

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

DECEMBER 17, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE
SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The December 17, 2019 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Spango. 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, 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:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Council President
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
David Jacobs, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 326-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation
2. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:23 PM in order to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll with all members present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Girl Scout Troop 20418 led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Members of Girl Scout Troop 20418 made a proposal to Council for permission to make improvements at Bond Force Park in order to earn merit badges. Councilman Bardi made a motion to allow the girl scouts to make the improvements to Bond Force Park. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

OEM Coordinator John Mathies presented a plaque to Councilman Jacobs thanking Mr. Jacobs for his twelve years of service as a member of Council and three terms as Council President.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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| Ted Glick | Bloomfield |
| Jack Gavin | 44 Ellis Road, West Caldwell |
| Bob Hunter | Livingston |
| Rubin Bedell | 15 Stonegate Drive |
| Paula Rogovin | Teaneck |
| Christine Marinaro | 8 Passaic Avenue |
| Angelo Carrozza | 117 Eagle Rock Avenue |
| William Tedesco | 20 Meeker Court |
| Ron Stefano | Out of County |

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Spango announced that Ordinance No. 32-2019 has been withdrawn and will be reconsidered in 2020.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 33-2019 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Soil and Soil Moving" to modify the application procedure, to establish fees, and to delineate enforcement and inspection responsibilities". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 33-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 33-2019 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Soil and Soil Moving" to modify the application procedure, to establish fees, and to delineate enforcement and inspection responsibilities". Councilman Jacobs made

a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 33-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 34-2019 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XVII of the Revised general Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer" to modify connection fees and water rates". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 34-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 34-2019 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XVII of the Revised general Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer" to modify connection fees and water rates". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 34-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 327-2019 approving the December 13, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$366,733.18. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Spango announced that Resolution No. 333-2019 and Resolution No. 336-2019 have been withdrawn.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution Nos. 328-2019 through 332-2019:

Resolution No. 328-2019 Ratification of Salaries – November 2019

Resolution No. 329-2019 budget transfers

Resolution No. 330-2019 approval of the 2020 meeting schedule

Resolution No. 331-2019 approval of the 2020 holiday schedule

Resolution No. 332-2019 authorizing the Tax Collector and Treasurer to cancel delinquent charges deemed uncollectable

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 334-2019 and Resolution No. 335-2019:

Resolution No. 334-2019 awarding a contract to Fred Devens Construction as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for Pressure Regulator Improvements, including the base bid of \$50,705.00, Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$169,828.00, and Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$18,000.00 for a total amount of \$ 238,533.00

Resolution No. 335-2019 -2019 approving the hiring of gym supervisors and time-score keepers for the recreation basketball program

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

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution Nos. 337-2019 through 351-2019:

Resolution No. 337-2019 accepting the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for GIS Hosting Services of municipal web map layers at a cost of \$4,450.00

Resolution No. 338-2019 calling upon Governor Murphy to suspend the use of the Roseland gas compressor station until there is a serious, independent safety study of the risks of operating a very large compressor station next to high-voltage transmission lines and a switching station

Resolution No 339-2019 authorizing the purchase of seven (7) in-car video systems for the Roseland Police Department at a cost of \$32,672.50 under state contract 17-Fleet-00731

Resolution No. 340-2019 authorizing the purchase of air packs and related equipment for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department at a cost of \$268,488.40 through State Contract T0790/17-FLEET-00819

Resolution No. 341-2019 accepting the quote from Suburban Sports Group in the amount of \$15,000.00 for basketball assignor services for the 2019-2020 recreation basketball programs

Resolution No. 342-2019 approving chaperones for the 2020 Roseland Youth Ski Program

Resolution No. 343-2019 Ratification of Bills

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Resolution No. 344-2019 approving the hiring of seasonal employees for the 2020 Recreation Youth Arts and Crafts Program

Resolution No. 345-2019 authorizing the purchase of a Time and Attendance Management System at a cost of \$10,555.00 from Prime Point LLC

Resolution No. 346-2019 canceling purchase order no. 19-00265 and the associated encumbrance in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Ingelsino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor LLC as Real Estate Attorney for 2019, as real estate services were not used in 2019

Resolution No. 347-2019 amending Resolution 32-2019 "Authorizing the Services of Maser Consulting for Planning Services" decreasing the not to exceed amount by \$10,000.00 for a new amount not to exceed of \$15,000.00 for the calendar year 2019

Resolution 348-2019 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to prepare a bill list as of December 27, 2019 and authorize to pay such bills that are deemed time sensitive

Resolution 349-2019 authorizing the cancelation of the 2019 water sewer budget appropriations with unexpended balances

Resolution No. 350-2019 approving the proposed chaperones for the 2020 Roseland Youth Ski Program

Resolution No. 351-2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Vanderhoof Transportation in the amount of \$6,750.00 for the Youth Ski Program

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilman Bardi abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 342-2019.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the two items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval extension of the dumpster permit for 10 Pine Road until March 27, 2020

Treasurer's Report

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 caucus meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough has received a NJ DOT Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$260,000.00 for the resurfacing of Second Avenue and Woodland Road.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango asked for a moment of silence for the slain Jersey City police officer and the three innocent bystanders.

Mayor Spango thanked the members of Council, the Beautification Committee, member of the Department of Public Works (DPW), Maureen Chumacas, Chris Critchett, Gary Schall, OEM, and the police and fire departments for making Santa's arrival so successful. The deadline for submission in the holiday house decorating contest is Thursday. Mr. Spango thanked the DPW, OEM, and police for their response to last night's storm, noting that he received nothing but kudos from residents. Mayor Spango thanked the members of Council for a successful 2019, and wished everyone a happy holiday and healthy new year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi recommended that there be two special, budget meetings held 9:00 AM on January 18th and January 25th at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue. The new website is scheduled to go live on Friday of this week. The Channel 46 and Channel 25 television equipment has been updated. The recently videotaped Holiday Story Time is being broadcast daily on both channels at 9:00 AM, 12:00 noon, 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM. Roseland Insider being redone as a weekly newsletter every Friday. Residents can sign up for the newsletter on the Borough's website. Mr. Bardi wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy new year. Councilman Bardi congratulated Mayor Spango, his Council colleagues, Maureen Chumacas, and all borough employees and volunteers for a job well done in 2019.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the West Essex Board of Education is winding down for the end of the year. The West Essex Schools have a half day next week and will then be closing for holiday break. The Roseland Board of Education's last meeting of the year is Thursday. Mrs. Perrotti thanked everyone for their efforts for making a beautiful tree lighting ceremony, thanked Mayor Spango for having the vision in July for an improved holiday celebration. Councilwoman Perrotti wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy new year.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman is looking forward the renovation and opening of new parks next year. The seniors had a very successful holiday luncheon this past Friday with twice as many attendees as at past luncheons. The 2019 Menorah lighting celebration is scheduled for

this Sunday at 6:15 PM. Mrs. Fishman wished everyone happy holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a very happy and healthy new year.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda thanked the DPW for their hard work this past year and for their recent storm response. Mr. Freda was pleased with all of the infrastructure improvements made during this past year, and is looking forward to continuing with more improvements next year. Councilman Freda wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli was very pleased with the improvements made to the tree lighting ceremony this year. Santa's mailbox was full, and Santa has responded to one hundred and thirty-six letters to date. The Holiday Story Hour will be aired four times a day on the two TV channels from now through January 1st.

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to allow members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Committee to serve as ushers at the Harlem Wizards' benefit basketball game at Noecker School on January 4th from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Tickets are available for the NJ Devils vs. Carolina Hurricanes hockey game on Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$90 and include bus transportation to and from the game. The Senior Citizen's Transportation bus is available to take seniors to the senior citizen's meeting on Fridays, and trips to local supermarkets, the Livingston Mall, and Willowbrook Mall on Tuesdays. Magnets with important telephone numbers for seniors are available at the finance and recreation departments at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue. Councilwoman Tolli wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy and healthy new year.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs suggested that steps be taken in 2020 to improve the timely distribution of mail to members of Council. Mr. Jacobs thanked Mayor Spango for bringing the holiday story time back, noting that the event was phenomenal. Mayor Spango thanked Neil Grabowski and the DPW crew for building a fantastic set for the story time. Mr. Jacobs thanked the police department and OEM for their outstanding response during recent storms. Mr. Jacobs complimented the fire department for how great the trucks were decorated for the holiday drive around town. Councilman Jacobs wished everyone a very happy Hanukah, a very merry Christmas, and a very happy new year.

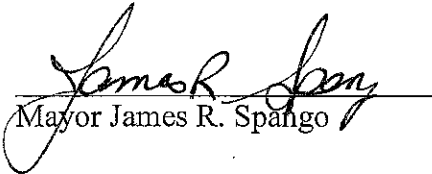
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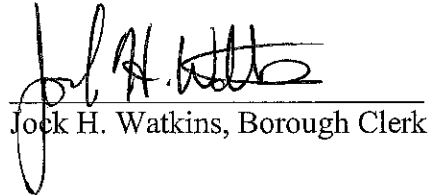
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ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Jacobs asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the meeting at 8:56 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


Mayor James R. Spango


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: January 21, 2020

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli

Nay: None

Abstain: Trillo

Absent: None