

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FEBRUARY 5, 2022
VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL ONLY
9:00 AM OPEN SESSION
EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW IF NEEDED

COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The February 5, 2022 Special meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 9:00 AM by Mayor Spango. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that the date, time, and location of the meeting were sent to the official newspapers, posted on the Borough's website, posted on the public bulletin board in the municipal building, and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Council President
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman (9:06 AM)

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, Councilman

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the Appointments of the Mayor with Advice and Consent of Council, and the Mayoral Appointments:

APPOINTMENTS – MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL

Affordable Housing Board
Claudia Reis

3 Years 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024

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Gloria Chamberlin	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
John Matheis (Unexpired Term)	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023
Eric Fauerbach	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Megan Patrick (Unexpired Term)	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Jean Capasso (Alt. 1)	3 Years	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023
Randy Shapiro (Alt. 2)	3 Years	1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023
<u>Board of Adjustment</u>		
Joseph Rubino (Alt. 2)	2 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2023
<u>Board of Health</u>		
Thomas Kaczynski (Alt. 1)	4 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2025
<u>Camp Wyanokie Commission Trustee</u>		
Michael Colitti	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Marcelino Trillo	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
<u>Mental Health Task Force Subcommittee</u>		
Dr. Liz Matheis	1 Year	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022
Michelle Stefanelli	1 Year	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022
Angela Gillespie	1 Year	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022
Allison Scaraggi	1 Year	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022
Allison Jablonski	1 Year	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022
<u>Recreation Committee</u>		
Angela Gillespie	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Lauren Seiner	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Ken Freeman	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
<u>Rent Review Board</u>		
Steve Marx [Tenant]	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Ned Steiner [Tenant]	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
David Veneri [Single Family Owner]	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Beth Raven [Tenant Alt.]	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Michael Heller [Single Family Owner Alt.]	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
<u>Senior Citizens' Advisory Board</u>		
Pat Ehrardt	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Phyllis Carrozza	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
<u>Senior Transportation Committee</u>		
Sheryl Ryan	1 Year	1/1/2022– 12/31/2022
Maria Biasotti-Lee	1 Year	1/1/2022– 12/31/2022
<u>Sustainable Jersey Green Team</u>		
Maureen Chumacas	1 Year	1/1/2022– 12/31/2022
Chris Bardi	1 Year	1/1/2022– 12/31/2022
Yervant Dermenjian (Unexpired)	1 Year	7/1/2021– 6/30/2022
Jessica Freda (Unexpired)	1 Year	7/1/2021– 6/30/2022
Scott Gorman (Unexpired)	1 Year	7/1/2021– 6/30/2022
Matt Biront (Unexpired)	1 Year	7/1/2021– 6/30/2022

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Beautification Committee

Vienna Mooney	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Elise Geiger	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Priscilla Narvaez-Johnson	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024

Community Events Committee

Barbara Scheifler	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Jennifer Overton	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Eileen Stewart	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Lauren Seiner	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

Community Interfaith Council

Moose Trillo	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Michael Colitti	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Sharlene Vichness (Resident Member)	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

Community Recognition Committee

Chris Bardi	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Michael Colitti	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Allison Jablonski	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

Environmental Commission

Joseph LaMonica Class II Planning Board	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Gina Guariglia-Kelly	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Matthew Biront (Alt. 1)	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Frank Amabile (Alt. 2)	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

Landmarks and Historic District Commission

Pat Crowley-Huey Class A	4 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2025
Thomas Kaczynski Class B	4 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2025

Library Board of Trustees

Judy Nelson	5 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2026
Saumita Lepre	5 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2026
Thomas Kaczynski	5 Years	1/1/2020 – 12/31/2024
Aristotle Popolizio (Mayor's Alt)	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Deborah Sessa (BOE Supt's Alt)	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Eileen Fishman (Council Member)	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

Municipal Youth Guidance Sub-Committee (MYGSC)

Nikole Bakirtzis	1 Year	7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022
Dianna Linnett	1 Year	7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022
Nicole Sumato	1 Year	7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022
Lois Vitiello	1 Year	7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022
Eileen Weiss	1 Year	7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022
Jill Frangione	1 Year	7/01/2021 – 6/30/2022

Planning Board

Anthony Mack Class I	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Mayor's Designee		
Joseph LaMonica Class II	3 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024
Eileen Fishman Class III	1 Year	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

Councilwoman		
William Johnson Class IV	4 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2025
Manny Oliveira Class IV	4 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2025
David Jacobs (Alt. 1)	2 Years	1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022
Kevin Cody (Alt. 2)	2 Years	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2023

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 01-2022: “An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Department of Administration”, Section 2-24 entitled “Department of Police or Police Department” to modify the provisions of outside employment of police officers”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). The public hearing will be held on March 15, 2022.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the two resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 61-2022 Amending Resolution No. 187-2021 Authorizing the Award of a 2021 Professional Services Consulting Contract to Review the Administrative and Performance Functions of the Borough of Roseland’s Police Department for an Amount Not to Exceed \$15,000.00, to Extend the Term of the Contract and to Increase the Hourly Rate of the Contract with no Increase in the Amount Not to Exceed of \$15,000.00

Resolution No. 62-2022 Approving the Terms of the Revised Memorandum of Agreement between the Borough of Roseland and West Essex PBA Local #81, Roseland Supervisory Unit #81A

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).

DISCUSSION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) BUDGET

Water/Sewer Engineer Stephanie Cuthbert of Remington Vernick Engineers presented the proposed water/sewer utility projects for 2022, and summarized each of the projects. Projects include regulatory requirements, annual emergency contract, Cooper Avenue pump station upgrades, GIS hosting, valve and hydrant replacement, second water tank at the Ridge Road tank, replacement of water mains on Freeman Street, Roseland Place, and Cooper Avenue, adding a third pump at the main sanitary sewer pump station, and closed-circuit television inspection of one quarter of the sanitary system to setup the 2022 and 2034 improvement projects. The projected cost of all projects is approximately \$1,697,656.00. The

pump station improvements are a priority as FEMA assistance may be available due to the recent flooding events.

DPW Superintendent Critchett presented the proposed water/sewer capital improvement projects. Mr. Critchett noted the addition of a pickup truck at a cost of \$85,000 in the water capital budget and the addition of a water main tapping machine at a cost of \$12,000 in the water capital budget

Borough Engineer Joseph Pomante of Boswell Engineering reviewed the 2022 Road Condition Survey, highlighting the roads proposed for the 2022 road improvement program. The projected cost of all recommended improvements is approximately \$618,000.00. The goal is to resurface approximately 1 mile of the Borough's 19.1 miles of roadway each year, which projects to a 20-year cycle. Among the roads in most need of repair, Mr. Pomante recommended that this year's road improvement project include Freeman Street, Leonard Terrace, Roseland Place, Ebersbach Lane, Cooper Avenue, Varick Way, and Bartlett Court. Leonard Terrace is the main road into the Roseland Glen Complex. Because it is prudent to pave the side roads before paving the main road, the recommendation is to include all of the side roads in Roseland Glen this year, even though they are lower on the list than Leonard Terrace. For the same reason, it is suggested that three streets that still have a year of serviceable life that are higher on the list, including Plymouth Place, Lyons Avenue, and Gates Avenue, be postponed until next year. Doing all of Roseland Glen is contingent upon Roseland Glen's ability to coordinate the paving of the remaining cutouts in conjunction with the Borough's project.

Mr. Pomante also recommended that both sections of Cooper Avenue be included in this year's budget as the NJ Department of Transportation Local Aid application roads. The application would be submitted in 2022 with paving taking place in 2023.

Although Choctaw Way and ADP Boulevard are higher on the list than some of the suggested roads, Mr. Pomante recommended postponing these roads until after utility and other construction of pending developments in this area have been completed. Improvements to Fernwood Avenue should be postponed pending decisions on what improvements to the Dockrell property will be made. Improvements to Gates Avenue should be postponed pending the imminent repair of the culvert by Essex County.

DPW Superintendent Chris Critchett review the various DPW budgets. Buildings and Grounds is up approximately \$17,000.00. Of that amount, approximately \$10,000.00 has been anticipated for the new contract that will be out to bid and returned prior to introduction of the budget. Also included in the increase are anticipated costs for licensing, schooling, and safety equipment of current and new staff. The Streets and Roads budget is up slightly to reflect wireless tablets for vehicles and increased salt costs. Outsourced repairs should be reduced as a result of hiring of additional staff. Vehicle maintenance is up \$1,000.00 to purchase new truck tires and batteries. Petroleum is up due to the rising cost of gasoline and diesel. Water and Sewer has been increased to accommodate increased electric costs, increased postage due to increased mailings, doubling the number of new water meters, increased maintenance repairs, and increased costs associated with the Caldwell litigation. The capital budget request

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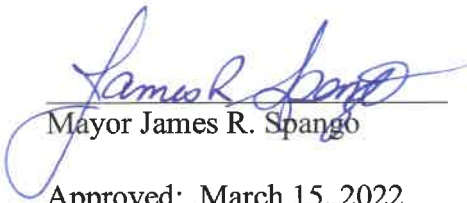
includes postponing the paving of the parking lots at the police station and municipal building until 2023, HVAC replacements in 2022, the purchase of two pickup trucks to replace two old trucks, and the purchase of a new track hoe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

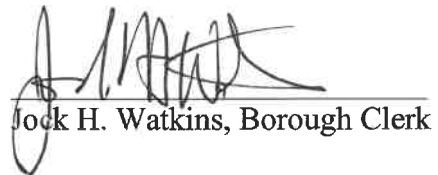
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 AM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by at 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: March 15, 2022



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Freda