# BOROUGH OF ROSELAND COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

# CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The September 4, 2018 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Duthie. 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.

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Duthie, Mayor

Christopher Bardi, Councilman David Jacobs, Councilman Richard N. Leonard, Councilman Michelle Tolli, Council President Thomas Tsilionis, Councilman (6:45)

ABSENT:

Peter M. Smith, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator

Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Ethan Jesse Sheffet, Borough Attorney

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Borough Attorney Sheffet read Resolution No. 254-2018 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- 1. Tax Appeals 7 Becker Farm Rd (Formerly 5 ADP)
- 2. Personnel

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close to Executive Session at 6:32 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Smith absent, Tsilionis arrived at 6:45 PM).

Council adjourned executive session at 7:25 PM in order to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Duthie read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll with there being no changes.

#### SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Duthie led the Salute to the Flag.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Treamont
Jack Goldberg
Beth Ravin
Jean Perrotti
38 Leonard Terrace
55 Leonard Terrace
25C Nob Hill
12 Second Avenue

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

#### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the thirteen resolution on the agenda and the seven items on the Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 255-2018 Approval of Water and Sewer Installment Plan for 20 Mulford Court – Account #410250-0

Resolution No. 256-2018 Approval of Water and Sewer Installment Plan for 41 Artho Lane – Account #441610-0

Resolution No. 257-2018 Authorizing contract with P&A Auto Parts, LLC for auto and light duty truck parts through approved Essex County Contract

Resolution No. 258-2018 Authorizing extension of contract with DS Services of America for bottled water/cooler rental through State Contract No. A83767

Resolution No. 259-2018 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) police vehicles and related equipment through State Contract Nos. 88728, 81336 and 81327 for a cost of \$75,282.10

Resolution No. 260-2018 Cancellation of Water and Sewer Billing-Balances

Resolution No. 261-2018 Authorizing Refunds, Overpayments or Cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 262-2018 Awarding contract to Matina & Son, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the 2018 Water Utility Improvements project in the amount of \$475,000.00

Resolution No. 263-2018 Amending Resolution No. 224-2018 "Award Quote to Jack Doheny Companies Inc. for Repairs to the 1998 High Pressure Sewer Jet" – increasing the not to exceed amount to \$16,335.23

Resolution No. 264 approving the August 31, 2018 Bill List

Resolution No. 265-2018 approving the August 31, 2018 Open Space Bill List

Resolution No. 266-2018 Approving the proposal from Bright View Engineering to complete a street evaluation of Lincoln Street for an amount not to exceed \$4,950

Resolution No. 267-2018 Approving Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$193,767.51 to Stanziale Construction, LLC for improvements to Monroe Avenue

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Certificate of Insurance from Cub Scout Pack 801 to use Bond Force Park for their overnight camping trip on October 20, 2018 through October 21, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 AM

Approval for Angela Russomano to attend "N.J Sick Leave Law" seminar on November 12, 2018 in New Brunswick, NJ at accost of \$125.00

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to attend "Tax Collector" seminar on October 26, 2018 in Neptune, NJ at a cost of \$125.00

Authorize Borough Administrator to post for a full-time Recreation Coordinator with a starting salary of \$35,000.00

Approval to distribute funds to aid the Roseland Fire Department for 2018 in the amount of \$50,000.00

Approval of a Blue Light permit for Barry Bachenheimer of the Roseland Fire Department

Accepting donation of a ping pong table to the Roseland Recreation Department from the Jung Family

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilman Jacobs abstaining from the vote on Resolution No. 255-2018 (Smith absent).

# **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

No report

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

No report

#### RECREATION

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the annual Run 4 the Roses and the Junior Olympics will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, with the Run beginning at 8:30 AM and the Junior Olympics beginning at 11:00 AM.

# **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Councilman Leonard voiced his pleasure with Council's approval of Resolution No. 262-2018, awarding the contract for Water Utility Improvements on Cobb Terrace, Conover Avenue, Belaire Court, and Belaire Drive.

#### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Councilman Bardi thanked all those whose efforts resulted in the postponement of the deadline for public comments on the Freshwater Wetlands Permit application for the Compressor Station Expansion. Mr. Bardi advised residents that the new deadline for public comment is September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and there are instructions on the Borough's website which explain the procedure to make public comments. The next meeting of the Compressor Station Ad-Hoc Committee is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

## **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

Councilman Leonard recused himself from the discussion on rent control, leaving the conference table for a seat in the audience.

Councilman Tsilionis reported that his Committee discussed the merits of implementing rent control, and the Committee recommends that Council introduce an ordinance to establish limits on residential rent increases. Mayor Duthie recommended that the Committee meet with residents of the Everly Roseland Apartments and engage the services of an expert who can provide guidance on development of a rent control ordinance.

#### **Public Comment**

Toby Cerrato

15M Nob Hill

Sandra Vasen

10K Nob Hill

At the conclusion of the discussion, Councilman Leonard returned to the conference table.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the August 14, 2018 Council meeting minutes with a correction to the date of the Run 4 Roses and Junior Olympics in the Recreation Committee report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tsilionis and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Smith absent).

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marlene Baum

Nob Hill

Janet Treamont

38 Leonard Terrace

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to close the meeting at 8:59 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Smith absent).

atkins, Borough Clerk

Mayor John Duthie

Approved: September 11, 2018

# **VOICE VOTE**

Aye:

Bardi, Jacobs, Leonard, Smith, Tsilionis

Nay:

Abstain: None Absent: Tolli