

**BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

JUNE 20, 2023
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The June 20, 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
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Council President

ABSENT:

Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, 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. 204-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:57 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 Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Freda were absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony DeMeola

62 Davenport Avenue

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William Tedesco
Salvatore Polidoro
Paul Sarabando

20 Meeker Court
50 Cooper Avenue
68 Pitcairn Drive (via Zoom)

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Thomas J. O'Beirne and other members of the Roseland Police Foundation presented two laser speed detectors to Acting Police Director John Mathies.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 16-2023: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" amending Section 14-5 entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"". The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on July 18, 2023.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 17-2023: "An ordinance by the Mayor and Council amending the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Chapter 22 ENTITLED "Flood Damage Prevention"; To adopt a new Chapter 22 entitled "Flood Plain Management"; to adopt flood hazard maps; to designate a floodplain administrator; and providing for severability and an effective date.". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on July 18, 2023.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 18-2023: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 17 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Water and Sewer"". The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on July 18, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2023 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of an easement from Public Service Electric & Gas Company and the execution of the grant of easement by and between Public Service Electric & Gas Company, the Borough of Roseland, and the County of Essex". Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, 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 Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 14-2023 for the third and final time: "An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of an easement from Public Service Electric & Gas Company and the

execution of the grant of easement by and between Public Service Electric & Gas Company, the Borough of Roseland, and the County of Essex”. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Fishman, Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 15-2023 by title only for the second time: “Bond ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, amending in its entirety Bond Ordinance No. 11-2022, finally adopted June 21, 2022, to increase the amount and scope of work and remove the reference to the federal grant”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 14-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, 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 Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent).

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 205-2023 approving the June 16, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$874,571.13. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the twenty resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 206-2023 ratification of salaries – May 2023

Resolution No. 207-2023 approving the appointment of seasonal summer recreation employees

Resolution No. 208-2023 authorizing Change Order #3 and Final Payment to Manda Corporation for the Ridge Road Tank Painting Project reducing the contract by \$180,925.00 for a new contract amount of \$420,425.00 and authorizing Payment #3 in the Amount of \$24,710.00

Resolution No. 209-2023 approving amendments to the Redevelopment Agreements with 6 Becker Urban Renewal, LLC and 85 Livingston Urban renewal, LLC and authorizing a six (6) month extension of the time frame to commence construction

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Resolution No. 210-2023 approving the hiring of Michael Guerrieri as a Probationary Teamster for the Department of Public Works

Resolution No. 211-2023 approving the advertisement fees for the 2024 community calendar

Resolution No. 212-2023 amending Resolution No. 199-2023 “Authorizing the 2023 SCRAM Field Trips and Establishing Fee Schedule” to revise the trip scheduled for July 13, 2023

Resolution No. 213-2023 accepting the proposal from Boswell Engineering Services to provide GIS database improvements and ArcGIS online support

Resolution No. 214-2023 approving the refund in the amount of \$256.00 for the construction permit for 14 Second Avenue

Resolution No. 215-2023 accepting the quote from GM Fence in the amount of for the purchase of a chain link fence

Resolution No. 216-2023 approving the submission of a grant application and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Choctaw Way and ADP Boulevard project

Resolution No. 217-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Roseland and the County of Essex for the installation and maintenance of surveillance cameras and equipment on traffic signals and within Essex County rights-of-way

Resolution No. 218-2023 rescinding Resolution No. 352-2022 “Award Two-Year Contract for Emergency Medical Services to Atlantic Health System”

Resolution No. 219-2023 accepting a donation of two (2) radar guns from the Roseland Police Foundation

Resolution No. 220-2023 ratification of bills – April through June 2023

Resolution No. 221-2023 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 222-2023 declaring September 2023 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Resolution No. 223-2023 accepting the quote in the amount of \$15,024.96 from Onix Networking Corporation for e-mailing services

Resolution No. 224-2023 authorizing the purchase of firearms and related equipment through state contract at a cost of \$16,273.82 from Atlantic Tactical Inc.

Resolution No. 225-2023 memorializing the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicle at a cost of \$39,630.74 through State Contract 23-Fleet-34933

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that the community picnic on June 3rd was a great success, with more than five hundred residents in attendance. Mayor Spango thanked the students at West Caldwell Tech who constructing a new manger for the Christmas holiday, saving the Borough the cost to purchase a new one. The first summer concert is scheduled for July 12th. Preliminary plans for the 2023 Christmas and holiday celebration have begun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi thanked the Roseland Police Foundation for their donation of the laser speed detectors. Mr. Bardi also thanked the Roseland Police Department for their increased efforts over past twelve months. A letter will be going out to all residents Letter going out soon to all residents explaining the upcoming townwide property revaluation. The County requires this process to be completed every ten years, and the last revaluation was in 2010. Council also expects to host a meeting for questions and answers regarding the process.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked the Roseland Police Foundation for their donation of the laser speed detectors. Mrs. Perrotti expressed her pleasure that Council has authorized the mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Essex County to enable the Borough to erect a License Plate Reader (LPR) on Livingston Avenue near the exit ramp from Interstate Route 280. The Borough also plans to erect another LPR on Laurel Avenue. The Borough is currently preparing a grant application for five more stationery LPR's.

Councilwoman Perrotti implored residents to remove their key fobs from their cars, lock their cars, lock their houses including the door from an attached garage into the home, and to call the police whenever they witness any suspicious activity.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo stated that baseball and softball seasons are wrapping up. The 7th – 8th grade girls softball team won their softball championship. Summer events kickoff with the senior barbecue which is scheduled for Friday, June 23rd. The morning sessions of SCRAM are booked up, but there are a few openings in the afternoon session. Mr. Trillo announced the last call for adult men's basketball league which starts next week. All fall programming registrations are open including soccer, cross country, youth kickball, and the run walk event.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli announced that there are four summer concerts scheduled beginning with a country style band on July 12th. The schedule of all of the concerts is available on the Borough's website. The new term for the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee starts in September and is open to all high school students in grades nine through twelve. There are three openings on the Environmental Commission. The library is conducting their annual book sale beginning today through Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Historical Society is holding a wine and cheese gathering on July 4th from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Mayor Spango added that all summer concerts are free to attend. Prior to the concert on July 12th, the graduating students from Noecker School will be acknowledged with a group photograph on stage.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the June 6, 2023 caucus meeting minutes and the June 6, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote with Councilman Trillo recusing himself from the vote and Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Freda absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

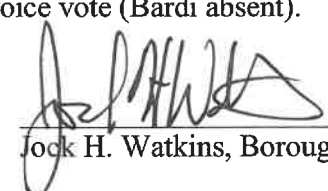
ADJOURNMENT

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: July 18, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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