

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

DECEMBER 20, 2022
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The December 20, 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, time 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

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, Councilman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 339-2022 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:44 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:00 PM and called the meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Freda was now in attendance via Zoom conference call.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango introduced the coaches and members present of the Sounders, the 2022 fall boys (1-2 grade) soccer league undefeated champions. Recreation Director Colitti presented trophies to the players. Head coach George LaBrunda thanked Director Colitti, the Roseland Recreation Department, his assistant coaches and the parents for their support.

Mayor Spango introduced the members present of the Red Barons 2022 fall coed (youth) kickball league champions. Recreation Director Colitti presented trophies to the players.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 340-2022 approving the December 16, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$588,071.60 and Resolution No. 357-2022 approving the December 19, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$40,551.04. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). Councilman Freda dropped off the conference call before the vote and did not return to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 341-2022 ratification of salaries – November 2022

Resolution No. 342-2022 ratification of bills – October through December 2022

Resolution No. 343-2022 accepting Alla Nudel's retirement effective December 31, 2022 and authorizing the payment of sixty (60) sick days for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00

Resolution No. 344-2022 authorizing Chris Critchett to carry over ten (10) vacation days into 2023

Resolution No. 345-2022 authorizing refund, overpayments, or cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 346-2022 memorializing refunds and cancellations of water sewer billings-balances

Resolution No. 347-2022 authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a renewed Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Verona for Construction Code services through December 31, 2026

Resolution No. 348-2022 approving Change Order # 3 and release of Final Payment in the amount of \$8,871.00 to Shore Top Construction for Tennis and Basketball Court Improvements

Resolution No. 349-2022 approving issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$313,239.00 to Tony Sanchez Ltd. for the purchase of a heavy-duty truck with hook loader for the Department of Public Works (DPW)

Resolution No. 350-2022 seeking relief and parity with state workers relative to State Health Benefits healthcare premiums

Resolution No. 351-2022 awarding a contract to Dumor Contracting in the amount of \$747,521.00 for the Green, Glen and Westview Avenues water main improvement project

Resolution No. 352-2022 awarding a two-year contract to Atlantic Health System for Emergency Medical Services

Resolution No. 353-2022 amending Resolution No. 276 "Approval of Annual Meeting Schedule" to include the 2023 Reorganization meeting and budget meetings

Resolution No. 354-2022 accepting Task I and Task II of proposal from Collier's Engineering & Design to provide professional planner services at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00 for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Map

Resolution No. 355-2022 accepting the quote from Volanti Displays to purchase a plan review table and related equipment at a cost of \$10,974.00 for the Construction Department

Resolution No. 356-2022 amending Resolution No. 30-2022 "Appoint Lite DePalma Greenburg LLC as Special Counsel for Labor Issues for 2022" increasing the not to exceed amount from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval for Michael Colitti and Patrick Nichols to attend the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) District II Meeting in Fairfield, NJ on Wednesday, December 14th at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Patrick Nichols to attend the NJRPA Nomination Committee meeting in Plainsboro, NJ on Monday, January 9, 2023 at no cost to the Borough (Snow date January 11, 2023)

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango expressed his condolences to the family of former Councilman Carmen Biase, Jr.. Mr. Biase served as a Roseland Councilman from 1973-1975 and was a member of the Roseland Planning Board for forty years.

Mayor Spango thanked the Auxiliary Police, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), DPW, recreation, fire, EMS, police, Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Buddy the elf for a wonderful Christmas and Hannukah celebrations. Mayor Spango noted that the Hannukah celebration was attended by the largest crowd in many years. Mayor Spango wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and a happy and healthy New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a happy, healthy, and safe new year. Mr. Bardi thanked all of the volunteers and all those who attended the annual holiday celebrations.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Borough is awaiting the cost for Roseland's 2023 share of the senior citizens bus agreement. The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee's last activity for this year is collection of new socks for shelters. There will be a collection box located at the Roseland Library for donations from December 27th through January 11th. Mrs. Tolli wished everyone a Happy New Year, Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah, Happy Kwanza, and the best of health in the new year.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman wished everyone happy holidays and a healthy, bright 2023. Mrs. Fishman thanked Administrator Chumacas, Clerk Watkins, Deputy Clerk Kennedy, division supervisors, and the entire work force including police, fire, and volunteers for their service in 2022.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the fire department for the Santa Ride Around Town on December 11th, and for their assistance with the Christmas tree and Menorah lightings. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has provided thirty-man hours of traffic assistance

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at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, and at the tree lighting. Mrs. Perrotti wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and a happy and healthy New Year.

RECREATION

Councilman Bardi conveyed Councilman Trillo's wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the November 22, 2022 Council meeting minutes and the November 22, 2022 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Fishman recusing herself from the vote and Councilmen Freda and Trillo absent.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the December 6, 2022 caucus meeting minutes and the December 6, 2022 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: January 3, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Freda, Tolli

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