

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

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

**CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

The December 6, 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, 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  
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman  
Jean Perrotti, Council President (via Zoom)  
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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 338-2022 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Negotiation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:00 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.

**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. 323-2022 Approving the December 2, 2022 Bill List in the Amount of \$285,782.18. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 324-2022 approving the release of the Final Payment in the amount of \$8,648.15 to DLS Contracting for the Second Avenue, Woodland Road and 2021 road improvement program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Perrotti recusing herself from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

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

Resolution No. 325-2022 accepting the low quote in the amount of \$17,400.00 from Thomas J. O’Beirne for precast lid and door replacement for Pine Street and Laurel Avenue

Resolution No. 326-2022 supporting federal legislation, the Auto Theft Prevention Act, to establish a grant program to fund state and local law enforcement efforts to combat auto theft

Resolution No. 327-2022 approving the cancellation of water and sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 328-2022 amending Resolution No 24-2022 “Appointing Boswell Engineering as Borough Engineer” increasing the not to exceed amount by \$15,000.00 to a new amount not to exceed of \$45,000.00

Resolution No. 329-2022 approving the hiring of seasonal recreation employees for the Arts and Crafts Program

Resolution No. 330-2022 authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Township of West Orange for animal control services for 2023-2024

Resolution No. 331-2022 approving the renewal of the Delta Dental Plan for one year through December 31, 2023

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Resolution No. 332-2022 appointing Jack Bowe as a firefighter to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Resolution No. 333-2022 authorizing the mayor to sign the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water System Engineering (BWSE) application for 146 Harrison Avenue

Resolution No. 334-2022 awarding a required disclosure contract in the amount of \$16,855.00 to Gold Business Machine Inc. For E-Ticketing software and hardware

Resolution No. 335-2022 appointing Anthony Cestone as a firefighter to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Resolution No. 336-2022 approving the advertisement of Request for Proposals for 2023 Independent Registered Municipal Financial Advisor

Resolution No. 337-2022 authorizing the Recreation Department to sell discounted New Jersey Devils hockey tickets and establishing fees

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the three items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Officer Laposta and Officer Nicholson to Attend First Line Supervisor Training on March 13, 2023 at Morris County Public Safety Academy - \$380.00

Approval for Officer Nicholson and Officer Williams to Attend Baton Instructor Course February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy - \$80.00

Approval for Officer Hesselbarg to Attend Radar Instructor Course on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at the Morris County Police Academy - \$100.00

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango reported that he received complaints back in October about oversized temporary signs. A review of borough ordinances revealed that there does not appear to be any ordinance that addresses these particular signs. Council asked Mrs. Chumacas to review ordinances from adjacent communities and present a recommendation to the appropriate committee for discussion. Mayor Spango thanked everyone who made the Christmas tree lighting and holiday celebration a great event.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Councilman Bardi recommended, and Council agreed, that the first three budget meetings be scheduled for January 7, 2023, January 21, 2023, and February 4, 2023. All meetings will begin at 9:00 AM.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES**

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the Senior Transportation Committee recently held a Zoom meeting. Caldwell is working on the terms of a new contract and is considering using ridership from 2019 and 2021 to determine the cost distribution for the user communities.

### **REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

Councilwoman Fishman asked Mrs. Chumacas to summarize the proposed business insurance registration ordinance. Mrs. Chumacas explained that the state enacted legislation earlier this year that requires all businesses to submit proof of specific liability insurance coverage to the municipal clerk. The law was initially drafted to require the NJ Department of Community Affairs to administer the provisions of the law. At the last minute, the state legislature changed the law and transferred the administration of the law to municipal clerks. Council approved the ordinance for introduction in January, asking that a certification fee of \$100 be added to the ordinance, and that enforcement and penalty provisions for failure to comply be added to the ordinance.

Councilwoman Fishman asked Mrs. Chumacas to summarize the proposed Children's Fund Ordinance. Mrs. Chumacas explained that the NJ Division of Local Government Services has required that the Borough establish administrative procedures for the Children's Fund that was established earlier this year. Council approved the draft ordinance for introduction in January.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

No report

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked Jack Bowe and Anthony Cestone for volunteering to serve on the Roseland Fire Department.

### **RECREATION**

Councilman Trillo commented on how great the Christmas celebration was. Basketball practices continue in anticipation of the start of competition. Mr. Trillo noted that there has

been improved cooperation with the use of Noecker School facilities for the basketball program. Basketball uniforms are on order and they will hopefully arrive prior to the start of the games. The Santa drive around town has been moved forward one week to December 11, 2022. The drive around town will begin on Laurel Avenue at 3:30 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

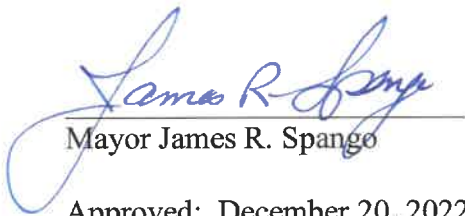
Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 Special Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Fishman recusing herself from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

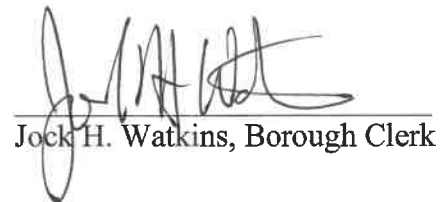
**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: December 20, 2022



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

**VOICE VOTE**

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Perrotti, Tolli

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Freda, Trillo

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