

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:30 PM OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the September 1, 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 internet address were sent to official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website, posted on the public bulletin board, 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
Roger Freda, Councilman (6:44 PM)
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (6:35 PM)
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

Sheryl Ryan

Oak Drive

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 251-2020 approving the August 28, 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$ 137,814.42. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Spango announced that Resolution No. 259-2020 has been withdrawn from consideration. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the first two resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 252-2020 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 253-2020 amending Resolution No. 43-2020 entitled "Appointing Maser Consulting for Planning Services for 2020" decreasing the not to exceed amount of the contract by \$5,000.00 from the original amount of \$25,000.00 to the new amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

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

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the next resolution on the agenda:

Resolution No. 254-2020 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services in the amount of \$63,800.00 for improvements to Second Avenue and Woodland Avenue

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Perrotti abstaining from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

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

Resolution No. 255-2020 authorizing submission of the Application for the FY 2021 Municipal Alliance Grant

Resolution No. 256-2020 amending Resolution No. 50-2020 entitled "Appointing Lite DePalma Greenburg as Labor Counsel for 2020" increasing the not to exceed amount of the contract by \$15,000.00 from the original amount of \$25,000.00 to the new amount not to exceed \$40,000.00

Resolution No. 257-2020 awarding the contract for the Conover Avenue and 2020 Road Improvement Project to D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. at 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$241,831.35.

Resolution No. 258-2020 authorizing the purchase of automotive parts and accessories from P&A Auto through State Contract #86004 for an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00

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

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the final six resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 260-2020 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services for improvements to Stonegate Drive, Evelyn Road, Oak Drive, Thackeray Drive, and Browning Court in the amount of \$83,400.00

Resolution No. 261-2020 approving the appointment of aid for the 2020 fall recreation programs

Resolution No. 262-2020 authorizing Change Order #1 to Manda Corporation for the tank painting project, increasing the contract by \$21,850.00 for a new contract amount of \$584,010.00, and authorizing Payment #1 in the amount of \$185,759.00

Resolution No. 263-2020 authorizing Change Order #1 to Fred Devens for the pressure regulator improvements, increasing the contract by \$53,541.50 for a new contract price of \$292,074.50

Resolution No. 264-2020 approving the renewal of Jim Johnston's liquor license

Resolution No. 265-2020 approving the declaration of emergency for the Evelyn Road water main break and authorizing the award of an emergency contract to Shauger Group

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

Upon his arrival, Councilman Freda addressed some of the questions that were raised during the public comment period.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that the Borough is closing out their first round of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) reimbursement submission. The Borough has also begun preparing the submission for the second round of CARES Act funding, looking to maximize reimbursements. The ad hoc Lincoln Street Committee is scheduled to have their first meeting in the end of September. Mayor Spango will also be meeting with the Health Officer to discuss preparations for the annual bonfire.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi announced that the final tax bills were mailed last week with a letter of explanation. Mr. Bardi asked everyone to enjoy the rest of the summer and to stay healthy.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilman Trillo had no updates to report. Mayor Spango noted that when the Mayors' shared services symposium was begun last year, Roseland asked Livingston to submit a proposal for taking on the police dispatch services for Roseland. Livingston has not expressed an interest in providing this service, so Mr. Spango is going to speak with Police liaison Perrotti and West Caldwell Mayor Tempesta about West Caldwell's interest in providing police dispatch services to Roseland. Mayor Spango noted that sharing dispatch services with another community would free up three officers for patrol duty, one on each shift.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that the Committee continues working with the Borough Engineer to develop plans for the upgrade of Tedesco Park. The Borough has received an Essex County Open Space grant in the amount of \$150,000 for improvements to Tedesco Park.

Borough Engineer Joseph Pomante reported that the initial concept plan would consist of three phases. Phase I would be the reconstruction of the basketball court. This is the area of the park in most emergent need of upgrade. The estimated cost to reconstruct the basketball court is \$150,000.00. Phase II would be to reconstruct the obsolete bocce ball court, install a patio under the pavilion where none currently exists, and replace the fencing. Phase III would be the replacement of the playground equipment at an estimated cost of \$500,000.00. The equipment is dated but not unsafe. The plan would also include a poured-in-place safety surface to replace the mulch. This phasing plan would address the most emergent needs first, and would allow aggregation of future open space grant funds to help offset the cost.

Councilwoman Fishman asked to be included in the meeting with the Health Officer regarding the bonfire. Mrs. Fishman announced that Meals on Wheels is still serving Roseland senior citizens in need, and Essex County will be hosting a Farmer's Market on September 14th at the Robert O'Toole Park on Fairview Avenue in Cedar Grove. Vouchers are required and can be obtained from the Essex County office of Senior Services.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda noted that the subject of his report was covered during the discussion which took place earlier in the meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that West Essex Schools will remain all virtual until October 5th.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that registration for the soccer programs is going well. Student members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be collecting non-perishable food in November for the food bank. Mrs. Tolli asked Council to consider developing a dog park. Mayor Spango added that a resident has offered to donate a parcel for use as a dog park. Mrs. Tolli noted that the Junior Olympics are tentatively scheduled for October 17th and there are forty-seven registrants to date. The Committee is hoping to be able to refurbish the snack shack. The Roseland Junior Women's Club is hoping to be able to host their annual 5th grade Halloween dance outside at Bond Force Park on October 30th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the February 5, 2019 executive session minutes and the February 19, 2019 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Perrotti and Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the March 5, 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.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the August 18, 2020 executive session minutes and the August 18, 2020 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

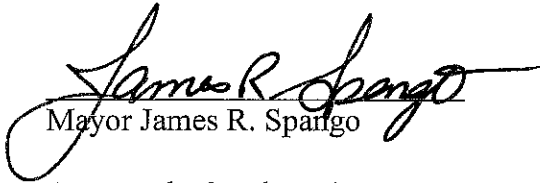
Councilwoman Fishman made a motion at 7:32 PM to approve Resolution No. 266-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

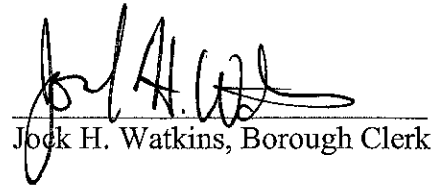
Personnel

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to close the meeting at 7:58 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


Mayor James R. Spargo


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: October 20, 2020

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None