

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOVEMBER 23, 2021
19 HARRISON AVENUE
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:00PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The November 23, 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
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ABSENT:

Eileen Fishman, Council President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 291-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. Personnel
3. Caldwell Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). At the conclusion of executive session, Council returned to open session at 6:26 PM.

Mayor Spango called for another roll call at 7:00 PM, the advertised start time for public session. All members of the governing body were in attendance except Councilwoman Fishman. Also present were the Administrator Chumacas, Borough Attorney McDonnell, and Clerk Watkins.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango introduced members of the Roseland Red Bulls, undefeated 2020 Boys Senior Soccer League Champions (7th – 8th grades), and presented proclamations to the coaches in attendance.

Mayor Spango introduced members of the Roseland Quakes, undefeated 2020 Boys Sophomore Soccer League Champions (3rd – 4th grades), and presented proclamations to the coaches in attendance.

Councilman Trillo introduced members of the Roseland Swordfish, undefeated 2020 Coed Freshman Soccer League Champions (1st – 2nd grades). Mayor Spango presented a proclamation to Coach Trillo.

Mayor Spango introduced and congratulated 2020 Junior Olympic event winners. Trophies were presented to the winners prior to the meeting.

Captain Matheis, Roseland Emergency Management Coordinator, congratulated the Roseland Amateur Radio Club of NJ (IRAC) for 75 Years of Service from 1945 – 2000.

Mayor Spango thanked Matthew Bonaguide for his service on the Recreation Committee from 2014 – 2020, and presented a proclamation to Mr. Bonaguide.

Mayor Spango thanked William Styskal for his service on the Recreation Committee from 2016 – 2020, and presented a proclamation to Mr. Styskal.

Mayor Spango thanked John Flood for his service on the Recreation Committee from 2013 – 2020. Mr. Flood was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 33-2021: “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 Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). The public hearing will be held on December 21, 2021.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 34-2021: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Police Regulations””. The motion was seconded by

Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). The public hearing will be held on December 21, 2021.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 35-2021: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration" adding new Section 2-71 entitled "Communications Policy". The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). The public hearing will be held on December 21, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 24-2021 by title only for the second time: "Bond Ordinance providing for improvements to Tedesco Park in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$211,200 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$200,640 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 24-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Trillo made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 24-2021 for the third and final time: "Bond Ordinance providing for improvements to Tedesco Park in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$211,200 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$200,640 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 25-2021 by title only for the second time: "Bond Ordinance providing for various road improvements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$950,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$677,500 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.". Councilman Freda made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 25-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Public Comment

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 26-2021 by title only for the second time: "Bond Ordinance providing for the acquisition of vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$770,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$703,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 26-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Public Comment

None

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 27-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance to amend Chapter BH-11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Animals" to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 27-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Public Comment

None

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 28-2021 by title only for the second time: "Bond Ordinance providing for the acquisition of a fire engine for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$675,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$641,250 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 28-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Trillo made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 29-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter IV of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing and Business Regulations"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 29-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

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motion to adopt Ordinance No. 29-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 30-2021 by title only for the second time: "Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) & Make-Ready Parking Spaces". Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 30-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

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 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 31-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration", Article VI entitled "Boards, Committees, Commissions and Offices"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 31-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Trillo made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 32-2021 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 32-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Public Comment

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Trillo made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 32-2021 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 32-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 292-2021 approving the November 19, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$326,298.57. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 293-2021 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 294-2021 ratification of salaries – October 2021

Resolution No. 295-2021 approving the terms of the new collective negotiation agreement between the Borough of Roseland and the Teamsters Local Union No. 469

Resolution No. 296-2021 approval the appointment of recreation winter seasonal employees

Resolution No. 297-2021 amending Resolution No. 25-2021 "Appoint Remington & Vernick as Water & Sewer Engineer for 2021", increasing the not to exceed amount of the contract by \$10,000.00 from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00

Resolution No. 298-2021 rescinding Resolution No. 264-2021 "Amend Section II of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to Include "Communications Policy", as the Communications Policy was introduced as an ordinance earlier in this meeting

Resolution No. 299-2021 authorizing extension of the Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Caldwell and the Borough of West Caldwell for senior citizen transportation services through 2022

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Resolution No. 300-2021 amending Resolution No 210-2021 “Appointing Boswell Engineer as Borough Engineer”, increasing the not to exceed amount of the contract by \$10,000.00 from \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00

Resolution No. 301-2021 authorizing the mayor to sign the amended lease agreement with T-Mobile to include additional land for a backup generator

Resolution No. 302-2021 accepting a donation from Arbor Terrace to finance the entertainment for the senior holiday party

Resolution No. 303-2021 amending Resolution No. 156-2021 “Award 2021 Water Analysis Services to Water Resource Management Inc.” increasing the not to exceed amount of the contract by \$2,500.00 from \$13,200.00 to \$15,700.00

Resolution No. 304-2021 authorizing the cancellation of 2020 property taxes in the amount of \$3,196.94, the cancellation of 2021 property taxes in the amount of \$3,208.00, and authorizing a refund in the amount of \$700.00 for Block 23, Lot 23, 260 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 305-2021 authorizing the mayor to sign various contracts for entertainment for the 2021 Christmas tree lighting

Resolution No. 306-2021 authorizing acceptance of donations from the Roseland Public Library for the 2021 Christmas tree lighting

Resolution No. 307-2021 awarding a contract for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to Sports Field Solution

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Permission for Roseland Volunteer Fire Department to use Fire Apparatus in the Totowa and Woodland Park Fire Department Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 27, 2021

Re-Instate Pat Lorenzo to the Roseland Auxiliary Police

Permission for the Superintendent of Public Works to carry over up to 10 vacation days from the current year into 2022

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that blue lights have been displayed on the municipal building at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue to commemorate Hannukah. The lights will be changed to red for Christmas. The menorah lighting ceremony will take place on November 29th, and the Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place from 5:00 PM until 9:00 pm on December 4th. Mayor Spango thanked the recreation committee and the special events committee for their work organizing the event, and thanked the library for several donations for the event. There will horse drawn carriage rides, a trackless train, refreshments, carolers, and Santa will arrive at 7:00 PM. Mayor Spango wished everyone a restful, happy, and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi announced that the Borough's Verizon Public, Educational, Government (PEG) channel has been upgraded to high definition. In the process, the channel designation has been changed from 46 to 2146. Mr. Bardi wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Beautification Committee met last week to prepare forty wreaths that have since been installed along Eagle Rock Avenue. The committee is also working on placing holiday plants in the various planters around town. Mrs. Tolli thanked the companies that donated equipment and manpower for the recent cleanup of the Bond Force Park brook, and the volunteers who assisted. Companies that participated include Thomas J. O'Beirne & Co., Northeast Products, Ventola Landscaping, Broheimer Tree Service, Jesse Landscaping, and James Haas Landscaping. Mayor Spango thanked Tom O'Beirne for spearheading the project, noting that the cost would have been approximately \$75,000.00 without the manpower and equipment donation, and the volunteer assistance.

Members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee collected donations of approximately five hundred pounds of food two and half weeks ago at the West Caldwell Shop-Rite. The food will be distributed to the Roseland Food Bank, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, and the Caldwell-West Caldwell Food Bank. On December 1st, members plan to prepare gift boxes to be sent to our troops for the holidays.

The new Senior Society is holding a meet and greet on December 2nd at Ss. Nicholas, Constantine, and Helen Church on Laurel Avenue. The Roseland Junior Women's Clubs has placed a collection box has been placed at the entrance of the Roseland Library for donations of new socks and underwear for distribution to local shelters. Gently used winter scarves, hats and gloves will also be accepted. The collection drive runs through November 30th. Mrs. Tolli wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the brook cleanup at Bond Force Park. Mr. Freda noted that earlier in the meeting, Council approved the fire department's participation in a holiday parade in Woodland Park on November 27th. Mr. Freda added that if you haven't seen the parade, it is well worth attending to see all of the fire trucks and emergency vehicles decorated with holiday lights.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the fire department for their participation in the holiday parade, noting that it is amazing to see how the trucks are decorated. The fire department held one meeting, two drills, and responded to twenty-two alarms in October. The fire department has responded to one hundred eighty-eight alarms to date this year, compared to one hundred fifty-three during the same period last year. The fire department also responded to mutual aid alarms in East Hanover on October 21st and on October 27th.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) auxiliary police provided traffic assistance for Saturday and Sunday services at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, assisted the recreation department with the cross-country race and trunk or treat, and assisted with a large funeral. The auxiliary police also participated in an evacuation drill and holiday party at Noecker School. Mrs. Perrotti welcomed Pat Lorenzo back to the auxiliary police upon his return to New Jersey.

Mayor Spango reminded residents that free, weekly Covid-19 testing is available on Thursdays at the Bond Force Park building.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that the kickball season has concluded, and the cross county and soccer seasons are wrapping up as well. Mr. Trillo commented on the great atmosphere at the Harrison recreation complex on Friday nights. Basketball and other winter sports seasons are scheduled to begin the week after Thanksgiving. Councilman Trillo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

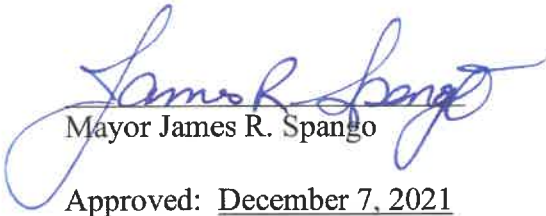
Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the November 4, 2021 executive session minutes and the November 4, 2021 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

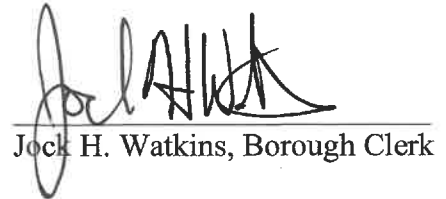
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: December 7, 2021



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Freda, Perrotti, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: Fishman

Absent: Tolti

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