

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 3, 2017  
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM  
19 HARRISON AVENUE  
7:00 PM

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

The January 3, 2017 Caucus Meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Duthie. 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, was sent to The Progress and the Star Ledger, posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

**ROLL CALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Duthie, Mayor  
Mark Vidovich, Council President  
David Jacobs, Council President  
Richard N. Leonard, Councilman  
Peter M. Smith, Councilman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman  
Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator  
Ethan Sheffet, Borough Attorney  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve all twenty-one resolutions and the two consent agenda items:

Resolution No. 14-2017 Approval of Holiday Schedule for 2017

Resolution No. 15-2017 Approval of Temporary Budget Current Fund

Resolution No. 16-2017 Approval of Temporary Budget Water Sewer Fund

Resolution No. 17-2017 Approval of return of Escrow Performance Bond to Greg Piscitello for 4 Cedar Lane in the amount of \$18,020.32

Resolution No. 18-2017 Appointment of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy as Special Counsel for Labor Issue from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00

Resolution No. 19-2017 Appointment of Paul G. Jemas, Esq., A Professional Corporation, as Special Counsel for Real Estate Matters from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Resolution No. 20-2017 Appointment of Ralph Tango from Maser Consulting as the Borough Engineer from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 for Office Hours

Resolution No. 21-2017 Appointment of Robert L. Zelley from Maser Consulting as the Municipal Environmental Engineer and LSRP from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Resolution No. 22-2017 Appointment of Kaufman, Semeraro, Bern, Deutsch & Leiberman as Tax Appeal Attorney from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00

Resolution No. 23-2017 Appointment of McManimon, Scotland, Baumann LLC as Special Redevelopment Attorney from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Resolution No. 24-2017 Cancellation of Water Sewer Billing Balances

Resolution No. 25-2017 Approval of the Water & Sewer Payment Plan for 5 Ford Lane 122386-0

Resolution No. 26-2017 Ratification of Pre-Drawn Bill List of December 21, 2016

Resolution No. 27-2017 Ratification of Bills October 2016 through December 2016

Resolution No. 28-2017 Approval of the purchase and installation of Emergency Generator at the intersection of Livingston Ave and Becker Farm Road \$5,000.00

Resolution No. 29-2017 Authorizing Commercial Tax Appeal Attorney to Settle Tax Appeals with Sterling Roseland LLC 555 Eagle Rock Avenue for the tax years 2011 through 2016

Resolution No. 30-2017 Declaration of Emergency on December 21, 2016 caused by car accident at the intersection of Eagle Rock Avenue and Lincoln - estimated cost \$21,282.05

Resolution No. 31-2017 Declaration of Emergency Water Main Break located in front of 6 Crestview on December 22, 2016 and awarding emergency contract to Carner Brothers

Resolution No. 32-2017 Approval to Hire Gym Supervisors and Time-Score Keepers

Resolution No. 33-2017 Authorizing RFP for Board of Adjustment Professionals for 2017

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Budget Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Liudvik Karapwetian and Mr. Hayk Mikayelan, operators of the Lukoil gasoline station at 525 Eagle Rock Avenue, were present to follow up on their request at the December 13, 2016 meeting for Council to amend the Borough ordinances to allow storage of unregistered vehicles.

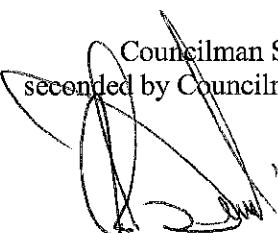
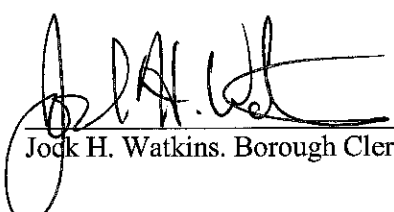
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## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With all public business completed, Councilman Smith made a motion at 7:33 PM to return to Executive Session to discuss the following:

### **Employee Pension Benefits**

Councilman Smith made a motion to close to Executive Session at 8:01 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

  
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Mayor John Duthie  
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Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: January 24, 2017

## **ROLL CALL**

Aye: Jacobs, Leonard, Smith, Tolli, Tsilionis, Vidovich  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

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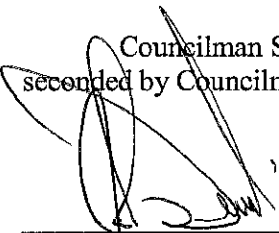
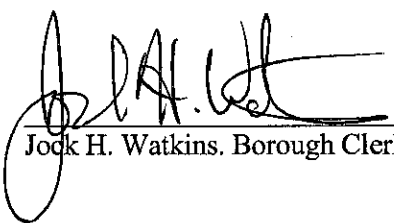
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