

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

NOVEMBER 21, 2020
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
9:00 AM OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW IF NECESSARY

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the November 21, 2020 special budget meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 9:00 AM via teleconference 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 sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. The Notice of the remote meeting, and the teleconference access web address and telephone number were sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. The public was invited to join the Roseland Council Meeting via computer by logging in to:

<https://zoom.us/j/96652218933?pwd=cmYrcVlJM3N1NWVNdXc3SG81bjBPdz09> using Passcode: 584988, or via telephone by calling +1-301-715-8592; or +1-312-626-6799; or +1-646-558-8656; or +1-253-215-8782; or +1-346-248-7799; or +1-669-900-9128, Webinar ID: 966 5221 8933, Passcode: 584988. The location of online documents for discussion at this meeting was announced, as was the procedure for making public comments during the meeting via computer or via telephone.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Council President
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

DISCUSSION

Recreation

Recreation Director Mike Colitti was present for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Colitti reviewed the Recreation Department's capital improvement plan for 2021. Playground equipment for Harrison Park has been ordered. The bids for Harrison Park improvements are due on

November 24th, with construction to begin in spring 2021. Plans are underway for Phase I of the Tedesco Park improvements. Phase I includes rehabilitation of the basketball courts and replacement of damaged fencing. The capital improvement plan also includes a new Toro field grooming machine, and maintenance of existing field lighting. Mr. Colitti was asked to speak with the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding improvements to the snack bar at Harrison Park, especially the restrooms.

Roseland First Aid Squad

Joe Silvia was present for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Silvia explained that the floor drain in the apparatus bay is deteriorating and collapsing, creating a trip hazard. The estimated cost to repair the drain is between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00. In addition, the floor covering in the apparatus bay is the original floor. The surface is cracking and flaking. A new, slip resistant surface is required.

Roseland Fire Department

Richard Loveless was present for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Loveless explained that National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards require that turnout gear is replaced when worn out, or at least every ten years. The fire department would like to get the purchase of turnout gear into the operating budget to make purchasing more flexible as needed. In the meantime, the department has been budgeting the replacement of approximately seven sets of gear every year through the capital budget. The capital improvement plan also calls for the replacement of 1984 Engine 662 which is thirty-six years old. In addition to the age of the vehicle, the engine has open jump seats which have been eliminated from modern apparatus for the safety of passengers.

Roseland Police Department

Captain Costello was present for this portion of the meeting. Captain Costello explained that the replacement of dispatch equipment should be placed on hold pending the outcome of ongoing discussion regarding sharing dispatch services with another community. The other high cost item in the capital improvement plan is the purchase of body cameras and video storage capacity.

Office of Emergency Management

OEM Coordinator John Matheis was present for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Matheis explained that the cost to install a backup power generator for the building at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue is approximately \$100,000.00. Borough offices were previously protected by generator when the offices were situated at 19 Harrison Avenue. When the offices moved to 140 Eagle Rock Avenue after the fire in 2014, this became the only Borough building not protected by a standby emergency generator. Mayor Spango noted that providing emergency power for 140 Eagle Rock Avenue is not only important for continuity of business during a power outage, but also because the Office of Emergency Management is located in this building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

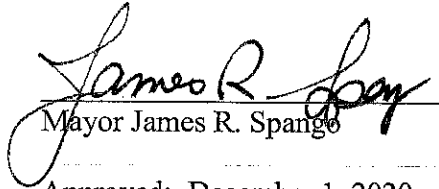
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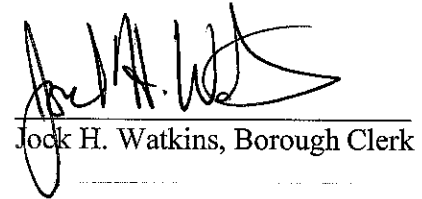
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 AM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


Mayor James R. Spango


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: December 1, 2020

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Freda

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