

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JUNE 2, 2020  
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL  
6:30 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER & SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the June 2, 2020 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 PM via teleconference 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. The change of the location of the meeting to telephonic, the teleconference access telephone number, and the teleconference access were advertised in The Progress, sent to the Star Ledger, posted on the Borough's website, posted on the doors of the municipal building, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. The public was invited to join the Roseland Council Meeting via computer by logging in to: [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/93530484582](https://zoom.us/j/93530484582) or via telephone by calling +1 646-558-8656, Webinar ID: 935 3048 4582

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

James R. Spango, Mayor  
Christopher Bardi, Council President  
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman  
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

**ABSENT:**

Roger Freda, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 155-2020 approving the June 1, 2020 bill list in the amount of \$28,297.59. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the first six resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 171-2020 appointing Maureen Chumacas as the Affordable Housing Liaison effective June 2, 2020

Resolution No. 172-2020 approving sponsor fee to Edmunds Association for Crohn's and Colitis Foundation

Resolution No. 173-2020 accepting the quote in the amount of \$10,024.00 for installation and training of the multi-camera broadcast and streaming system for the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue

Resolution No. 174-2020 requesting approval for Items of Revenue and Appropriation for Chapter 159 COVID-19 Essex County

Resolution No. 175-2020 awarding a maintenance contract in the amount of \$3,500.00 to Neil Grabowsky for the multi-camera broadcast and streaming system through December 31, 2020

Resolution No. 176-2020 accepting the quote in the amount of \$6,600.00 from All Class Glass for the purchase of permanent sneeze guards for borough buildings

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

Resolution No. 177-2020 was withdrawn.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the final four resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 178-2020 authorizing the donation of the Eagle breathing air and filling station to the Bergenfield Fire Department Fire Training Center

Resolution No. 179-2020 approving the hiring of Christopher Schimminger as the Department of Public Works Water (DPW) Sewer Foreman effective June 16, 2020

Resolution No. 180-2020 memorializing the purchase in the amount of \$11,579.76 for nine (9) Dell Latitude 5500 laptop computers through State Contract 89850 in response to the Covid-19 outbreak

Resolution No. 181-2020 authorizing funds for 2020 Planning Board professionals

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough is awaiting directives from the Governor's office regarding reopening of summer camps before making a final decision on running the SCRAM program this summer. The Borough has identified two locations where banners will be erected congratulating high school graduates. The town is working toward getting all employees back to the office as soon as possible. Temperature scanners have been purchased and sneeze guards will be installed at appropriate locations.

Last Tuesday, there were eighty-six confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Roseland. As of today, there are still eighty-six confirmed cases of Coronavirus. No new cases have been reported in the past week. When Council returns to public meetings, residents will find that the meeting room has undergone an upgrade and painting. Council will be working with the Planning Board and Zoning Board to encourage outdoor dining when the Governor removes some of the pandemic restrictions on restaurants. Council is awaiting additional guidance from the Governor before making a final decision on whether the summer concerts will be cancelled. Council is investigating the possibility of having outdoor movies where attendees can watch the movies from their cars.

Mayor Spango discussed the continuing traffic concerns on Lincoln Street. The Borough Engineer has offered several possible traffic calming measures, but the most effect would be speed bumps. The Mayor suggested that a new survey of residents be taken to see if the opposition to speed bumps has lessened.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

The Committee has drafted an ordinance for introduction at the next meeting that will amend water fees. Councilman Bardi reported that the Essex County Board of Taxation is meeting next Wednesday, after which the Borough should know if the revaluation will be postponed until next year.

**REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

Councilwoman Fishman reported continued progress on the plans for the upgrade of Harrison park field and facilities. The Committee is awaiting answers to questions presented to the Borough Engineer, after which the project is expected to move forward.

### PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee has recommended amending pending Ordinance No. 12-2020 regarding private streets and sidewalks, to add the paving only of three areas that are not considered roadways. The areas in question are on Leonard Terrace, Artho Lane, and Mulford Court. No other maintenance of these parking areas would be provided by the Borough. The public hearing on the revised ordinance will be advertised and rescheduled accordingly. The Committee has recommended that Steele Court be the project for the 2021 NJ DOT grant application.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that Noecker School has cancelled the kindergarten enrichment program for this summer.

### RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee has sent out scholarship applications. The Rocket League went very well. The Recreation Department plans to run another Rocket League around June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and perhaps another around July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Spango asked the Recreation Department to schedule age appropriate games. Councilwoman Tolli volunteered to survey residents on Lincoln Street regarding the benefits of speed bumps.

### SHARED SERVICES

Councilman Trillo had no shared services business to report on. Mr. Trillo did comment that the Governor's directives on reopening child care are very restrictive and may have an impact on the SCRAM program.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 Executive Session minutes, the January 21, 2020 Executive Session minutes, the February 4, 2020 Executive Session minutes, the February 18, 2020 Executive Session minutes, the March 3, 2020 Executive Session Minutes, the April 7, 2020 Executive Session minutes, the May 5, 2020 Executive Session minutes, and the May 5, 2020 Caucus Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman abstaining on all minutes and Councilman Freda absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion at 7:05 PM to approve Resolution No. 182-2020

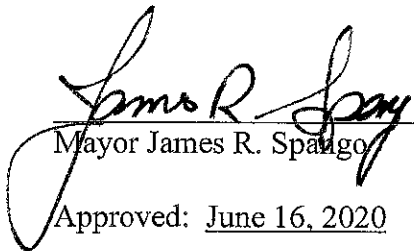
Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

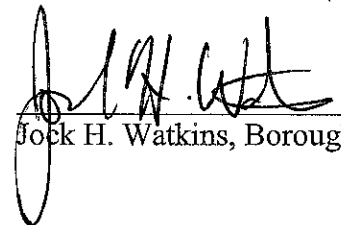
1. Personnel
2. Potential Litigation

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the meeting at 7:24 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

  
Mayor James R. Spargo  
Approved: June 16, 2020

  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

**VOICE VOTE**

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