

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

FEBRUARY 7, 2023  
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION  
ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION  
WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY (IF NEEDED)

**CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

The February 7, 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  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (via Zoom)  
Marcelino Trillo, Council President

**ABSENT:**

Christopher Bardi, Councilman  
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman  
Roger Freda, Councilman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. Resolution No. 72-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Potential Litigation
2. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Bardi, Fishman, 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 Bardi had signed into the meeting via Zoom. Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Freda were absent.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

### **ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY BUDGET**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 70-2023 adopting the Emergency Temporary Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent).

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 06-2023: "2023 Bond Ordinance providing for various improvements to the water/sewer utility in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, appropriating \$3,100,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$3,000,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance the cost thereof". The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Fishman, Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on February 21, 2023.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 07-2023: "Bond Ordinance providing for various capital improvements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,059,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$1,866,750 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof". 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 February 21, 2023.

Councilman Bardi excused himself from the meeting following introduction of the two ordinances.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 54-2023 approving the February 3, 2023 bill list in the Amount of \$404,027.48. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Bardi, Fishman, Freda absent).

### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the next sixteen resolutions on the agenda, Resolution No. 55-2023 through Resolution No. 69-2023:

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Resolution No. 55-2023 amending Resolution No. 328-2023 "Appointing Boswell Engineer as Borough Engineer" to increase the not to exceed limit to \$50,000.00

Resolution No. 56-2023 awarding a Required Disclosure Contract to Edmunds & Associates in the amount of \$28,586.05 for proprietary computer software

Resolution No. 57-2023 amending Section III of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to include a policy entitled "Donated Leave Policy"

Resolution No. 58-2023 approving a one-year renewal for employee life insurance policy with Met Life Insurance Company

Resolution No. 59-2023 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering Services in the amount of \$34,800.00 the road improvement project for Freeman Street and Roseland Place

Resolution No. 60-2023 approving the release of final payment to John Garcia Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$4,916.07 for Phase II Pressure Regulator Improvements

Resolution No. 61-2023 authorizing contracts with approved Morris County Pricing Council Contract for vendors through December 31, 2023

Resolution No. 62-2023 cancellation of water and sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 63-2023 accepting the quote from Franklin Central Communications for alarm monitoring and service calls for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

Resolution No. 64-2023 accepting the quote from Ridgewood Press and Thermo Xpress for 2023 printing services

Resolution No. 65-2023 authorizing the use of Essex County Co-Op #22-021 for the purchase of rock salt from Morton Salt Inc. through March 9, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00

Resolution No. 66-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with DCRS LLC. for wildlife removal services on private property for 2023

Resolutions No. 67-2023 authorizing a senior citizen trip to the Danaher's Pub, Fairfield, NJ on March 10, 2023 and establishing the fee

Resolution No. 68-2023 awarding a Required Disclosure Contract in the amount of \$17,640.00 to Water Resource Management for 2023 water and sewer operator services

Resolution No. 69-2023 authorizing the release of final payment to Frankoski Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$82,000.00 for the DPW garage door replacement project

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Bardi, Fishman, Freda absent).

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. 71-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a NJ DEP TWA Statement of Consent Form for 146 Harrison Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Bardi, Fishman, Freda absent).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Jock Watkins attending the 2023 Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey conference in Atlantic City, NJ from March 20, 2023 through March 24, 2023 at a cost of \$400.00 for conference registration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Bardi, Fishman, Freda absent).

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango commended the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the police department, and the water department for their diligence in troubleshooting a recent problem with the Borough's water system. Mr. Spango also highlighted that there were two engineers from Boswell Engineering, the Borough's new water/sewer engineer, on site assisting local resources for the entire day.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

No report

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

No report

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

No report

#### **RECREATION**

Councilman Trillo announced that registration for baseball and softball is now open and encouraged anyone interested to register on the Borough's website.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli asked that the Recreation Department look into the possibility of utilizing the volley ball courts on the Prudential site for some different, new programs.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

Mayor Spango added that he and other members of the governing body had the pleasure of attending the Roseland First Aid Squad's 2023 banquet on Saturday night. The banquet commemorated the Roseland First Aid Squad's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and recognized members for their service. Mayor Spango thanked the family of Joseph Silvia for Joe's many dedicated and devoted years of service, and congratulated the first aid squad on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

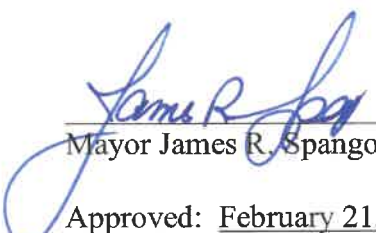
Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the January 17, 2023 Council meeting minutes and the January 21, 2023 budget meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Bardi, Fishman, Freda absent). Consideration of the February 4, 2023 budget meeting minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

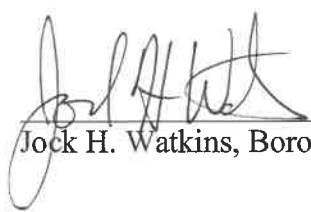
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ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Trillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote (Bardi, Fishman, Freda absent).

  
Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: February 21, 2023

  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Perrotti, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Recuse: Bardi

Absent: Fishman, Freda

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