

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

AUGUST 15, 2023
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The August 15, 2023 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:00 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
Roger Freda, Councilman (via Zoom)
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Council President (via Zoom)

ABSENT:

Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

*Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Elnardo Webster, Borough Attorney (via Zoom)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 247-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Potential Litigation
2. Contract Negotiations
3. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:37 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

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 20-2023: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 13-2023 entitled "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"", and to repeal Ordinance No. 16-2023 entitled "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Parks and Recreation" amending Section entitled "Use of Pickleball Courts"". The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on September 19, 2023.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 21-2023: "An ordinance establishing a new Chapter 19, Section 22 entitled "Public Utilities Construction and Pole Installation and Replacement". 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 September 19, 2023.

Ordinance No. 22-2023 was withdrawn.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 23-2023: "An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled "Department of Administration", amending Subsection 2-34 entitled "Recreation Coordinator" and adding new Subsection 2-36 entitled "Recreation Coordinator". 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 September 19, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 19-2023 by title only for the second time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 12-2023 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. 19-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda 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 Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent).

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 19-2023 for the third and final time: "An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 12-2023 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 adopt Ordinance No. 19-2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 roll call vote (Fishman, Freda absent).

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 248-2023 approving the August 11, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$1,706,023.08. The motion as seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 249-2023 ratification of salaries – July 2023

Resolution No. 250-2023 authorizing refunds, overpayments or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 251-2023 approving the hiring of Steven Willenborg as Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance Officer

Resolution No. 252-2023 appointing Brett Bachenheimer as a firefighter to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Resolution No. 253-2023 approving the 2023 list for substitute municipal court employees

Resolution No. 254-2023 authorizing a new recreation multi-sport youth program and establishing fees

Resolution No. 255-2023 approving the appointment of fall seasonal recreation employees

Resolution No. 256-2023 approving cancellation of water sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 257-2023 authorizing extension No. 8 to purchase certain goods and services through the use of state contract 19-TELE-00656 for computers and related supplies through October 31, 2023

Resolution No. 258-2023 appointing Lauren Seiner as the full-time Recreation Coordinator effective September 11, 2023

Resolution No. 259-2023 appointing Linda Wheeler as program director for senior balance classes

Resolution No. 260-2023 authorizing the use of the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey Contract 19/20-13 for HVAC repairs to In-Line Air Conditioning Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$17,500.00

Resolution No. 261-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with Prime Point for time and labor scheduler software for the Police Department

Resolution No. 262-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with the United Methodist Church

Resolution No. 263-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a pole agreement for miscellaneous attachment with Verizon

Resolution No. 264-2023 awarding a required disclosure contract to Fred Devens Construction for the purchase and installation of a replacement pressure reducing valve on Hyer Farm Road at a cost not to exceed \$18,634.00

Resolution No. 265-2023 authorizing the rejection of bids for 2023 Emergency Maintenance & Repair of Electrical and Mechanical Equipment associated with the water and sanitary utility

Resolution No. 266-2023 authorizing the Borough of Roseland to invest in the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program

Resolution No. 267-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign the Arbitrage Rebate Engagement Letter with PFM Asset Management LLC to cover the time-period proceeds that were not invested with NJ/ARM

Resolution No. 268-2023 authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Hatzalah of MetroWest Ambulance Service

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the five items on the Consent Agenda:

Accept with Regret the resignation of Michael Guerrieri from the Department of Public Works effective July 26, 2023

Approval to waive the Board of Health and Fire Prevention fees for Chubby's Kitchen associated with the August 2nd and August 23rd, 2023 summer concert series

Approval to waive the Board of Health and Fire Prevention fees for the Town Scoop associated with the August 23, 2023 summer concert series

Approval to waive the Board of Health and Fire Prevention fees for Sunrise Kitchen associated with the September 8, 2023 summer concert series

Approval to waive the Board of Health and Fire Prevention fees for Pita Bowl associated with the September 8, 2023 summer concert series

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango commented that the concert on August 2nd appears to have been the best attended concert to date. Groundbreaking for improvements to O'Beirne Field will be held on September 5th at 5:00 PM, prior to the Council caucus meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi announced that the final tax bills have been mailed. Taxes on the average house in Roseland went down this year.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti welcomed Brett Bachenheimer to the fire department. The fire department was on standby at the July 12th and August 2nd summer concerts. The fire department also attended the funerals of two Newark firefighters who were killed in the line of duty.

The police department reported that PSE&G will begin a project in the next two weeks beginning on Roseland Avenue at the Caldwell/Essex Fells border. The project will proceed to Harrison Avenue, then, Eagle Rock Avenue, and then South Livingston Avenue. The work includes installation of underground vaults for fiber optic cable to improve service during power outages. Residents should expect traffic delays during the course of the project.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo announced the final two summer concerts are scheduled for July 23rd and September 8th. Registration for the annual 5K Run 4 Roseland and the Junior Olympics on Saturday, September 23rd is still open. The fall soccer program is scheduled to start the week of August 21st.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli noted that the Borough of Roseland shares services with numerous other municipalities. The Borough has an agreement with East Hanover for health department services, Verona for building inspection services and street cleaning services, and West Orange for Animal Control Services. The Borough will begin sharing police dispatch services with West Caldwell in the near future.

Mrs. Tolli announced that there are three vacancies in the Environmental Commission. The next commission meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 7:00 at the Roseland library. The final two concerts of the summer are scheduled for August 23rd and September 8th. The Junior Women's Cub will be hosting their annual Make Your Own Sundae fund raising event on September 27th at the first aid squad building from 6:30 until 8:30 PM. The cost is \$5 per person and proceeds will benefit the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation for children faced with cancer. Roseland seniors have a bus trip planned to PNC Arts Center on Tuesday, September 12th for a free concert featuring Tony Orlando. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church Social Concerns Ministry is seeking donations of new back packs for children in need.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the July 18, 2023 caucus meeting minutes and the July 18, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi 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

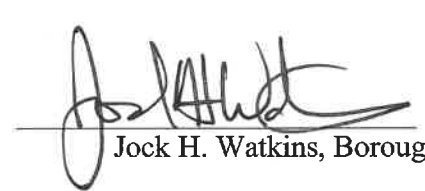
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: September 5, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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