

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

AUGUST 16, 2022  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The August 16, 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 Presidentwoman  
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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Bramhall                      Cedar Grove

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 15-2022: "Bond ordinance providing for various capital improvements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in

the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$6,038,804 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$5,708,837 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on September 20, 2022.

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2022 by title only for the second time: "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"". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-2022. 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 Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2022 for the third and final time: "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"". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 234-2022 approving the August 12, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$986,914.15. 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 thirteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 235-2022 ratification of salaries – July 2022

Resolution No. 236-2022 cancellation of water sewer billing balances

Resolution No. 237-2022 approving the return of escrow to PSE&G in the amount of \$11,391.92 from the Zoning Board of Adjustment inspection account for application #20-09

Resolution No. 238-2022 authorizing the extension of State Contract T0002 to WB Mason for water delivery services through July 22, 2023

Resolution No. 239-2022 awarding a contract in the amount of \$343,440.70 JCT Solutions under state contract nos. 85152, 21-TELE-01518, 88766, and 80802 to complete the Wide Area Network Project to run fiber optic cables to allow the use of police dispatch services from the Township of West Caldwell

Resolution No. 240-2022 approving the refund of the fees for construction permits 22PO00397 and 22900427 in the amount of \$696.00 to Roseland Residences Owner LLC for 17M and 19C Nob Hill Drive

Resolution No. 241-2022 opposing the proposed increases to the State Health Benefits Program

Resolution No. 242-2022 authorizing refunds of overpayments or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 243-2022 waiving the late fee for a dog license issued on July 29, 2022 due to a check processing error

Resolution No. 244-2022 approving the return of unused escrow in the amount of \$127.50 escrow to Smitty's Landscaping for services at 91 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 245-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with Civic Plus in the amount of \$4,906.41 for emergency notification services

Resolution No. 246-2022 authorizing the rejection of the bid for Auxiliary Water Storage Tank Installation and approving the re-bid of the project

Resolution No. 247-2022 approving the hiring of seasonal aids for the 2022 fall recreation programs

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Authorizing Lincoln Street residents to conduct a block party on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 2:00 PM until 10:00 PM

Authorizing the Roseland Public Library to utilize the 19 Harrison Avenue fairgrounds for their vendor fair on August 17, 2022

Approval for Alla Nudel to attend Essex, Hudson and Passaic County Conference on September 23, 2022 at a cost of \$100.00

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango announced that the biggest concert of the summer to date is scheduled for tomorrow. The booster club will be cooking and the library has arranged for food vendors on the lawn. Plans for the Mayor's Ball on October 22<sup>nd</sup> are progressing.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Councilman Bardi announced that the Kootz concert will be available for viewing on the Borough's TV channel beginning at 10:00 PM this evening.

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

Councilwoman Tolli asked that residents be careful not to donate food for the Roseland Food Bank that is beyond its expiration date. Senior citizen meetings will resume on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. A trip for seniors is scheduled to PNC Arts Center for a concert on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Tolli announced that there are two upcoming shared service programs with East Hanover. A "Move" exercise class will be held on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at Lurker Park in East Hanover. A 24-week program called "Healthy Bones" will also be held at Lurker Park. The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be scheduling their first meeting of the new school year in September to begin planning the year's activities. The next summer concert is scheduled for tomorrow night and the final concert of the summer will be on September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a barn sale and picnic on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Becker Barn.

Mayor Spango added that Roseland has scheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Roseland Day on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Pickle ball and corn hole tournaments will be added to the activities form last year.

### **REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

Councilwoman Fishman reiterated that the basketball court at Tedesco Park has reopened and is currently being used for an adult men's basketball tournament. The new pickle ball courts at the Harrison Avenue complex have been well used to date.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda made a statement to clear up some confusion.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti announced that the Roseland Fire Department held one meeting, conducted two drills, and responded to twenty-seven alarms in July. The department has responded to one hundred fifteen alarms this year, twelve more than the same time period last year. The fire department participated at the July 13<sup>th</sup> concert in an effort to recruit new members.

The Auxiliary Police provided thirty-two hours of traffic control in July at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has home Covid-19 test kits available at no cost by calling 973-403-6840. The Roseland Historical Society will be hosting a garage sale at the Becker Barn on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

## RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that men's summer outdoor basketball league wrapped up last night. Fall soccer practices began this week and cross-country plans to start the first week in September. Adult kickball has returned on Friday nights. Councilwoman Tolli added that the Run-4-Roseland and the Junior Olympics are scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration is available through the recreation office.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the July 19, 2022 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Bramhall  
Maureen Sturchio

Cedar Grove  
Roosevelt Street

## ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

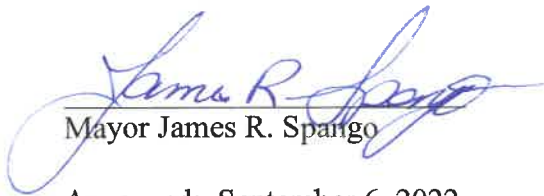
Councilman Freda made a motion to return to executive session at 7:26 PM to continue the discussion of personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council returned to open session at 7:33 PM.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

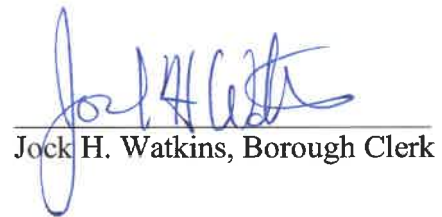
Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 248-2022 Authorizing the Borough of Roseland to enter into a settlement agreement to resolve a pending personnel issue and authorizing execution of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 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: September 6, 2022

**VOICE VOTE**

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Tolli