## BOROUGH OF ROSELAND COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30PM OPEN SESSION

#### COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The September 11, 2018 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Duthie. 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:

John Duthie, Mayor

Christopher Bardi, Councilman David Jacobs, Councilman Richard N. Leonard, Councilman Peter M. Smith, Councilman

Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman (7:08)

ABSENT:

Michelle Tolli, Council President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator

Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Ethan Jesse Sheffet, Borough Attorney

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution #267A-2018 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- 1. West v. Roseland
- 2. Fair Share Housing v. Roseland

Councilman Smith made a motion to close to Executive Session at 6:32 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Tolli absent, Tsilionis arrived at 7:08 PM).

Council adjourned executive session at 7:27 PM in order to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Duthie read the Sunshine Statement again at

7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Tsilionis arrived during Executive Session.

## SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag. Following the flag salute, Mayor Duthie asked that a moment of silence be observed "in honor of all those who lost their lives and for all those whose lives will forever be affected by the tragic and cowardly attacks that were perpetrated on our nation seventeen years ago today".

## PROMOTION AND SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 268-2018 appointing Sergeant Terry West to the Position of Lieutenant at an annual salary of \$137,764.00 which is the top step in accordance with the Superior Officers FOP Contract guidelines. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 269-2018 appointing Sergeant Charles Ribaudo to the Position of Lieutenant at an annual salary of \$137,764.00 which is the top step in accordance with the Superior Officers FOP Contract guidelines. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent).

Mayor Duthie administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant West. Mayor Duthie and Councilman Jacobs congratulated Lieutenant West on his promotion. Lieutenant West thanked his family and the members of the Roseland Police Department in attendance for their support.

Mayor Duthie administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Ribaudo. Mayor Duthie and Councilman Jacobs congratulated Lieutenant Ribaudo on his promotion. Lieutenant Ribaudo thanked his family and the members of the Roseland Police Department in attendance for their support.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Duthie read a proclamation thanking Thomas O'Beirne & Company, Rick Ventola Landscaping, and Jeffrey Osman Landscaping for volunteering their time, effort, men, tools, and labor on May 12, 2018 to the rebuilding of the five hundred and five foot long Centerville Wall, located on the Roseland Public Library property along Roseland Avenue. Presenting the proclamation to Mr. O'Beirne and Mr. Ventola, Mayor Duthie thanked Mr. O'Beirne for his coordination and oversight of the project. Mr. O'Beirne thanked Rick Ventola, Jeff Osman, and the resident volunteers who assisted with the project. Mr. O'Beirne presented Mayor Duthie with a personal memento of the event. Mayor Duthie noted that a plaque will be erected with the names of all who assisted with the reconstruction project.

Mayor Duthie read a proclamation thanking Thomas J. O'Beirne & Company, City Erectors Crane Rental, the Roseland Department of Public Works, the Roseland Police Department, the Roseland Office of Emergency Management, the New Jersey State Police, the Fairfield Police Department, and Essex Fells Councilman Bill Sullivan for their assistance in

the relocation of a World War II 155mm Howitzer artillery gun from the Woodcliff Lake VFW in Bergen County to the Roseland VFW on Eisenhower Parkway. Mr. O'Beirne thanked those agencies for their assistance, and especially thanked crane operator Matthew Lazarsky who is a Marine Corp reservist and Iraqi combat veteran.

Mayor Duthie noted that the Howitzer's service during World War II included the D-Day landing and the Battle of the Bulge. City Erectors provided the crane that was needed to load and unload the six ton Howitzer, and Thomas J. O'Beirne & Company provided the special truck needed to transport the Howitzer. Roseland VFW president Ralph Veltre credited Mr. O'Beirne with facilitating the relocation of the Howitzer, and invited residents to attend the unveiling ceremony which is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

Angelo Carrozza 117 Eagle Rock Avenue

Steve Marks 25A Nob Hill

Janet Treamont 38 Leonard Terrace

Ken Mayers 17A Nob Hill

Margo McCormack 46 Harrison Avenue Carol Corcoran 28 Thackeray Drive

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilman Smith made a motion to introduce **Ordinance No. 12-2018** – An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 03-2017 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 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on October 16, 2018 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

#### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 274-2018 was withdrawn from consideration. Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the remaining five resolutions and the three items on the Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 270-2018 Authorizing the extension of Verizon Wireless services under State Contract 82583 through August 31, 2019

Resolution No. 271-2018 Requesting approval for Items of Revenue and Appropriation for Chapter 159 Clean Communities Grant

Resolution No. 272-2018 approving the September 2, 2018 Bill List

Resolution No. 273-2018 Ratification of Salaries – August 2018

Resolution No. 275-2018 Amending Resolution No. 222-2018 "Approving Non-Union Salary Increases for 2018"

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Accept insurance certificate from Star Dogs for the community bonfire

Approval for Melissa Barnes to attend "Determining Eligibility for Affordable Housing" seminar to be held on October 11, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM in New Brunswick, NJ

Approval for Melissa Barnes to attend "Introduction to Affordable Housing" courses to be help on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM in New Brunswick, NJ

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Leonard abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 273-2018 and Resolution No. 275-2018, and Council President Tolli absent.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Duthie remarked that September 11<sup>th</sup> is a very emotional day noting that he lost his fraternity brother and college roommate, remembering the eerie quiet and lack of airplane traffic. Mr. Duthie remembered that after the tragedy, everyone came together as Americans. Mayor Duthie commented that he wished that the togetherness would resonate every day without the occurrence of a tragedy.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Smith made some personal reflections on the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, echoing the Mayor's sentiments about a return to the togetherness that followed the tragedy.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs made some personal reflections on the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> noting that his heart goes out to families, children, and grandchildren of those who perished.

#### RECREATION

No Report

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Councilman Leonard reported that there will be a preconstruction meeting this Friday for the water utility work planned for Belaire Drive, Belaire Court, Conover Avenue, and Cobb Terrace. The plan is to have the work completed this fall followed by resurfacing of the roads.

Mr. Leonard announced that the County will be hosting a paper shredding day on September  $29^{th}$ , and the Borough will be hosting a paper shredding day and tire recycling day from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM on October 13, 2018 at the Harrison Avenue tennis courts. Mr. Leonard also noted that Essex County will be hosting their  $13^{th}$  fall family festival on Saturday September  $29^{th}$  at the Environmental Center from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Councilman Leonard reflected on the precautionary steps that the Borough of Roseland took following the September 11<sup>th</sup> attack on the World Trade Center.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Councilman Bardi made some personal reflections on the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> noting that his heart goes out to families who lost oved ones on that day.

Mr. Bardi reported that the Compressor Station Ad-Hoc committee rescheduled their September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to September 19<sup>th</sup>. The public comment deadline is September 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Compressor Station's NJDEP freshwater wetlands permit application. Councilman Bardi congratulated Recreation Director Colitti and all volunteers whose efforts resulted in a very successful Run 4 the Roses event this past weekend.

#### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

Councilman Tsilionis recalled what he was doing when he heard of the plane attacks on the World Trade Center. Mr. Tsilionis expressed how proud he is of how we came together as country and put all differences aside.

On behalf of Councilwoman Tolli, Councilman Tsilionis congratulated Essex Fells resident Kouros Sadeghi-Nejad, a senior at West Essex High School, as the overall winner of the Run 4 the Roses for the second year in a row. Fairfield resident Courtney Blount was the overall female winner. Mr. Tsilionis reminded residents that the annual bonfire and movie night is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, and the recreation soccer shoot is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Duthie thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts in removing weeds from the mulched areas along Eagle Rock Avenue in the center of town. Mr. Duthie also commented that the DPW has also been watering the potted plants that were installed this year, and removed a downed tree from the library property. Mayor Duthie expressed his appreciation of the work done by the DPW noting that the town center looks great.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the September 4, 2018 Caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent).

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to close the meeting at 8:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Chuncilman Smith and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent).

Mayor John Duthie

Approved: October 16, 2018

ROLL CALL

Aye: Bardi, Jacobs, Leonard, Tolli

Nay: None Abstain: Tsilionis Absent: Smith