

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MARCH 2, 2021
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:00 PM OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the March 2, 2021 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:00 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 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
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (6:12)

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the following annual appointments by the Mayor:

Library Board of Trustees

Brian Donohue	5 Years	1/30/2021 – 12/31/2025
Emily Podolak (Unexpired)	5 Years	3/02/2021 – 12/31/2022
Aristotle Popolizio (Mayor's Alternate)	1 Year	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021
Debra Sessa (Superintendent's Alternate)	1 Year	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 72-2021 approving the February 26, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$592,348.11. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the thirteen resolutions on the agenda, with an amendment to Resolution No. 80-2021 to add Janelle Cleary as a substitute prosecutor:

Resolution No. 73-2021 cancellation of water and sewer billing balances

Resolution No. 74-2021 approving the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide consulting engineering services at a cost of \$21,800.00 for the water system model

Resolution No. 75-2021 appointing Angelo Traina as the Affordable Housing Liaison

Resolution No. 76-2021 Authorize the Release of Final Payment to North American Pipeline Services for 2020 CCTV Services - \$19,150.79

Resolution No. 77-2021 accepting the quote from Kenneth Marshall Electronics Inc. in the amount of \$6,575.00 to re-lamp lights on recreations fields

Resolution No. 78-2021 amending Resolution No. 46-2021 "Authorizing Contracts with Approved Morris County Pricing Council Contract for Vendors from 1-1-21 to 12-31-21" to award MCCPC #16 contract to WB Mason

Resolution No. 79-2021 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide Engineering Services at a cost of \$5,500 for the preparation of a stormwater pollution prevention plan

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Resolution No. 80-2021 approving the 2021 payment schedule for Municipal Court substitutes

Resolution No. 81-2021 authorizing the Mayor to Sign a contract with CareerCert for online training for the Police Department

Resolution No. 82-2021 requesting permission from the Director of the NJ Division of Local Government Services for the Dedication by Rider for donations for a Roseland Community Center

Resolution No. 83-2021 authorizing the purchase of Edmunds Cloud hosting software at a cost of \$3,200.00

Resolution No. 84-2021 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 85-2021 amending Resolution No. 126-2020 "Award Bid to S. Rotondi & Sons Inc. for 2020-2021 Vegetative Waste Removal", increasing the estimated amount of vegetative waste from 750 cubic yards to 1,250 cubic yards, and increasing the amount not to exceed from \$28,125.00 to \$37,875.00

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the three items on the Consent Agenda:

Approve blue light permit application for Sean Bowe of the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Approve Cadet applications of Brett Bachenheimer and Brendan Riedmuller for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Approve application of George M. Piltzecker for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 86-2021 designating March 19, 2021 as Covid-19 Memorial Day in recognition of the victims and survivors. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor Spango announced that there were thirty-eight new cases of Covid-19 reported in February, down drastically from the ninety cases reported in January. No new cases have

been reported to date in March. This brings the total number of Covid-19 cases in Roseland to three hundred and ninety. A bill passed by the House of representatives last week will bring substantial financial relief to Roseland. The bill is expected to be approved by the Senate in the very near future. The Borough was featured in the March issue of New Jersey Magazine, recognizing the Borough's initiative to support the Roseland Covid-19 Relief fund with proceeds from the sale of custom face masks. The Borough will conduct a Covid-19 compliant Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at 10:00 AM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi announced that Council has the final budget meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 5:30 PM. Council plans to introduce the budget at the March 16th meeting.

Borough Attorney McDonnell explained that the first of two public notices have been advertised, announcing that Council will conduct a public hearing on the renewal of the Comcast cable television franchise at the April 13th caucus meeting. A representative from Comcast will make a presentation, and members of the public will be given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the renewal. After the public hearing is closed, Council will negotiate a renewal contract with Comcast in order to establish the terms and conditions of the ordinance that will authorize the contract. The draft ordinance will then be sent to the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Office of Cable Television for their review and approval. After the NJ BPU approves ordinance, Council can introduce the ordinance, after which the customary public hearing will be held.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee, in cooperation with the Roseland Junior Women's Club, collected donations of 1,800 new pairs of socks and 300 gently worn pairs of socks. The socks were delivered to the Franciscan Friary in and to the Sisters of Mercy, both located in Newark. The socks will then be distributed to local shelters. Mrs. Tolli thanked Roseland and West Essex residents for their generosity. The Environmental Commission will be reaching out to the Principal at Noecker School to discuss establishing a butterfly garden on the school property. Mrs. Tolli noted that today is Doctor Seuss's birthday, and expressed concern about reports that there are plans to ban six of Dr. Seuss's books. Mrs. Tolli thanked Essex County, County Executive DiVincenzo, and all of the people staffing the Covid-19 vaccine site at the vocational school in West Caldwell for the safe and efficient process that has been set up. The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee may want to go to a foodbank in Hillside in April, and if they go, they will follow Covid-19 safety guidelines.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that there was a Harrison Park Improvement project preconstruction meeting yesterday, and another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss

the logistics of equipment delivery. Demolition work is scheduled to begin after tomorrow's meeting. The Roseland Covid-19 Relief Fund is still accepting, and is still in need of donations, as there are an increasing number of families in need. Mrs. Fishman thanked local residents and those from other communities for their generosity. The Roseland Food bank is accepting shelf stable goods and paper supplies. The Johnson and Johnson Covid-19 vaccine has been approved by the federal government. It is hoped that with the additional supply of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, there will be enough vaccines available by the end of May, for all Americans who wish to be vaccinated. Mrs. Fishman encouraged anyone needing assistance with getting a vaccine to call the Borough Hall.

Mayor Spango added that plans are underway to open a Covid-19 testing site at the Roseland First Aid Squad building between March 6th and March 9th. Council hopes to open a vaccination site in Roseland as well. The Borough is compiling a list of home bound senior citizen residents who will be eligible to have the vaccine administered at their home.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda cautioned residents about telephone fraud. Mr. Freda explained that he recently received a text message identified as coming from a bank, followed by a telephone call also identified as coming from the same bank, concerned about the possible fraudulent use of his bank card to make a purchase at an out of state store. During the ensuing conversation, the caller attempted to obtain Mr. Freda's card number and other account information, at which time Mr. Freda became suspicious and reported the call to the banks' fraud department.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the new cadet members and the new regular member of the fire department. Mrs. Perrotti asked about the Resolution that Council approved in support of the historical society's application for a grant.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that the recreation department is getting ready for the baseball and track seasons. Registrations are currently being accepted for baseball and softball and will continue for another two weeks. The recreation department hopes to get participants into the batting cages by the last week of March, weather permitting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the January 30, 2021 special budget meeting minutes, the January 30, 2021 executive session minutes, and the February 2, 2021 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote.

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Councilman Trillo made a motion to approved the February 16, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the February 16, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annamaria Bellino

20 Lincoln Street

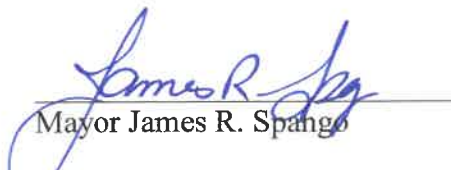
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 87-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 6:42 PM to discuss the following:

1. Potential Litigation
2. Contract Negotiations
3. Personnel

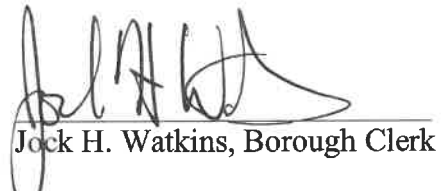
ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to public session at 7:48 P.M. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: April 13, 2021



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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