

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

JUNE 21, 2022  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The June 21, 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  
Roger Freda, Councilman (7:00 PM via Zoom)  
Jean Perrotti, Council President  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (Via Zoom)  
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (6:35)

**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. 191-2022 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). Councilman Trillo arrived during executive session just as discussion of agenda items began. Council adjourned executive session at 6:45 PM. 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 Freda was now present via Zoom conference call.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango invited Eagle Scouts Aidan Leifer and Grant King to lead the pledge of allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Aidan Leifer – Proclamation  
Grant King – Proclamation  
Jen Rodrigues – Mother of the Year (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)  
Bonnie Sturchio – Mother of the Year (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Tom O’Beirne – Presentation

## **APPOINTMENTS – MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the following committee appointments:

### **Mental Health Task Force Subcommittee**

|                     |        |                      |
|---------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Michelle Stefanelli | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Angela Gillespie    | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Allison Scaraggi    | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Allison Jablonski   | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |

### **Sustainable Jersey Green Team**

|                    |        |                       |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Maureen Chumacas   | 1 Year | 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 |
| Chris Bardi        | 1 Year | 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022 |
| Yervant Dermenjian | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023  |
| Jessica Freda      | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023  |
| Scott Gorman       | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023  |
| Matt Biront        | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023  |

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Bardi abstaining from the vote.

## **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the following committee appointments:

### **Municipal Alliance Committee**

|                                   |         |                        |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| Allison Scaraggi (Unexpired Term) | 3 Years | 6/17/2022 – 12/31/2023 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|

### **Municipal Youth Guidance Sub-Committee**

|                 |        |                      |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------|
| Carol Corcoran  | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Kerry Dick      | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Leslie Klaff    | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Dianna Linnett  | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Eileen Masone   | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Suzanne Panicoe | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| Nicole Sabato   | 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |

Lois Vitiello  
Eileen Weiss

|        |                      |
|--------|----------------------|
| 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |
| 1 Year | 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 |

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 12-2022: “Bond Ordinance providing for water main replacement on Glen Avenue, Westview Avenue, and Green Avenue in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$1,200,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$1,200,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof.”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on July 19, 2022.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 13-2022: “Bond Ordinance providing a supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 for improvements to the water/sewer utility in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, and authorizing the issuance of \$400,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof.”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on July 19, 2022.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 14-2022: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2 “Administration” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland, Section 2-24 entitled “Department of Police or Police Department””. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on July 19, 2022.

### **PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 09-2022 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance granting renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast to construct, connect, operate and maintain a cable television and communications system in the Borough of Roseland, New Jersey.”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 09-2022. 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 Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 09-2022 for the third and final time: “An ordinance granting renewal of Municipal Consent to Comcast to construct, connect, operate and maintain a cable television and communications system in the Borough of Roseland, New Jersey.”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 09-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 10-2022 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 17 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-2022. 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, Councilwoman Fishman 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. 10-2022 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 17 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 10-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2022 by title only for the second time: "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.". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 11-2022. 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, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2022 for the third and final time: "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." Councilman Trillo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 192-2022 Approving the June 17, 2021 Bill List in the Amount of \$404,567.32. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

Resolution No. 193-2022 ratification of salaries – May 2022

Resolution No. 194-2022 approving cancellation of water sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 195-2022 authorizing Change Order #2 to Top Shore Construction to increase the contract by \$6,000.00 for a new contract price of \$335,300.00 for the tennis and basketball court improvements project

Resolution No. 196-2022 approving submission of NJDOT grant application and execution of contract for Cooper Avenue improvement project

Resolution No. 197-2022 authorizing extension No. 3 of 6 Becker Farm Road and 85 Livingston Redevelopment Agreements

Resolution No. 198-2022 establishing fees for 2022-2023 Hometown Hero Banner Program

Resolution No. 199-2022 ratification of bills – April through June

Resolution No. 200-2022 authorizing the use of State Contract 77110 – Extension #9 for janitorial services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Resolution No. 201-2022 approving the release of Payment No. 4 Final Payment in the Amount of \$7,916.29 to Jo-Med Contracting Corp. for 2019 Utility Improvements

Resolution No. 202-2022 awarding a contract for Off-Site Record Storage to Infostore Records Management through June 30, 2023 under State Contract 20-GNSV2-01186

Resolution No. 203-2022 approving the appointment of Aids for Summer Recreation Summer Programs

Resolution No. 204-2022 authorizing the Borough Administrator to electronically sign a contract with the Hanover Manor for the Holiday Senior Luncheon on December 16, 2022

Resolution No. 205-2022 approving the release of Payment No. 5 Final Payment to Rapid Pump & Meter in the amount of \$10,580.04 for 2020-2021 Emergency Maintenance & Repair of the Electrical and Mechanical Equipment Associated with the Water & Sewer Utility

Resolution No. 206-2022 authorizing the Borough of Roseland to enter into a cooperative agreement with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

Resolution No. 207-2022 requesting permission from the Director of the NJ Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) for the Dedication by Rider for donations to the Roseland Children's Fund

Resolution No. 208-2022 awarding a contract in the amount of \$13,197.60 to Onix Networking Corporation for emailing services

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the two items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Alla Nudel to Attend Essex County Municipal Court Administrators Association Meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup> in Bloomfield, NJ

Authorizing the Borough Clerk to sign an Ad Interim Permit application on behalf of Jim Johnston's indicating that the annual ABC license renewal application and fees have been filed and that there is no objection to issuance of the temporary permit.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough purchased five thousand reusable grocery bags and will be distributing them to Borough residents from 5:00 PM until 7:00PM this Thursday at the tennis courts on Harrison Avenue. There will be a limit of three bags per family. The first summer concert is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> and the second concert is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Councilman Bardi announced that estimated tax bills will be sent out shortly as the state has not yet adopted their budget. Mr. Bardi thanked Mayor Spango, Chris Critchett, and the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their part in making the annual barbecue a great success. More than four hundred food vouchers were distributed, and attendance was estimate at more than six hundred. Mayor Chris DPW at barbecue over four hundred food vouchers over 600 people enjoy the summer.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES**

Councilwoman Tolli repeated the details of the distribution of free grocery bags this Thursday. The food pantry is in need of donations to replenish supplies for local families in need. A list of suitable items needed can be found on the Borough's website. The Junior

Women's Club is sponsoring a Make Your Own Sundae on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM at the Roseland First Aid Squad building. The cost is \$3.00 per person and proceeds will be donated to Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, which specializes in pediatric cancer. The senior society will be taking a break during the summer months and Friday meetings will resume in September. The senior bus is available to take local seniors to various stores in the area. The summer concert series begins with Jersey Sound on July 13<sup>th</sup>, with subsequent concerts on July 26, August 17<sup>th</sup>, and September 17<sup>th</sup>. There are still free tickets available for seniors to attend the Lettermen concert at PNC Arts Center on Thursday. The bus will be leaving the Harrison tennis court parking lot at 10:45 AM. The library is conducting a book sale tomorrow from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM and again on Thursday from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

#### REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman explained that completion of the improvements to the pickle ball, tennis, and basketball courts have been delayed due to supply chain issues. Council hopes that the work will be completed by August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Spango added that the Borough Engineer has been working on his own to expedite delivery of the needed supplies to complete the projects. Mr. Spango also explained that the Borough had to adopt the bond ordinance on tonight's agenda in order to apply for a federal grant to upgrade all of the fields at the Harrison complex.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

No report

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the Auxiliary Police performed forty-five hours of traffic control for services at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, family night at Noecker School, the West Essex Memorial Day Parade, and the borough picnic. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was instrumental in getting the location of the traffic camera at Noecker School relocated, resulting in improved traffic flow during non- school hours.

The OEM and Auxiliary Police responded with the fire department to Arbor Terrace for a water alarm that turned out to be a fire sprinkler activation. The Fire Department held one meeting and conducted two drills in May. The department has responded to sixty-four alarms this year to date. The department also responded to a request for mutual aid to West Orange. The fire department is in need of volunteers as two active members are leaving due to job relocations.

#### RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that the father child bowling event was held this past Friday at the Hanover Lanes, with more than one hundred participants. It was the first time the vent

was held since 2019. June 30<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff for fall sports including soccer, cross country and girls field hockey. Registration is currently available for summer programs on Community Pass for coed wiffle ball and men's basketball. Baseball season has concluded with only all-star games left.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

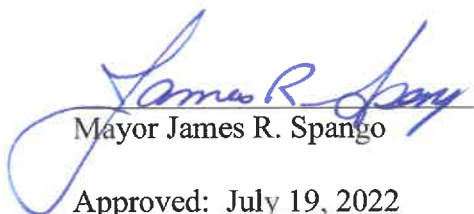
Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the June 7, 2022 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

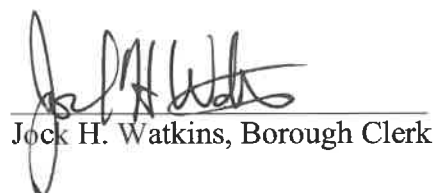
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: July 19, 2022



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

### **VOICE VOTE**

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