

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 5, 2021
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 January 5, 2021 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 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 special Council meeting via computer by logging in to: <https://zoom.us/j/95597784464?pwd=b0dNdHFjZE9lQ2tSamFIT3orS1BUdz09> or via telephone by calling +1-312-626 6799, or +1-646-558-8656, or +1-301-715-8592, Webinar ID: 955 9778 4464, Passcode: 705407.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Council President
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
Elnardo Webster, Borough Attorney

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 01-2021: "An ordinance to amend Section 2-6 entitled "Standing Committees of Council" and Section 2-22 entitled "Department of Public Works" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on February 16, 2021.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-2021 approving the December 31, 2020 bill list in the amount of \$4,100.30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-2021 to appoint Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC as redevelopment attorney for 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman abstaining from the vote, and Councilman Freda absent.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the remaining nineteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 20-2021 ratification of salaries – December 2020

Resolution No. 21-2021 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 23-2021 appointing IMAC Insurance Agency as Broker of Record and Consultant for employee benefits for 2021

Resolution No. 24-2021 appointing McManimon, Scotland, Bauman LLC as Bond Counsel for 2021

Resolution No. 25-2021 appointing Remington & Vernick Engineers as Water and Sewer Engineer for 2021

Resolution No. 26-2021 appointing Daniel Bloch of Maser Consulting Borough Professional Planner for 2021 including COAH Matters for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00

Resolution No. 27-2021 appointing John Voight from Bleakley Financial Group as Broker of Records and Financial Advisor for 2021

Resolution No. 28-2021 appointing Shirley Bishop P.P., LLC as Professional Planner for pending COAH matters for the year 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Resolution No. 29-2021 awarding contract to Quikteks for IT services

Resolution 30-2021 appointing Lite DePalma Greenberg LLC as Labor Attorney for 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00

Resolution 31-2021 appointing Antonelli Kantor PC as Special Litigation Attorney for 2021

Resolution 32-2021 appointing Durkin & Durkin LLP as Special Litigation Attorney for 2021

Resolution 33-2021 appointing Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor LLC as Tax Appeal Attorney for 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00

Resolution 34-2021 appointing Surenian, Edwards, & Nolan LLC as Special Council on COAH Matters for 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00

Resolution 35-2021 appointing Hendricks Appraisal Company as Appraiser for Real Estate Tax Appeals for 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Resolution 36-2021 Appoint PKF O'Connor, Davies LLP as Borough Auditors for 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00

Resolution 37-2021 appointing Durkin & Durkin LLP as Real Estate Attorney for 2021

Resolution 38-2021 appointing Christopher Critchett as Superintendent of Public Works

Resolution No. 39-2021 Appointing Steven Batta as the Borough Prosecutor

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that there was a spike in December with eighty cases of Corona virus reported, and there have been six new cases reported thus far in January. Mr. Spango asked residents to remain vigilant. Mr. Spango noted that health care workers and EMTs are now eligible to get the Covid-19 vaccine, and encouraged those groups to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Mayor Spango congratulated Council members Tolli and Bardi on their reelection, congratulated all appointees, and thanked all those who have volunteered to serve on various committees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi congratulated Councilwoman Tolli on her reelection to Council, and Councilwoman Fishman on her election as Council President. Mr. Bardi thanked all those who volunteered to serve on committees. There will be a special budget meeting on Saturday, January 16th at 9:00 AM to discuss the water/sewer capital budget and the annual debt statement. There will be another special budget meeting scheduled on Saturday, January 30th at 9:00 AM to discuss the operating budget. Council plans to introduce the budget by March 30th and to adopt the budget by April 30th.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli congratulated Councilman Bardi on his reelection to Council, and Councilwoman Fishman on her election as Council President. Mrs. Tolli thanked all those who have volunteered to serve on Committees. The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be meeting shortly to determine their next project. The winner of the Municipal Youth Guidance scholarship will be announced at the next Council meeting. There has not been any recent Senior

Transportation Committee activity. The Senior Transportation bus is running. Mayor Spango noted that the Borough has received a bill from Caldwell for the full year of 2020.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman congratulated Councilwoman Tolli and Councilman Bardi on their reelection to Council. Mrs. Fishman congratulated all of the appointees and thanked all of those who have volunteered to serve on various committees. Bids were received today for improvements to Harrison Park. Essex County has opened five Covid-19 vaccination sites. All those in Group 1A, health care workers, doctors, EMT's, are eligible to get vaccinated now. Mrs. Fishman urged all those eligible to get their vaccination as quickly as possible. Residents can register to get the vaccination at www.essexcovid.org. The Borough has been and continues to receive donations to the food bank and the Roseland Covid-19 Relief Fund. The Borough continues to help with relief for seniors, and donations are still required as more people will have a need for assistance. Mayor Spango added that the Borough has established a list of seniors who are interested in getting the vaccine but do not have the technical ability to register online.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilwoman Tolli thanked the members of the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the work cleaning up after the recent snow storm, and continuing to pick up branches.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti congratulated Councilman Bardi and Councilwoman Tolli on their reelection to Council, and congratulated Councilwoman Fishman on her election as Council President. Mrs. Perrotti congratulated all appointees and thanked all those who have volunteered to serve on committees. The fire department ordinance has been amended and after review by the committee, the ordinance will be forwarded to the fire department for their review. Mrs. Perrotti noted that the police department has suggested that a private company called Extra Duty Solutions could be used to schedule off-duty officers for off-duty construction jobs, freeing local officers from this scheduling duty. Mayor Spango added that the construction vendor would pay the Extra Duty Solutions fee, and the Borough would still receive administrative fees. Mr. Spango cautioned that state law requires that officers be paid by their respective municipalities so that officers would have disability protection while working the off-duty jobs.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilman Trillo congratulated Councilman Bardi and Councilwoman Tolli on their reelection to Council, and Mrs. Fishman on her election as Council President. Mr. Trillo thanked all those who volunteered to serve on various committees.

Mrs. Perrotti added that the Recreation Department would like to expand the online gaming program to Fairfield and North Caldwell, for a minimal fee of between \$5.00 and \$10.00 to cover the cost of trophies. Council agreed to offer the program to Fairfield and North Caldwell, but at no charge. Any minimal additional cost can be absorbed by the recreation budget, where funds are available from programs that were cancelled due to Covid-19. Mayor Sango asked that Recreation Director Colitti ensure that any programs offered will be age appropriate. Mr. Trillo encouraged everyone to stay safe and have a happy new year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2020 special Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

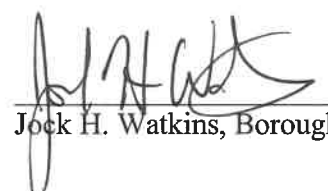
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: January 19, 2021



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: Freda

Absent: None

