

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MAY 19, 2020  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL  
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the May 19, 2020 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30 PM via teleconference 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. The change of the location of the meeting to telephonic, the teleconference access telephone number, and the teleconference access were advertised in The Progress, sent to the Star Ledger, posted on the Borough's website, posted on the doors of 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  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman  
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag that was displayed on the computer screen. Mayor Spango announced that the public hearing on Ordinance 12-2020 is being postponed to the June 16, 2020 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Kathy Schwiff

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 15-2020 by title only for the first time: An ordinance to amend Section 2-75.7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Fee Charged by the Department of Recreation – Recreation Fee Refund Policy". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 15-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 roll voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 via teleconference.

### **PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 08-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the Borough of Roseland, entitled "Roseland Borough Land Development Ordinance" by amending various sections of the same to create the R-12/AH-6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### **Public Comment**

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Tolli 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. 08-2020 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the Borough of Roseland, entitled "Roseland Borough Land Development Ordinance" by amending various sections of the same to create the R-12/AH-6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 09-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the Borough of Roseland, entitled "Roseland Borough Land Development Ordinance" by amending various sections of the same to create the R-11/AH-5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### **Public Comment**

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Trillo 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. 09-2020 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the Borough of Roseland, entitled "Roseland Borough Land Development Ordinance" by amending various sections of the same to create the R-10/AH-4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 09-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 10-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the Borough of Roseland, entitled "Roseland Borough Land Development Ordinance" by amending various sections of the same to create the R-10/AH-4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### Public Comment

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Perrotti 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. 10-2020 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending Chapter 30 of the Code of the Borough of Roseland, entitled "Roseland Borough Land Development Ordinance" by amending various sections of the same to create the R-10/AH-4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISTRICT". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2020 by title only for the second time: "Bond ordinance providing for various improvements to the water/sewer utility in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,205,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,205,000.00 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof". Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### Public Comment

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2020 for the third and final time: "Bond ordinance providing for various improvements to the water/sewer utility in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,205,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,205,000.00 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2020 by title only for the second time: "Bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of equipment for the Department of Public Works in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$249,040.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$236,588.00 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof". Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### Public Comment

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Bardi 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. 14-2020 for the third and final time: "Bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of equipment for the Department of Public Works in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$249,040.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$236,588.00 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof". Councilman Freda made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 152-2020 Self-Examination of the Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 153-2020 to Read the Budget by Title Only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on the Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote. Clerk Watkins announced that this was the time fixed for public hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget, that the Budget was approved by the governing Body on April 21, 2020, and was advertised as required by law on May 7, 2020, together with the notice of hearing for this time. Mayor Spango provided guidelines for the public hearing on the budget and declared the public hearing open. There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 154-2020 Adoption of 2020 Municipal Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Section 2 of the 2020 Municipal Budget summarizing the revenues

and appropriations. Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 155-2020 approving the May 15, 2020 bill list in the amount of \$211,801.89. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the fourteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 156-2020 ratification of salaries – April 2020

Resolution No. 157-2020 authorizing settlement of Tax Appeal – Block 32, Lot 1

Resolution No. 158-2020 authorizing settlement of Tax Appeal – Block 21, Lot 16

Resolution No. 159-2020 authorizing settlement of Tax Appeal – Block 42, Lot 11

Resolution No. 160-2020 authorizing settlement of Tax Appeal – Block 21, Lot 11

Resolution No. 161-2020 authorizing settlement of Tax Appeal – Block 42, Lot 1

Resolution No. 162-2020 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Essex County Mosquito Control

Resolution No. 163-2020 authorizing the Mayor to sign an application for soil erosion and sediment control plan certification

Resolution No. 164-2020 authorizing the Tax Collector to process third quarter “Estimated” tax bills, due August 1, 2020

Resolution No. 165-2020 approval to allocate Trust Funds to COVID-19 Pandemic

Resolution No. 166-2020 authorizing renewal of the proprietary software agreement in the amount of \$8,250.00 with Spatial Data Logic for construction code software

Resolution No. 167-2020 authorizing the Mayor to sign the reimbursement agreement for the Cares Act

Resolution No. 168-2020 awarding purchase order in the amount of \$10,975.00 to Seek Scan for five (5) fever screening kits as per the quote

Resolution No. 169-2020 expanding the scope of the emergency contract awarded by Resolution No. 130-2020 to Millennium Strategies to include any available grants as a result of the Corona Virus and Covid-19

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango gave an update on the Covid-19 emergency reporting that there are eighty-two reported cases, up four from last week, and there have been fifteen reported deaths. Mr. Spango asked for a moment of silence for those affected by the Coronavirus. The County will be providing satellite Covid-19 testing in every town. Testing in Roseland will take place on Thursday at the Golf Center on Eagle Rock Avenue from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. There will be a limit of two hundred tests, and anyone interested in being tested must pre-register.

A limited Memorial Day celebration is being coordinated with the Roseland V.F.W.. Payment of taxes has been extended until the end of May. Antibody testing has been offered to all employees and their spouses. The tennis courts will open Friday, with the middle courts closed. Registration is required and can be done by phone or online. The HSA, in collaboration with the Borough, is selling signs thanking first responders for their work. Proceeds from the sale of the signs will be donated to the first aid squad and the fire department. The Roseland Post Office has reopened and is fully staffed, and complaints are down respectively.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

Councilman Bardi congratulated the governing body on adopting a fiscally responsible budget. Mr. Bardi asked that everyone stay healthy and stay safe.

#### **SHARED SERVICES**

No report

#### **REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

Councilwoman Fishman congratulated Council on the budget. The Roseland Relief Fund is accepting donations. The Borough is working with Chrill Care to get hot meals delivered to those residents in need. Ms. Fishman noted that this is a difficult time with approximately seventy-seven thousand people unemployed in Essex County alone. The County is conducting food drives every Thursday at rotating locations.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Freda congratulated Council on the budget. The Office of Emergency

Management (OEM) has been obtaining the necessary personal protective equipment supplies for first responders and borough offices. The Auxiliary Police will be returning to their duties starting with church crossings. Mr. Freda thanked residents for complying with social distancing and staying off courts and playgrounds.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked Council for their hard work preparing and adopting the budget. The Roseland Board of Education has hired Raoul Sandoval as new principal at Noecker School with a start date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The HSA has signs available for purchase thanking emergency workers. West Essex High School (WEHS) is planning a virtual graduation, field day, and college day. Roseland will be displaying a banner congratulating 2020 WEHS graduates.

Mrs. Perrotti thanked the police department, fire department, and first aid squad for their efforts during this health emergency. The fire department has reported that alarms were down in April with fourteen alarms this year compared to sixty-six during the same period last year.

Mayor Spango added that after discussion with the HSA, and with the permission of parents, there will be a parade by 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to celebrate their respective graduations. The celebration is tentatively scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>.

### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli thanked Council for a great job on the budget, and thanked department heads for their work on the budget. Angelo Carrozza has been selected as Senior of the Year, Danielle Vigilante has been selected Mother of the Year for grades 1-3, and Jennifer Holden has been selected Mother of the Year for grades 4-6. Rocket League gaming will begin on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Information is available on the Borough website.

The Beautification Committee has installed all of the planters with the assistance of the Department of Public Works (DPW). Mrs. Tolli thanked the DPW for their assistance and for watering the flowers. Mrs. Tolli made a motion to offer the surplus, half barrel planters to members of the Beautification Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The Caldwell Food Bank on Park Avenue in Caldwell is open for pick up on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM for those in need. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament church is taking calls from anyone in need of assistance. The Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled. Council is waiting until the end of the month to make a decision on the status of SCRAM for this summer.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the April 21, 2020 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 Special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilman Freda and Councilwoman Tolli abstaining from the vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to close public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

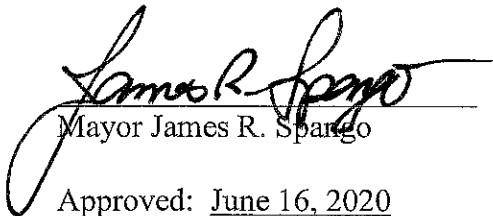
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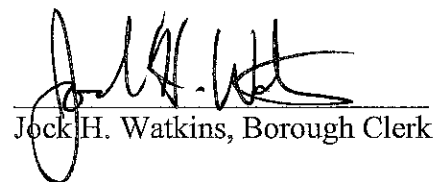
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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Spango thanked Borough employees for keeping government working. Mr. Spango thanked residents for complying with restrictions, noting that their efforts are working and the curve is flattening. Mayor Spango thanked Council for their work on the budget, asked residents to continue to stay home until this health emergency is over, and asked everyone to remember veterans this Memorial Day weekend.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to close the meeting at 8:36 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

  
Mayor James R. Spango  
Approved: June 16, 2020

  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

### **VOICE VOTE**

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None