

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

OCTOBER 11, 2022
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The October 11, 2022 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, 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, Council President
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ABSENT:

Roger Freda, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 271-2022 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Potential Litigation
2. Personnel
3. Contract Negotiations

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The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). Council adjourned executive session at 6:56 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 Freda was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 272-2022 approving the October 7, 2022 bill list in the amount of \$254,893.25 The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 275-2022 was withdrawn from consideration. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the four remaining resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 273-2022 authorizing the purchase of certain goods and services through the use of Morris County Co Op contract 51 Deer Carcass Removal

Resolution No. 274-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with PoliceApp to post police job openings

Resolution No. 276-2022 approving the 2023 Meeting Schedule

Resolution No. 277-2022 awarding a required disclosure contract in the amount of \$41,475.00 to S. Rotondi & Sons for 2022 Leaf Hauling & Disposal Services

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the four items on the consent agenda:

Approve police officer Hughes, police officer Romeo and Sergeant Luongo to attend OPRA seminar on November 1, 2022 in Scotch Plains, NJ at a cost of \$447.00

Approval for Christopher Critchett to attend the 2022 NJLM Conference in Atlantic City, NJ from November 15th through November 17, 2022 at a cost of \$70.00

Approve Cadet Application of Nicholas Place for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Approval for the ARC of Essex to utilize the All Purpose Room at 19 Harrison Avenue on Friday, October 21st from 6:00 PM until - 9:00 PM

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked all those whose efforts made Roseland Day a resounding success, especially the recreation department, the department of public works (DPW), the booster club, the library, the pickle ball committee, Director Matheis, DPW Superintendent Critchett, and Recreation Director Colitti.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Superintendent of Public Works Chris Critchett was in attendance in person, and Kristen Kramer from Remington & Vernick Engineers was present via Zoom conference call for this portion of the meeting.

Council decided to reject the bids for the rebid of the installation of the auxiliary water storage tank, as the cost significantly exceeded the engineer's estimate for the project. Council decided to change the scope of the project from installation of a used, auxiliary water storage tank to the installation of a new 300,000-gallon water storage tank.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Bardi explained the provisions of proposed ordinance No. 17-2022. After discussion, Council agreed to delete the entire section regarding "Temporary Business Licenses for Use on Public Property". Council also agreed to amend section 4-14.3c.4.a. of the proposed block party ordinance to require that the application for a block party permit shall require the signatures of a minimum of seventy-five percent of the owners of all of the impacted properties on the street or portion of the street where the block party is proposed.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

No report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Mrs. Chumacas advised Council that a resident of Mitchell Avenue has inquired if the Borough would be interested in selling him the adjacent lot owned by the Borough. After discussion, Council decided not to sell the property at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Director Mathies showed Council an example of the proposed baseball cap and insignia to be worn with the department's Class C uniforms. Council approved the proposed design and authorized the Borough's purchase of the initial batch of caps. Moving forward, officers will be expected to purchase replacement caps with their uniform allowance.

RECREATION

Councilman Trillo reported that the soccer and cross county programs are rolling along. Registration is now open for winter sports. season is

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

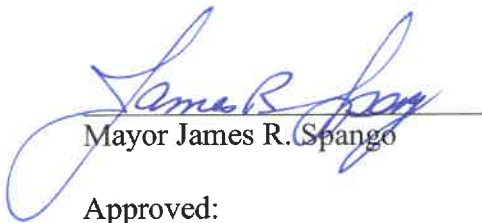
Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the September 20, 2022 Council meeting minutes and the September 20, 2022 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 3-0 voice vote, with Councilman Bardi and Councilwoman Tolli abstaining from the vote, and Councilman Freda absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

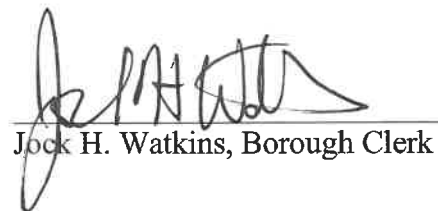
ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by at 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved:



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Freda