

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

MARCH 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 March 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

Joel Torres Family Connections
395 S. Center Street, Orange, NJ

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 07-2021: "An ordinance to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Building and Housing", to amend various fees. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on April 20, 2021.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 08-2021: “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 and substitute therefore salaries and compensation for the year 2021.” The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on April 20, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 04-2021 by title only for the second time: “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”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 04-2021. 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 Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 04-2021 for the third and final time: “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””. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 04-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 05-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 30 entitled “Land Development”, Section 30-403.12 entitled “Trailers, Mobile Homes, Recreational Vehicles””. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 05-2021. 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, 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. 05-2021 for the third and final time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 30 entitled “Land Development”, Section 30-403.12 entitled “Trailers, Mobile Homes, Recreational Vehicles””. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 06-2021 by title only for the second time: “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". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti 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 Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 06-2021 for the third and final time: "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". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 06-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 88-2021 approving the March 12, 2021 bill list in the Amount of \$162,986.78. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 103-2021 was withdrawn from consideration. Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the remaining eighteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 89-2021 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 90-2021 ratification of salaries – February 2021

Resolution No. 91-2021 authorizing the purchase in the amount of \$13,465.00 for certain goods and services through the use of State Contract 86004 for the purchase of auto parts and accessories for light duty vehicles

Resolution No. 92-2021 waiving temporary outdoor seating area ordinance provisions

Resolution No. 93-2021 awarding a contract in the amount of \$798,500.00 to Matina & Sons, Inc. for the base bid and alternate bid no. for 2020 utility improvements

Resolution No. 94-2021 authorizing a proprietary two-year contract with Enforsys through December 31, 2022 for technical support with Police System

Resolution No. 95-2021 authorizing the Mayor to sign a two-year contract with Comcast for internet services at 19 Harrison Avenue and 300 Eagle Rock Avenue

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Resolution No. 96-2021 approving the proposal in the amount of \$20,800.00 from Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide consulting engineering services for the federally mandated EPA Water Utility Risk and Resilience Assessment

Resolution No. 97-2021 authorizing the extension of State Contract 82583 with Verizon Wireless for wireless devices and services through February 28, 2022

Resolution No. 98-2021 authorizing Mayor to sign an agreement with the Essex County Department of Public Works for 2021 aerial mosquito control

Resolution No. 99-2021 accepting the bid in the amount of \$63,405.00 from Suburban Sports Group for 2021-2022 recreation sports assignor services

Resolution No. 100-2021 establishing temporary fees for outdoor Facility Use Permits during the COVID-19 pandemic

Resolution No. 101-2021 approving the emergency temporary budget

Resolution No. 102-2021 ratification of bills – January through March 2021

Resolution No. 104-2021 amending Resolution No 38-2021 “Appoint Chris Critchett as the Superintendent of Public Works” to increase his salary to \$105,000.00

Resolution No. 105-2021 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Teamsnap Inc. to utilize their software application for a cost of \$1,199.00

Resolution No. 106-2021 authorizing the sale of face masks and using the fees to support the Roseland Covid-19 Relief Fund

Resolution No. 107-2021 approving the sponsorship fees for the Summer Concert Series

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that there have been twenty-one new cases of Covid-19 reported to date in March. Today is the anniversary of the first virtual Council meeting last year. The State of the Borough address will be made at the April Council meeting. A Covid-19 friendly Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 28th. The Easter Bunny will drive through town on March 27th. Administrator Chumacas is researching the cost to install a turf field at O’Beirne Field. The Borough is finalizing plans to open a Covid-19 testing site in Roseland, and planning to be able to open a vaccine site in Roseland, too. The Borino playground has been closed in order to construct a new playground. Residents are cautioned to stay off the playground until the reconstruction project has been completed. An alternate entrance has been created for access to the baseball field. The Covid-19 Relief Fund has received another donation of a \$500 Shop-Rite gift card. Essex County will be providing twelve boxes of food to the Roseland Food Bank each week. The Borough is identifying homebound residents who are in need of a Covid-19 vaccine. Anyone interested should contact Ryan Schwertfeger at the municipal building. Essex County will administer the one dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine to qualified, homebound residents. Mayor Spango wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day and a Happy St. Joseph’s Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi announced that there will be a special Council meeting scheduled for March 30th at 6:00 PM to introduce the 2021 municipal budget.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the students on the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee are planning a trip to the Hillside food bank in April. The Beautification Committee would like to refurbish the three benches on the Harrison Avenue side of the library. Some of the girl scouts have expressed an interest in painting designs on the metal trash receptacles at a number of the parks. Mrs. Tolli wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy St. Joseph's Day.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman announced that demolition work has begun at Borino Park. Once demolition has been completed, the contractor will begin installing the new equipment and play surfaces. There has been a large increase in mental health issues, and substance abuse relapses, as a result of the isolation resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. Anyone who needs assistance can contact Mrs. Fishman. Anyone needing assistance in getting a Covid-19 vaccine should also contact Councilwoman Fishman. There are three new anti-viral drugs in trial for treating the symptoms of Covid-19.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda congratulated Chris Critchett on his appointment as Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) met with the company that will be doing the Covid-19 testing at the Roseland First Aid Squad building. OEM officers will assist with site safety during testing times. The three new auxiliary police officers have will begin their in-service training on March 21st. The fire department has reported that their thirty-seven members attended one meeting and two drills in February. The department responded to fifteen alarms in February, compared to twenty-six during the same time period last year.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that the recreation department will be drafting teams for baseball next week. There are forty parent volunteers for the baseball program and all teams are filled. It is hoped that the teams will be able to get on the fields during the first week in April. Opening Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 25th. Due to Covid-19, there will be no opening day parade this year. The West Essex Board of Education adopted their budget last night.

Mayor Spango noted that there are three vacancies on the Recreation Committee. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to appoint John Rodrigues, Christopher DeMarco, and Farrah Rella to fill the vacancies. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. It was noted that the Roseland Boosters are looking to reorganize.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bard made a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the March 3, 2021 special budget meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Tolli abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

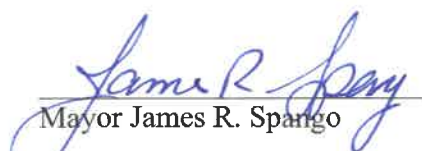
Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 108-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 6:41 PM to discuss the following:

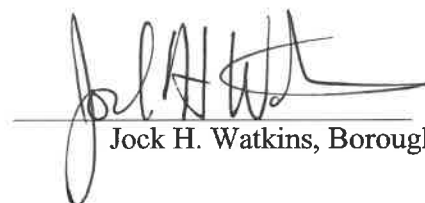
1. Contract Negotiations

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to open session at 6:59 PM. Councilman Trillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


Mayor James R. Spango
Approved: April 13, 2021


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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