

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUGUST 17, 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 August 17, 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
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (6:07 PM)

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.

PRESENTATION

Councilman Bardi made a PowerPoint presentation explaining the 2021 tax bills. Mr. Bardi reminded residents that the due date for third quarter tax payments has been extended until September 7th. Residents are encouraged to pay their taxes by the due date because interest on late payments will be calculated retroactively to August 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 220-2021 approving the August 13, 2021 bill list in the Amount of \$202,900.57 and the August 16, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$479,746.25, for a combined total of \$682,646.82. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the twelve resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 221-2021 accepting the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services for tax map updates at a cost of \$5,000.00

Resolution No. 222-2021 ratification of salaries - July 2021

Resolution No. 223-2021 authorizing the contract with Worldpay LLC for WIPP FIS Service enabling Online Payments of Tax and Water Bills

Resolution No. 224-2021 appointing aids for the 2021 fall recreation programs

Resolution No. 225-2021 authorizing the use of competitive contracting for Emergency Medical Services

Resolution No. 226-2021 amending Resolution No. 287-2019 accepting the proposal from Boswell Engineering for engineering services for First Aid Squad ADA Entry Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$7,900.00

Resolution No. 227-2021 awarding a contract to AB Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$49,990.00 for the First Aid Squad ADA Entry Improvements, funded partially by Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development CDBG Program Grant

Resolution No. 228-2021 authorizing a refund for duplicate construction permit fee payments in the amount of \$844.00 for permit number 21P00395-1 and permit number 21P00416-1

Resolution No. 229-2021 memorializing cancellations of water/sewer billings - balances

Resolution No. 230-2021 awarding a contract to SF Mobile-Vision, Inc. in the amount of \$42,558.00 for the purchase of body worn cameras and related equipment under State Contract 17-Fleet-00731

Resolution No. 231-2021 authorizing the Recreation Department to conduct a new youth kickball program and establishing the fees therefore

Resolution No. 232-2021 authorizing the Recreation Department to conduct a new adult kickball program and establishing the fees therefore

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the approval of a Facility Use Permit for the Roseland Recreation Booster Club, Inc. to operate the concession stand at the Harrison Recreation Complex for the fall recreation season, waiving the permit fee, and contingent upon receipt of the appropriate insurance and hold harmless documentation. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that the latest concert was a great success. Unfortunately, the movie night was rained out. Plans continue to progress for Roseland Day scheduled for October 9th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi reminded residents that the third quarter tax bills have been mailed and the due date for payment has been extended until September 7th. Mr. Bardi thanked Ryan Schwertfeger and Neal Grabowsky for their work getting council meetings on Zoom and live on YouTube.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the senior transportation bus is running its normal routes to local supermarkets and stores. The Beautification Committee is currently selecting fall plants and pumpkins for purchase from Noecker School. The Committee is also looking into new Christmas decorations and a replacement for the damaged all-weather bench at Bond Force Park. On behalf of the Roseland Junior Women's Club, Mrs. Tolli thanked all those who generously donated towels and blankets for animal shelters. The donated items will be delivered to the Paws Animal Shelter in Montclair and the Bloomfield Animal Shelter. The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be meeting with interested high school students in late November to plan their fall/winter activities.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman encouraged everyone to remain vigilant with Covid-19 precautions. Vaccine boosters are being offered to those who are immuno-suppressed.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the contractor will soon begin paving of the streets where water utility improvements took place. Milling and paving of Oak Road is scheduled to begin on August 19th or 20th, Second Avenue on August 23rd, and Woodland Road on August 28th.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the fire department currently has forty members. The department conducted two drills in July and responded to twenty-five alarms, compared with ninety-four alarms last July. To date, the fire department has responded to a total of one hundred three alarms this year. The department was on standby at the fourth of July fireworks in West Caldwell and covered another town during a funeral. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) reported that the auxiliary police provided thirty-six hours of in-service work at no cost to the Borough. Services provided included traffic control at a funeral, the second concert, and Saturday and Sunday services at Our Lady of the Blessed sacrament Church. Mrs. Perrotti expressed her pleasure with the purchase of body cameras for the police department. Mrs. Perrotti encouraged senior citizens to be mindful of scams, suggesting that residents contact the police department if they are unsure of telephone or in-person solicitations.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that soccer season began on Monday, noting that there are of lot of registrants. The recreation department received authorization earlier in the meeting to begin youth and adult kickball programs. Mr. Trillo invited anyone available to assist the Historical Society with the cleanout of the Becker Farm Barn on Saturday August 21st and Sunday August 22nd between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The barn is located at 35 Livingston Avenue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the August 3,2021 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Spango announced that the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development sent notice of the award of a \$50,000.00 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to fund ADA compliant improvements to the Borough's First Aid Squad Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

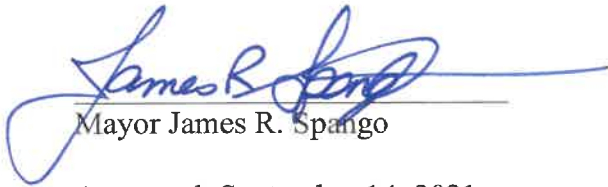
Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 233-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 6:17 PM to discuss the following:

Caldwell Litigation

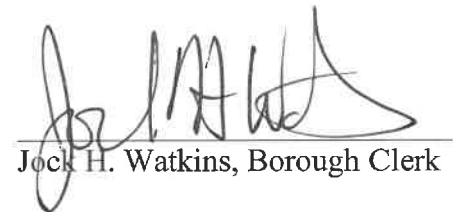
The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADJOURNMENT

Council returned from executive session at 6:55 PM. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: September 14, 2021

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: Freda

Absent: None

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