

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOVEMBER 5, 2020
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:30 PM OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the November 5, 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 rescheduled meeting were sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website and 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, and the teleconference access web address and telephone number were sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website, 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. The location of online documents for discussion at this meeting was announced, as was the procedure for making public comments during the meeting via computer or via telephone.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Council President
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (6:38 PM)

ABSENT:

Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman

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

William Tedesco

20 Meeker Court

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 26-2020 by title only for the first time: "An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 16-2020 and Amending and Supplementing Chapter 17 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled Water and Sewer". Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 26-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Trillo absent). The public hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 via teleconference.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 29-2020 by title only for the first time: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 30 Land Development Providing for Permanent Generators within the Borough of Roseland". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 29-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). Ordinance No. 29-2020 will be referred to the Planning Board to ensure that the amendments proposed therein are not inconsistent with the Master Plan. The public hearing will be held on December 15, 2020. The public hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 via teleconference.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 317-2020 approving the November 3, 2020 bill list in the amount of \$513,014.32. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 318-2020 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 319-2020 amending Resolution No. 40-2020 "Appoint Jeffrey Surenian as COAH Attorney for 2020" by increasing the not to exceed limit from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00

Resolution No. 320-2020 approving the payment of unused sick time in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Police Chief Richard McDonough upon his retirement

Resolution No. 321-2020 accepting the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services for the preparation of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan at a cost of \$5,000.00

Resolution No. 322-2020 rescinding Resolution No. 276-2020 "Award Contract to Safe Space Scan for Seek Scan Fever Screening Kit"

Resolution No. 323-2020 authorizing the purchase an electronic message sign from All Traffic Solutions through NJ State Contract19-FLEET-00776 at a cost of \$30,111.70

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Resolution No. 324-2020 awarding a contract to North American Pipeline Services for 2020 utility televising services for the base bid in the amount of \$56,710.08 plus alternate #1 in the amount of \$13,220.00 for a total award of \$69,930.08

Resolution No. 325-2020 approving bill list #2 dated November 5, 2020 in the amount of \$15,799.22

Resolution No. 326-2020 accepting the proposal in the amount of \$6,150.00 from Signal Control Products Inc. to upgrade the traffic light on Passaic Avenue at the driveway to Noecker School to battery backup and generator ready

Resolution No. 327-2020 authorizing the extension of the contract with Shauger Group through September 30, 2020 for emergency services associated with the pipeline work for the water & sewer utility

Resolution No. 328-2020 releasing Final Payment with Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$60,693.19 to the Shauger Group for 2019-2020 emergency pipeline services

Resolution No. 329-2020 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the tax office

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

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve additional Resolution No. 330-2020 approving the hiring of Maria F. Porreca as a part-time recreation employee for not more than twenty (20) hours per week at \$12.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the two items on the Consent Agenda:

Accept with Regret the Resignation of Ryan VanArsdale from the Roseland Auxiliary Police Effective October 17, 2020

Approval to Reimburse Noecker School 50% of Cost for New Backstop and Fence \$9,232.20

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that October experienced the second highest number of new Covid-19 cases, representing approximately 22% - 23% of total cases to date. There was a

total of eighty-eight reported cases through the end of August, with forty new cases in October bring the total to one hundred twenty-eight cases. There were no reported deaths in October due to covid-19. There are currently eleven cases recovering at home.

Mr. Spango reported that the Halloween trunk or treat went very well, thanking Recreation Director Colitti, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), police department, Roseland First Aid Squad, and the Department of Public Works (DPW). The winner of the pumpkin carving contest was the Melnicki family, garnering fifty-one percent of the votes. There was a three-way tie for second place. A community Blood Drive is being sponsored by the SS Nicholas Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church at 80 Laurel Avenue on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The Borough received another reimbursement of \$88,000.00 this week in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act aid. The Borough is planning alternate Christmas celebrations due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi reported that Zoning Officer James Campbell has made recommendations for several changes to the Land Development ordinances: expand the definition of vehicles that are required to be parked on driveways to include cars; and define additional uses and activities that will require a zoning permit. Administrator Chumacas will circulate redlined copies of the ordinances for review and possible introduction in January 2021.

Mrs. Chumacas reported that the 2020 Best practices Inventory has been completed and filed with the New Jersey Division of Local Governments Services. The Borough scored a 23, equivalent to ninety-eight percent. This means that the Borough will receive one hundred percent of the available Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Act (CMPTRA) aid and Energy Tax Receipts (ETR) aid.

Council scheduled the first budget meeting for 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 21, 2020 to begin preparing the 2021 Municipal Budget. Council will review the capital project requests submitted by the recreation, police, and fire departments.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilman Trillo congratulated everyone who assisted in the planning and operation of the trunk or treat.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilman Bardi reported that the Committee is investigating a number of alternatives to the annual senior citizen holiday party.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the Committee has been discussing means by which the Borough can encourage residents to allow access to premises where there are suspected, defective water meters. The Committee suggested that the water ordinance fees be amended to include a penalty of \$100 to residential customers who refuse access, and a \$200 penalty to commercial customers who refuse access. Councilman Trillo suggested that the Committee consider incentives for customers to provide access, rather than penalties.

Mr. Freda introduced Leigh Petersen from the NJ Infrastructure Bank (I-Bank). Ms. Petersen made a presentation of the services that the I-Bank offers. Presentation. The I-Bank works in conjunction with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and encourages projects with a water quality improvement benefit.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti acknowledged that a red-line version of the proposed fire department ordinance was circulated to members of Council. The fire department responded with additional suggestions just prior to tonight's meeting. The Committee will schedule a Zoom meeting with interested parties in an effort to get a final draft ready for introduction by the November 24th meeting. If a final draft cannot be introduced in time, there will not be enough time to schedule a public hearing this year.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that registration is now open for the winter ski and snowboard trips to Shawnee Mountain. Approximately seventy-five to eighty cars participated in the recent trunk or treat. The trunk or treat event and the Junior Olympics were both very successful. The student members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee (MYGS) collected a lot of donated food. The MYGS will soon sort the food and make donations to both the Roseland and Caldwell Food Banks. Council agreed to authorize the MYGS to assist a local resident with assembling care packages that will be sent to U.S. service members serving at home and abroad. The event will be noted in an upcoming newsletter. The Roseland Library is planning a virtual cupcake decorating contest. The Junior Women's Club has donated three trophies for the winters.

Borough Attorney McDonnell reported that the fire department submitted a written request to participate in a holiday parade in Totowa/Woodland Park. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to authorize the fire department to participate in the parade. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the October 20, 2020 Executive Session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Shwiff The Progress

EXECUTIVE SESSION

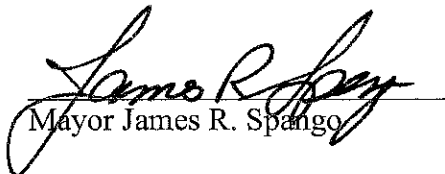
Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 331-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 7:26 PM to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. Personnel

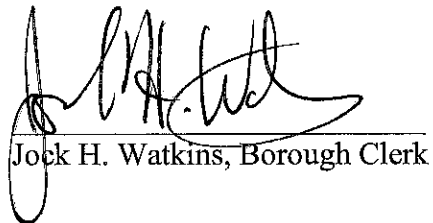
The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

ADJOURNMENT

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:43 PM. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).


Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: November 24, 2020


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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