

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 17, 2023
19 HARRISON AVENUE
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The January 17, 2023 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 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
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (Via Zoom)
Marcelino Trillo, Council President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Nicholas A. Grieco, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Treamont 38 Leonard Terrace

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 01-2023: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland amending and supplementing Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Licensing and Business Regulations" adding new Section 4-13 entitled "Business Insurance Registration"". The motion was seconded by

Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on February 21, 2023.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 02-2023: “An ordinance creating a new Chapter 12 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Children’s Fund”, authorizing the creation of a Children’s Fund and establishing administrative and procedural guidelines for the operation and management of said fund”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on February 21, 2023.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 03-2023: “An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Department of Administration”, Section 2-11 entitled “Borough Public Defender” to enable the appointment of an Assistant Public Defender and an Alternate Public Defender”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on February 21, 2023.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 04-2023: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland establishing salaries for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roseland”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on February 21, 2023.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 05-2023: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 16-2022 as amended which provided for salaries and compensation to be paid to non-union employees of the Borough of Roseland and substitute therefore salaries and compensation for the year 2023”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held on February 21, 2023.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 37-2023 approving the January 13, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$101,421.15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CDBG GRANT APPLICATION

Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on Resolution No. 38-2023 authorizing submission of an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to provide upgraded and enhanced accessibility throughout Tedesco Park in the Borough of Roseland. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve resolution No. 38-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the first thirteen resolutions on the agenda, Resolution Nos. 39-2023 through 51-2023:

Resolution No. 39-2023 cancellation of water and sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 40-2023 approving the appointment of Christopher Critchett and Joseph Pomante as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) representatives for 2023

Resolution No. 41-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with the Hanover Manor for the Senior of the Year holiday luncheon

Resolution No. 42-2023 ratification of salaries – December 2022

Resolution No. 43-2023 approving extension No. 4 to 6 Becker and 85 Livingston Redevelopment Agreements

Resolution No. 44-2023 approving submission of a grant application for the 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant Program

Resolution No. 45-2023 amending Resolution No. 313-2022 “Approval to Appoint Recreation Winter Seasonal Employees” – changing the rate to reflect the increase to minimum wage

Resolution No. 46-2023 authorizing purchase of certain goods and services through the use of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

Resolution No. 47-2023 authorizing the purchase of a Toro infield grooming machine and related equipment under Bergen County Co-Op BC-22-09 at a cost of \$36,480.00

Resolution No. 48-2023 accepting the quote from Enforsys Inc. in the amount of \$9,900.00 for the annual maintenance and support of proprietary software

Resolution No. 49-2023 authorizing the use of competitive contracting for grant writing services

Resolution No. 50-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a ground lease agreement with Dish Wireless LLC.

Resolution No. 51-2023 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering in the amount of \$52,750.00 to provide engineering services for the Leonard Terrace, Varick Way and Ebersbach Lane road improvements project

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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

Resolution No. 52-2023 authorizing submission of a Strategic Plan for the Roseland Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$3,201.26 for fiscal year 2024

Resolution No. 53-2023 authorizing submission of an application for NJ Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) grant funding in the amount of \$4,439.35 for the Roseland Municipal Alliance for the grant term beginning September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman recusing herself from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the thirteen items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Michael Colitti and Patrick Nichols to attend the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association (NJRPA) conference in Atlantic City, NJ from March 13, 2023 through March 15, 2023 at a cost of \$425.00 per person

Approval for Jock Watkins and Ashley Kennedy to attend the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Clerks Association of Essex County on January 19, 2023 in Bloomfield, NJ at a cost of \$10.00 per person

Approval for Kent Yates to attend the New Jersey chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (NJ IAAI) conference in Atlantic City, NJ from February 28, 2023 through March 3, 2023 at a cost of \$650.00

Approval for Officer Gibbons to attend field sobriety testing training from February 27, 2023 through March 3, 2023 at the Wayne Police Department at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer Gutierrez to attend Aloctest training from April 3, 2023 through April 6, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer McDavitt to attend Alcotest training May 23, 2023 through May 26, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer LaPosta to attend Alcotest recertification training on April 21, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer Hesselbirg to attend Alcotest recertification training on April 18, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Detective Carnevale to attend Alcotest recertification training on April 19, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer Gibbons to attend Alcotest recertification training on April 20, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer Aue to attend drug impaired driving training on October 17, 2023 at the Passaic County Police Academy at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Officer Hughes to attend drug impaired driving training on October 16, 2023 at the Passaic County Police Academy at no cost to the Borough

Approval for Sergeant Boulard and Officer Hiter to attend firearms law & applicant investigation training on January 18, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked everyone who attended the swearing in ceremony last week at Noecker School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi reminded residents that the second budget review meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st at 9:00 AM at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue, and the third budget review meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th at 9:00 AM at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue.

PUBLIC WORKS

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti was pleased to see the amount of police department training that was on tonight's agenda. The fire department has responded to thirty alarms this month to date. The department responded to two hundred twenty-three alarms in 2022 compared to two hundred nineteen in 2021. The fire department has responded to a number of tough calls in the past few weeks and Mrs. Perrotti thanked the members for everything that they do. The OEM Auxiliary Police provided thirty-man hours of service in January helping with Santa's arrival and performing traffic control at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament church.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that basketball season is well underway. The glitch with the girl's uniforms is expected to be resolved within the next few days. Mr. Trillo was pleased to announce that pickup basketball is coming back thanks to Roseland Board of Education Superintendent Leone. Beginning the last Monday in January, the gym at Noecker School will be open to men and women over the age of eighteen every Monday night through April 24th for pickup basketball games.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli congratulated those members of the governing body who were reelected to another term. Mrs. Tolli commented on a number of shared services that will continue this year including animal control with West Orange, Construction Department services with Verona, Health Department services with East Hanover, and the senior bus with West Caldwell and Caldwell. Student members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee (MYGS) are meeting tomorrow night at the first aid squad building to prepare sandwiches and lunches that will be distributed to homeless people at local shelters. The MYGS is awaiting a date when they will travel to assist at the New Jersey Food Bank in Hillside. The annual Noecker School tricky tray is scheduled for April 26, 2023.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman commented that she and Councilman Freda had an enjoyable time at the recent Elks Hoop Shoot event, noting that it was a very nice time for the kids. The next meeting of the Senior Society is scheduled for January 27th. There will be a speaker from RWJ Barnabas health.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the January 3, 2023 Reorganization meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Freda and Councilwoman Tolli recusing themselves from the vote.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the January 7, 2023 budget meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Tolli recusing herself from the vote.

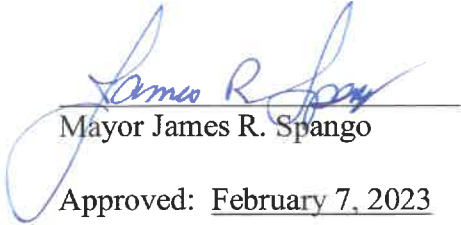
Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 special Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Tolli recusing herself from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

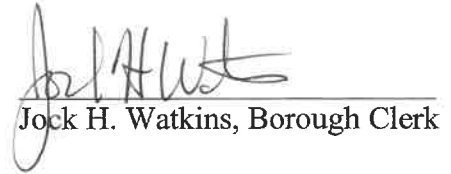
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: February 7, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bardi, Fishman, Freda

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