

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MAY 17, 2022
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The May 17, 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, 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, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Council President
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (Via Zoom)
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (6:52 PM)

ABSENT

Roger Freda, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 153-2022 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 6:32 PM to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. COAH

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 meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Trillo was in attendance and Councilman Freda was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Spango read and presented a memento to former Roseland Municipal Court Judge William Connell in honor of his thirty years of service to the Borough. Judge Connell thanked the Mayor and Council for the honor and briefly reflected on his career.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Spango administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer Gerard M. Conzentino. Captain Costello presented Officer Conzentino with his badge.

Mayor Spango administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer Mark G. Miller. Captain Costello presented Officer Miller with his badge.

Mayor Spango administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer Francesca L. Lupo. Captain Costello presented Officer Lupo with her badge.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the appointing resolutions:

Resolution No. 154-2022 Appointing Gerard Conzentino as a Patrol Officer to the Roseland Police Department

Resolution No. 155-2022 Appointing Mark Miller as a Patrol Officer to the Roseland Police Department

Resolution No. 156-2022 Appointing Francesca Lupo as a Patrol Officer to the Roseland Police Department

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Salvante Essex County Liaison

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 10-2022: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 17 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Water and Sewer”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on June 21, 2022.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 11-2022: “Bond Ordinance providing for improvements to Harrison Avenue sports complex in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$5,200,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$4,940,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on June 21, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 05-2022 by title only for the second time: "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". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 05-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi 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. 05-2022 for the third and final time: "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". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 05-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 06-2022 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance authorizing the lease of certain space within the Borough Hall located at 19 Harrison Avenue to the ARC of Essex, Inc.". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 06-2022. 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, Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 06-2022 for the third and final time: "An ordinance authorizing the lease of certain space within the Borough Hall located at 19 Harrison Avenue to the ARC of Essex, Inc.". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 06-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 07-2022 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 17-2021 as amended which provides 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". Councilwoman

Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 07-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda 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 Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 07-2022 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 17-2021 as amended which provides 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". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 07-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 08-2022 by title only for the second time: "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 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,092,500 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-2022. 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 Perrotti made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 157-2022 approving the May 13, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$411,263.53. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 158-2022 ratification of salaries – April 2022

Resolution No. 159-2022 authorizing funds for 2022 Board of Adjustment Professionals

Resolution No. 160-2022 authorizing funds for 2022 Planning Board Professionals

Resolution No. 161-2022 memorializing the purchase of reusable shopping bags from Allied Printing Graphics at a cost of \$9,615.00

Resolution No. 162-2022 approving Task I and Task II of the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services for O'Beirne Field improvements at a cost of \$19,000.00

Resolution No. 163-2022 authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract and sign a non-disclosure agreement with the State of New Jersey as per PL 2021, c. 317.

Resolution No. 164-2022 authorizing Change Order #1 to John Garcia Construction reducing the contract by an amount of \$33,495.02 for a new contract price of \$245,803.33 for 2021 pressure regulator improvements Phase II

Resolution No. 165-2022 authorizing the creation of a Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee and appointing members to said committee

Resolution No. 166-2022 approving the hiring of 2022 SCRAM Staff

Resolution No. 167-2022 authorizing the use of State Contract 17-Fleet-00763 in the amount of \$8,712.00 for the purchase of bullet proof vests from Atlantic Uniform Co.

Resolution No. 168-2022 authorizing the purchase of a two-year warranty for three (3) Mobile License Plate Recognition System cameras from Gold Type Business Machine Inc. at a cost of \$9,419.76 under Bergen County Co-Op 19-34

Resolution No. 169-2022 awarding a contract in the amount of \$8,469.00 to El ES Food for the community picnic event

Resolution No. 170-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign a site access agreement with Prudential Drive Investors for a fishing derby

Resolution No. 171-2022 authorizing the use of New Jersey State Contract #22-TELE-05861 for AT&T National FirstNet Plan for the Borough's wireless devices, wireless data, voice and accessories from March 1, 2022 through August 11, 2024 at an estimated annual cost of \$12,824.64

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Authorizing Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee students to volunteer on Monday, June 20th, 2022 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the library book sale

Approving the Senior Service application from Nicholas Masone to volunteer for the Roseland Recreation Department

Approving the Senior Service application from Sebastian Keil to volunteer for the Roseland administrative offices

Approving Patrick Nichols' request to attend the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) officers' installation luncheon on June 9, 2022 at cost of \$30.00

Accepting with regret the resignation of David Veneri from the Rent Review Board effective May 17, 2022

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced upcoming community events including the annual Mayor's Trophy softball game and community picnic on June 11th, and the summer concerts scheduled for July 11th, July 26th, and August 17th, with a fourth concert tentatively scheduled for September 9th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi announced that the library is hosting a fund-raising event to support their proposed expansion project. There will be a cocktail party at the library on Friday, May 20th from 7:00 until 9:00 PM. There will be a miniature golf event in the library on Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The cost to participate is \$10.00 per person.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the community picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th with a rain date of June 18th. The summer concerts are scheduled for Wednesday, July 13th featuring Jersey Sound, Wednesday, July 26th featuring Koots, and Wednesday August 17th featuring Soul Cruisers. All concerts will begin at 7:00 PM. Free Covid testing is available on Thursdays at the Roseland First Aid Squad building from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The Roseland Public Library will be having a book sale from Tuesday, June 21st through Friday, June 24th. Essex County will be paving Eisenhower Parkway beginning May 18th through June 8th between the hours of 7:00 PM to 6:00 AM. The annual Senior Luncheon is this Friday at the Hanover Manor at 12:00 noon. The Mayor's Ball is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at the Hanover Manor. There

will be a bus trip for seniors to the Lettermen concert at PNC Arts Center on Wednesday, June 23rd. The concert is free to Roseland seniors. The bus will depart from the Harrison Avenue tennis courts at 10:45 AM. The fishing derby is returning to Roseland on Sunday, May 22nd at the pond at the Lowenstein Sandler/Connell Foley property on Livingston Avenue. The West Essex Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30th.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti commented that she was thrilled with the swearing in of three new police officers, welcoming them to the community. Mrs. Perrotti thanked Captain Mildon, Detective Hiter, and Detective Sergeant Boulard for their hard work and due diligence, bringing forward three excellent candidates. Mrs. Perrotti also thanked Officer in Charge Captain Costello. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provided thirty hours of volunteer service including traffic control at services at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, and assistance at Running 4 Answers and opening day baseball. The fire department recently responded to mutual aid to Orange for house coverage, and responded to two alarms in Orange during that coverage.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that opening day baseball was a huge success. Mr. Trillo thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW) for getting the fields into great condition, the best he has seen in years. Youth wiffle ball has started, and adult wiffle ball is scheduled to begin next week. Registration for the fall soccer season is open. The Hometown Hero banners will be installed soon, hopefully before Memorial Day.

Mayor Spango added that Roseland will hold their Memorial Day service by the monuments at 9:00 AM on Memorial Day. Team 94 is conducting their annual casino night on June 6th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the May 3, 2022 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote. (Freda absent)

PUBLIC COMMENT

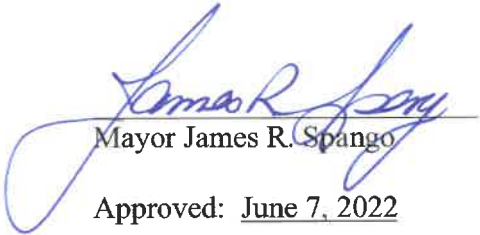
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ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bardi made a motion to return to executive session at 7:53 PM to continue discussion on Personnel and COAH matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote. (Freda absent)

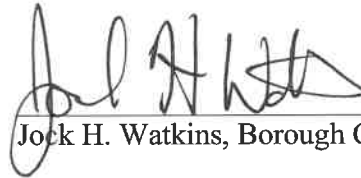
ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to open session at 8:08 PM. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: June 7, 2022



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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