

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

NOVEMBER 24, 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 November 24, 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 rescheduled meeting were sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. The change of the location of the meeting to telephonic, and the teleconference access web address and telephone number were sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website, 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](https://zoom.us/j/93530484582) or via telephone by calling +1 646-558-8656, Webinar ID: 935 3048 4582. The location of online documents for discussion at this meeting was announced, as was the procedure for making public comments during the meeting via computer or via telephone.

**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 Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

David Veneri

Roseland Green Condominium Association

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 30-2020: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration" to amend Section 2-53 entitled "Municipal Alliance Committee". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on December 15, 2020 via teleconference.

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 23-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending and supplementing Chapter 20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Soil and Soil Moving"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-2020. 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 Tolli 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. 23-2020 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending and supplementing Chapter 20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Soil and Soil Moving"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 24-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending and supplementing Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration" and Chapter 21 entitled "Shade Trees"". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### **Public Comment**

None

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

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 26-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending the effective date of certain provisions of Ordinance No. 16-2020 entitled "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 17 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer"". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 26-2020. 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 Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 26-2020 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending the effective date of certain provisions of Ordinance No. 16-2020 entitled "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 17 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 26-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 27-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland appropriating \$76,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of equipment in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 27-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda 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 Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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Jersey". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 27-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 28-2020 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland providing for various building improvements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$145,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$124,000.00 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof." Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 28-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### Public Comment

None

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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.

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#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 332-2020 approving the October 16, 2020 bill list November 20, 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$184,182.09. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

#### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 333-2020 authorizing the Mayor to sign a twelve-month contract with Valley Physician Service for employee alcohol and drug testing services. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Resolution No. 334-2020 was withdrawn.

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

Resolution No. 335-2020 ratification of payroll

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Resolution No. 336-2020 authorizing renewal of the Delta Dental Plan with the two-year option from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022

Resolution No. 337-2020 approving the proposal from Remington and Vernick to provide consulting services for GIS mapping projects at a cost of \$59,190.00

Resolution No. 338-2020 authorizing the Borough of Roseland to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with 8UCCP Union County Cooperative Pricing System

Resolution No. 339-2020 approving the return of the performance bond in the amount of \$500.00 to Emil Tabakhov for 32 Condit Court street opening

Resolution No. 340-2020 authorizing the purchase of fire hose for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Company from Continental Fire and Safety in the amount of \$7,279.50 under State Contract 17-FLEET-00802

Resolution No. 341-2020 approving the return of performance bonds to Comcast in the amount of \$500.00 for 1 Crestview Court and in the amount of \$500.00 for 5 Crestview Court

Resolution No. 342-2020 authorizing the Borough of Roseland to continue its membership with the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund for the renewal period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023

Resolution No. 343-2020 Authorizing Refunds, Overpayments or Cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 344-2020 authorizing the purchase of certain goods and services through the use of Union County Cooperative Purchasing 8-UCCP Bid #42-2017 in the amount of \$40,696.18 for the purchase of an all access control and security system

Resolution No. 345-2020 rejecting recently received Professional Service Proposals due to an error in the Public Notice and authorizing re-notice for Profession Service RFP's

Resolution No. 346-2020 amending Resolution No. 255-2020 and amending the amount and term of 2020-2021 Municipal Alliance Grant

Resolution No. 347-2020 approving Tax Lien Redemption Certificate 19-00002

Resolution No. 348-2020 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 349 authorizing the sale of surplus personal property through an online auction

Resolution No. 350-2020 authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Ford Interceptor utility police vehicle at a cost of \$39,122.19, under MCCPC Contract 15A

Resolution No. 351-2020 amending Resolution No. 131-2020 changing the name of the Roseland Relief Fund to the Roseland Covid-19 Relief Fund

Resolution No. 352-2020 authorizing expenditures from the Roseland Covid-19 Relief Fund

Resolution No. 353-2020 establishing a fee to sell face masks

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the two items on the Consent Agenda:

Accept with Regret the Resignation of William Styskal from the Recreation Committee Effective December 31, 2020

Permission for Angelo Traina to attend Technical Assistant Certification Program-February 17, 2021 to April 22, 2021-(on line) \$450.00

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Spango read a letter from a third-grade student at Noecker School, who requested the mayor's assistance to reduce the amount of school work and homework being assigned to students.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, noting that he is thankful for the support that members of Council provided to residents during this difficult year. Mr. Spango also expressed the community for their support of the Roseland Covid-19 Relief Fund, and for adhering to health and safety practices of social distancing and wearing face masks, and thanked Borough employees for their work through this difficult year. The Halloween trunk or treat was a success. The Critchett Family garnered the most votes, followed by the Marx Family in second, the Roseland First Aid Squad in third, the Ardito Family in fourth, and the Schneider, Spartalis, Sedrak, and Trupia Families tied for fifth. Plans are being made for a smaller, Covid-19 compliant Christmas holiday celebration.

Mayor Spango noted that Covid-19 cases continue to rise reporting that ten percent of all cases to date were reported in March, thirty-three percent in April, nine percent in May, ten percent in June, none in July or August, four percent in September, twenty percent in October, and twenty-two percent through the third week in November. Mayor Spango encouraged residents to keep family gatherings small as there continues to be a high risk of spread with

large gatherings. Mr. Spango congratulated Councilwoman Tolli and Councilman Bardi upon their re-election to Council.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Councilman Bardi announced that the first budget review meeting for the 2021 municipal budget was held on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The next budget meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Council will review the capital budget requests submitted by Public Works, the Municipal Court, and Administration.

Mr. Bardi noted that the waiver allowing outdoor seating at restaurants expires at the end of November. Councilman Bardi made a motion to extend the waiver through the end of December. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

### **SHARED SERVICES**

Councilman Trillo had no new information regarding shared services. Mr. Trillo noted that the Environmental Commission has scheduled a presentation regarding Sustainable Jersey. Mr. Trillo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

### **REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

Councilwoman Fishman reported that bids came in today for the Harrison Recreation Complex improvements. The Borough plans to go out to bid for Phase I at Tedesco Park in January or February. Mayor Spango added that the Borough has received a recreation grant from Essex County in the amount of \$150,000.00. The Borough plans to utilize the grant to offset the cost of the Tedesco Park improvements.

Mrs. Fishman urged residents to continue to follow Covid-19 safety procedures and to keep holiday celebrations small. Mrs. Fishman congratulated Councilman Bardi and Councilwoman Tolli on their re-election to Council. Councilwoman Fishman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked residents to stay vigilant with their health precautions.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Freda congratulated Councilman Bardi and Councilwoman Tolli on their re-election to Council. Mr. Freda recommended that Council bid for an emergency snow plowing contractor in the event the Department of Public Works (DPW) suffers a Covid-19 outbreak. Council agreed and targeted the first week of December to advertise for bids. Mr. Freda thanked OEM Coordinator John Matheis for his assistance with the recent trunk or treat event. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Auxiliary Police department should contact Mr. Matheis.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti congratulated Councilman Bardi and Councilwoman Tolli on their re-election to Council. Mrs. Perrotti announce that Police Chief McDonough retired at the end of October after forty-five years of service. Mrs. Perrotti wished Chief McDonough the best in his retirement. Captain Costello has been appointed officer-in-charge.

The West Essex regional schools will return to full remote classes beginning November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>. Work on the proposed fire department ordinance changes is moving forward. The Committee hopes to introduce the ordinance in January. Mrs. Perrotti wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli reported that members of the governing body completed their holiday story reading last night. The annual holiday celebration is planned to be a drive-by event and will take place at 5:00 PM on December 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be carolers on the green and Harrison Avenue will be closed.

Mrs. Tolli noted that with leaf season upon us, homes on municipal streets can place leaves in the street for pickup by the DPW. Residents who live on County roads must bag their leaves. Leaf bags are available at the DPW building. Councilwoman Tolli announced that the food bank is doing well, and thanked residents for their generous donations. Mrs. Tolli congratulated Councilman Bardi on his re-election to Council and wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Councilman Bardi thanked Neal Grabowsky for tape recording Council's holiday story reading.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the November 5, 2020 Caucus meeting minutes and the November 5, 2020 Executive Session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 354-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 7:39 PM to discuss the following:

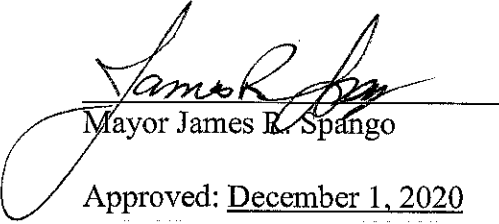
1. Contract Negotiations
2. Personnel



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

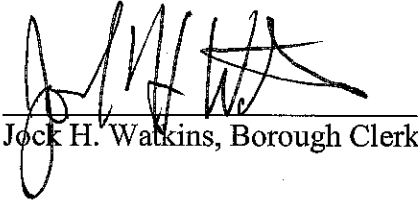
**ADJOURNMENT**

Council came out of Executive Session at 8:00 PM. Councilman Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: December 1, 2020



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

**VOICE VOTE**

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

