

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

FEBRUARY 16, 2021  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL  
6:00 PM OPEN SESSION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the February 16, 2021 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Spango. Adequate notice of the remote Zoom 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 public was invited to join the Roseland remote Council meeting via computer by logging in to:

<https://zoom.us/j/95597784464?pwd=b0dNdHFjZE9lQ2tSamFIT3orS1BUdz09>

or via telephone by calling +1-312-626 6799, or +1-646-558-8656, or +1-301-715-8592, Webinar ID: 955 9778 4464, Passcode: 705407.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

James R. Spango, Mayor  
Christopher Bardi, Councilman  
Eileen Fishman, Council President  
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**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 04-2021: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Section 2-56 entitled "Municipal Housing Liaison" of the

Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland and Section 30-1121 entitled “Enforcement of Affordable Housing Regulations” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on March 16, 2021.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 05-2021: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 30 entitled “Land Development”, Section 30-403.12 entitled “Trailers, Mobile Homes, Recreational Vehicles””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote. The public hearing will be held on March 16, 2021.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 06-2021: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending and supplementing Chapter 30 of the Code of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Roseland Borough Land Development Ordinance” by amending various sections of same to create the R-13/AH-7 Affordable Housing District”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on March 16, 2021.

Mayor Spango explained that Ordinance No. 06-2021 will enable the developer of 65 Livingston Avenue, also referred to as Mack-Cali III, to change the nature of the development. The original proposal was to build two hundred sixty (260) one- and two-family dwelling units, which included forty-two (42) affordable units. The new concept is to build forty-two (42) affordable units and an assisted living and independent living complex for seniors.

Mayor Spango announced that the order of the agenda would be changed to move the ordinance public hearings until later in the meeting. The meeting was originally scheduled to begin at 6:30 PM and the public notices of the ordinance public hearings were advertised as such. Because the start time of the meeting was changed to 6:00 PM, and because there was not sufficient time to readvertise the public hearings, the public hearings on the three ordinances will not commence until after 6:30 PM.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 57-2021 Approving the February 12, 2021 Bill List in the Amount of \$89,442.72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the thirteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 58-2021 approving the Emergency Temporary Budget

Resolution No. 59-2021 ratification of salaries – January 2021

Resolution No. 60-2021 approving a one-year renewal of the employee life insurance policy with MetLife Insurance Company

Resolution No. 61-2021 authorizing the Mayor to sign the NJ Devil's group ticket agreement

Resolution No. 62-2021 awarding a contract to Morton Salt Inc. to furnish and deliver rock-salt through the Essex County Co-Op bid #20-110

Resolution No. 63-2021 amending Resolution No. 128-2020 "Appoint Remington & Vernick as Water & Sewer Engineer for 2020" to increase the not to exceed amount to \$20,000.00

Resolution No. 64-2021 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 65-2021 approving the cancellation of water & sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 66-2021 authorizing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund disbursement to the Arc of Essex County

Resolution No. 67-2021 supporting a Roseland Landmarks and Historic District Commission grant application

Resolution No. 68-2021 appointing James Campbell to perform administrative duties for the Roseland Planning Board and the Roseland Board of Adjustment

Resolution No. 69-2021 appointing Angelo Traina as Property Maintenance Code Officer

Resolution No. 70-2021 authorizing the sale of surplus personal property no longer needed for public use on an online auction website

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Appoint Venessa D'Amato, Jay Mariano and Alissa Negri as Auxiliary Police to the Office of Emergency Management

Accept with regret the resignation of police officer Alyssa Krum effective February 9, 2021

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango reported that there have been twenty new cases of Covid-19 reported so far in February. In lieu of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Easter Bunny will be driven around town on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Councilman Bardi announced that the 2019 municipal budget will be introduced next month. Mr. Bardi will work with Mrs. Chumacas to select an evening to hold one final budget meeting.

### **SHARED SERVICES**

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Environmental Commission and the Beautification Committee have received permission from Noecker School to plant flowers in a designated location for a butterfly garden. It is hoped that a similar garden can be planted at Harrison Park, too. The socks in a box collection has been very successful, with over one thousand eight hundred pairs of socks collected to date. Socks are the most requested item by people living in shelters. An anonymous donor dropped off two boxes of men's, women's, boy's and girl's Calvin Klein socks. The socks will be delivered the Sisters of Mercy in Newark, who will then distribute them to shelters and homeless individuals. The sock drive will continue through February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough is collecting information on home bound seniors in order to provide on site vaccinations. The state has established strict parameters for declaring a person as homebound. The qualifications are posted on the Borough's website. CBS News did a nice story on Saturday on the Roseland Library, reporting on the Library's operation during Covid-19 and the train set up at the Library. Roseland resident Captain Pickett did a Cards with a Cop where students filled out Valentine cards which were delivered to residents of Arbor Terrace. Captain Pickett is also running a coat drive. The details of the coat drive are posted on the Borough's website.

### **REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

Councilwoman Fishman reported that Essex County is running a senior legacy writing contest. Participants must be at least sixty years old and this year's theme is writing about a happening in your life that you would like to share. The deadline to submit an entry is April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Corona virus not going away will eventually be considered endemic. Due to the number of variants identified to date, a booster shot may be required booster by the end of the year.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their efforts during the recent snow storms. More snow is predicted, so residents were asked not to throw snow back into the street after plows have gone through, and to shovel three feet around fire hydrants.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the Roseland Fire Department has thirty-seven members. The fire department held one meeting, conducted two drills, and responded to nine alarms in January. Mrs. Perrotti thanked and welcomed the three new auxiliary police officers who were appointed to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) earlier this evening. The Auxiliary Police performed a funeral escort last month and they provided traffic control at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. The police department warns residents to have someone secure packages that have been delivered to their home as there has been an increase in stolen packages from front porches.

## RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilman Trillo reported that baseball registrations are trickling in. The Madden League is going well, and there is a Rocket League tournament this coming weekend. The Borough is going to provide trophies to the winners of the Madden League. Plans are underway to prepare fields and to ensure that spring sports programs are Covid-19 safe. The SCRAM program will be at least the same as last year, with efforts being made to expand to full day programs.

Mayor Spango added that the Roseland Covid-19 Relief Fund is still accepting food donations and gift cards for families in need.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the January 16, 2021 special budget meeting minutes and the January 19, 2021 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the February 2, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote.

## PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

At approximately 6:32 PM, Mayor Spango opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 01-2021. Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 01-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance to amend Section 2-6 entitled "Standing Committees of Council" and Section 2-22 entitled "Department of Public Works" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance

No. 01-2021. 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. 01-2021 for the third and final time: "An ordinance to amend Section 2-6 entitled "Standing Committees of Council" and Section 2-22 entitled "Department of Public Works" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 02-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance to amend Section 7-24 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Routes for Trucks over Four Tons"". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 02-2021. 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, Councilwoman Fishman 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. 02-2021 for the third and final time: "An ordinance to amend Section 7-24 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Routes for Trucks over Four Tons"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 03-2021 by title only for the second time: "Bond Ordinance amending in its entirety Bond Ordinance #13-2020 of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, finally adopted May 19, 2020". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 03-2021. 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, Councilman Freda 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. 03-2021 for the third and final time: "Bond Ordinance amending in its entirety Bond Ordinance #13-2020 of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, finally adopted May 19, 2020". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kathy Shwiff  
Michele Tolli

The Progress  
107 Harrison Avenue

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

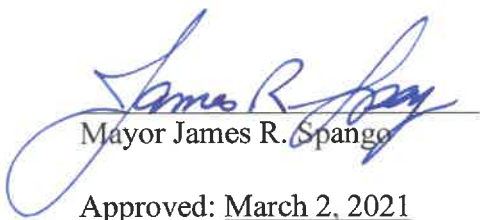
Councilman Freda made a motion at 6:43 PM to approve Resolution No. 71-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. Personnel

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

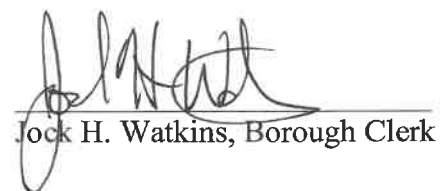
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council returned to open session at 7:21 PM and Councilman Trillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: March 2, 2021



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

### **VOICE VOTE**

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

