

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

MAY 16, 2023
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The May 16, 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
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Council President (6:50 PM)

ABSENT:

Christopher Bardi, 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. 171-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Bardi, Trillo absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:55 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 arrived during executive session and Councilman Bardi was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Essex County liaison Dan Salvante presented the schedule of upcoming activities being offered by Essex County.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Spango presented a proclamation, a mother of the year sash, a plaque, and a gift card from Jim Johnston's Steakhouse, to Anastasia Liamini, whose daughter submitted the winning essay in the 2023 mother of the year contest for grades 1 through 3.

Mayor Spango presented a proclamation, a mother of the year sash, a plaque, and a gift card from Jim Johnston's Steakhouse, to Jennifer Lupinacci whose daughter submitted the winning essay in the 2023 mother of the year contest for grades 4 through 6.

Mayor Spango presented a proclamation to Brett Bachenheimer, one of only fifteen finalists in New Jersey in the 2023 Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship competition. The competition is sponsored by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for the "purpose of advancing the virtues of elected and volunteer positions in municipal government while raising awareness of municipal government in general".

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 14-2023: "An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of an easement from Public Service Electric and Gas Company and the execution of the grant of easement by and between Public Service Electric and Gas Company, the Borough of Roseland, and the County of Essex". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent). The public hearing will be held on June 20, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2023 by title only for the second time: "Bond Ordinance providing for the construction of a Foulerton Brook footbridge in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$175,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$166,250 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 11-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 11-2023 for the third and final time: "Bond Ordinance providing for the construction of a Foulerton Brook footbridge in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$175,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$166,250 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.". Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 roll call vote (Bardi absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 12-2023 for the second time by title only: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 05-2023 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". Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 12-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi 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 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent).

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2023 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" adding new Section 14-5 entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"". Councilman Trillo made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi 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 (Bardi absent).

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 172-2023 approving the May 12, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$200,686.06. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 173-2023 ratification of salaries – April 2023

Resolution No. 174-2023 memorializing the refund and cancellation of water sewer billing balances

Resolution No. 175-2023 approving the hiring of 2023 SCRAM staff

Resolution No. 176-2023 appointing Lisa D'Alessandro as Municipal Court Administrator and establishing her salary

Resolution No. 177-2023 authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Resolution No. 178-2023 releasing final payment in the amount of \$7,656.40 to VNL Incorporated for the altitude valve and vault installation project at Ridge Road

Resolution No. 179-2023 accepting the proposal from and awarding a contract to Hendricks Appraisal Company in the amount of \$6,500.00 to provide appraisal services of municipal owned property, the former Erie Railroad Right-of-Way from Harrison Avenue to Eagle Rock Avenue, Block 12, Lot 59

Resolution No. 180-2023 authorizing the Tax Collector to prepare third quarter estimated tax bills, due August 1, 2023

Resolution No. 181-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a letter of intent to offer to sell a portion of real property no longer needed for public purpose at private sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-1 et seq. located at Block 12 Lot 59 to be referred as Block 12 Lot 200, Roseland, New Jersey

Resolution No. 182-2023 accepting the quote from and awarding a contract to Renaissance Electric for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00 2023 electrical services

Resolution No. 183-2023 awarding a contract to Shauger Property Services, Inc. in the amount of \$142,390.00 for 2023 emergency water and sewer services

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the West Essex Senior Service application that was submitted by Santiago Botero. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent).

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the other four items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for the ARC of Essex to utilize the all-purpose room at 19 Harrison Avenue on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Approval for the ARC of Essex to utilize the all-purpose room at 19 Harrison Avenue on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Approval for Jock Watkins and Ashley Kennedy to attend the Essex County Municipal Clerk's Association quarterly meeting on June 15, 2023 in Livingston, NJ at a cost of \$40.00 per person

Approval of the cadet application submitted by Jack Iannuzzi for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough would be hosting four summer concerts this year with two concerts scheduled in July, one in August, and one in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

No report

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti congratulated Lisa D'Alessandro on her appointment as Court Administrator. Mrs. Perrotti welcomed Jack Iannuzzi as a cadet member of the fire department.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced that the annual fishing derby will take place Thursday at Grover Cleveland Park in Caldwell. Baseball and softball programs are running smoothly. The annual town picnic and Mayor's Trophy game are scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd. The softball game will begin at 10:00 AM with the picnic beginning at 11:30 AM.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reminded residents that the annual senior luncheon will take place on Friday at the Hanover Manor. Maria Biasotti-Lee has been selected as Senior of the Year. A senior picnic is being planned for mid to late June. The seniors will be taking a bus trip to Monmouth Racetrack on August 11th.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the high school members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee recently assisted with the packing of meals at the New Jersey Food Bank. Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 29th. The local service will begin at 8:30 AM at monument park at the corner of Eagle Rock and Harrison Avenues. The annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to kick off at 9:30 AM on Bloomfield Avenue in Caldwell, and will proceed down Bloomfield Avenue to the gazebo in Crane Park in West Caldwell.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 184-2023 to hire Justin Turpan and Sabastian Keil as summer interns. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the April 18, 2023 Council meeting minutes and the April 18, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent).

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the May 2, 2023 caucus meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Trillo recusing himself from the vote and Councilman Bardi absent.

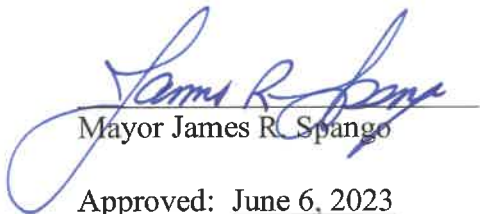
Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the May 2, 2023 executive session minutes, the May 6, 2023 special meeting minutes, and the May 6, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

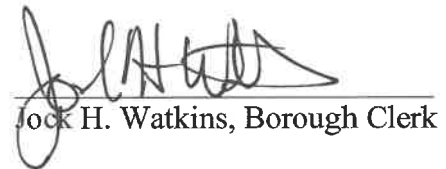
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Bardi absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: June 6, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Fishman, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli

Nay: None

Recuse: Bardi

Absent: Trillo

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