

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JUNE 15, 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 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
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, 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

William Tedesco	20 Meeker Court
Dan Salvante	Essex County Liaison

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 19-2021: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to adopt the New Jersey Department Environmental Protection's model ordinance for stormwater control". The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on July 27, 2021.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 20-2021: “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””. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on July 27, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 2-6 entitled “Standing Committee of Council””. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 11-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

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 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2021 for the third and final time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 2-6 entitled “Standing Committee of Council””. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 12-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance to amend 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. 12-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

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 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 12-2021 for the third and final time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 20 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Soil and Soil Moving””. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Administration”, Section 2-17 entitled “Department of Administration””. Councilwoman

Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

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 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2021 for the third and final time: "An ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration", Section 2-17 entitled "Department of Administration"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

The public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-2021 has been rescheduled to the July 6, 2021 caucus meeting.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 16-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article VI of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Boards, Committees, Commissions and Officers" by the addition of a new section entitled "Sustainable Jersey Green Team"". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Public Comment

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 17-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 08-2021 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 2021". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Public Comment

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 18-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance providing a supplemental appropriation of \$334,000 for improvements to Borough parks and recreation facilities in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, and authorizing the issuance of \$300,000.00 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. 18-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Public Comment

William Tedesco

20 Meeker Court

There being no one else 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 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 167-2021 approving the June 11, 2021 bill list in the Amount of \$218,208.19. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the first eight resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 168-2021 memorializing refunds and cancellations of water sewer balances

Resolution No. 169-2021 approving the restructuring of SCRAM Staff to include one (1) Director, two (2) Assistant Directors, six (6) Head Counselors, twelve (12) Counselors and one (1) Health Director

Resolution No. 170-2021 approving the submission of a grant application and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Green and Glen Avenues

Resolution No. 171-2021 amending Resolution No. 160-2021 approving the hiring of seasonal employees for the 2021 SCRAM recreation program

Resolution No. 172-2021 ratification of salaries

Resolution No. 173-2021 requesting permission from the director of the Division of Local Government Services to establish a Dedication by Rider for Donations in order to accept bequests and funds for the Roseland Community Calendar

Resolution No. 174-2021 awarding a contract in the amount of \$10,951.20 with Onix Networking Corporation for e-mail services

Resolution No. 175-2021 approving sponsorship fees in the amount of \$125 for Roseland non-profit organizations, \$150 for Roseland businesses, and \$175 for non-Roseland businesses, for the 2022 Roseland Community Calendar in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 – Roseland Calendar

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 176-2021 awarding a contract in the amount of \$501,505.42 to DLS Contracting, Inc. for the Second Avenue, Woodland Road and 2020 Road Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Perrotti abstaining from the vote, and Councilman Freda absent.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve five additional resolutions:

Resolution No. 177-2021 authorizing a person-to-person transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0718-44-002-008 heretofore issued to Fairchild Retail, LLC to Fairchild's Marketplace, LLC

Resolution No. 179-2021 approving participation fees for the 2021 Run for Roseland in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 – Community Center

Resolution No. 180-2021 approving 2021 recreation trust fund fees

Resolution No. 181-2021 authorizing the mayor to sign the musical performance agreement with La Guardia Entertainment & Productions in the amount of \$3,250

Resolution No. 182-2021 approving amendments to the Redevelopment Agreements with 6 Becker Urban Renewal, LLC and 85 Livingston Urban Renewal, LLC

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 178-2021 requesting approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 for the Municipal Alliance Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by 4-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman abstaining from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to accept with regret resignation of Andrew Getz from the Department of Public Works effective June 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango noted the improvements that were made to the meeting room during the Covid-19 shutdown, and commented that it was nice to be able to watch children enjoying the recently renovated playground. The playground was re-dedicated last weekend, and the all-purpose court was dedicated to long time Recreation Director Mike Colitti. Mr. Spango remarked that the Borough picnic last weekend was a tremendous success, with approximately six hundred people in attendance. The first summer concert will be held on July 14th at O'Beirne Field and will feature an 80's band. Mayor Spango noted that all of the work in the meeting room, except the flooring, was done by Department of Public Works (DPW) employees. Mr. Spango thanked the DPW employees, Administrator Chumacas, and Ryan Schwertfeger for their work on the improvements. Mr. Spango also thanked the DPW, and police and fire departments for their assistance with the picnic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi reported that the Committee will review the proposed changes to the Temporary Outdoor Seating ordinance at their meeting later this month. The town wide property revaluation has been rescheduled to 2022, with changes projected to take effect in 2023. Tax bills are scheduled to be mailed out at the end of June with a due date of August 1st. A presentation on the tax bills will be made at the July 27th Council meeting. Mr. Bardi congratulated Councilwoman Perrotti on the birth of her first grandson.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that additional seats are available on the senior transportation bus, and the bus will be returning to the pre-covid-19 schedule, adding back stops at T.J. Maxx, Marshall's, and Target. The Senior Transportation Committee asked that a banner publicizing the bus be placed on the Borough's announcement signs when possible. Members of the Environmental Commission and Beautification Committee will be working on another butterfly garden this Saturday at 9:00 AM at the Harrison House. The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee is looking for new student members, and they hope to conduct their next meeting

in person. Mrs. Tolli gave each member of Council a box of Cracker Jack, noting that the snack food was invented one hundred and twenty-eight years ago on June 16, 1893.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman expressed her excitement with the completion of the improvements to the Borino Park playground and the multi-purpose court. Planned improvements to the tennis courts and Tedesco Park are moving along. Mrs. Fishman announced that approximately 86-88% of Roseland residents have been vaccinated. Mayor Spango added that there have been no new cases of Covid-19 in Roseland in the last two weeks, and there are currently no active cases no new cases in Roseland.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti report that the fire department has forty members, held one meeting, two drills, and responded to sixteen alarms in May. To date, the fire department has responded to sixty-four alarms. At this time last year, the fire department had responded to sixty-six alarms. Fire department members Perry Lee and Andy Vogel participated in the Steps for American Lung Association fund raiser on June 5th.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) reported that the traffic lights at Eagle Rock Avenue and Kent Drive, Livingston Avenue and Becker Farm Road, and Choctaw Way and Livingston Avenue, have all been upgraded with cameras, so they are now fully functional.

The auxiliary police provided approximately sixty hours of service at no cost to the Borough this Month, assisting with traffic control at the annual Alzheimer's walk, opening day baseball, and the town picnic. The auxiliary police also provided traffic assistance at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church on Saturday nights and Sundays, and provided two funeral escorts. OEM Coordinator John Matheis reported that the NJ State Police have reviewed and approved the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. The plan will be in place until 2025.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that the pitch, hit, and run competition is currently taking place and that there are eighty-six participants. The mayor's trophy softball game and the Borough picnic were a great success. The SCRAM summer recreation program is starting in two weeks, with participation up significantly from last year. The Roseland 5th and 6th grade girls' softball team won the West Essex League tournament.

Mayor Spango noted that there was a coyote sighting yesterday in Roseland Green, and there was a bear sighting on Beechtree Road and Hyer Farm Road. Mayor Spango cautioned residents to stay clear of wild animals and to call police to report sighting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the April 20, 2021 Council meeting minutes, the June 1, 2021 caucus meeting minutes, and the June 1, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

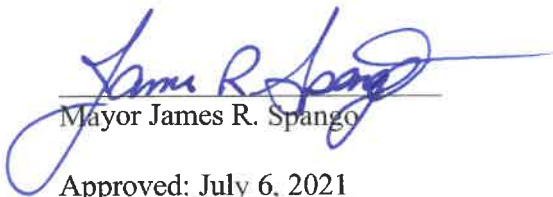
Councilman Trillo made a motion at 6:50 PM to approve Resolution No. 183-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

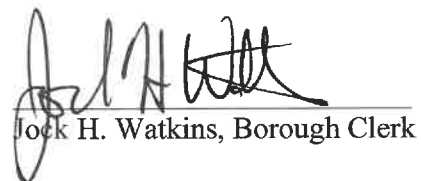
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent)



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: July 6, 2021



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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