

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 16, 2024
19 HARRISON AVENUE
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The January 16, 2024 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
John Biront, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ABSENT:

Christopher Bardi, Council President
Roger Freda, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough Attorney (Via Zoom)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Spango administered the oath of office to Sergeant Lorenzo Williams.

Mayor Spango administered the oath of office to Sergeant Anthony McDavitt

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 01-2024 by title only for the second time: "Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, amending certain bond ordinances and appropriating/reappropriating \$1,365,943 in order to provide for water main replacements". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 01-2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Biront recusing himself from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Trillo made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 01-2024 for the third and final time: "Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, amending certain bond ordinances and appropriating/reappropriating \$1,365,943 in order to provide for water main replacements". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Bardi, Freda absent).

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 46-2024 approving the January 12, 2024 bill list in the amount of \$14,228.80. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 44-2024 appointing Lorenzo Williams as a Patrol Sergeant to the Roseland Police Department and Resolution No. 45-2024 appointing Anthony McDavitt as a Patrol Sergeant to the Roseland Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent).

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

Resolution No. 47-2024 ratification of salaries – December 2023

Resolution No. 48-2024 appointing Anthony Mack as Borough Prosecutor and establishing salary

Resolution No. 49-2024 approving 2024 list of substitute municipal court employees

Resolution No. 50-2024 appointing the official towing companies for 2024

Resolution No. 51-2024 authorizing contracts with Approved Morris County Pricing Council Contract for vendors from 1-1-24 to 12-31-24

Resolution No. 52-2024 authorizing the use of State Contract 24-GNSV2-51689 for offsite record storage services through June 30, 2024

Resolution No. 53-2024 authorizing the mayor to sign a temporary shared service agreement with the Township of Verona for assistance within the Construction Code Department

Resolution No. 54-2024 authorizing a tax appeal settlement for 1 ADP Boulevard, Block 30.1 Lot 2

Resolution No. 55-2024 authorizing the use of State Contract No. 0000003 for office supplies and recycled copy paper through May 6, 2024

Resolution No. 56-2024 declaration of emergency due to failure of the main pump station on January 16, 2024

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the three items on the consent agenda:

Approval for Jock Watkins and Ashley Kennedy to an Essex County Municipal Clerk Association Meeting on January 18, 2024 in Fairfield, NJ – Total Cost \$80.00

Approval for Michael Colitti to Attend NJRPA Conference from February 26th-28th, 2024 in Atlantic City, NJ – Total Cost \$425.00

Approval for Sergeant Williams and Sergeant McDavitt to Attend First Line Supervision Course on March 13, 2024 – Total Cost \$380.00

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Upon recommendation by Mayor Spango, Councilman Trillo made a motion to make the following appointments:

Board of Adjustment

Anthony Guerino	4 Years	1/16/2023 – 12/31/2026
Joseph Rubino, Alternate No. 2	2 Years	1/16/2024 – 12/31/2025

Planning Board

Louis LaSalle, Class IV Member	4 Years	1/16/2024 – 12/31/2027
Kevin Codey, Alternate No. 2	2 Years	1/16/2024 – 12/31/2025

Library Board of Trustees

William Tedesco	5 Years	1/16/2024 – 12/31/2028
Aristotle Popolizio, Mayor's Alternate	1 Year	1/16/2024 – 12/31/2024

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

Mayor Spango thanked the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the police department, and the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their efforts during the last few snow storms, noting that the DPW did a great job clearing the streets. Mayor Spango congratulated Sergeant Williams and Sergeant McDavitt on their promotions. Mayor Spango also congratulated the fire department and the first aid squad on their recent awards dinners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

No report

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that there are still tickets available for Roseland Night at the New Jersey Devils hockey game on Monday, February 12th. Basketball season is going well. The games that were cancelled due to flooding in Fairfield are expected to be rescheduled in February.

SENIOR & FAMILY SERVICES

Councilwoman Fishman announced that the senior society had their first meeting this past Friday, which featured speakers from St. Barnabas. There are a lot of activities planned for the coming year and all seniors are invited to participate.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the DPW for their response to the recent snow storm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti congratulated Sergeant Williams and Sergeant Mc Davitt on their promotion to Sergeant. The fire department now has thirty-six members, up from recent years. The first aid squad also has six cadets.

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE & ENGINEERING

Councilman Biront noted that he will be attending his first planning board meeting this coming Monday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Biront made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 reorganization meeting minutes and the January 2, 2024 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

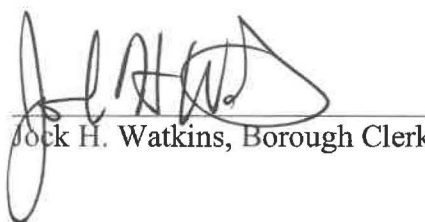
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: February 6, 2024



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Biront, Fishman, Perrotti, Trillo
Nay: None
Recuse: Bardi
Abstain: None
Absent: Freda

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