

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOVEMBER 4, 2021
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
CONFERENCE ROOM – SECOND FLOOR
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL
6:00 PM CLOSED SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The November 4, 2021 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 273-2021 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:42 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine

Statement again at 7:00 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilwoman Tolli was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 27-2021: “An ordinance to amend Chapter BH 11 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Animals” to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held on November 23, 2021.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 28-2021: “Bond ordinance providing for the acquisition of a fire engine for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$675,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$641,250 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held on November 23, 2021.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 29-2021: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Licensing and Business Regulations””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held on November 23, 2021.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 30-2021: “Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment (EVSE) & make-ready parking spaces”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held on November 23, 2021.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 31-2021: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Administration”, Article VI entitled “Boards, Committees, Commissions and Offices””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held on November 23, 2021.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 32-2021: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Administration"". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent). The public hearing will be held on November 23, 2021.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 274-2021 approving the November 2, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$853,053.08. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the sixteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 275-2021 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 276-2021 authorizing the mayor to sign a twelve-month contract with Valley Physician Services for employee alcohol and drug testing services

Resolution No. 277-2021 requesting permission from the Director of the NJ Division of Local Government Services for the Dedication by Rider for Donations for community events

Resolution No. 278-2021 accepting the donation of labor and equipment from Thomas J. O'Beirne & Co., Inc. to re-establish the brook bank at Bond Force Park due to damage caused by Tropical Storm Ida

Resolution No. 279-2021 requesting a Bureau Break for the Roseland Free Public Library

Resolution No. 280-2021 awarding a contract to Service Experts NJ Plumbing for the low quote in the amount of \$8,866.00 for the purchase and installation of a new heating and cooling system for the Recreation Department

Resolution No. 281-2021 authorizing Change Order #1 to AB Contracting LLC, increasing the amount of the contract by \$6,968.00 for a new contract price of \$56,958.00 for ADA improvements at the First Aid Squad building

Resolution No. 282-2021 amending Resolution No. 230-2021 "Award Purchase of Body Worn Cameras Under State Contract 17-Fleet-00731 to SF Mobile-Vision Inc" to reflect changes in price

Resolution No. 283-2021 authorizing the use of State Contract to purchase a new server from Dell Technologies for the Police Department for body worn cameras and authorizing Quikteks LLC to install the new server at a special rate

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Resolution No. 284-2021 authorizing the rejection of competitive contracting proposals for Emergency Medical Services and approving the readvertising of request for qualifications with revised specifications

Resolution No. 285-2021 authorizing the mayor to sign a hold harmless agreement with MediMobile to provide COVID-19 testing

Resolution No. 286-2021 awarding a non-fair and open contract in the amount of \$34,825.00 to S. Rotondi & Sons for 2021 leaf hauling and disposal

Resolution No. 287-2021 rescinding Resolution No. 131-2020 “Requesting Permission from the Director of the DLGS for the Dedication by Rider for Donations - Roseland COVID-19 Relief Fund”

Resolution No. 288-2021 rescinding Resolution No. 57-2020 “Requesting Permission from the Director of the DLGS for the Dedication by Rider for Donations – Acceptance of Bequest and Funds for Mayor’s Ball – Donations to Roseland Volunteer First Aid Squad and Roseland Free Public Library”

Resolution No. 289-2021 awarding a contract in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the low quote submitted by Grabowski Construction Inc. for stone and boulders for the stabilization of Bond Force Brook on Clean Communities Day

Resolution No 290-2021 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract in the amount of \$700.00 with Brothers Management Associates Inc. for strolling costume characters

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Accept with regret the resignation of Patricia Braga from the Beatification Committee

Approval to appoint Eileen Masone, Leslie Klaff, Kerry Dick, Suzanne Panicoe, Carol Corcoran to the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee through June 30, 2022

Approval to appoint Allison Jablonski to the Municipal Alliance Committee to fill an unexpired term through December 31, 2023

Approval to Waive Field Permit Fee for Livingston Elks for Soccer Shoot Competition in the on Saturday, November 13th on Thomas J. O’Beirne Field

Approval to Waive Field Permit Fee for Essex Fells Recreation Department to Utilize Borough Fields for November 2021 Soccer Program

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Council discussed a request received by the mayor to make a change to the B-2 Zone District to allow food trucks to operate at service stations. Discussion of the Engineer's report on the drainage issues on Second Avenue was postponed, pending receipt of the report. Council approved a change to the Borough's noise ordinance to restrict use of landscaping and yard maintenance equipment from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM on weekdays, and from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM on weekends. The proposed changes to the ordinance will be on November 23rd agenda for introduction. Council agreed to permit Hometown Hero banners to be installed on utility poles at appropriate times. The cost of the banners will be born by the sponsor of the individual banners.

Mayor Spango displayed a copy of the proposed 2022 Roseland Borough Calendar. The calendar will now be sent to the printer. The trunk or treat had to be postponed from Saturday, October 30th to Sunday, October 31st due to the weather. Judging of the cars will take place online. Mayor Spango thanked John Matheis for his assistance with accommodating the date change. Mayor Spango was pleased to announce that Council will be able to present story time again this year, despite the equipment losses experienced by the videographer as a result of Tropical Storm Ida. The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place on December 4th from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Lawn activities are scheduled from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Santa will arrive at 7:00 PM, and strolling characters and carolers will perform, and pictures with Santa will take place from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

The Borough is awaiting additional details from the Borough Engineering for the proposed turf fields and upgrades to the snack shack. Mayor Spango announced that Roseland's Clean Community Day has been scheduled for November 20th from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM to clean up Bond Force Park. Anyone interested in participating should R.S.V.P. by November 11th. In addition, a number of local contractors have volunteered their time and equipment to repair the eroded stream bank adjacent to Bond Force Park, and the Borough will be purchasing the materials. Refreshments will be available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi reviewed the Borough's 2021 Best Practices Inventory. A minimum score of fifteen (15) is required in order to receive 100% of the State Aid. The Borough's score on this year's inventory is twenty-one and one half (21.5).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

No Report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman announced that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has approved a Covid-19 vaccine for children between the ages of five and eleven. Vaccines will be available from the County at their three vaccination sites at the Sears building in Livingston, the K-Mart building in West Orange, and Essex County College in Newark. Vaccination site hours are 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.

Mayor Spango added that Resolution No. 285-2021 was approved earlier in the meeting, authorizing the mayor to sign a hold harmless agreement with MediMobile to provide free Covid-19 testing to local residents. The test site will be located in the Bond Force building and will be open on Thursdays from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

The new senior society held their first meeting recently. One hundred and twenty seniors have signed up to date. The society is planning to conduct a meet and greet in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reminded residents that the Department of Public Works (DPW) is continuing the curbside pickup of leaves. The Borough is still planning to begin the water tank painting project within the next two weeks. During the most recent test of taking the water tank offline, the system pressure remained stable. An inspection company hired by the Borough has located two buried water valves, one or both of which may be closed and causing some of the pressure problems. Additional investigation is planned.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked OEM Coordinator Matheis for his efforts during the recent trunk or treat. Mrs. Perrotti cautioned residents to remove the keys from parked cars and make sure to lock the doors. Mayor Spango added that almost every car stolen in Roseland over the past couple of years had the key fob in the car.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo congratulated Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Freda on their re-election to Council. The Roseland school superintendent recently announced her retirement. Before she retired, she made the gym available for fall/winter recreation programs. Basketball registration is taking place now. Basketball season will start the week after Thanksgiving. Soccer season is wrapping up, and Mr. Trillo announced that one team won their championship, and one or two more teams are in the running to win their respective championships. Everyone has been having a great time at the Friday night kickball games.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the October 19, 2021 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

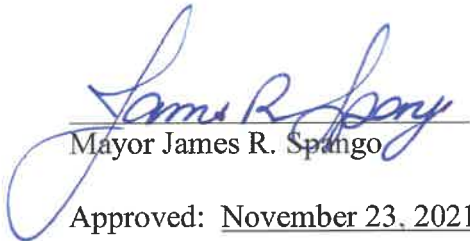
William Tedesco
John Matheis

20 Meeker Court
OEM Coordinator

OEM Coordinator Matheis thanked Harold Taylor of the Department of Public Works for his assistance at the trunk or treat.

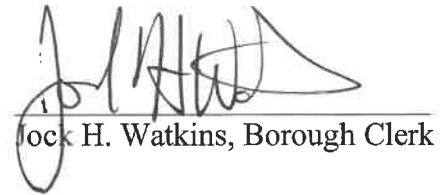
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Tolli absent).



Mayor James R. Spingo

Approved: November 23, 2021



Brock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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

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