

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MARCH 21, 2023
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The March 21, 2023 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, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Council President (6:42 PM)

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Ashley Kennedy, Deputy Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 103-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Freda, Trillo absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:48 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:00 PM and called the meeting to order. Deputy Clerk Kennedy called the roll noting that Councilman Trillo was in attendance. Councilman Freda was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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| Angela Getz | 8 Second Avenue |
| Digna Capellan | 511 Eagle Rock Avenue |
| Dan Salvante | Essex County Liaison |

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango presented awards to members of the “New Kicks on the Block”, the 2023 fall co-ed adult kickball league champions

Mayor Spango presented commendations to Roseland Police Lieutenant Eddie Fernandez, Sergeant Michael Bellantoni, and Officer Mark Miller. Police Director Matheis explain that these three officers were instrumental in negotiating the disarming of a person, without the use of force, who was wielding a hand gun. After disarming the person, the officers continued to exhibit restraint, care and compassion as they initiated the follow up care that the person required.

Mayor Spango presented Captain William Mildon with his service weapon upon his retirement from the Roseland Police Department after more than twenty-nine years in law enforcement.

Kevin Dunshee, Chief Commercial Officer of Solar Landscape, announced that his company has reapplied to the State for permission to install solar electric equipment at the Cube Smart at 465 Eagle Rock Avenue. Solar Landscape specializes in installing solar electric systems on commercial properties which send electricity into the electric grid, rather than into the commercial business.

Councilman Bardi narrated a PowerPoint presentation of the 2023 Roseland Municipal Budget.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 10-2023: “Calendar Year 2023 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on April 18, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Deputy Clerk Kennedy read Ordinance No. 04-2023 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland establishing salaries for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roeland”. Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 04-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda 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 Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

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Deputy Clerk Kennedy read Ordinance No. 04-2023 for the third and final time: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland establishing salaries for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roeland”. Councilman Trillo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 04-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Freda absent).

Deputy Clerk Kennedy read Ordinance No. 08-2023 by title only for the second time: “Ordinance Appropriating \$248,300 for improvements to Cooper Avenue in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey”. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 08-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Deputy Clerk Kennedy read Ordinance No. 08-2023 for the third and final time: “Ordinance Appropriating \$248,300 for improvements to Cooper Avenue in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Freda absent).

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 104-2023 Introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Freda absent). The public hearing on adoption of the budget will be held on April 18, 2023.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 105-2023 approving the March 17, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$338,778.49. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 106-2023 authorizing Change Order #2 to Manda Corporation for the tank painting project, increasing the contract by \$17,340.00 for a new contract amount of \$610,350.00, and authorizing payment #3 in the amount of \$19,364.80

Resolution No. 107-2023 ratification of salaries – February 2023

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Resolution No. 108-2023 Governing Body certification of compliance with Equal Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

Resolution No. 109-2023 authorizing funds for 2023 Planning Board professional services for an amount not to exceed of \$15,000.00 to Vincent K. Loughlin of the Loughlin Law Firm, and for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 to Topology NJ, LLC

Resolution No. 110-2023 approving a one-year renewal of the employee life insurance policy with MetLife Insurance Company at an estimated contract price of \$2,300.00

Resolution No. 111-2023 approving registration fees and sponsor fees for the 2023 Run for Roseland

Resolution No. 112-2023 authorizing the extension of State Contract 86004 with P&A Auto Parts through February 25, 2024

Resolution No. 113-2023 authorizing the amendment of Section IV of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual entitled "Overtime Compensation Policy"

Resolution No. 114-2023 approving the appointment of Joshua Cleetus to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Resolution No. 115-2023 approving the Sponsorship Fees for the 2023 Summer Concert Series

Resolution No. 116-2023 authorizing the rejection of 2023 lawn maintenance bids, and authorizing advertising for rebidding of the project

Resolution No. 117-2023 providing for the combination of certain issues of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, into a single issue of bonds aggregating \$7,550,000.00 in principal amount

Resolution No. 118-2023 Providing for the combination of certain issues of General Improvement Bonds of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, into a single issue of bonds aggregating \$15,865,000.00 in principal amount

Resolution No. 119-2023 Determining the form and other details of \$23,415,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023, consisting of \$15,865,000.00 General Improvement Bonds and \$7,550,000.00 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds, of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, and providing for their sale

Resolution No. 120-2023 ratification of bills – January through March 2023

Resolution No. 121-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a two-year contract with Comcast for internet services at 19 Harrison Avenue and 300 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 122-2023 establishing the Open Space Tax Rate for 2023 of two cents (\$0.02) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed property value.

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Resolution No. 123-2023 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the Tax Office

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the appointment of Mark Arzoomaniam as Deputy Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management effective April 1st through December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that with the Easter holiday approaching, the Easter Bunny is coming to Roseland on April 1st. The announcement of the summer concert schedule will be made at an upcoming Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

No additional report

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has provided thirty-nine hours of volunteer service conducting traffic control at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Noecker School, and at the funeral of retired police chief George Adelman, Jr. The fire department responded to thirty-four alarms during the month of February. Mrs. Perrotti welcomed Joshua Cleetus to the fire department and Mark Arzoomaniam as an auxiliary police officer. Councilwoman Perrotti congratulated Captain Mildon on his retirement, and Lieutenant Fernandez, Sergeant Bellantoni, and officer Miller for their commendations. Mrs. Perrotti added that the Roseland First Aid Squad, like all other volunteer agencies in the Borough and nationwide, is looking for volunteer drivers and EMT's. Anyone interested is asked to visit the Borough's website and complete an application.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that the baseball and softball drafts will take place shortly, and that opening day of baseball season is scheduled for April 22nd.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the high school members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee will be assisting with the bunny trail and the Easter egg hunt on April 1st. The students

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will again be visiting the New Jersey Food Bank in Hillside on Saturday, May 6th to assist with packing food for those in need. This Friday, the senior society is hosting a visit by mind reader Flavian at 12:30 PM at the Roseland library. The senior society has also scheduled a trip to view the cherry blossoms on Tuesday, April 4th.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

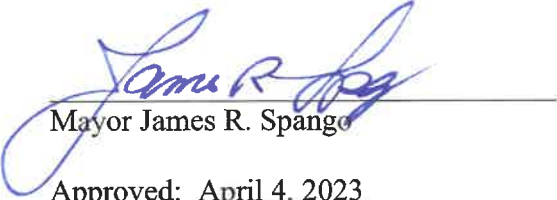
Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the March 7, 2023 caucus meeting minutes and the March 7, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman recusing herself from the vote, and Councilman Freda absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

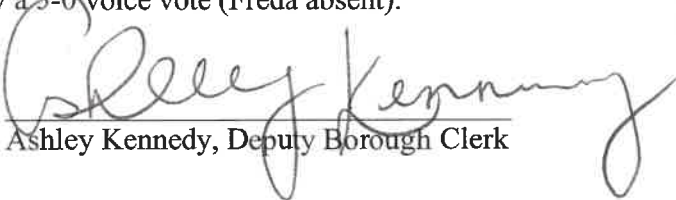
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| William Tedesco | 20 Meeker Court |
| John Matheis | OEM Coordinator |

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Trillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango



Ashley Kennedy, Deputy Borough Clerk

Approved: April 4, 2023

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo
Nay: None
Recuse: None
Absent: Absent