

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

DECEMBER 21, 2021
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
7:00PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The December 21, 2021 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 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
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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATION

Police Department Officer in Charge Captain Costello reported that a bullet round was found in a wall in a home on Thackeray Drive recently. The incident is under investigation. In response to the continuing problems of car break ins and thefts in the Roseland and surrounding communities, patrols have been increased in the affected areas. In response to a commercial break-in, the police department has increased patrols in that area as well. The police department has one suspect in custody and has a good lead on a possible second suspect.

Mayor Spango added that the police department is being vigilant and the department has been taking proactive measures to address these issues. Assistance is also being provided to the police department by Essex County and New Jersey agencies. Mr. Spango also noted that the Roseland police department did a great job with a one day turn around on making an arrest in the commercial break-in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 33-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Building and Housing” to amend various fees”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 33-2021. 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 Trillo 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. 33-2021 for the third and final time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Building and Housing” to amend various fees”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 33-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 34-2021 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Police Regulations””. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 34-2021. 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 Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 34-2021 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Police Regulations"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 34-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 35-2021 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" adding new Section 2-71 entitled "Communications Policy"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 35-2021. 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 Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 35-2021 for the third and final time: "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"". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 35-2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 323-2021 approving the December 17, 2021 bill list in the Amount of \$756,042.06. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 324-2021 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 325-2021 approving ratification of salaries – November 2021

Resolution No. 326-2021 approving cancellation of capital ordinance funding

Resolution No. 327-2021 approving cancellation of water and sewer capital funding

Resolution No. 328-2021 approving cancellation of water sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 329-2021 authorizing Change Order #3 to Manda Painting to extend the contract deadline for water tank painting

Resolution No. 330-2021 approving amendments to the Redevelopment Agreements for 6 Becker Farm Road and 85 Livingston Avenue and authorizing a six-month extension of the time frame to commence construction

Resolution No. 331-2021 authorizing the Borough of Roseland to participate in the Nationwide Opioid Settlement

Resolution No. 332-2021 approving the hiring of Brallan Acosta as a probationary teamster for the Department of Public Works (DPW)

Resolution No. 333-2021 approving the hiring of Andrew Cruz as a probationary teamster for the Department of Public Works (DPW)

Resolution No. 334-2021 approving the hiring of Steven Batte as a probationary teamster for the Department of Public Works (DPW)

Resolution No. 335-2021 rescinding Resolution No. 387-2020 “Approving Proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for GIS Mapping and Digitizing Services for Closed Building Permits”

Resolution No. 336-2021 ratification of bills – October through December

Resolution No. 337-2021 authorizing a refund in the amount of \$248.00 for Construction Permit No. 21P00780

Resolution No. 338-2021 authorizing the use of Morris County Co-Op #53 Fencing Materials & Installation and awarding a contract in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Challenger Fence Inc.

Resolution No. 339-2021 approving the hiring of Allen Findlay as a probationary teamster for the Department of Public Works (DPW)

Resolution No. 340-2021 approving the terms of the new Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Borough of Roseland and the Superior Officers' Association

Resolution No. 341-2021 approving the appointment of O'Toole Scrivo, LLC to conduct a workplace investigation for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Accept with regret the resignation of Charles Rosen from the Historical Society effective December 15, 2021

Approval of Raffle Application No. RA-391 for SS Nicholas Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church to conduct an off-premise merchandise raffle on February 25, 2022

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Borough Plans to Submit an Application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to Rehabilitate and Provide Upgraded Accessibility at the Tedesco Park Pavilion in the Borough of Roseland.

Discussion – Council needs to schedule a special meeting to conduct the public hearing on the proposal and to adopt a resolution authorizing submission of the application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi congratulated the four new DPW employees, wishing them good luck. The first budget meeting for 2022 will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 22nd. Mr. Bardi wished everyone happy holidays and a happy New Year.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be assisting at the New Jersey Food Bank in Hillside on January 22nd. This is the only event planned at this time. Senior bus service remains available to residents. The holiday story time began on the Borough's PEG channels last night on FIOS Channel 46 and 2146 and Comcast channel 35. Beginning in January, FIOS Channel 46 will be shut down in lieu of new channel 2146. The reading of the holiday stories will be televised every day at 8:00 AM, 12:00 noon, 6:00 PM, and 8:30 PM through January 7th. Mrs. Tolli wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy New Year.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that the new senior society has been very active. The group had a very successful, first meet and greet in early December. This year's holiday

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luncheon was also very successful and was attended by over one hundred seniors. Mrs. Fishman wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda congratulated the four new DPW employees. Mr. Freda wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the Roseland fire department and everyone who helped with the awesome Santa ride around town. Chief Loveless advised that a record number of people observed the event. The fire department has responded to one hundred seventy alarms to date this year. The fire department conducted two drills and held one meeting in November. The department responded to a fire at 465 Eagle Rock Avenue in November. The fire department also participated in a lights and sirens drive by on November 7th in West Caldwell for a very ill seven-year-old girl. The fire department participated in the 2021 Totowa West Paterson holiday parade on November 26th. The department placed first in best decorated fire engine, second in best decorated Chief's vehicle, and second in best overall. Members of the fire department paid their final respects to former Fire Chief George Batta on November 28th at the Shook Farmer Funeral Home.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) volunteered forty-four hours of time assisting with traffic at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament church, the menorah lighting and tree lighting, and other holiday celebrations. The OEM also assisted with two funeral escorts. Mrs. Perrotti thanked the members of the OEM for their hard work at all of the Borough's special events.

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the police department for their efforts in apprehending a suspect in the recent service station break-in. Council approved the police superior officer's contract earlier in this meeting. Council is currently vetting new police candidates with plans to hire in the beginning of 2022. Mayor Spango added that the recent contract negotiations with the DPW and the superior officers was very successful and that all parties worked very well together. Mrs. Perrotti wished everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and a happy and healthy New Year.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that basketball season has begun. The basketball uniforms are on back order. Mr. Trillo wished everyone a happy holiday, Merry Christmas, and happy New Year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the December 7, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the December 7, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was

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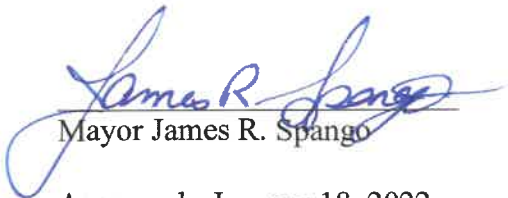
seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Tolli abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

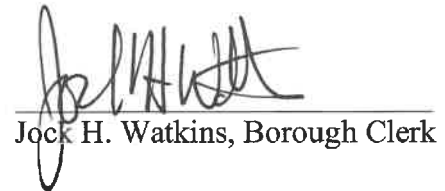
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: January 18, 2022



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Trillo

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