

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FEBRUARY 15, 2022
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The February 15, 2022 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 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, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Council President
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ABSENT

Roger Freda, Councilman
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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 75-2022 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 6:34 PM to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. Personnel

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 02-2022: “Bond ordinance amending section 3(a) of bond ordinance numbered 11-2011, as amended by bond ordinance numbered 10-2017 and supplemented by bond ordinance numbered 15-2018, of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, finally adopted September 20, 2011, as amended August 15, 2017 and supplemented November 13, 2018, in order to amend the description of the project”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). The public hearing will be held on March 1, 2022.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 65-2022 approving the February 11, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$599,777.10. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the nine resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 66-2022 ratification of Salaries – January 2022

Resolution No. 67-2022 awarding a contract for water analysis services to John Manganaro of Water Resource Management Inc. for 2022

Resolution No. 68-2022 authorizing the return of escrow in the amount of \$909.71 to Michaelene Dwulet upon completion of the project at 41-45 Ridge Road

Resolution No. 69-2022 accepting the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide design and construction inspection services for the backup generator at the 140 Eagle Rock Avenue municipal building at a cost of \$20,000.00

Resolution No. 70-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with the Hanover Manor for the senior citizen luncheon on March 11, 2022

Resolution No. 71-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with CareerCert for online training for the police department

Resolution No. 72-2022 authorizing a new recreation intramural wiffle ball program

Resolution No. 73-2022 authorizing municipal officials to sign and submit the 2023 strategic plan and grant application for the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse fiscal grant

Resolution No. 74-2022 authorizing a new recreation adult wiffle ball program

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 application of Chineme L. Ewenike to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that the Hometown Hero banner program has been advertised on the Borough's website. Anyone interested in participating should call the municipal offices. The Mayor's Ball has been scheduled for October 22, 2022. The Borough is looking for volunteers interested in serving on a number of committees. Renovations to the tennis courts and construction of new pickle ball courts are expected to begin in the near future. Also included in the project are renovations to the basketball courts and the gazebo at Tedesco Park. Council is considering a request from an Eagle Scout project to make improvements at the entrance to the municipal building at 19 Harrison Avenue. Council is also considering expanding the scope of the project to encompass the entire front of the building, utilizing volunteers and members of the Department of Public Works (DPW).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi reported that Council held their third budget meeting this past Saturday. Council is on track to introduce the budget at the March Council meeting. One final budget meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the conference room at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli reminded residents that Covid-19 testing is still being offered at Bond Force Park on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. SMAC blood testing to evaluate a person's general overall health will be offered for residents over the age of eighteen on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM in the multi-purpose room at 19 Harrison Avenue. The Roseland Public Library dedicated their updated teenage lounge on February 26th to former colleague Cher Martorelli. Kathy Pickett is collecting gently used purses, small personal toiletries, and makeup for women, to be donated

to a battered women's shelter in Morris County on Mother's Day. Donation boxes will be available at the library and at 38 Passaic Avenue beginning on April 1st through April 30th. Mrs. Tolli reminded residents that dog and cat licenses are required to be renewed by January 31st. Pets must have rabies vaccinations valid through October of the licensing year prior to license renewal. Licenses can be renewed at Borough Hall.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that the Roseland seniors held a bingo this past Friday at the library. There was a great turnout, approximately fifty to sixty people, and everyone had a lot of fun. The next significant senior's event will be a luncheon on March 11th at the Hanover Manor. Mrs. Fishman cautioned residents that since the state has legalized the recreational use of marijuana, there has been a sharp rise in emergency room visits by young children resulting from ingestion of edible forms of cannabis. Mrs. Fishman suggested that edible forms of cannabis should be locked out of reach of children.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the members of the DPW for keeping the town streets clear and safe during the recent storm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the fire department held one meeting, conducted two drills, and responded to nine alarms in January. The Auxiliary Police performed thirty-nine hours of volunteer traffic control on Saturdays and Sundays in January at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. Mrs. Perrotti commended police officers Richard Romeo, Martin Gutierrez, and Sergeant Eddie Fernandez for their efforts when responding to a report in January of people breaking into cars. Upon arrival at the scene, the officers observed three suspicious men in a car and the officers attempted to stop the vehicle. Police officers followed the suspect vehicle as it fled the scene, but the officers were prohibited from pursuing the vehicle due to the implementation of an Attorney General (AG) Guideline that was issued on January 1, 2020. The AG guideline prohibits officers from pursuing people suspected of committing a property crime.

RECREATION

Councilman Bardi announced that Community Pass registration is now open for spring sports including baseball, softball, t-ball, track and field, wiffle ball, pitch hit and run, and parent child bowling night on June 17th.

Mayor Spango added that a flyer is scheduled to go out tomorrow detailing the plans for the annual Easter egg hunt. The Easter bunny drive around town will also take place again this year. Mr. Spango thanked OEM Coordinator Matheis for securing the donation of an electrically operated projection screen to replace the pull-down screen in the public meeting room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

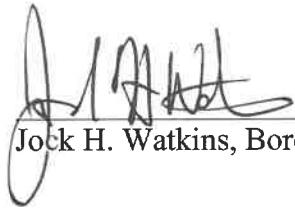
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: March 15, 2022



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli

Nay: None

Abstain: Trillo

Absent: Freda

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