

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

MARCH 7, 2023  
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
7:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
8:00 PM OPEN SESSION

**CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

The March 7, 2023 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:30 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  
Roger Freda, Councilman  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (via Zoom)  
Marcelino Trillo, Council President

**ABSENT:**

Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve Resolution No. Resolution No. 86-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Potential Litigation
2. Personnel
3. Contract Negotiations

The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:59 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 8:00 PM and called the meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilwoman Fishman was absent.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Janet Tremont                      38 Leonard Terrace

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 09-2023: “An ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Parks and Recreation”, Section 14-3 entitled “Sanctioned Groups, Organizations and Activities””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent). The public hearing will be held on April 18, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 87-2023 approving the March 3, 2023 bill list in the Amount of \$400,054.39. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the fifteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 88-2023 approving the cancellation of water and sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 89-2023 approving the emergency temporary budget

Resolution No. 90-2023 amending Resolution No. 272-2020 “Approval of Proposal from Boswell Engineering to Provide Engineering Services for the Tedesco Park Basketball Court Project” increasing the amount not to exceed by \$15,21800 for a new amount not to exceed of \$51,918.00

Resolution No. 91-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Integrated Document Technologies for 2023 copier maintenance

Resolution No. 92-2023 approving the appointment of seasonal recreation employees for spring programs

Resolution No. 93-2023 authorizing Extension #7 to purchase certain goods and services through the use of State Contract 19-TELE-00656 for computers and related supplies

Resolution No. 94-2023 accepting the bid for 2023 youth/adult recreation sports assignor services to Suburban Sports Group

Resolution No. 95-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign the Department of Environmental Protection TWA application for 6 Becker Farm Road

Resolution No. 96-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign the Department of Environmental Protection TWA application for 85 Livingston Avenue

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Resolution No. 97-2023 approving the annual salary the salary of the Borough Public Defender in the amount of \$10,000.00

Resolution No. 98-2023 approving the appointment of Lauren Seiner as part-time recreation administrative assistant

Resolution No. 99-2023 approving the appointment of Dennis Cleary as Assistant Public Defender for the Roseland Municipal Court

Resolution No. 100-2023 granting Sanctioned Status to the West Essex Youth Lacrosse Club

Resolution No. 101-2023 approving the waiver of temporary outdoor seating area ordinance provisions through November 30, 2024

Resolution No. 102-2023 awarding a one-year competitive contract to The Ambrose Group for public safety consulting services

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the six items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for the ARC to utilize the all-purpose room on Friday, April 21, 2023 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM

Approval for Ryan Schwertfeger to attend the Jersey Access Group (JAG) conference on May 18, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza in Edison, NJ at a cost of \$160.00 plus milage reimbursement

Approval for Detective Carnevale to attend Advanced Interview & Interrogation Training on March 6-7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Passaic County Police Academy at no cost

Approval for Sergeant Hesselbirg to attend Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification training on May 9, 2023 at a cost of \$100.00

Approval for Officer Aue to attend Verbal Judo Training on October 10, 2023 at a cost of \$150.00

Approval for Lisa D'Alessandro to attend the bi-annual Judge meeting on March 24, 2023 at the Newark Municipal Court at no cost

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango thanked the members of the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their efforts during the recent snow storm. Mayor Spango reported that the Borough's proposed spring and summer activities will be announced at the next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Councilman Bardi announced that there will be a budget presentation at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, after which the 2023 municipal budget will be introduced.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Freda commented that the DPW did a great job in response to the recent snow storm.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Council agreed that the cost to refit fire hydrant in the Borough with five-inch Storz quick connect adapters will be added to the capital budget. The DPW will install the adapters which will decrease the projected cost.

### **RECREATION**

Councilman Trillo announced that four of the six basketball league championships have been won by Roseland teams. A fifth championship is guaranteed because the final championship game will be played later this week between two Roseland teams. Registration for summer softball and baseball programs has closed and a waiting list has been established.

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

Councilwoman Tolli reported that the committee reviewed a possible shared services opportunity to provide vehicle fuel for board of education vehicles. Council agreed with the committee's recommendation that the board of education will be allowed to use the Borough's fuel pumps on an emergency basis only. The Beautification Committee is reviewing options for cleaning up the corner of Passaic and Eagle Rock Avenues. Caldwell has drafted the 2023 shared services agreement for the senior citizens bus, but Caldwell is awaiting administrative approval before forwarding the agreement to Roseland. Council agreed to reschedule the November 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting from election night to Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

No report

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the February 7, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 3-0 voice vote, with Councilman Bardi and Councilman Freda recusing themselves from the vote, and Councilwoman Fishman absent.

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the February 21, 2023 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilman Freda recusing himself from the vote, and Councilwoman Fishman absent.

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the February 21, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 3-0 voice vote, with Councilman Freda and Councilman Trillo recusing themselves from the vote, and Councilwoman Fishman absent.

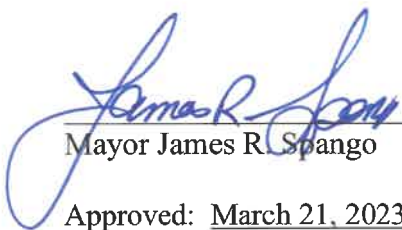
Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the February 28, 2023 Special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 4-0 voice vote, with Councilman Freda recusing himself from the vote, and Councilwoman Fishman absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

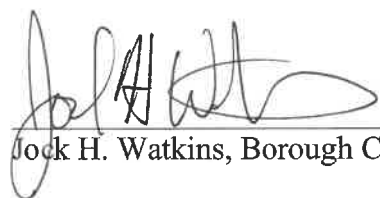
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Fishman absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: March 21, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

### **VOICE VOTE**

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

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