

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

**JULY 19, 2022
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The July 19, 2022 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, 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
Jean Perrotti, Council President
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
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.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango presented a proclamation to Bonnie Sturchio as 2022 Mother of the Year for fourth and sixth grade.

Mayor Spango presented a plaque to Thomas O'Beirne, thanking a number of local contractors who volunteered their equipment and services on Clean Communities Day. The contractors cleared brush from Bond Force Park, and rebuilt the rock wall that was severely damaged during a recent storm. A similar plaque will be mounted in a kiosk that will be erected at Bond Force Park. The rebuilt wall is now safer and more aesthetically pleasing. The contractors who participated in the project were Thomas J. O'Beirne & Co., inc., Broheimer & Associates Tree Experts, R. Ventola Landscaping, North Creek Construction LLC, Land Pros of New Jersey LLC, Jesse Landscaping, James Haas Landscape Spectrum, Kevin Macken Landscaping LLC, Jeffrey Osman Landscaping, and Peter Furdyna.

Mayor Spango introduced Mr. Gary Mauro who publicly thanked Sergeant Michael Luongo and Patrol Officer Anthony Marotta for their compassion and patience at a recent emergency at his home. Mayor Spango was joined by Officer-in-Charge Captain Costello for the presentation of framed commendations to Sergeant Luongo and Officer Marotta.

Mayor Spango read a letter from Ann Marie Cicalese thanking Patrol Officer Michael Bellantoni for his professional and compassionate response to an emergency at her home. Mayor Spango was joined by Officer-in-Charge Captain Costello for the presentation of a framed commendation to Officer Bellantoni.

Mayor Spango announced that the Mayor & Council wish to express special recognition to Mr. Louis LaSalle, and to honor Mr. LaSalle for his outstanding community service to the Borough of Roseland and Essex County, and for his distinguished career with, and upon his retirement from, RWJ Barnabas Health. This acknowledgement was postponed from 2020 due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mr. Spango read excerpts from a speech given by Mr. LaSalle on January 1, 1980, upon the occasion of Mr. LaSalle's retirement from the Roseland governing body. Mayor Spango noted that Mr. La Salle's comments are as insightful today as when first read in 1980. Mayor Spango then summarized Mr. LaSalle's lengthy service resume, including nine years on the borough Council and several terms as Council president, forty-two years on the Roseland Planning Board and several decades as board Chairman, and the culmination of his professional career becoming Senior Vice President of Corporate Executive Affairs for RWJ Barnabas Health in 2017. Mr. LaSalle expressed his appreciation to the governing body for their acknowledgment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Pigott	38 Passaic Avenue
Elaine Perna	68 Freeman Street
Susan Dyer	12 Freeman Street
Thomas Loucopolos	21 Pier Lane
Nick Pumbo	7 Plymouth Place
Maureen Sturchio	Roosevelt Street
Patty Sweeney	2 Freeman Street
William Tedesco	20 Meeker Street

REINTRODUCTION OF AMENDED ORDINANCE

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to re-introduce Ordinance No. 14-2022: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Department of Police or Police Department"". The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on August 16, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 12-2022 by title only for the second time: “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, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,200,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,200,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda 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. 12-2022 for the third and final time: “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, New Jersey, appropriating \$1,200,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,200,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 12-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2022 by title only for the second time: “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.”. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda 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 Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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Councilman Freda made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 210-2022 approving the July 15, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$612,534.62. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the twenty-two resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 211-2022 ratification of salaries – June 2022

Resolution No. 212-2022 approving the purchase of a John Deere generator from GenServe at a cost of \$21,000.00 through a required disclosure contract

Resolution No. 213-2022 approving participation fees for the 2022 Run for Roseland

Resolution No. 214 -2022 releasing final payment to the Shauger Group in the amount of \$45,659.52 for 2020-2021 emergency pipeline services

Resolution No. 215-2022 requesting a one-year extension to complete a municipal-wide revaluation

Resolution No. 216-2022 approving a purchase order to Jem Industrial Services Inc. in the amount of \$11,543.92 for the purchase and delivery of four (4) fifty-five gallons drums of degreaser

Resolution No. 217-2022 authorizing a 2022 SCRAM field trip and establishing the fee schedule for same

Resolution No. 218-2022 directing the Planning Board to perform a preliminary investigation to determination if certain real property at 55 Livingston Avenue and 80 Livingston Avenue are areas in need of redevelopment

Resolution No. 219-2022 authorizing municipal officials to sign and submit the 2022-2023 NMHAS Youth Leadership Grant application

Resolution No. 220-2022 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering in the amount of \$3,500.00 to provide engineering services for the update of the Borough's tax maps

Resolution No. 221-2022 awarding a contract to Frankoski Construction in the amount of \$82,000.00 for the 2022 DPW garage door replacement project

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Resolution No. 222-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with Christmas Matters for caroling services for the 2022 Christmas tree lighting

Resolution No. 223-2022 amending Resolution No. 162-2022 “Approval of Task I and Task II of Proposal from Boswell Engineering to Provide Engineering Services for O’Beirne Field Improvements”, approving tasks III through VI, and authorizing the balance of the cost of the project to be charged to Capital Ordinance No. 11-2022

Resolution No. 224-2022 establishing the fees for the Senior trip to Monmouth Track on August 15, 2022

Resolution No. 225-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign the TWA permit application and the NJ DEP WQM-006 for 146 Harrison Avenue the Gardens at Roseland LLC

Resolution No. 226-2022 awarding Morris County Co-Op contract #47 to RIO Supply Inc. for the purchase of water meters and e-coders for an amount not to exceed \$20,730.00 for 2022

Resolution No. 227-2022 amending Resolution No. 100-2022 “Award Required Disclosure Contract to O’Toole Scrivo LLC for Caldwell Litigation Attorney Services”, increasing the amount not to exceed to \$50,000.00

Resolution No. 228-2022 approving the appointment of recreation summer seasonal employees

Resolution No. 229-2022 authorizing the correction of payment mistakenly made to water account 123371-0 that was intended for a daycare license fee

Resolution No. 230-2022 awarding a contract to Astro Electrical Contractor, LLC for \$116,700.00 for the 2022 municipal generator project

Resolution No. 231-2022 approving the renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad Package Privileges to Jim Johnston’s Co., Inc.

Resolution No. 232-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign an offer letter to Egg Harbor City to purchase an auxiliary water tank at a cost of \$800.00, with a contingency not to exceed \$2,500.00

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the five items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for William Traverso, Connor Krueger and Christopher Schimminger to attend the free “Water Distribution Product Training” seminar on August 11, 2022 in Springfield, NJ

Approval of Raffle Application RA-395 for Ss. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church to conduct a 50/50 raffle on March 26, 2023

Approval of Raffle Application RA-396 for Ss. Nicholas, Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church to conduct carnival games on September 23, 24 and 25, 2022

Accept with regret the resignation of Alisa Negri and Jay Mariano from the Roseland Auxiliary Police

Approval of request from Michael Colitti for twelve consecutive days off, where the Borough’s personnel policy only permits ten consecutive days off

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough opened the new pickle ball courts and the refurbished tennis courts today. The refurbished basketball court at Tedesco Park will be opened tomorrow. The first summer concert was held last week and was a tremendous success. The next concert is scheduled for next week. The Mayor’s Ball committee is now meeting bi-weekly in anticipation of the Mayor’s Ball which is scheduled for October 22, 2022. Proceeds from the Ball will benefit the Roseland Library and the Roseland First Aid Squad.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi commented on the great crowd for the opening of the pickle ball earlier this afternoon. Mr. Bardi thanked Mike Colitti, Mayor Spango, the borough engineers, and all those involved in bringing this project to fruition.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli food announced that the Roseland Food Bank is in need of donations. A list of the food bank’s needs is posted on the Borough’s website. The Junior Women’s Club is hosting their annual Make Your Own Sundae on Wednesday, July 27th from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM at the Roseland First Aid Squad building. The cost is \$3.00 per person, children under two are free. Proceeds will benefit the Emmanuelle Children’s Cancer Foundation. Kathy Pigott is collecting large, reusable shopping bags that will be donated to Essex County shelters. Bags can be deposited in the bin in the driveway at 38 Passaic Avenue.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman noted that the tennis courts and pickle ball courts were reopened today and the basketball court at Tedesco Park will reopen tomorrow. The Senior Society continues to meet monthly. The Society is currently finalizing plans for a trip to Monmouth Raceway in August.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda announced that there will be a blood drive in memory of Maureen and Timmy McCormack on Tuesday July 26th from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Roseland First Aid Squad. No appointment is necessary, but you may schedule an appointment on the Red Cross website.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the Roseland Fire Department provided coverage for the Livingston Fire Department during the Livingston Fire Department's 100th anniversary celebration. The fire department also responded to a mutual aid call in Cedar Grove. Members of the fire department attended a ceremony at the Livingston Knights of Columbus recognizing Charlie Ehrhardt and Frank Mazzocchi for fifty years of community service with the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department. The Auxiliary police provided thirty-five hours of traffic control at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Shook Farmer Funeral Home, the free shopping bag giveaway, road closures for the summer concerts. Mrs. Perrotti thanked Alisa Negri and Jay Mariano for their service to the Borough and wished them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo noted that planning for the fall soccer season is progressing with meetings with the coaches. The men's summer basketball program is continuing to run well. The annual Run-4-Roseland is scheduled for September 24th with registration available on Community Pass.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the June 21, 2022 Council meeting minutes and the June 21, 2022 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

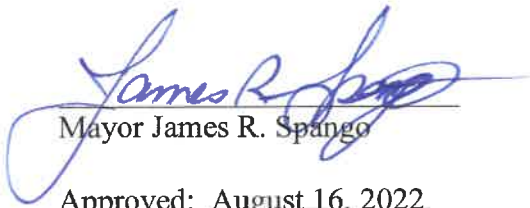
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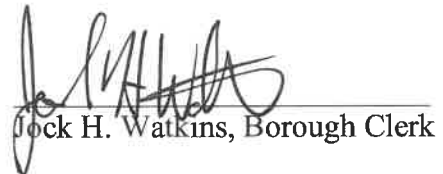
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ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: August 16, 2022

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None