

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

FEBRUARY 12, 2022
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
9:00 AM OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW IF NEEDED

COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

The February 12, 2022 budget meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 9:00 AM 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, posted on the public bulletin board in the municipal building, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Council President
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (9:15 – 10:50)

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, Councilman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

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

None

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 63-2022 awarding a contract in the amount of \$153,565.00 to Colonnelli Brothers, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for 2022 emergency services associated with pipeline work for the water and sanitary utilities

Resolution No. 64-2022 awarding a contract to Rapid Pump and Meter Service in the amount of \$40,552.00 for 2022 emergency maintenance and repair of electrical and mechanical equipment associated with the water and sewer utility

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Freda, Tolli, Trillo absent)

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Chumacas presented the initial draft of the 2022 overall budget. At present, the budget reflects a 12.5% increase over the 2021 budget. Cuts totaling approximately \$1.5 million dollars are required to reach Council's goal for the 2022 budget. Council performed a line-by-line review of the entire budget and made the following adjustments:

Removed

General Government	-\$15,525.00
Insurance	-\$145,947.00
Public Safety	-\$85,340.00
Public Works	-\$5,750.00
Health and Welfare	-\$1,900.00
Capital Improvement Fund	-\$100,000.00
Debt Service	-\$559,000.00
	<u>-\$913,462.00</u>

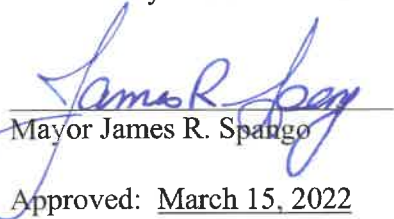
Councilman Trillo left the meeting at 10:50 AM. Council agreed to schedule a special budget meeting on Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 AM to review the water/sewer utility budget, finalize the capital budget, and finalize the municipal budget. to

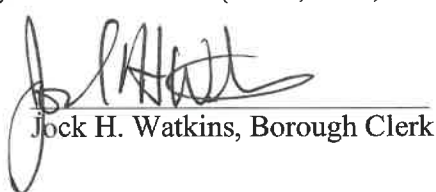
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 AM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Freda, Tolli, Trillo absent).


Mayor James R. Spargo
Approved: March 15, 2022


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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