

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JULY 7, 2020
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:30 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the July 7, 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> 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
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, 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

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the meeting to public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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Councilman Freda made a motion to close public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Freda made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 205-2020 approving the July 2, 2020 and July 7, 2020 Bill Lists in the amount of \$267,192.71. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the nine resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 206-2020 cancellation of water sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 207-2020 accepting the 2020 Essex County Open Space Local Aid Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 and authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign the grant agreement

Resolution No. 208-2020 authorizing the extension of the contract with Rapid Pump and Meter through July 30, 2020, for emergency repairs to the electrical and mechanical equipment associated with the Water and Sanitary Sewer utilities

Resolution No. 209-2020 approving non-union salary increases for 2020

Resolution No. 210-2020 approving the appointment of Health Administrators for the 2020 Summer Playground (SCRAM) recreation program

Resolution No. 211-2020 establishing the Open Space tax rate for 2020

Resolution No. 212-2020 authorizing the extension of the Interlocal Agreement with West Orange for animal control services through December 31, 2020

Resolution No. 214-2020 authorizing the emergency purchase of a 2020 Polaris Industries Model R20RSE99AP Ranger Crew Utility Vehicle with Northern Spray Star at a cost of \$23,649.99 for COVID-19 park sanitation from Ledgewood Power Sports Inc.

Resolution No. 215-2020 authorizing the emergency purchase of a 2020 Ford 350 vehicle at a cost of \$35,627.00 from Route 23 Automall through NJ State Contract T-2959 for COVID-19 park sanitation vehicle transportation

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the one item on the Consent Agenda:

Approval of the application to amend SS Nicholas Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Raffle License Application No. RA-380 for the off-premise merchandise raffle for a 2020 automobile, changing the date and time of the drawing from March 29, 2020 to July 26, 2020 at 1:00 PM

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that since the last meeting, one new case of Coronavirus was reported bringing the total cases in Roseland to eighty-six, and there have been no additional deaths with the total number of deaths remaining at fifteen. The first movie night is scheduled for a week from tomorrow. Mr. Spango thanked Recreation Director Colitti for his hard work to get a modified SCRAM program scheduled for this summer. The Borough received seventeen responses to the Lincoln Street survey. Upgrades to the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue are proceeding. Governor Murphy has authorized rental assistance. Thank-you letters will be sent to all those who made donations to the Roseland Relief Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi announced that 3rd quarter estimated tax bills were sent out reflecting a 2.318 tax rate. Essex County just certified the Borough's 2020 tax rate of 2.295. Final tax bills will be sent out next month with the certified rate resulting in a \$107.00 decrease.

SHARED SERVICES

No report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman noted that there is no new redevelopment activity at this time. Fishman. Progress continues on the improvements to Harrison Park. The Borough is continuing to provide hot meals to those in need. Shelf stable boxes are also available. Anyone has a need should contact the municipal offices at 973-226-8080. The Essex County food drive continues to providing food at different locations throughout the County every Thursday. Mrs. Fishman thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their assistance delivering some meals.

Mayor Spango displayed an aerial view of the conceptual layout of the new park equipment at Harrison Park and color renderings of the equipment. Council agreed on the red ground cover with black speckles, and the Borough Engineer will be so advised. Council agreed with the engineer's recommendation to postpone the work on the tennis courts until next spring, so we can go out to bid on the park improvements now.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the water tank painting has been delayed because Essex Fells was unable to provide adequate volume and pressure when they tested taking the tank out of service.

The Borough's Water/Sewer Engineer Stephanie Cuthbert explained that the Borough is negotiating with New Jersey American Water for a plan to supplement the Essex Fells supply in order to enable taking the water tank out of service for the six to eight weeks necessary for the improvements to be made. When asked about painting the tank dark green to camouflage the tank, Ms. Cuthbert explained that the tank should be painted a light color to reflect sunlight rather than absorb sunlight as a dark color would. There is no plan to paint any lettering on the tank. New Jersey American Water has offered to provide temporary, supplemental water at a cost of \$6.50/thousand gallons, approximately double the Essex Fells rate.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti polled Council on the question of providing body cameras for the police department. The Borough would need to purchase thirty cameras for the twenty-three officers at a cost of approximately \$800.00/camera. The cost for data storage and management would be approximately \$2,500.00/camera. Mayor Spango explained that body cameras will protect good policing. Council agreed to investigate the actual cost of providing the cameras and seeking grants to fund the project.

Mrs. Perrotti reported that she has been approached by residents asking if left turns can be prohibited from Lyons Avenue and Godfrey Avenue onto Livingston Avenue. Council agreed to ask the County to do a traffic study to determine the feasibility of restricting left turns, particularly during the morning and evening rush hours.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli suggested including the restriction of left turns from Roseland Place onto Eagle Rock Avenue in the request for the County to do the traffic study. SCRAM will begin on Monday, July 13th and run through August 12th. There are fifty-five registered participants with thirty on the waiting list. The first movie night will be Wednesday, July 15th at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. Restrooms will be available, and there will be a food truck on site. There is room for eighty-five vehicles and there are already eighty-one registered. One of the movies being considered for the next movie night is Grease. Attendees can arrive beginning at 7:45 PM. The movie will begin between 8:15 PM and 8:45 PM. There will be a variety show with five entertainers during the week of July 13th. The show will be videotaped on the Library patio and broadcast on the Borough's PEG channels. Mrs. Tolli thanked the DPW for watering the flowers in the center of town every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Mayor Spango thanked Lauren Steiner for her assistance with the movie night, and the Library for the use of their license. Mr. Spango also thanked the Bolgers and Neil Grabowsky for their assistance with the variety show.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the August 20, 2019 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote.

Council Meeting Minutes July 7, 2020

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 executive session minutes, and the June 16, 2020 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

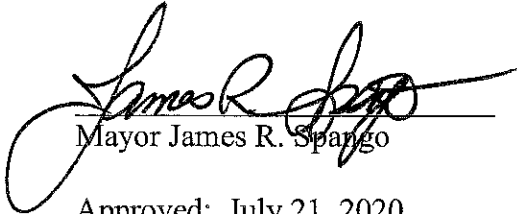
Councilman Freda made a motion at 7:20 PM to approve Resolution No. 213-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. COAH Litigation
3. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote.

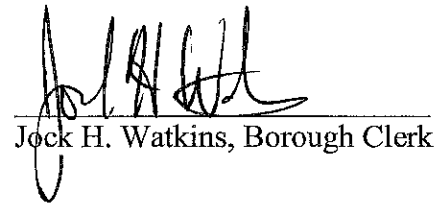
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to close the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spargo

Approved: July 21, 2020



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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