

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOVEMBER 22, 2022
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The November 22, 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
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Council President
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ABSENT:

Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 303-2022 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Tax Appeal Settlement
3. Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Trillo absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:58 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 Trillo was now in attendance.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATIONS

Acting Police Director Matheis read a proclamation congratulating police Sergeant David Courter on his retirement following a twenty-eight-year career with the Borough. Mr. Matheis then presented Sergeant Courter with his service weapon.

Acting Police Director Matheis read a proclamation congratulating police Sergeant John Allison on his retirement following a twenty-eight-year career with the Borough. Mr. Matheis then presented Sergeant Allison with his service weapon.

Mayor Spango invited Avery Dany to the podium to explain a project that Avery embarked upon in conjunction with his bar mitzvah. Avery decided that he wanted to do something to help people, so he set out to raise funds for the Roseland food pantry. Avery was able to collect and donate approximately \$2,000.00 during the Covid health emergency. Mayor Spango read a proclamation to honor Avery for his time and talent to improve his community.

Mayor Spango presented trophies to the 2022 Junior Olympic event overall winners: kindergarten boys, Max Cossin; kindergarten girls, Reya Zhang; grades 1&2 boys, Chase Chazada; grades 1&2 girls, Emily Schroeder; grades 3&4 boys, Patrick Meyer; grades 3&4 girls, Emma Bardi (accepted by Councilman Bardi); grades 5&6 boys, Joseph Melnicki; and grades 5&6 girls, Cate Freda.

Mayor Spango presented mementos to members of the 2021 inaugural fall coed (adult) kickball league champions: Danielle DeCampo, Tamara Gesario, Gino Izzo, Nicole Izzo, Rich Lupinacci, William Munoz, Michael Scaraggi, Kim Tiseo, Laura Trillo, Moose Trillo, and Silvana Verola. Rich Lupinacci acknowledged the team's pitcher, Dan Reilley, who was unable to attend.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 17-2022 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing and Business Regulations"" adding new Section 4-14 entitled "Block Parties; Permit Required"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 17-2022 for the third and final time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing and Business Regulations"" adding new Section 4-14 entitled "Block Parties; Permit Required"". Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Fishman absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 18-2022 by title only for the second time: "Bond Ordinance amending and providing a supplemental appropriation of \$429,000 for Section 3(B)(1) of Bond Ordinance No. 15-2022, finally adopted September 20, 2022, for 2022 road improvements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, and authorizing the issuance of \$407,550 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 18-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 304-2022 approving the November 18, 2022 bill list in the Amount of \$490,671.28. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 vote with Councilman Freda recusing himself from the vote and Councilwoman Fishman absent.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 305-2022 ratification of salaries – October 2022

Resolution No. 306-2022 approval of budget transfers

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Resolution No. 307-2022 cancellation of unused capital ordinance funding

Resolution No. 308-2022 cancellation of unused water/sewer capital ordinance funding

Resolution No. 309-2022 authorization of refunds, overpayments, or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 310-2022 approval of the 2023 holiday schedule

Resolution No. 311-2022 accepting quote to Bogush Inc. in the amount of \$9,385.00 for the replacement of a fire department sink

Resolution No. 312-2022 authorizing the tax appeal settlement for Roseland Partners LLC for 7 Becker Farm Road

Resolution No. 313-2022 approval of the appointment of recreation winter, seasonal employees

Resolution No. 314-2022 approving a water and sewer payment plan for 24 Mulford Court 410290-0

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

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 315-2022 approving Change Order #1 for Second Avenue, Woodland Avenue and 2021 Road Program for a reduction of \$69,097.89 for an adjusted contract price of \$432,407.53. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Perrotti recusing herself from the vote and Councilwoman Fishman absent.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the five remaining resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 316-2022 authorizing the use of state contract #89974 for the purchase of a HP plotter for the Department of Public Works (DPW) at a cost of \$12,696.00

Resolution No. 317-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign a hold harmless agreement with Moorestown Township for DPW employee CDL training

Resolution No. 318-2022 amending the Water Shut Off Policy to eliminate shut offs from November 15th through March 15th

Resolution No. 319-2022 awarding a required disclosure contract to Allied Printing Graphics, Inc. in the amount of \$1,050.00 for printing services

Resolution No. 320-2022 authorizing the use of state contract #22-GNSV1-07002 to Lima Charlie Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$27,925.00 for the ADA sidewalk improvements to Tedesco Park

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval for Alla Nudel to attend the Essex County Municipal Court Administrators Association meeting on December 2, 2022 at 11:30 AM in Fairfield, NJ

Approval for Officer Laposta and Officer Nicholson to attend High Performance Leadership training at the Morris County Police Academy, on Monday April 24, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer Carnevale to attend Basic Crash Investigation training at the Morris County Police Academy on March 20, 2023 at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer Anthony McDavitt to attend Advanced Crash Investigation training at Morris County Police Academy on May 8, 2023 at no cost to the Borough

Approval for the Fire Department Co. to take fire apparatus out of town to participate in Totowa/West Paterson Holiday Parade

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that Santa's arrival is scheduled for December 3rd from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Mayor Spango outlined the many activities that will be available. Mayor Spango wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi congratulated Councilman Trillo and Councilwoman Perrotti on their re-election to Council. Based upon the responses to the 2022 Best Practices Inventory, the Borough will be receiving 100% of the available state aid. Mr. Bardi wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli congratulated Councilman Trillo and Councilwoman Perrotti on their re-election to Council. The Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be assisting with the holiday tree lighting. The Junior Women's Club will be serving refreshments and donuts. Student members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee collected food for

the Roseland Food Bank, the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church food bank, and the Caldwell/West Caldwell food bank. The DPW loaded and delivered two truckloads of collected food. The Roseland Senior Society will be conducting a cookie exchange on December 9th at the Roseland First Aid Squad. The senior transportation bus is running on schedule. Mrs. Tolli wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti congratulated Councilman Trillo on his re-election to Council. The fire department held one meeting in October, conducted two drills, and responded to twenty-five alarms for a total of one hundred and seventy-one alarms this year to date. This compares to one hundred eighty-eight responses during the same period last year. The fire department provided mutual aid assistance to the West Caldwell Fire Department at a serious house fire this past week. The fire department will be participating in the Totowa/West Paterson holiday parade this Saturday at 6:00 PM.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) auxiliary police performed twenty-four hours of volunteer traffic control at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church during October. Mrs. Perrotti congratulated Sergeant Courter and Sergeant Allison on their recent retirements from the police department. Mrs. Perrotti thanked all members of the police department for their service.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo noted that negotiations are taking place in an attempt to secure more gym space for basketball programs at Noecker School. Councilwoman Tolli added that the Roseland boosters will be holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 11th. The time and location are to be determined. Mr. Trillo congratulated Councilwoman Perrotti on her re-election to Council.

Mayor Spango congratulated Councilman Trillo and Councilwoman Perrotti on their re-election to Council. Mayor Spango thanked former Mayor Pacio and his wife for lending and setting up the nativity display at the Borough Hall. Mr. Spango also noted that Borough ornaments will be given to all children who participate in the Christmas Tree lighting festivities on December 3rd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the November 1, 2022 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Freda recusing himself from the vote and Councilwoman Fishman absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Spango read a letter from a resident thanking and commending the Roseland DPW for their prompt and professional response to a recent water main break in her neighborhood.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

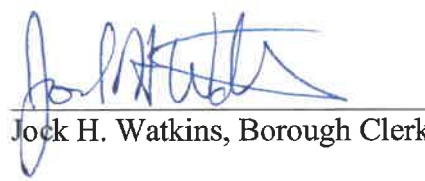
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: December 20, 2022



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Perrotti, Tolti

Nay: None

Abstain: Fishman

Absent: Freda, Trillo

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