

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUGUST 5, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The August 5, 2019 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 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
David Jacobs, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 211-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Potential Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:23 PM in order to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that all members were present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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| Jean Capasso | 65 Schweinberg Drive |
| Joel Katz | 20 Camlet Court |
| William Tedesco | 20 Meeker Court |

Janet Treamont 38 Leonard Terrace

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 212-2019 approving the August 2, 2019 Bill List in the amount of \$735,611.56. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 213-2019 authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for the 2019 body armor grant

Resolution No. 214-2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Roseland Glen Condominium Association to provide catch basin repairs on private roadways

Resolution No. 215-2019 awarding a contract in the amount of \$5,940.00 for 2019 water analysis services to John Manganaro of Water Resource Management Inc. through December 31, 2019

Resolution No. 216-2019 appointing Xavier Sanchez as a Utilityman Grade 1 Laborer for the Department of Public Works

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the six items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of CohnReznick raffle license application number RA-377 for an off-premise merchandise raffle to be held on September 26, 2019

Approval for Ashley Passafiume to attend the OPRA/OPMA seminar on September 27, 2019 in Fairfield, NJ at a cost of \$95.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval for Ashley Passafiume to attend the Ethics seminar on October 25, 2019 in Fairfield, NJ at a cost of \$95.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval for Ashley Passafiume to attend the Finance seminar on December 13, 2019 in Fairfield, NJ at a cost of \$95.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval of SS Nicholas Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church raffle license application number RA-378 for on-premise 50/50 Raffle to be held on September 20, 21 and 22, 2019

Approval of SS Nicholas Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church raffle license application number RA-379 for Arcade Games to be held on September 20, 21 and 22, 2019

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that the Borough will submit a nomination to the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association for designation as a 2019 Great Places in New Jersey. Council will introduce an ordinance at the August 20th meeting to prohibit marijuana shops and growing in all zone districts. Mr. Spango recommended that the Borough host a soccer parade similar to the baseball parade to kick off fall sports. The Cameos will be performing a summer concert at O'Beirne Field tomorrow night at 7:00 PM and the rained-out Infernos concert has been rescheduled for August 21st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi discussed his committee's redlined recommendations for amending Chapter II, Article VI, Boards, Committees and Commissions, which is intended to clarify membership requirements and purposes of several committees and or commissions. There is a proposal being considered to assign the responsibilities of the Shade Tree Commission to the Environmental Commission and to the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Clean Communities Day will be held on September 14th. DPW Superintendent Schall has recommended that the nature trail behind Noecker School be redefined, the walking surface be restored, and instructional signs repaired or replaced. If there are an adequate number of volunteers, additional projects would be cleanup of litter along Locust Avenue and repair and restoration of the canon in front of the municipal building on Eagle Rock Avenue.

Council opted against establishing summer hours at this time for non-union employees that would have been effective next summer. Tax bills will be mailed out next week.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the next Board of Education meeting is tomorrow night and the West Essex Board meeting is at the end of the month. Mrs. Chumacas added that the Board of Education will review the revised shared services lease at their next meeting.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Mrs. Chumacas reported that the Committee has decided not to recommend an ordinance prohibiting Airbnb in the Borough. Council considered licensing the activity to ensure compliance with zoning and safety regulations.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the committee is presently reviewing the ordinance providing for Borough maintenance of private roads with DPW Superintendent Schall and Deputy Superintendent Critchett. The current ordinance is unclear regarding whether maintenance include milling, paving, signs, striping, speed bumps, and other work. Mayor Spango asked that the committee have a recommendation for changes by the end of the month. Mrs. Chumacas will schedule meetings with representatives of all of the condominium associations to finalize the details of the Condominium Service Act agreements. An alternate has been added to the bid specifications for 2019 Utility Televising Services to perform smoke testing of the piping that will be video inspected.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs' committee recommended that the Borough support Assembly Bill 4330 which would prohibit the use of plastic carryout bags, expanded polystyrene and single use plastic straws. Council referred the matter for consideration by the Environmental Commission in hopes of finding a moderate approach which will benefit the environment and which will not have a negative impact on local businesses.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Council agreed to allow fall recreation participants to keep their uniform shirts at the end of the season. Councilwoman Tolli reported that plans are underway for the dedication of the new sign for Mayor Louis and Lynn DeBell Field. The committee is considering new signs for Harrison Field

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

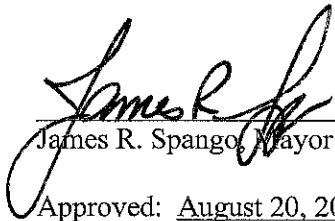
Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019 Caucus meeting minutes and the July 16, 2019 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

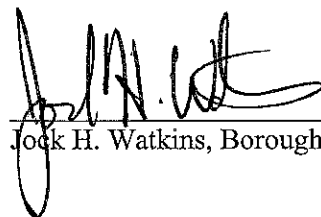
PUBLIC COMMENT

Aristotle Popolizio 206 Passaic Avenue

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to close the meeting at 9:05 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


James R. Spango, Mayor
Approved: August 20, 2020


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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