

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

JANUARY 7, 2020  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

**CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

The January 7, 2020 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 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.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

James R. Spango, Mayor  
Christopher Bardi, Council President  
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman  
Roger Freda, Councilman  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (7:30 PM)  
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:10 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Councilwoman Tolli arrived at 7:30 PM. Clerk Watkins called the roll with all members present.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Janet Treamont 38 Leonard Terrace  
John Matheis                      OEM Coordinator

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-2020 to approve the January 7, 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$50,887.57. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Tolli abstaining from the vote.

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-2020 authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the Hanover Manor for the Mayor's Ball event to be held on Friday, November 13, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-2020 authorizing submission of a CDBG grant application for Phase II ADA Compliant Handicap Access Ramp at the First Aid Squad Building. 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 one item on the consent agenda:

Approval for Jock Watkins and Ashley Kennedy to Attend the Essex County Municipal Clerk Association Quarterly Meeting on 1/9/20 in West Orange, NJ for a Total Cost of \$70.00

The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango reported that Millennium Strategies has offered to provide grants writing services at a cost of \$300/month. Millennium Strategies will be invited to a meeting to explain their services. Mayor Spango recommended that The Tap and The Progress be designated as Official Electronic Newspapers for 2020. A resolution will be put on the January 21<sup>st</sup> agenda.

In addition to holding a Mayor's Ball this year, Council plans to schedule four concerts if adequate donations are received. Mayor Spango is working with Recreation Director Colitti to evaluate offering full day SCRAM this year. Mr. Spango advised that he is developing a list of additional initiatives for this year including the promotion of block parties, and expanding the annual bonfire to a full day event such as Roseland Day or Oktoberfest, culminating in the bonfire and outdoor movie. In addition to the annual Alzheimer's run, Mayor Spango would like to move the Team 94 run to Roseland this year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

Councilman Bardi reminded Council that budget meetings are scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue. The Roseland Board of Education has reportedly

changed their meeting night to the same night as Council meetings. A copy of the Council meeting schedule will be sent to the Board of Education requesting that efforts be taken to avoid meeting conflicts so residents have the opportunity to attend all public meetings. The new website is up and running and the newly formatted newsletter has been distributed. Subscriptions to the newsletter are up. A flyer has been developed which explains the various means by which residents can communicate with the Borough. Council agreed to mail the annual print Newsletter to residents, and will be considering quarterly mailings.

Mayor Spango added that the Borough will be taking pictures at community events and posting selected photos in various municipal buildings. Mr. Bardi reported that the Borough is investigating the feasibility of streaming the televised Council meetings to Facebook.

#### REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that Council plans to upgrade Borino Park and Tedesco Park this year. Plans for Borino Park have been completed and improvements are expected to be completed this year. Tedesco Park is eligible for an Essex County Recreation Grant and an application will be submitted in the near future. Mrs. Fishman would like to have discussions with Essex County in an effort to install sidewalks Passaic Avenue adjacent to Noecker School.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the Department of Public Works (DPW) has submitted a capital budget request for a number of equipment upgrades. Council will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed equipment upgrades at upcoming budget meetings. The smoke testing of the contracted section of sanitary sewer mains have been completed and the Borough and the water/sewer engineer are awaiting the report from the contractor.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

No report

#### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli noted that the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be meeting tomorrow night at the first aid squad building to make sandwiches for a homeless shelter. Mrs. Tolli asked that the DPW fix the panic hardware on the entrance door to the first aid squad building because the hardware cannot be locked in the open position at this time. A new door will be installed as part of the Community Development Block Grant upgrade to the accessible entrance to the building. Mrs. Tolli reported receiving complaints from residents about a persistent gas odor at the corner of Passaic And Harrison Avenues. Councilman Freda noted that there is a PSE&G gas vent in that vicinity. Improvements to the tennis courts on Harrison Avenue will be bid with the Borino Park upgrade.

#### SHARED SERVICES

No report

Councilman Bardi noted that he received a letter from Ted Glick reporting a heavy odor of gas at the Roseland Compressor Station during a recent protest. The odor was reported to the police department.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

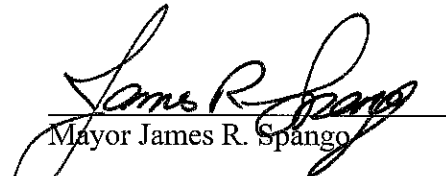
Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2020 Reorganization meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote.

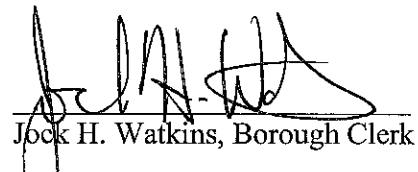
### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the meeting at 8:25 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

  
Mayor James R. Spango  
Approved: February 18, 2020

  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

### **VOICE VOTE**

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