration at Turtle Back Zoo begins this weekend and will continue through January 4, 2015 and will be open daily from 5:00 until 9:00 PM. Mr. Salvante also invited residents to attend the Holiday House Tour at Kip's Castle this weekend and again on Thursday December 11th and Thursday, December 18th. The tour will be open at 5:00 PM on week nights and at noon on weekends. Borough Attorney Sheffet asked for additional details on the House Tour, and Mr. Salvante answered that Kip's Castle and the Presby Garden are on the list of tour sites, and that details of the entire tour are available on the County's website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 394-2014 to close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. 2014 Salaries – Effective September 1, 2014
2. Tax Appeal Litigation
3. Personnel
4. Avalon Bay
5. Block 38, Lot 56 Eagle Rock Avenue Redevelopment Plan
6. Resolution No. 386-2014 – Approval Lincoln Financial Group Rates for Employee Insurance Policies

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close to Executive Session at 8:10 PM. Councilwoman Tolli seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

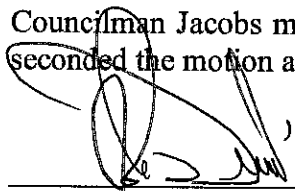
Councilman Jacobs made a motion to reopen public session at 9:40 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 380-2014 to hire gym supervisors and time keepers at the current rate and new hires at minimum wage. The resolution was seconded by Councilman Vidovich and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).

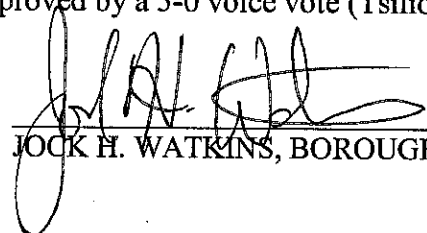
Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 382-2014 Budget Transfer and Resolution No. 386-2014 approving Lincoln Financial Group Rates for employee insurance policies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vidovich and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 402-2014 referring the re-development plan for 165 Eagle Rock Avenue, Block 38, Lot 56, to the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the meeting at 9:50 PM. Councilman Leonard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tsilionis absent).



 JOHN DUTHIE, MAYOR



 JOCK H. WATKINS, BOROUGH CLERK

Approved: April 4, 2017

Roll Call

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