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

MAY 1, 2018
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30PM OPEN SESSION

#### CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The May 1, 2018 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Duthie. 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:

John Duthie, Mayor

Christopher Bardi, Councilman David Jacobs, Councilman Peter M. Smith, Councilman Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman

ABSENT:

Richard N. Leonard, Councilman Michelle Tolli, Council President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator

Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Ethan Jesse Sheffet, Borough Attorney

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 153-2018 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- 1. West et al, v. Borough of Roseland, Chief McDonough and Captain Kitchin
- 2. Personnel
- 3. Roseland Plaza LLC v Roseland Planning Board

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close to Executive Session at 6:31 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close Executive Session and to return open session at 7:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Leonard and Tolli absent). Mayor Duthie read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll with Councilman Leonard and Councilwoman Tolli absent.

### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

# PRESENTATION OF THE 2018 BUDGET

Finance and Administration Chairman Tsilionis introduced Borough Auditors Valerie Dolan and Andrew Kucinski of Nisivoccia, LLP. Ms. Dolan reported that the budget being presented is fiscally sound and the proposed appropriations are below both the state's appropriation cap and levy cap. Ms. Dolan added that there is nothing in this budget that will negatively impact on future budgets.

Councilman Tsilionis thanked CFO Maureen Chumacas, Mayor Duthie and members of Council for their hard work putting this budget together. Mr. Tsilionis presented a number of visual aids to assist in his summarizing the proposed budget.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Salvante, Essex County Liaison

Mayor Duthie thanked the County for upcoming roadway resurfacing projects. Mayor Duthie advised residents that Eagle Rock Avenue will be closed from the bridge at the border with East Hanover to Eisenhower Parkway on May 7, 8, 9 for resurfacing. Following up sometime thereafter, will be the resurfacing of Roseland Avenue and two more sections of Eagle Rock Avenue.

### PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read **Ordinance No. 04-2018** for the second time: "Calendar Year 2018 Model Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 04-2018. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Smith made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 04-2018 for the third and final time: "Calendar Year 2018 Model Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 04-2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

### PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 154-2018 Self-Examination of the Budget. The motion was seconded by Bardi and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 155-2018 to Read Budget

by Title Only. The motion was seconded by Smith and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 156-2018 Adoption of 2018 Municipal Budget. The motion was seconded by Smith and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

Clerk Watkins read Section 2, the adopting resolution for the Budget. Councilman Tsilionis made a motion to adopt the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Leonard and Tolli absent). Mayor Duthie declared the 2018 Municipal Budget adopted.

### ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Duthie stated that Resolution No. 165-2018 has been withdrawn. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to adopt the remaining eight resolutions and the four items on the Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 157-2018 Award Non Fair and Open Contract to S. Rontondi & Sons Inc. for Tub Grinding Services, Hauling and Disposal of Tree Debris Collected from the March 7-8th Snow Storm

Resolution No. 158-2018 Approval to Hire 2018 SCRAM Staff

Resolution No. 159-2018 Cancellation Water Sewer Billing-Balances

Resolution No. 160-2018 Approve 2018 Payment Schedule for Municipal Court Substitute

Resolution No. 161-2018 Giving Back to the Community

Resolution No. 162-2018 Appointing Dominick D'Altilio, CRP, SRMP as the Certified Recycling Professional for 2018 and to Submit the Recycling Tonnage Report

Resolution No. 163-2018 approval of the April 27, 2018 Bill List Resolution No. 164-2018 approval to Hire Part Time Secretary Resolution No. 165-2018 Withdrawn

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval for Mayor to Sign Blue Light Permit Application for Tom Loucopolos of the Roseland First Aid Squad

Approval for Mayor to Sign Red Light Permit Application for Timothy Allendorf of the Roseland First Aid Squad

Approval for Mark Lachenauer to Volunteer for the Recreation Department for Senior Service Project Effective May 14, 2018 through June 12, 2018

Approval for Jock Watkins to attend "Election Law in New Jersey" seminar in Totowa, NJ on May 5, 2018 for a cost of \$95.00

Councilman Bardi seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

### M AYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Duthie invited any interested residents to assist with rebuilding the stone wall along Roseland Avenue at the Roseland Library on Saturday, May 12th at 8:00 AM Local business owner Tom O'Beirne is donating the time of his masons to reconstruct the wall.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

No report

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilman Jacobs cautioned residents to keep house doors locked and attached, garage doors closed in order to discourage burglars.

# **RECREATION**

No report

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

No report

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Councilman Bardi reported that the first Compressor Station Ad Hoc Committee meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 3rd

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

No report

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the March 6, 2018 Caucus Meeting minutes and the April 17, 2018 Council Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

# ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 153-2018 Approval to Close to Executive Session. Councilman Jacobs made a motion at 8:00 PM to return to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the meeting at 9:10 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Leonard and Tolli absent).

k H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Mayor John Duthie

Approved: July 10, 2018

# **ROLL CALL**

Aye:

Bardi, Jacobs, Tolli, Tsilionis

Nay:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Leonard, Smith