

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JULY 27, 2021
19 HARRISON AVENUE
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:00 PM OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The June 15, 2021 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:00 PM 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. This meeting was also available via Zoom conference call.

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 McDonnell, Borough Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hugh Giordano United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the appointment of Priscilla Narvaez-Johnson as a regular member of the Environmental Commission, to fill an unexpired term through December 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 15-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance prohibiting the operation of any class of cannabis businesses within its geographical boundaries and amending Section 30-404.8 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-2021. 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, Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 15-2021 for the third and final time: “An ordinance prohibiting the operation of any class of cannabis businesses within its geographical boundaries and amending Section 30-404.8 of the Land Development Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland”. Councilman Trillo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-1 roll call vote with Councilman Freda casting the nay vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 19-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to adopt the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s model ordinance for stormwater control”. Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-2021. 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 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. 19-2021 for the third and final time: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to adopt the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s model ordinance for stormwater control”. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 20-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland

entitled “Parks and Recreation”, Section 14-4 entitled “Use of Outdoor Facilities””. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 20-2021 for the third and final time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Parks and Recreation”, Section 14-4 entitled “Use of Outdoor Facilities””. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 21-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Section 60 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Community Events Committee””. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-2021. 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 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. 21-2021 for the third and final time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Section 60 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Community Events Committee””. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 22-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance to amend Section 4-11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Licensing of Temporary Outdoor Seating Areas””. Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-2021. 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. 22-2021 for the third and final time: "An ordinance to amend Section 4-11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing of Temporary Outdoor Seating Areas"". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 203-2021 Approving the June 23, 2021 Bill List in the Amount of \$585,022.56. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 204-2021 approving emergency funding pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-48 in order to resolve drainage and flooding issues

Resolution No. 205-2021 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 206-2021 ratifying salaries for June 2021

Resolution No. 207-2021 awarding a contract to National Water Main Cleaning Company in the amount of \$27,700.00 to clear an obstruction and dewater a flooded area in and around a culvert on the former railroad right-of-way that was purchased by the Borough

Resolution No. 208-2021 accepting the quote from JEM Industrial Services to provide four (4) 55-gallon drums of degreaser for Borough pump stations at a cost of \$9,839.96

Resolution No. 209-2021 awarding a two-year contract in the amount of \$34,800.00 to Genserve LLC for generator maintenance and emergency repairs through Morris County Co-Op#46 for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023

Resolution No. 210-2021 amending Resolution No. 17-2021 "Authorizing and Agreement with Boswell Engineering Services and the Appointment of Boswell Engineers as Borough Engineer for the Year 2021 in Accordance with N.J.S. 19:44A-20.5" to increase the not to exceed amount by \$10,000.00 for a new amount not to exceed of \$40,000.00

Resolution No. 211-2021 approving Change Order #1 to DLS Contracting Inc. for the Conover Avenue and 2020 Road Improvement Project to decrease the amount of the contract by \$58,207.77 for a new contract amount of \$183,623.85 and authorizing Payment #3 Final in the amount of \$23,370.47

Resolution No. 212-2021 approving Change Order #1 to Matina & Sons, Inc for the 2020 Utility Improvement Project to decrease the amount of the contract by \$103,490.11 for a new contract amount of \$695,009.89 and authorizing Payment #1 Final in the amount of \$695,009.89

Resolution No. 213-2021 approving refunds for SCRAM registration fees

Resolution No. 214-2021 awarding a contract in the amount of \$311,300.00 to Shore Top Construction Corp. for Borough tennis and basketball court improvements

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion approve Raffle Application No. RA-389 for SS Nicholas Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church to Conduct an Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle on March 27, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango explained that one of the pieces of equipment in Borino Park had to be closed to investigate the cause of a couple of injuries. The Borough is awaiting a report and solution from the manufacturer. Mr. Spango thanked the police department, fire department, first aid squad, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Department of Public Works (DPW), Ryan and Neal for assisting in the first summer concert and the first drive in movie of the summer. The next concert will be on August 4th in the parking lot next to the Harrison Avenue tennis courts, and the next drive-in movie will be the following week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi reported that State has approved the budget so the new tax bills are scheduled to be mailed within the next two weeks. Tax payments will be due twenty-five days from the date of mailing. A letter will also be enclosed describing how the bill was calculated.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the senior transportation bus is running Mondays through Fridays and will accommodate fifteen riders. Senior duplicate bridge will Monday

August 9th from 12:15 PM until 4:00 PM and will continue every Monday. The Roseland relief food bank is accepting non-perishable food donations and Mrs. Tolli thanked all those who have donated items to date. Mrs. Tolli invited Roseland high school students and any other Roseland residents who wish to perform community service, to join the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee to assist the Roseland Historical Society with the clean out the Becker Farm barn. The cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, August 21st and Sunday, August 22nd from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

Mrs. Tolli thanked members of the DPW for watering the planters and hanging plants around town. The Roseland Junior Women's Club is collecting used towels and blankets that will be donated to area shelters that are housing dogs and cats. The Greek Church on Laurel Avenue will be hosting its annual Greek Festival on September 24th through September 26th. The next summer concert is scheduled for August 4th in the parking lot by the tennis courts, and the next movie night is scheduled for August 11th at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church parking lot.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reiterated that repairs are pending on the playground equipment at Borino Park. Earlier in the meeting, Council awarded the contract for the improvements to the Harrison Avenue tennis courts and the basketball court at Tedesco Park. The Centers for Disease Control has again changed their guidance and is now recommending that those who have received the Covid-19 vaccination wear masks indoors. The Roseland Covid-19 Relief Fund remains active and is accepting donations and there are still people in need. There will be a butterfly safari tent at the Essex County Environmental Center all week. Anyone interested in attending will have to call for reservations and there is a fee, but the event should be a lot of fun for children.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda announced that the road resurfacing project is scheduled to begin during the week of August 18th. Work is scheduled to begin with the replacement of storm drains on Second Avenue, and progressing to Woodland Road, Browning Court and Thackeray Drive. The project will take about twenty-one days to complete. Residents will be notified before work begins on their street.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the volunteer fire department currently has forty members. The department held one meeting, conducted two drills, and responded to fourteen alarms in June. The department has responded to a total of seventy-eight alarms this year, compared to eighty-five during the same period last year. The department also provided mutual aid to the Irvington Fire Department on June 8th during the funeral services for a fallen Irvington firefighter. The OEM provided traffic assistance for the summer concert, the drive-in movie, SCRAM events, and Saturday and Sunday services at Our Lady of the Blessed

Sacrament Church. They also provided traffic assistance for former Mayor DeBell's funeral. A total of one-hundred-man hours have been logged this month at no cost to the Borough.

Police Department Officer-In-Charge Costello informed Mrs. Perrotti of a new scam to watch for, aimed primarily at the elderly. The scam solicits cash like other scams, but the perpetrators come to the home to collect the cash, rather than having it wired. The police department cautions residents to contact the police department regarding any solicitations that they are uncomfortable with. Mayor Spango added that there is also an unemployment scam where people are filing for unemployment benefits for others. If any resident receives any unemployment claims that they did not file, they should immediately notify the police department and have an incident report generated, and they should notify the unemployment office.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that the summer SCRAM program has been very successful and is winding down. Registration for fall soccer will continue through next week, and registration for cross country will begin next month. The recreation booster club has reorganized and is working on raising funds in hopes of reopening the concession stand.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the July 6, 2021 caucus meeting minutes and the July 6, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Tolli abstaining from the vote.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the July 16, 2021 special Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 3-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman, Councilman Freda and Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the July 16, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hugh Giordano
Edward "Lefty" Grimes

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

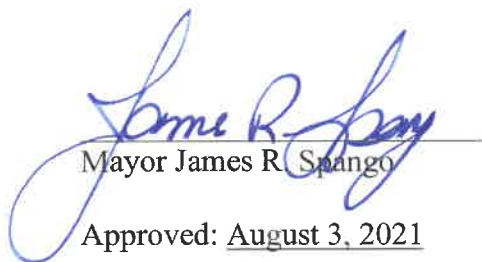
Councilwoman Fishman made a motion at 6:40 PM to approve Resolution No. 215-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations

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

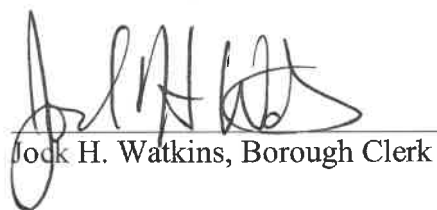
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: August 3, 2021



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None