

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MARCH 3, 2020
CONFERENCE ROOM
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The March 3, 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 (7:12 PM)
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ABSENT:

Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator (7:30 PM)
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni Noble McDonnell, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 83-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation
2. Personnel
3. Potential Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:34 PM. Councilman Freda arrived at 7:12 PM. Borough Administrator Maureen Chumacas joined the meeting at 7:30 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:34 PM and called the public meeting to order. 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
William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read amended Ordinance No. 01-2020 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance to amend Chapter 30 entitled "Land Development" regarding exterior lighting". Councilman Bardi made a motion to amend pending Ordinance No. 01-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent). The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 84-2020 approving the February 28, 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$262,719.77. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 85-2020 authorizing an increase for men's softball fees from \$75.00 to \$95.00

Resolution No. 86-2020 appointing Ashley Kennedy as Planning Board Secretary effective February 27, 2020

Resolution No. 87-2020 approving budget transfers

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the one item on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Jock Watkins to attend the Essex County Municipal Clerk's Association quarterly meeting on March 12, 2020 in Fairfield, NJ at cost of \$35.00

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

CORRESPONDENCE

The Borough has been notified that it has received a NJ Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant in the amount of \$260,000.00 for improvements to Second Avenue and Woodland Road.

The New Jersey League of Municipalities announced that applications are being accepted for the 2nd Louis Bay Future Leaders Scholarship, and applications for scholarships in memory of Kathy Kaczynski area available through the High School.

The Borough has received a grant from Essex County in the amount \$1,500.00 to aid in the completion of the 2020 census.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango recommended that the Borough adopt a resolution in support of Senate Bill No. 368 – Amendment to Municipal Land Use Law to Help Fund Local Alternative Transportation Systems. Hanover Township has asked the Borough to support the amendment in order to require that developers pay their fair share of the cost of improvements necessitated by the development of COAH projects. Ms. Chumacas will distribute a copy of the sample resolution for Council review.

Mayor Spango summarized an emergency management conference call today noting that there are presently no known cases of Corona Virus in New Jersey, there are approximately one hundred cases nationwide, one person from out of state was quarantined but tested negative and sent home, nobody in New Jersey is considered high risk at this time, and testing which previously had to be sent to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta can now be done in state. Mayor Spango then presented a brief, informational video. Councilwoman Fishman handed out and reviewed a fact sheet on the Corona Virus.

The membership of the Roseland VFW post is about to fall below the minimum number required to maintain their charter. The VFW does great work and the Borough is going to help promote new membership.

Former Mayor Pacio gave an update on the plans for the upcoming Mayor's ball noting that new tickets are being printed and the format of the ad book and advertising fees are being finalized.

Mayor Spango asked Administrator Chumacas to register the Borough to participate in National Night Out which is scheduled for August 4th. Mr. Spango would like to start with a small event this year and expand in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

After discussion, the recommendation to amend the water leak adjustment ordinance was sent back to Committee to gather additional information. Council agreed to introduce an ordinance on March 17th to amend the field use fees to cover the cost of field use by non-sanctioned organizations requiring off season field preparation.

Council discussed two proposals ranging from \$10,000.00 to \$40,000.00 to install fixed cameras in the public meeting room to improve the broadcast and streaming system. The Borough's IT vendor has cleaned the hard drives of six, surplus computers. Four of the computers have been deemed inoperative and will be discarded. Council agreed to donate one computer to the Borough of Oakland and the remaining computer will be held in reserve. Council agreed to put a resolution on the March 17th agenda authorizing donation of one surplus computer to Oakland.

Councilman Bardi suggested that the revaluation company be invited to make a presentation at the March 17th meeting. Following the meeting, the revaluation company will send a letter to all residents with additional information regarding the process.

SHARED SERVICES

No report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that Harrison Park project will be bid for the playground equipment, with the tennis courts and the all-purpose court as alternates. The tentative timeline is to bid the project in the spring, begin construction around June, and completion around September. The Borough Engineer suggested purchasing the playground equipment directly through state contract to expedite the project. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to move the Senior Citizen Advisory Board's 50's show from the Brownstone to the Hanover Manor on April 1st, and to subsidize fourteen dollars of the cost per Roseland resident who attends. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee recommended that the requirements for restoration of paving following utility excavations be strengthened. Borough Attorney McDonnell will circulate a draft ordinance for Council consideration. Council agreed to put a resolution on the March 17th to purchase the Edmunds work order module.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Council agreed to put a resolution on the March 17th agenda to contract with RWJ Barnabas to provide Paramedic services. The current provider, MONOC, is going out of business. There will be a slight reduction in cost to Borough and no additional cost to residents.

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the FD would like to donate their surplus Engine to the Bergen County Fire Academy in exchange for ten, free training sessions at the academy. The engine is no longer compliant with national safety standards because it is an open cab truck.

The Mandelbaum Salsburg law firm is celebrating their 90th anniversary in 2020. This is their fifth year in Roseland and they would like Borough to participate in their celebration.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to eliminate the bus for the NJ Devils game because no tickets have been sold as of this date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent). Tickets for the hockey game will now be offered for sale at face value.

Council expressed concern about the decline in the Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market is looking for a new point person, and does not expect to open until August. All plans are in place for

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the Easter Extravaganza. Expanding the SCRAM program to full day is not feasible this year, so it will remain a ½ day program this year. More Roseland seniors are taking advantage of the senior bus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

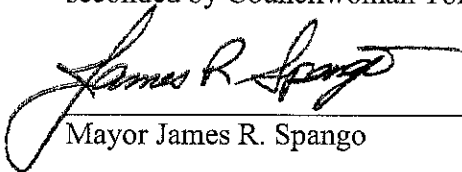
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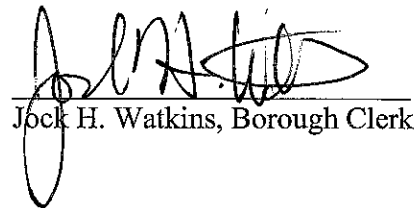
Mike Pacio

23 Stonegate Drive

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the meeting at 9:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: April 21, 2020

VOICE VOTE

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