

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AUGUST 11, 2020
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
5:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

Due to damage sustained as a result of Tropical Storm Isaias, the August 4, 2020 Caucus meeting was rescheduled to August 11, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the August 11, 2020 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 5:00 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 rescheduled meeting were sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website, 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 (5:38 PM)
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman (5:13 PM)
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ABSENT:

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

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 227-2020 approving the July 31, 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$471,087.34. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Fishman, Perrotti, Trillo absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 228-2020 authorizing the reimbursement of the field use permit fee in the amount of \$270.00 to Scott Harris

Resolution No. 229-2020 approval of a \$7,500.00 salary increase for Recreation Director Michael Colitti to \$96,350.00 effective August 1, 2020

Resolution No. 230-2020 approval of a \$5,000.00 salary increase for Recreation Coordinator Patrick Nichols to \$41,414.00 effective August 1, 2020

Resolution No. 231-2020 awarding a purchase order in the amount of \$11,320.00 to North Jersey Pump & Control in accordance with their quote for repairs to the fire booster pumps at the water tank

Resolution No. 232-2020 authorizing the extension of the contract with Verizon Wireless through February 28, 2021 under State Contract No. 82583

Resolution No. 233-2020 authorizing a six-month extension of the copier maintenance contract with United Business Systems through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$7,055.52

Resolution No. 234-2020 authorizing the use of Deer Carcass Removal services through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council contract MCCPC #51

Resolution No. 235-2020 memorializing the cancellation of water sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 236-2020 authorizing the Recreation Department to conduct a new Youth Whiffle Ball Program and establishing fees therefor

Resolution No. 237-2020 amending Resolution No. 201-2020 setting the Rate of Pay for SCRAM Directors, Assistant Directors and Head Counselors

Resolution No. 238-2020 binding the Borough of Roseland to purchase electric generation services through the Passaic County Energy Regional Cooperative Pricing System (PCERCPS)

Resolution No. 239-2020 approving proposals from Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide engineering services in the amount \$22,000.00 for 2020 Sanitary System CCTV Inspection Services & Smoke Testing for various streets, \$14,200.00 for 2020 Emergency Repair, Piping Repair & Mechanical Repairs, \$23,800.00 for 2020 System Pressure Regulator Upgrades Phase II, \$135,100.00 for 2020 Utility Improvements, and \$48,735.00 for 2020 GIS Sanitary Mapping

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Fishman, Perrotti, Trillo absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval to Waive Registration Late Fees for the 2020 Fall Soccer Program

The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Fishman, Perrotti, Trillo absent).

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Spango summarized a thank you email received from Maria Lee, in which she thanked the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the police department for their respective response to Tropical Storm Isaias, and thanking the Mayor for his hard work and leadership.

Mayor Spango summarized a letter from the Borough to the Roseland Board of Education regarding the use of crossing guards vs. courtesy bussing. Mr. Spango explained that the Governing Body does not impose itself upon the Board of Education, but that state statute requires that the Board of Education and the Borough Council cooperate on matters of safety such as this. A recent traffic study concluded that crossing guards at key intersections in the vicinity of Noecker School would not provide the same level of safety to students as would courtesy bussing. For that reason, Council has requested that the Board of Education not eliminate courtesy bussing in lieu of crossing guards.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango explained that Resolution No. 236-2020 was adopted earlier in the meeting to authorize a new Youth Whiffle Ball program. The new playground equipment for the Harrison Avenue Playground has been ordered and the Borough will take delivery later this year. Bids were solicited for a contractor to install the new equipment, but no bids were submitted. The project will be re-advertised in the fall for spring 2021 installation.

Mayor Spango, OEM Coordinator Matheis, and Captain Costello met on July 16th with the President and Superintendent of the Roseland Board of Education (BOE). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss courtesy bussing, and the means by which the Borough can assist the BOE with making the school as safe as possible. The Borough may be able to acquire

some equipment through the CARES Act that the BOE can use. Mayor Spango and Mrs. Chumacas will select a committee of four to review the 9-1-1 Scholarship essays submitted by student members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee to determine the 2020 scholarship recipients.

Borough buildings will remain closed to the public for the foreseeable future. Barriers separating employees from each other and the public have been installed. However, Borough services are being provided, and Borough business is functioning well at this time. Borough buildings are clean, and there does not appear to be any reason to risk cross contamination at this time.

The Borough contacted all Lincoln Street residents who did not respond to the recent traffic survey. A letter will be going out this week to those who volunteered to serve on a committee to discuss the traffic problem and potential solutions. Zoom committee meetings will be conducted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi thanked the DPW for their great response in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Isaias. Final tax bills are scheduled to be mailed next week. An overview of the final tax bills will be presented at the next meeting.

SHARED SERVICES

No report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda thanked the DPW and OEM for their response to Tropical Storm Isaias. Mr. Freda will be meeting with the Borough's Water/Sewer Engineer on Friday to discuss the status of current projects and projected schedule of new projects.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the police department, DPW, OEM and the First Aid Squad for their response to Tropical Storm Isaias. Council started their meeting early tonight to allow residents to also attend the Noecker School Board meeting at 6:00 this evening.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that the second movie night is scheduled tomorrow evening at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church parking lot. Gates will open at 7:00 PM. Attendees are asked to wear masks if they must leave their cars. A resolution will be on the next Council meeting agenda regarding the pre-k soccer program. There are presently twenty-eight (28) registrants for the pre-k soccer program, and one hundred and fifty-one (151) registrants for the grades one through eight soccer program. The new backstop has been installed at Noecker School. The Recreation Department has requested that two (2) six foot by 4 four-foot extensions be added to the sides of the backstop to protect on deck batters and spectators. The BOE will be contacted to discuss splitting the cost of the additional fencing.

Camp Wyanokie experienced some storm damage as a result of the recent tropical storm, but camping registrations are up from previous years due to residents looking for alternative activities due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Mayor Spango is working with a Boy Scout who is planning to expand the bocce ball court at Bond Force Park for his Eagle Scout project. Mrs. Tolli thanked the DPW, OEM, Police Department and First Aid Squad for for a great job in their response to Tropical Storm Isaias. Residents are reminded to put storm related branches to the curb for pickup.

Recreation Director Colitti thanked the Mayor and Council for their support during the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Colitti also thanked the Police Department, DPW, First Aid Squad and Fire Department, and especially OEM Coordinator Matheis, for their support and assistance with the SCRAM program. Councilman Bardi added that he was impressed by the efficient and professional safety precautions taken by SCRAM counselors, and thanked Mr. Colitti for his leadership.

Councilman Bardi asked that the County be contacted about the status of the mosquito control efforts this year. Mayor Spango noted that the County Department of Public Works was contacted yesterday and an update will be forthcoming.

Mayor Spango offered special thanks to Recreation Director Colitti for the flawless implementation of the SCRAM program, noting that Council waited until the last minute before moving ahead. SCRAM went off flawlessly thanks to the plan submitted to and approved by the state, and implemented by the Recreation Department. Mr. Spango thanked OEM Coordinator Matheis for his assistance with the SCRAM program. The DPW will be making special branch pickups for the next week. Mayor Spango thanked John Matheis and Chris Critchett for their efforts to facilitate getting power restored to Roseland residents. Mr. Spango thanked DPW workers for their storm response and the First Aid Squad for opening their building as a charging station.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the July 9, 2019 executive session minutes, the July 16, 2019 executive session minutes, the August 5, 2019 executive session

minutes, the September 3, 2019 executive session minutes, the September 17, 2019 executive session minutes, the October 15, 2019 executive session minutes, the November 7, 2019 executive session minutes, the July 21, 2020 executive session minutes, and the July 21, 2020 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 4-0 voice vote ((Fishman, Trillo absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annamaria Bellino
John Matheis

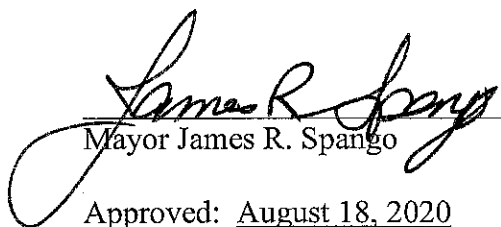
OEM Coordinator

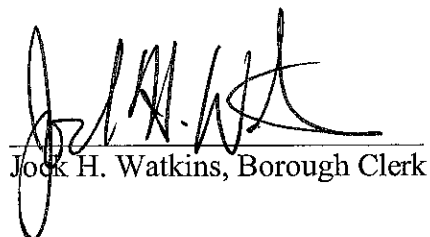
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to close the meeting at 5:41 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).


Mayor James R. Spango
Approved: August 18, 2020


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

ROLL CALL

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