

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DECEMBER 12, 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 December 12, 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/95597784464?pwd=b0dNdHFjZE9lQ2tSamFIT3orS1BUdz09> using passcode: 705407, or via telephone by calling: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782, Webinar ID: 955 9778 4464, Passcode: 705407. 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
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, 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

Engineering Capital Projects

Borough Engineer Joseph Pomante presented the Roadway Improvement budget proposal. A colorized roadway rating matrix was presented to Council depicting recently completed road improvement projects, projects approved in 2020 that will be constructed in 2021, and suggested projects for construction in 2022. The proposed budget includes improvements to 1.05 miles of the Borough's 19.1 miles of roadway at a cost of \$658,410.00. This includes \$232,852.00 in Borough funded improvements, \$225,000.00 in grant funded improvements from the NJDOT grant awarded in

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2020, and \$200,557.50 in potential grant funded improvements from the NJDOT grant application that was submitted in 2020.

Mr. Pomante also presented the Engineer's estimate for improvements to the municipal parking lots at 19 Harrison Avenue and 140 Eagle Rock Avenue at an estimated total cost of \$78,412.50.

Water Sewer Capital Projects

Water/Sewer Engineer Stephanie Cuthbert presented the proposed water/sewer capital projects budget. Proposed projects included preparation of the federally mandated EPA Risk and Resiliency Plan and Emergency Response Plan at an estimated cost of \$35,000.00. Other projects include main pump station upgrades, GIS hosting, water system improvements, sanitary system improvements, general engineering related to water allocation, renewal of the waste water treatment plant agreement, and small miscellaneous projects. The estimated cost for all projects is \$1,336,000.00. Removing projects that could be deferred, the estimated cost would be \$877,000.00.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Capital and Staffing Needs

DPW Assistant Superintendent Critchett presented the proposed DPW capital budget. Projects include replacement of HVAC units at police headquarters, the municipal building, public works building, and library at an estimated cost of \$164,000.00; and parking lot improvements at the library at an estimated cost of \$55,000. Also proposed is the purchase of two (2) pickup trucks with liftgates and plows at an estimated cost of \$150,000.00, one (1) dump truck with salter and plow at a cost of \$190,000.00, a replacement leaf vacuum at a cost of \$190,000.00, a new track hoe at a cost of \$45,000.00, and a replacement loader at a cost of \$225,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

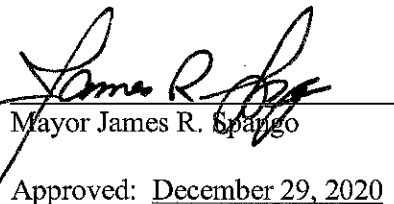
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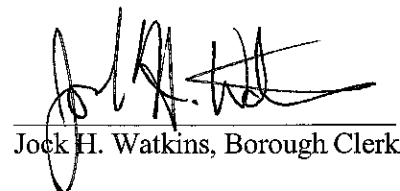
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 AM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spargo

Approved: December 29, 2020



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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