

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
6:30 PM OPEN SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the September 15, 2020 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 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 sent to the Progress and 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. The public was invited to join the Roseland Council Meeting via computer by logging in to: <HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/93530484582> or via telephone by calling +1 646-558-8656, Webinar ID: 935 3048 4582

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

William Tedesco

20 Meeker Court

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Tolli 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. 22-2020 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 05-2020 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 2020". Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 22-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 via teleconference.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Trill made a motion to approve Resolution No. 267-2020 approving the September 11, 2020 bill list in the amount of \$193,107.38. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the first six resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 268-2020 ratification of salaries – August 2020

Resolution No. 269-2020 appointing Anthony J. Marotta Jr. as a Patrol Officer to the Roseland Police Department

Resolution No. 270-2020 appointing Alyssa N. Krum as a Patrol Officer to the Roseland Police Department

Resolution No. 271-2020 appointing Dylan R. Hughes as a Patrol Officer to the Roseland Police Department

Resolution No. 272-2020 approval of the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services for the Tedesco Park Basketball Court project at a cost of \$36,700.00

Resolution No. 273-2020 ratification of salaries – July through September 2020

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

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the remaining six resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 274-2020 awarding the contract for Annual Maintenance & Repair of Electrical & Mechanical Equipment Associated with the Water & Sanitary Utility to Rapid Pump and Meter Service, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$40,152.00

Resolution No. 275-2020 awarding the contract for Emergency Services Associated with Pipeline Work for the Water & Sanitary Utility to Shauger Property Services, Inc, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$142,561.00

Resolution No. 276-2020 authorizing the purchase of a 4 Safe Space Scan with LED Floor Stand at a cost of \$9,420.06

Resolution No. 277-2020 authorizing the purchase of eight (8) Dell Latitude 7220 tablets under NJ State Contract #19-TELE-00656 at a cost of \$19,814.48

Resolution No. 278-2020 requesting permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to establish a Dedication by Rider for donation-acceptance of bequest and funds for the Roseland Food Bank Fund (N.J.S.A 40A:5-29)

Resolution No. 279-2020 authorizing the purchase of an AiPhone-Intercom with emergency release for borough buildings at a cost of \$15,937.58

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Chumacas stated that the Treasurer's Report was previously distributed to members of Council. Upon survey by the Mayor, there were no questions or comments regarding the report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough has received a \$35,000.00 reimbursement for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act expenses. Tentative plans are underway for the annual bonfire to be held on October 30th. Social distancing will be practiced and it will be a ticketed event. Tentative plans are also underway to close Harrison Avenue on October 31st for a Halloween trunk or treat. Following the trunk or treat, there will be an outdoor movie shown at O'Beirne Field. Both events are contingent upon approval by the state and the Health Officer, and provided the social distancing parameters implemented by the Governor and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) do not change. On-line registration will be required for the trunk or treat, and there is a plan for identifying trunks with nut free treats with a teal balloon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi announced that Council will begin preliminary work on the 2021

municipal budget next month, beginning with a review of proposed capital improvements. Mr. Bardi congratulated the three new police officers on their appointment. Councilman Bardi thanked Chief McDonough, Captains Mildon and Costello, OEM Coordinator Matheis, and the police officers who helped with traffic flow on the first day back to school since the Coronavirus closing. With a few adjustments, traffic flow was markedly improved.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilman Trillo reported that discussions continue with West Caldwell about possibly sharing police dispatch services. The Environmental Commission has requested assistance from the Department of Public Works (DPW) with hanging bat boxes and butterfly gardens.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that planned improvements to Harrison Park are moving forward and Council approved the proposal from Boswell Engineering earlier in the meeting to begin preparation of a development plan for Tedesco Park. Mrs. Fishman noted that the Coronavirus pandemic remains a concern until a safe vaccine is developing, and urged residents to wear their masks, wash their hands, and watch their distance.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the pressure regulator valves to correct pressure issues resulting from the water tank maintenance have been installed. System pressure seems to have stabilized. Mr. Freda noted that residents may experience a change in the taste of the water during the tank maintenance as water is also coming from a secondary source. Councilman Bardi commented that the public notifications regarding the water system project have been very well received by residents. Mayor Spango added that articles in this week's newsletter regarding a social security scam and the 9-1-1 system were very well done.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti congratulated Anthony Marotta, Alyssa Krum, and Dylan Hughes upon their appointments to the police department. Mrs. Perrotti thanked Captain Costello, Captain Mildon, Lieutenant Maglio, Detective Sergeant Boulard, Detective Hiter and Detective Williams, for their hard work bringing forth these candidates. The fire department currently has thirty-seven members who responded to one meeting, one drill, and nine alarms this past month. So far this year, the fire department has responded to ninety-four alarms as compared to one hundred thirty-six during the same period last year. The fire department is still seeking volunteers and interested persons were encouraged to visit the fire department's Facebook page.

Mayor Spango commented on the swearing in of the new police officers, crediting them for taking these jobs despite the current social climate.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that one hundred eighty-nine children have registered for recreation soccer, twenty-five for track and field, thirty-four for coed, pre-k soccer, forty-nine for the Junior Olympics, and fifty-four for the soccer shoot. The soccer shoot is scheduled for October 9th, and the Junior Olympics are scheduled for October 17th. Additional participants are still needed for the new whiffle ball program and the online Madden program. A movie is tentatively scheduled for after the bonfire, and a Halloween based movie is planned following the trunk or treat.

The Committee is working with the Beautification Committee to plan a community garden and install the butterfly gardens. The Committee is working with the Health Officer to get a plan approved to hold the annual 5th grade Halloween dance, tentatively scheduled for October 30th. Mayor Spango added that the Recreation Department may sponsor a pumpkin carving contest for Halloween. Mrs. Perrotti suggested that the historic Harrison House might be a good site to install a butterfly garden.

2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Mayor Spango announced that a ballot box for vote by mail ballots will be installed in front of the police station on Harrison Avenue. Mr. Spango explained that the ballot box will be under police surveillance for safety and the integrity of the election process. Mayor Spango explained the process that will be used for securely transporting mail in ballots from the drop box to County election officials. All three polling sites are tentatively scheduled to be open for residents who prefer to hand deliver their completed mail in ballots.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the September 1, 2020 Executive Session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

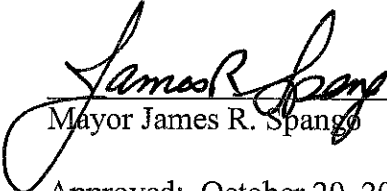
Councilwoman Fishman made a motion at 7:15 PM to approve Resolution No. 280-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation
2. Personnel
3. Caldwell Sewer

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

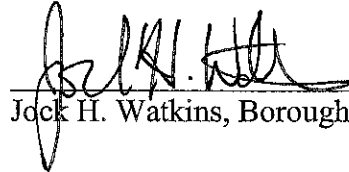
ADJOURNMENT

After returning to open session, Councilman Freda made a motion to close the meeting at 8:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: October 20, 2020



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

ROLL CALL

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None