

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MARCH 1, 2022  
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The March 1, 2022 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 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, Councilwoman  
Jean Perrotti, Council President  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (Via Zoom)  
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

**ABSENT**

Roger Freda, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk  
Joni McDonnell, Borough Attorney

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion at 6:32 PM to approve Resolution No. 84-2022 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Development Agreement
3. Police Assessment Report
4. Contract Negotiations-Shared Dispatch Services
5. Essex Fells Water Contract
6. Caldwell Sewer Treatment Expansion

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:00 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 all but Councilman Freda was present.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Tedesco  
Kurt Buecheler

20 Meeker Court  
Local BTV (Broadcast Television)

### **PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

Clerk Watkins read Bond Ordinance No. 02-2022 by title only for the second time: “Bond ordinance amending section 3(a) of bond ordinance numbered 11-2011, as amended by bond ordinance numbered 10-2017 and supplemented by bond ordinance numbered 15-2018, of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, finally adopted September 20, 2011, as amended August 15, 2017 and supplemented November 13, 2018, in order to amend the description of the project.” Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 02-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

#### **Public Comment**

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 02-2022 for the third and final time: “Bond ordinance amending section 3(a) of bond ordinance numbered 11-2011, as amended by bond ordinance numbered 10-2017 and supplemented by bond ordinance numbered 15-2018, of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, finally adopted September 20, 2011, as amended August 15, 2017 and supplemented November 13, 2018, in order to amend the description of the project.” Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 02-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 76-2022 approving the February 25, 2021 bill list in the amount of \$161,148.19. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

Resolution No. 77-2022 memorializing refunds, overpayments or cancellations made in the tax office in 2021

Resolution No. 78-2022 amending Resolution No. 300-2021 “Amending Resolution No. 210-2021 “Authorizing an Agreement with Boswell Engineering for Engineering Services and the Appointment of Boswell Engineering as Borough Engineer for the Year 2021 in Accordance with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5” which increased the amount not to exceed by \$10,000.00 for a new amount of \$50,000.00, increasing the not to exceed amount again to a new amount not to exceed of \$51,617.28

Resolution No. 79-2022 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services for fire department and Roseland First Aid Squad garage improvements at a cost of \$13,500.00

Resolution No. 80-2022 approving the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide consulting engineering services for 2022 emergency repair contracts at a cost of 12,200.00

Resolution No. 81-2022 Emergency Temporary Budget

Resolution 82-2022 approving the return of unused escrow in the amount of \$1,923.00 to ENR Contracting LLC for 146 Harrison Avenue

Resolution No. 83-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Didja Local Broadcast Services

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Accept with regret the resignation of Allen Findlay from the Department of Public Works

Accept cadet application of Briana Puli for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Accept application of Brendan Riedmuller for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango announced that the Mayor's Ball is scheduled for August 22, 2022 at the Hanover Manor. The theme for the event will be a casino night. Additional volunteers wishing to serve on the planning committee are welcome. Three summer concerts are being planned this year. One concert will be in July, and two will be in August. Mayor Spango acknowledged Mr. Thomas O'Beirne who submitted a \$10,000.00 sponsorship for the concerts. Summer movies are also being planned.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Councilman Bardi reported that the committee is recommending that the vending machine licensing ordinance be amended to include a license application fee deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup> each year, and a 10% per month late fee. Council agreed with the recommendations and an ordinance amendment will be added to the March 15<sup>th</sup> agenda. A fourth budget meeting is scheduled for this Saturday at 9:00 AM at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES**

Councilwoman Tolli directed residents to the Borough's website to see pictures of members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee making sandwiches at the first aid squad building for homeless people. March is Prevent Child Abuse Month. Blue ribbons and blue pinwheels will be erected around town in observance of Prevent Child Abuse Month. Mrs. Tolli provided some trivia noting that March 5<sup>th</sup> marks the anniversary of Oreo cookies, and March 12<sup>th</sup> is National Girl Scout Day. A St. Patrick's Day celebration for seniors has been scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hanover Manor. The cost to attend is \$10.00. Members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will assist with the Bunny Trail in April.

#### **REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

No report

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the Borough plans to install a one hundred thirty-four thousand (134,000) gallon reserve water storage tank on the same property as the main water storage tank. The Borough's water engineer has proposed three potential locations for the new tank. The proposal will be forwarded to members of Council for review. Mrs. Chumacas noted that the bond ordinance amendment approved earlier in the meeting did not increase the amount of the bond ordinance, but simply added the installation of the water tank

and a generator at one of the pump stations to the description of work covered by the bond ordinance.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti welcomed Briana Puli to the Roseland First Aid Squad and Brendan Riedmuller to the Roseland Fire Department. Mrs. Perrotti expressed condolences to the Silvia family on the passing of Joseph Silvia, long time member of the Roseland First Aid Squad.

Councilman Bardi questioned if the traffic light on Passaic Avenue at the entrance to Noecker School could be programmed to blink on the weekends. OEM Coordinator Matheis advised Council that New Jersey law requires traffic lights at schools cannot be blinking lights. OEM Coordinator Matheis will check with the County Engineer to see if the sensors are working properly, or if there is a possibility to install new camera sensor technology on the light.

### RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that basketball season is wrapping up. Roseland has three of four teams still in contention for league championships. Registration for all of the spring sports is open on Community Pass. Council discussed whether it was appropriate to rescind the temporary Covid-19 sanitizing fees that were adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 138-2021. Council is agreeable to rescinding the fees. Before rescinding the sanitizing fees, Mrs. Chumacas will check with the health officer to make sure that the extra sanitizing covered by the fees is no longer necessary.

Mr. Trillo asked that the Department of Public Works (DPW) establish a checklist for cleaning the public restrooms at the recreation fields to establish accountability for uncleaned facilities. Mr. Trillo also suggested that lettering be installed on the Fernwood Field dugout.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the January 29, 2022 budget meeting minutes, the February 1, 2022 caucus meeting minutes, and the February 1, 2022 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the February 15, 2022 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

John Matheis

OEM Coordinator

**ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

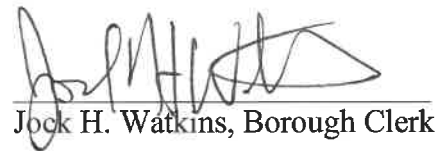
Council returned to executive session at 7:39 PM to continue discussion on the matters as approved by Resolution No. 84-2022 which was adopted earlier in the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by at 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: April 5, 2022

**VOICE VOTE**

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: Freda

Absent: None