

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

APRIL 26, 2022
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The April 26, 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
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (7:08 PM)

ABSENT

Roger Freda, Councilman

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. 125-2022 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 6:32 PM to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:56 PM to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:00 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Freda and Councilman Trillo were absent. Councilman Trillo arrived at 7:08 PM.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango introduced former Superintendent of Public Works Gary Schall. Mr. Schall retired from the Borough on June 30, 2020, following a forty-year career with the Department of Public Works (DPW), including fifteen years as the Superintendent. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the public acknowledgment of Mr. Schall's career was postponed until this evening. could not be recognized

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 05-2022: "An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled Department of Administration", Section 2-63 entitled "Sustainable Jersey Green Team" to correct a discrepancy in the number of authorized members.". The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on May 17, 2022.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 06-2022: "An ordinance authorizing the lease of certain space within the Borough Hall located at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland to the ARC of Essex County, Inc.". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on May 17, 2022.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 07-2022: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 17-2021 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 2022.". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on May 17, 2022.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 08-2022: "Bond Ordinance providing for the replacement of the radio communication system in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,150,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$1,092,500 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on May 17, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 03-2022 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing and Business Regulations", Section 4-12 entitled "License to Operate Food

and/or Beverage Vending Machines on Borough-Owned Property” to establish a due date for payment of vending machine license fees and to establish a fee for late payment of said license fee”. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 03-2022. 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 Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 03-2022 for the third and final time: “An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Licensing and Business Regulations”, Section 4-12 entitled “License to Operate Food and/or Beverage Vending Machines on Borough-Owned Property” to establish a due date for payment of vending machine license fees and to establish a fee for late payment of said license fee”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Freda absent).

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 126-2022 approving the April 22, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$173,158.61. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No.127 -2022 ratification of salaries – March 2022

Resolution No. 128-2022 accepting with regret the resignation of Rosemary Sayers and authorizing the payment of unused sick time

Resolution No. 129-2022 approving the appointment of Ryan Schwertfeger as Office Supervisor effective May 1, 2022 with a salary increase of \$6,800.00

Resolution No. 130-2022 approving the cancellation of water and sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 131-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract in the amount of \$1,770.00 with Accurate Irrigation for sprinkler system maintenance on recreation fields

Resolution No. 132-2022 awarding a contract in the amount of \$6,663.00 to Quality Electrical Construction for electrical services for recreation field lighting

Resolution No. 133-2022 awarding a contract in the amount of \$626,133.71 to J.A. Alexander, Inc. for the Improvements to Steel Court, Green Avenue, Glen Avenue, and the 2021/2022 Road Improvements Project

Resolution No. 134-2022 authorizing Ashley Kennedy to begin performing the duties of Qualified Purchasing Agent with a salary increase of \$3,5000.00 effective May 1, 2022, and to begin taking the courses required to obtain certification as a Qualified Purchasing Agent, with a base salary increase of \$2,500.00 upon completion of each of three (3) Qualified Purchasing Agent Courses with a passing grade

Resolution No. 135-2022 appointing Nicole Bakirtzis as Accounts Payable Clerk with an annual salary of \$36,500.00 effective May 1, 2022

Resolution No. 136-2022 awarding a telephone maintenance contract in the amount of \$9,244.40 at an hourly rate of \$750.00 per hour to J.C.T. Solutions under State Contract #80802

Resolution No. 137-2022 authorizing extension No. 7 with Verizon Wireless under State Contract #82583 through May 31, 2022

Resolution No. 138-2022 authorizing Change Order #1 to Top Shore Construction to increase the contract for the Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements project by \$18,000.00 for a new contract price of \$329,300.00

Resolution No. 139-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign an interlocal agreement between Jersey City and the Borough of Roseland, for mobile data computer access to its police vehicle fleet

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi. Resolution No. 133-2020 was approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote and Councilman Freda absent. The remaining twelve resolutions were approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the five items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of Senior Service Applications of Tyler Markman, Louis Fantasia and Joseph Marino

Approval for non-resident, Daryus Wachs, to participate in the spring recreation youth wiffle ball program

Accept with regret the resignation of Stephanie Spero from the Environmental Commission effective April 19, 2022

Approval for Judge Nancy F. Gennaro to attend the 2022 Municipal Division Education Conference on June 27th and June 28th in Galloway Township, NJ

Accept with regret the resignation of Nancy Santero from the Environmental Commission effective April 25, 2022

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that a lot of activities are being planned for the next several months. Details will be announced in advance of each activity. Improvements to the tennis courts and the construction of the new pickle ball courts are expected to be completed soon. A new piece of apparatus at the Harrison complex has been replaced and another piece that was recently broken and has been repaired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi announced that the hearing on the adoption of the 2022 municipal budget will be held next week on Tuesday, May 3rd. The meeting has been relocated to the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue so the meeting can be televised.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the thirteenth annual Run 4 Answers will be held this weekend starting at the Harrison recreation complex. The five-kilometer race will begin at 8:30 AM and the two-mile walk will begin shortly thereafter. Proceeds from the run will benefit Alzheimer's research. Covid testing is available on Thursdays from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM at the Roseland First Aid Squad community room. The Board of Health is offering male cancer screening on Thursday for men over the age of 50, or younger men with risk factors. The screening will be available at the East Hanover Senior Center located at 96 Mt. Pleasant Avenue from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. There is no cost but you must register at the East Hanover Health Department.

The New Jersey Ban the Bag campaign begins on May 4th. Details are available on the Borough's website. Roseland's paper shredding day is this Saturday from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the tennis court parking lot. Noecker School is holding a spring clothing drive fund raiser on Friday, May 6th from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Team 94 is having a casino night fund raiser on Monday, June 6th at the Highlawn in West Orange. Tickets are \$150 per person. Proceeds will benefit continuing education for adults with autism spectrum disorder. Friends

of the Library will be holding a book sale from June 21st through June 23rd at the library. The senior bus is looking forward to more ridership as the weather improves this spring.

Mayor Spango added that the Borough is ordering thousands of reusable grocery bags for distribution to residents at no cost. The purchase of the bags is being funded by the Borough's Clean Communities grant. The Mayor's Ball is scheduled October for 22nd and the proceeds will benefit the Library and the Roseland First Aid Squad.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that the renovations of the tennis courts and Tedesco Park are progressing. The Senior Advisory Board plans to schedule larger or special events every month, and speakers or coffee and conversation every Friday at the library. The Senior Luncheon is scheduled for May 20th at the Hanover Manor, at which time the senior of the year will be announced.

Mayor Spango added that the tennis courts are being converted to two tennis courts and four pickle ball courts. Tedesco reconstructing the basketball court and adding a pickle ball court and a new gazebo. The target date for completion is June 9th, weather permitting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked Gary Schall for his forty years of service to the Borough. Mayor Spango noted that the DPW has been very busy, and thanked them for everything that they do. Council will be interviewing candidates to fill vacancies in the DPW.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for the assistance with the Easter Eggstravaganza. The event was a tremendous success with over four hundred registrations. OEM assisted with the replacement of a 40 MPH speed limit sign on Eagle Rock that was request by police officer Romeo. The Auxiliary Police provided forty-six volunteer hours of service in March, including providing traffic assistance at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church.

The fire department has thirty-two members and conducted one meeting and two drills. The fire department responded to thirty-six alarms and one mutual aid request from Orange.

The police department began wearing their body cameras on March 25th. The cameras and the computer servers were all obtained from a grant. The Borough received a letter of commendation from Essex Fells Police Chief Darren Volker commending Sergeant Allison and officer Dylan Hughes for their immediate response and assistance with the apprehension of two burglary suspects without incident in Essex Fells.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that baseball and softball programs are underway. There is a portable mound issue at Harrison Field that is being remedied. Mr. Trillo noted that the baseball fields look great, the best in years. The opening day celebration is scheduled for Sunday at 1:00 PM. Soccer registration will be available soon.

Mayor Spango added that he is pleased that the Borough is able to offer full day SCRAM this summer at a cost of \$750.00 per child. Mr. Spango noted that there is a waiting list.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

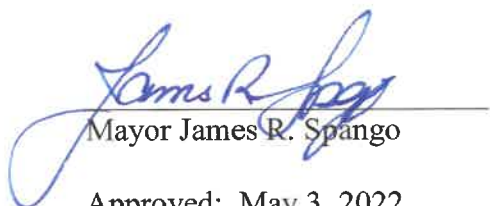
Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the March 5, 2022 caucus meeting minutes, the April 5, 2022 caucus meeting minutes, and the April 5, 2022 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

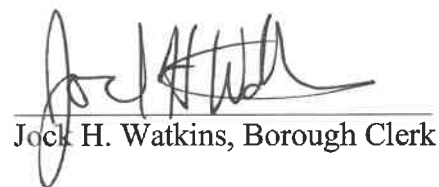
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: May 3, 2022



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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

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