

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

OCTOBER 15, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
5:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The October 15, 2019 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Spango. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings 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. The change to an earlier start time was noticed to the Star Ledger and The Progress and posted on the public bulletin boards in the municipal building.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Council President
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
David Jacobs, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman (5:40 pm)
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 259-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Spango, Fishman absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:21 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Upon roll call by the Borough Clerk, it was noted that Mayor Spango and Councilwoman Fishman were present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Eagle Scout Dominick Lombardi led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Councilwoman Tolli read a proclamation congratulating Dominick Lombardi upon his attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anna Gordon 88 Eagle Rock Avenue, President Roseland Board of Education
Michele Salvo 136 Passaic Avenue

Essex County Liaison Dan Salvante summarized the County's holiday event schedule

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Spango announced that Ordinance No. 30-2019 has been removed from consideration.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 31-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance authorizing a special emergency appropriation of \$124,970.00 for the preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of all real property, including approved tax map updates." Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 31-2019. 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, November 26, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 32-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance to amend Chapter XXX "Land Development" regarding exterior lighting". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 32-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Ordinance No. 32-2019 will be referred to the Planning Board to ensure that the amendments proposed are not inconsistent with the Master Plan. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 24-2019 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XXX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Land Development"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman 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. 24-2019 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"". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 27-2019 by title only for the second time: "Ordinance appropriating \$78,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of police equipment in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey.". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 27-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 27-2019 for the third and final time: "Ordinance appropriating \$78,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of police equipment in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 27-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 29-2019 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration", Article II entitled "Administrative Organization", and Article VI entitled "Boards, Committees, Commissions and Offices"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 29-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 29-2019 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration", Article II entitled "Administrative Organization", and Article VI entitled "Boards, Committees, Commissions and Offices"". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 29-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 260-2019 to approve the October 11, 2019 bill list in the amount of \$137,881.29. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 261-2019 was withdrawn. Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the remaining twelve resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 262-2019 Ratification of Salaries – September 2019

Resolution No. 263-2019 urging voters to support the referendum on the November 5, 2019 ballot to make veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities ("CCRC") eligible for the \$250 property tax deduction

Resolution 264-2019 approving advertisement of requests for proposals for 2020 Professional Services on the Borough's website

Resolution 265-2019 approving the declaration of emergency water damage resulting from a broke potable water line at 19 Harrison Avenue

Resolution 266-2019 approving a Special Emergency Resolution in accordance with N.J.S. 4A:4-53,54,55.1 and 55.13

Resolution 267-2019 authorizing award of a contract to Professional Property Appraisers in the amount of \$124,970.00 through a Fair and Open Process for the revaluation of all real property

Resolution 268-2019 amending the contract with Remington Vernick Engineers increasing the contact by \$8,600.00 to a new not to exceed amount of \$72,500.00 for the 2019 Utility Improvements project to include a change of scope of services

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Resolution 269-2019 approving a settlement agreement with Roseland Green for water account No. 442265-205

Resolution 270-2019 Ratification of Bills July through September

Resolution No. 271-2019 authorizing the release of Maintenance Bond No. 106715112 Effective May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2019 in the Amount of \$326,512.76 to AvalonBay Communities

Resolution 272-2019 authorizing cancellations of Water Sewer billing balances

Resolution 273-2019 approving submission of a grant application and execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the LFIF-2020-Steel Court project

Mayor Spango explained Resolution No. 263-2019 and encouraged residents to support the referendum on the November. Approval of the question will enable veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities to be eligible for the \$250 property tax deduction.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Jacobs abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 269-2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the seven items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Angela Russomanno to attend a pension workshop on December 6, 2019 in Neptune, NJ for a total cost of \$125.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval of a dumpster extension at 10 Pine Road until November 27, 2019

Approval of Daniel Martire as a community service volunteer assistant for the PreK/Kindergarten soccer program from October 19th through November 9th

Approval of raffle application RA-383 for SS Nicholas Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church to conduct an on-premise 50/50 raffle on October 26, 2019

Approval for Gary Schall and Christopher Critchett to attend a Clean Communities Coordinator seminar on October 29, 2019 at Rutgers Campus Piscataway

Approval to contribute \$500.00 to the Roseland Free Public Library for the Fall Festival

Treasurer's Report

The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked the police department, fire department, office of emergency management, public works department, and the Municipal Youth Guidance Committee for their assistance at the annual bonfire. Mayor Spango urged anyone experiencing problems with the US mail to use the form on the Borough's website to report the problem. Mayor Spango has been on the phone on a regular basis with the liaison and they have been very responsive. The Borough is having a Halloween house decorating contest. Anyone interested can register on the Borough's website and votes can be cast on the website. The Library is hosting a fall festival on Saturday, October 19th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi announced that there will be a special meeting held on October 29th at 7:00 pm to make a presentation on the status of the Borough's compliance with its affordable housing obligations and to vote on proposed settlement agreements. Council approved a resolution earlier appointing a company [Professional Property Appraisers] to conduct the required revaluation of all real property, required to be completed by January of 2021. Inspections will begin thirty days from tonight and more information will be disseminated as it becomes available. Any resulting tax adjustments will not take effect until the 2021 tax bill.

The Committee is working on enhancing the weekly newsletter, the Insider. The Committee wants to get as many residents as possible on the mailing list. In anticipation of the launch of the new website, the town wide calendar has been enhanced. Monthly calendars will also be provided with the Insider. Mayor Spango encouraged residents to sign up for the newsletter in order to take advantage of the information that will be distributed.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the Municipal Youth Guidance Committee for their assistance at the bonfire. Mrs. Perrotti attended the Essex County School Board Association meeting and commented on the impressive safety practices in place at local schools.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman thanked the Mayor and Council for renewing lease with the Board of Education for the Harrison School property. Mrs. Fishman noted that the Borough can now move forward with the playground upgrade. The Committee anticipates receipt of concept plans for other properties in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the contractor has completed the maintenance and repair project of sewer laterals on Harrison Avenue and another project on Roosevelt Street. Additional projects scheduled for the near future include television inspections of the sewer lines in the Pitcairn Drive area and the water main project on Crestview Court.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs encouraged residents to clear storm drains of leaves and other debris prior to the heavy rain events in the forecast. Residents should also test sump pumps for proper operation. Mr. Jacobs encouraged residents to exercise caution with leaf piles during the fall as children are attracted to play in the piles, and parking cars on top of leaves can result in fires. Councilman Jacobs also reminded residents to lock their cars.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

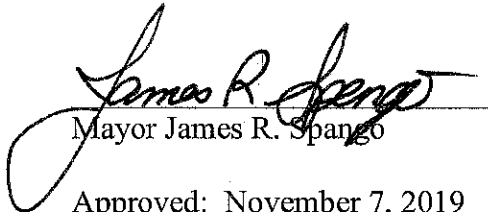
Councilwoman Tolli announced that senior citizens can obtain magnets, with key contact information, in the recreation office or the finance office. The fifth grade Halloween dance sponsored by Junior Women's club is scheduled for November 25th from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the all-purpose room at 19 Harrison Avenue. The eleventh annual Halloween trunk or treat is scheduled for Saturday at 10:30 am at Noecker School. Approximately seventy cars are participating. The Junior Women's Club is collecting donations to assist children who are aging out of adoption. The Municipal Youth Guidance Committee will be collecting non-perishable food in front of the Stop & Shop in West Caldwell on November 3rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT

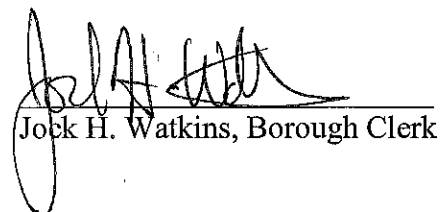
None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the meeting at 8:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: November 7, 2019


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Jacobs (phone), Perrotti, Tolli
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None