

**BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
NEW JERSEY**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
CONFERENCE ROOM
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The September 14, 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
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (6:09 PM)

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion at 6:02 PM to approve Resolution No. 234-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Caldwell Litigation
2. Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Councilman Trillo arrived at 6:09 PM). At the conclusion of executive session, Councilman Freda made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor Spango called for another roll call at 7:00 PM, the advertised start time for public session. All members of the governing body were in attendance, as were the Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, and the Borough Clerk.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag. Following the flag salute, Mayor Spango asked for a moment of silence to honor all those affected by the September 11, 2001 attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco	20 Meeker Court
John Matheis	OEM Coordinator

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 235-2021 Approving of the September 10, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$143,531.20. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 236-2021 authorizing the purchase of certain goods and services through the use of Morris County Cooperative contracts for the contract year July 1, 2001 through June 20, 2022

Resolution No. 237-2021 approving Change Order #2 to Whirl Construction Inc. for the Harrison Avenue Playground Improvement Project decreasing the contract by \$2,641.61 for a new contract price of \$201,977.39

Resolution No. 238-2021 accepting a donation from West Essex FC of one hour of training for each Roseland Recreation soccer team

Resolution No. 239-2021 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 240-2021 approving the Declaration of Emergency for Tropical Storm Ida

Resolution No. 241-2021 approving the appointment of aids for 2021 fall recreation programs

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of raffle application No. RA-390 for SS Nicholas Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church to conduct carnival games on September 24, 25, 26, 2021.

Accept with regret the resignation of Patricia Braga from the Library Board of Trustees effective September 8, 2021.

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

Upon recommendation by Mayor Spango, Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to appoint William Tedesco to the vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees created by the resignation of Patricia Braga for the unexpired term through December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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

Approval of the appointment of Jennifer Overton to the Community Events Committee through December 31, 2021

Approval of the appointment of Eileen Stewart to the Community Events Committee through December 31, 2021

Approval of the appointment of Lauren Seiner to the Community Events Committee through December 31, 2021

Approval of the appointment of Michael Heller to fill an unexpired term on the Affordable Housing Board through December 31, 2022

Approval of the appointment of Michael Heller to fill the unexpired term of Alternate No. 3 (Single Family Owner) on the Rent Review Board through December 31, 2021

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that in light of the scope of damage created by Tropical Storm Ida, he would like to look into hiring a professional service to assist with preparation of the applications for mitigation funds in order to maximize the amount of mitigation funds from FEMA. Mitigation funds paid to Roseland cannot be used for improvements or repairs to the culvert on Second Avenue. OEM Coordinator Matheis was asked to make sure that the culvert is brought to the attention of the Essex County Office of Emergency Management as a potential project for County mitigation funds from FEMA.

The Borough Engineer has been in discussion with the playground contractor concerning either the regrading of the area around the piece of equipment where injuries have occurred, or replacing the existing piece of equipment. Work on the improvements to the tennis courts and the basketball court at Tedesco Park is scheduled to begin soon. Mayor Spango was contacted by a New York Times reporter advising that they would like to do a story about Roseland and why it is a desirable place to live.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi led the discussion on the proposed 2022 holiday and council meeting schedules. Council agreed to schedule Juneteenth on Friday, June 17, 2022. The July and August caucus meetings will be removed from the schedule due to vacation scheduling and reduced workload during the summer months. The October 4th meeting will be moved to October 11th due to a conflict with Yom Kippur, and the April 19th meeting will be moved to April 26th due to a conflict with school closings. The annual meeting Schedule will be changed to reflect that all meetings will begin at 6:30 PM with executive session, followed by open session at 7:00 PM, and additional executive session immediately following public session when and if necessary.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SHARED SERVICES

Mr. Chumacas reported that an ordinance will be on the next agenda for introduction to correct the terms for members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee to run from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. Councilwoman Tolli reported that student members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee are planning to request permission from Council to provide volunteer services at the upcoming soccer shoot, Junior Olympics, 5K run, and fall festival. Another cleanup is scheduled at the Becker Farm barn. If any senior citizen needs a ride to the annual senior luncheon, they should contact either the recreation Department or Mrs. Tolli, and the senior bus will be scheduled. There is an opening on the Senior Citizens advisory Board.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman announced that the Senior Citizens Advisory Board met last week and that the vacancies on the Board will be posted. The annual senior luncheon will be held on Friday, September 17th at the Hanover Manor at noon, and there is no cost to attend. The Senior of the Year for 2020 and 2021 will both be announced. Nominations for Senior of the Year are reviewed by a subcommittee consisting of five members who are selected by the Recreation Director from the Recreation Committee and the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda thanked the members of the DPW for their work on storm response and at the pump stations during Tropical Storm Ida. A special dumpster has been placed at the public Works yard specifically for storm debris was filled, and a second dumpster has been ordered.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the members of the office of emergency management, first aid squad, fire department, and police department for their efforts during Tropical Storm Ida.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that recreation soccer and cross-country seasons are off to a great start. The snack shack by Harrison Field is once again open and operational.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the August 17, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the August 17, 2021 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Freda abstaining from the vote.

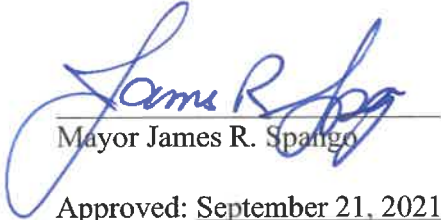
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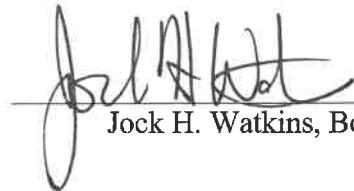
William Tedesco

20 Meeker Court

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.


Mayor James R. Spargo
Approved: September 21, 2021


Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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