

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JULY 6, 2021
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
CONFERENCE ROOM
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:00 PM OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The July 6, 2021 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Spango. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date 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. This meeting was also available via Zoom conference call.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Council President
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ABSENT:

Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

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. Following the flag salute, Mayor Spango asked for a moment of silence upon the passing of former Mayor Lou DeBell. Mayor DeBell was the longest sitting Mayor in Roseland, serving sixteen years.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco

20 Meeker Court

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 21-2021: "An Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Section 60 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Community Events Committee"". The motion was seconded by Councilman

Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held on July 27, 2021.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 22-2021: "An ordinance to amend Section 4-11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing of Temporary Outdoor Seating Areas"". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held on July 27, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Spango announced that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-2021 has been carried to the July 27, 2021 Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 184-2021 Approving the July 1, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$305,961.60. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 185-2021 acknowledging assurances of compliance with Civil Rights requirements

Resolution No.186-2021 ratifying the Borough's American Recovery Plan (ARP) submission from Non-Metropolitan Municipalities – Local Fiscal Recovery Act

Resolution No.187-2021 authorizing the award of a 2021 Professional Service Consulting Contract to Review of the Administrative and Performance Functions of the Borough of Roseland's Police Department at an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00

Resolution No. 188-2021 approving the acceptance of federal funds in the amount of \$42,798.00 and participating in the SFY21-Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety

Resolution No.189-2021 requesting approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 Body Worn Cameras

Resolutuion No.190-2021 authorizing the refund of duplicate payment of construction permit no. 21P00448-01

Resolution No. 191-2021 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to cancel reserve and receivable balances in the grant fund budget

Resolution No. 192-2021 ratification of bills April through June 2021

Resolution No. 193-2021 approving the return of a street opening performance bond in the amount of \$500.00 for 53 Ridge Road

Resolution No. 194-2021 approving the return of unused escrow in the amount of \$560.00 to Dean and Gail Ferriola and to close the escrow account

Resolution No. 195-2021 approving the return of unused escrow in the amount of \$2,561.18 to EMMR Limited Partnership and to close the escrow account

Resolution No 196-2021 amending Resolution No. 132-2021 awarding Janitorial Services to Accses NJ Under State Contract 77110 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Resolution No. 197-2021 approving emergency budget appropriation pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-48

Resolution No. 198-2021 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the Tax Office

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the following activities for the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee:

July	Volunteering at the Becker Farm Barn
October	Volunteering time at the Borough Bonfire
November	Collection of Non-Perishable Food Donations at Stop and Shop and/Shop-Rite
December	Volunteering time at Tree Lighting Ceremony

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the request received from Hillside Avenue, Condit Court and the upper end of Monroe Avenue to conduct a block party on Hillside Avenue on October 10th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM, with a rain date of October 17th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). Mrs. Chumacas was directed to inform the requestor to contact the police department about closing the street and the requirements for barricades.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council agreed to accept the low bid in the amount of approximately thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to perform maintenance of the culvert behind the homes on Davenport Avenue. The culvert is located on a portion of the former railroad right-of-way that was purchased by the Borough. A fallen tree has become lodged in the culvert, blocking to flow of storm water. A resolution will put on the July 27th agenda for Council action.

The Roseland Historical Society has scheduled a cleanout this Saturday and Sunday, of the Becker Farm barn on Eagle Rock Avenue. The vision of the Historical Society is to make the barn an interactive museum of borough history. Council decided not to authorize overtime for Department of Public Works (DPW) employees to assist with the cleanup, in order to avoid setting a precedent for other no-for-profit organizations. Council will wait until after this weekend and assess the situation to see if DPW employees can provide any support during normal working hours.

The first summer concert is scheduled for next Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at O'Beirne Field. The next concert will be on Wednesday, August 4th at 7:00 PM. The first drive-in movie night is Wednesday, July 21st at 7:30 PM in the parking lot at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. The second movie night will be on Wednesday, August 11th at 7:30 PM. One of the movies will be a children's movie and the other will be a family movie. Residents can still vote online for their choice of selected movies.

Council is in the planning stage for Roseland Day scheduled for October 9th. Festivities will include a Run 4 Roseland at 9:00 AM with finish line sponsorship signs. From approximately 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM there will be food trucks on site, with local bands performing. The bonfire will take place at approximately 7:00 PM, followed by a movie. Council is also planning to put out a calendar in 2022. All departments will have to submit dates for 2022 activities to Administrator Chumacas by November.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi reported that the state has approved their budget and we are awaiting notice of the final tax rate. The Committee is working on an application for a Green Acres grant for next year. Awaiting clear guidelines for use of recovery money that has been given to municipalities The Borough has submitted a report to the state on lost revenue due to Covid-19. It is hoped that the Borough will be able to use recovery money to cover lost revenue. Final tax bills are expected to go out within the next two weeks. Mr. Bardi expressed his condolences to the DeBell family.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

No report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report. Mayor Spango noted that one of the new playground apparatus at Borino Park has been closed as a result of injuries sustained by a number of children. The Borough is awaiting a recommendation for a solution from the manufacturer and the Borough Engineer.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti noted that there have been a number of noise complaints received from residents of Freeman Street and Plymouth Street. Residents were informed to report any noise complaints to the police department.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that baseball season is wrapping up and that registration for fall soccer is currently open through the first week of August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the June 15, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the June 15, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote and Councilwoman Tolli absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

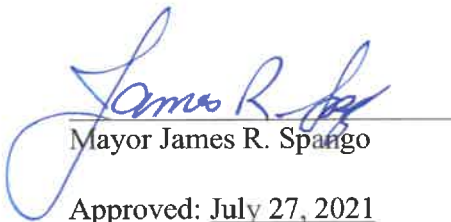
Councilwoman Fishman made a motion at 6:35 PM to approve Resolution No. 199-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation

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

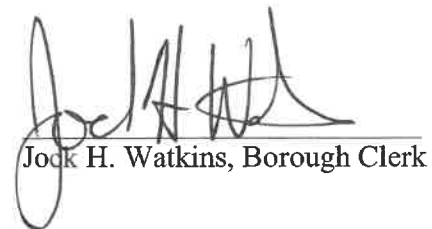
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Perrotti, Tolli absent).



Mayor James R. Spargo

Approved: July 27, 2021



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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

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