

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JUNE 1, 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 June 1, 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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, 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. 18-2021: "An ordinance providing a supplemental appropriation of \$334,000 for improvements to borough parks and

recreation facilities in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, and authorizing the issuance of \$300,000.00 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on June 15, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

The public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-2021 was postponed from the May 18th Council meeting until this meeting. In the meantime, the scope of the changes to the bond ordinance warranted withdrawal of Ordinance No. 13-2021 and development of replacement Ordinance No. 18-2021. Therefore, replacement Ordinance No. 18-2021 was introduced this evening and Ordinance No. 13-2021 has been withdrawn.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 158-2021 approving the May 28, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$95,237.73. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 159-2021-2021 authorizing the purchase of certain goods and services through the use of State Contracts Numbers 17-FLEET-00792, 17-FLEET-00768, 17-FLEET-00719 and 17-FLEET-00761 at a cost of \$19,247.45 for options for the 2020 Police Interceptor

Resolution No. 160-2021 approving the hiring of seasonal employees for the 2021 summer playground (SCRAM) recreation program

Resolution No. 161-2021 approval the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad Package Privileges to Jim Johnston's Co. Inc.

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

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 162-2021 authorizing municipal officials to sign and submit the 2022 Strategic Plan and Grant Application for the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse fiscal grant cycle from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman abstaining from the vote.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the final three resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 163-2021 memorializing cancellations of water sewer billing balances

Resolution No. 164-2021 Authorizing the mayor to execute a two-year shared services agreement in the amount of \$17,750.00 with the Township of Verona to provide street sweeping services

Resolution No. 165-2021 authorizing the mayor to execute a contract in the amount of \$5,925.04 with The American BBQ Company

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the five items on the Consent Agenda, and one item added to the list at the time of the meeting:

Approve waiver of Board of Health permit fees for Chubby's to cater a 6th grade event

Accept with regret the resignation of Angela Genovesi effective May 26, 2021

Approval to waive fees and accept insurance for Girl Scout Troop 21108 for the field use permit for Bond Force Park on June 10, 2021

Approval to waive fees and accept insurance for the Cub Scout field use permit for Bond Force Park on June 12, 2021

Approval to waive fees and insurance for the 6th Grade Parent Committee field use permit for Bond Force Park on June 18, 2021

Approval to waive fees for American Barbecue for the Town Picnic on June 3, 2021

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that approximately 77% of the Roseland adult population has received the Covid-19 vaccine, and approximately 85% of residents over the age of 65 have been vaccinated.

The annual Mayor's Trophy softball game is scheduled for this Saturday at 10:00 am, to be followed by the rededication and reopening of Borino Playground. The contractor notified the Borough on Thursday that the specified playground ground color, and the Borough's second choice of color are not available. Because it will take between four and seven months to get the preferred color, the Borough settled for an alternative color scheme in order to reopen the park in time for summer use. The multi-purpose court will also be reopened on Saturday.

The Borough of Caldwell has sued the Borough of Roseland for non-payment of sewer fees. Mayor Spango stated that the Borough will pay the bill when Roseland receives an accurate bill.

The Borough has scheduled summer concerts, including the Ronald Reagans on July 13th and Juke Box/Mahoney Brothers on August 4th. A September concert is also being planned. For October Day, festivities will include performances by local bands.

The Police Department and Department of Public Works (DPW) are awaiting proofs for the new traffic enforcement signs prohibiting large trucks on Lincoln Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi explained that the Committee is working on improvements to the outdoor restaurant seating ordinance to make the regulations more business friendly. The four main areas of change are seating, heating, closing time and outside music/noise. Council hopes to introduce the revised ordinance at the June 15th meeting.

Mayor Spango suggested that the ordinance needs to include a requirement for onsite inspection of the site prior to approval of the permit, and temporary outdoor heaters should be approved by the fire department. Permanent outdoor heaters would require Board approval.

Ryan Schwertfeger presented the proposed format for a new Town Calendar beginning in 2022. The cost of printing and distributing the calendar will be covered by the cost of advertising contained in the calendar. Council agreed to the format which includes forty-eight ads. A resolution establishing a dedication by Rider for the advertising receipts will be put on the next agenda. Mr. Schwertfeger suggested two or three price tiers, with the lowest tier at \$125 for Roseland non-profit or community groups. Roseland businesses would have preference over out of town businesses. The draft calendar should be completed by the end of October for approval at the November caucus meeting, in order to print and mail the calendar before end of year. All departments will have to prepare and submit their 2022 events by the end of October this year.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OUTREACH

No report. Mayor Spango noted that this meeting will be the final, remote Zoom meeting. Council will resume conducting meetings in person at the next meeting on June 15th. An announcement will be forthcoming on when municipal buildings will be reopened to the public.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Mrs. Fishman announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday to commemorate the reopening of Borino Park and the multi-purpose court.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda noted that work is continuing as expected on the water main replacement project.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that the annual community picnic is this Saturday. The pitch, hit and run contest is scheduled for June 14th. Registration is open for the father and child bowling outing, scheduled for Friday, June 18th at Hanover Lanes. The SCRAM summer program still has a few openings available. The program runs from June 28th through August 6th. Registration is ready for youth fall soccer, youth cross-country, and pre-k soccer. The Senior Citizen luncheon is scheduled for Friday, September 17th, and the Junior Olympics are scheduled for Saturday, September 25th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the April 13, 2021 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the May 4, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the May 18, 2021 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 166-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session at 6:57 PM to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiations
2. Caldwell Litigation

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

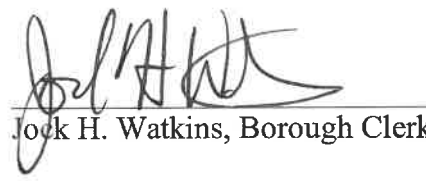
ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to open session at 7:25 PM. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: June 15, 2021



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Freda