

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

NOVEMBER 6, 2023
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The November 6, 2023 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:00 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. The meeting was also available via Zoom conference call.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Councilman
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ABSENT:

Marcelino Trillo, Council President

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 325-2023 approving of the November 3, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$683,132.49. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 326-2023 budget transfers

Resolution No. 327-2023 authorizing the release of Final Payment with Change Order #1 in the amount of \$34,099.75 to Green Valley Group Inc. for the Tedesco Park Pickleball Improvements Project

Resolution No. 328-2023 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering to provide engineering services associated with the replacement of the water main on Eagle Rock Avenue from Passaic Avenue to Becker Farm Road at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00

Resolution No. 329-2023 authorizing funds for 2023 Board of Adjustment professional services

Resolution No. 330-2023 authorizing submission of an application for a FY 2025 Municipal Alliance Grant

Resolution No. 331-2023 accepting a donation of two license plate reader cameras from the Roseland Police Foundation

Resolution No. 332-2023 approving the appointment of aids for the 2023-2024 winter recreation programs

Resolution No. 333-2023 approving the 2024 meeting schedule

Resolution No. 334-2023 approving the proposal from Hendricks Appraisal Company for appraisal services for the Revaluation Program at a cost of \$25,000.00

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

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the remaining three resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 335-2023 authorizing refunds, over payments or cancellations in the tax office

Resolution No. 336-2023 authorizing the use of various state contracts to purchase and install vehicle equipment in a Durango Pursuit Vehicle at a cost of \$23,805.09

Resolution No. 337-2023 approving a proposal from Pav-Con Construction Inc. for installation of a speed hump on Lincoln Street at a cost of \$10,800.00

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the cadet application of Jaden Penaloza to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked everyone who helped make the rescheduled bonfire and movie night a success. Plans are continuing for the upcoming holiday celebrations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Chumacas acknowledged that the Best Practices Inventory was completed and a copy of the inventory was distributed to all members of Council. Councilman Bardi noted that the scoring of the inventory indicates that the Borough will receive the full amount of state aid.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda announced that several Department of Public Works (DPW) trucks now display the new Borough seal.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti congratulated the Roseland Police Foundation and thanked the Foundation and Tom O'Beirne for their donation of two license plate readers. Mrs. Perrotti also thanked Jaden Penaloza for volunteering to serve on the Roseland Fire Department.

RECREATION

No report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli suggested that Council may wish to consider presenting a proclamation to a Roseland resident who wrote a children's book.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the October 3, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote with Councilman Bardi and Councilman Freda recusing themselves from the vote and Councilman Trillo absent.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the October 17, 2023 Council meeting minutes and the October 17, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

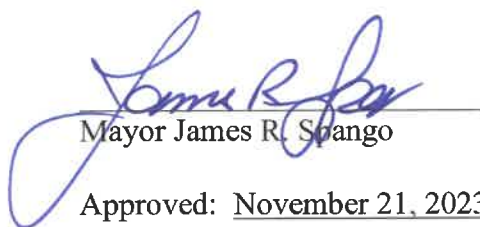
Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the October 23, 2023 Special Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Freda recusing himself from the vote, and Councilman Trillo absent.

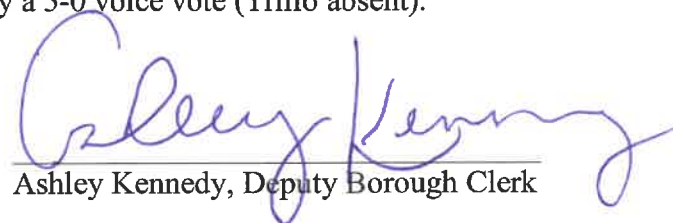
PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).


Mayor James R. Spango
Approved: November 21, 2023


Ashley Kennedy, Deputy Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

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