

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JUNE 6, 2023
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The June 6, 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. 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
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 185-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Sale of Borough Property

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (trillo absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:03 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again and called the meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Trillo was absent.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco

20 Meeker Court

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 15-2023: “Bond Ordinance of the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, amending in its entirety Bond Ordinance No. 11-2022, finally adopted June 21, 2022, to increase the amount and scope of work and remove the reference to the federal grant”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent). The public hearing will be held on June 20, 2023.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made motion to approve Resolution No. 186-2023 approving the June 2, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$191,496.98. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Perrotti made motion to approve the seventeen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 187-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign and submit the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) Lead Grant Assistance Program application

Resolution No. 188-2023 approving the renewal of the plenary retail distribution license to Fairchild’s Marketplace, LLC

Resolution No. 189-2023 approving the renewal of the plenary retail consumption L license with broad package privileges to Jim Johnston’s Co., Inc.

Resolution No. 190-2023 approving the renewal of the club license to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2619

Resolution No. 191-2023 approving non-union salary increases for 2023

Resolution No. 192-2023 amending Resolution No. 20-2023 “Appoint Hendricks Appraisal Co. as Real Estate Tax Appraisal Services for 2022” to increase the not to exceed amount by \$25,000.00 for a new, adjusted amount of \$45,000.00

Resolution No. 193-2023 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering in the amount of \$105,000.00 to provide engineering services for the planning and designing of a new water storage tank

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Resolution No. 194-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a three-year interlocal agreement with the Borough of Caldwell for senior citizen transportation services

Resolution No. 195-2023 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering in the amount of \$2,000.00 to provide engineering services to prepare the fiscal year 2024 Municipal Aid Grant application for Choctaw and ADP Boulevard

Resolution No. 196-2023 memorializing the award of a Required Disclosure Contract in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Standard & Poor's for bond rating services

Resolution No. 197-2023 approving cancellation of water and sewer billing-balances

Resolution No. 198-2023 adopting the rules and regulations for the Roseland Pickleball Courts

Resolution No. 199-2023 authorizing the 2023 SCRAM field trips and establishing the fee schedule

Resolution No. 200-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a license agreement between the Borough of Roseland and Robert Sutton and Dina Sutton, offering to sell a portion of borough owned land adjacent to the Sutton's property

Resolution No. 201-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with 107 Productions for the summer concert series

Resolution No. 202-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with Benefit Analysis Inc. for dental Cobra processing

Resolution No. 203-2023 awarding a Required Disclosure Contract to Rekor Recognition Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$20,270.00 for the purchase of an AI vehicle recognition system

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the ten items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Sergeant LaPosta to attend LIDAR Operators course on Tuesday, September 25, 2023 at no cost

Accept with regret the resignation of Andrew Cruz from the Department of Public Works effective June 2, 2023

Accept with regret the resignation of Patrick Nichols from the Recreation Department effective June 17, 2023

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Accept with regret the resignation of Christopher Duthie from the Environmental Commission effective May 9, 2023

Accept with regret the resignation of Gina Guariglia-Kelly from the Environmental Commission effective May 24, 2023

Accept with regret the resignation of Matthew Biront from the Environmental Commission effective May 24, 2023

Approval for Lieutenant Fernandez, Lieutenant Loungo and Lieutenant Boulard to attend training course on September 25, 2023

Approval for police officer to attend Laser Speed Enforcement Operators Course on September 5, 2023

Approval for the Arc of Essex to utilize the Harrison Avenue Complex on Thursday, June 8th from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM

Approval for the Arc of Essex to utilize the Harrison Avenue Complex on Wednesday, June 14th from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango announced that a letter will be going out to all residents informing them that there has been an uptick in crime statewide. The mayors of the West Essex area will be meeting in the near future to discuss a coordinated approach to the problem. In the meantime, Roseland will continue to have a police officer posted at the Roseland exits from Interstate Route 280.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Chumacas summarized the results of the recently completed water rate study. The report recommends that Council consider a 3% increase in water rates in 2023, and provided suggested incremental increases for each of the next nine years. Any rate increases will require the adoption of an enabling ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS

No report

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti explained that the first aid squad would like to switch to the statewide radio frequency in order to be compatible with the new dispatch system. Mrs. Perrotti recommended that the Borough purchase four mobile radios, one each for the three ambulances and one command vehicle, and two portable “pool” radios to enable third party providers with a means to communicate with dispatch and police headquarters. The cost of each radio would be approximately \$4,000. The total cost to purchase the six radios would be approximately \$24,000.

Council agreed to consider repairing the fire siren at the water tank, and the fire siren on Locust Avenue, upon determining the estimated cost. Upon repair, the sirens will only be activated during specific daytime hours, not during overnight hours.

Councilwoman Perrotti, Councilwoman Fishman, and Police Director Matheis recently met with representatives of Hatzalah of Metrowest Ambulance Service. Hatzalah rep already responded to over ninety calls in Roseland this year. Hatzalah is based in West Orange and operates ambulances out of Livingston and Morristown. They operate three ambulances and have thirty-six EMT’s. Hatzalah is in the MedCentral que and can be dispatched on request from Roseland when available. Upon dispatch, an EMT equipped with an AED and full medical bag is dispatched directly to the emergency prior to the arrival of an ambulance. Hatzalah stated that they do not bill for service but asked for the donation of fuel from the borough’s pumps. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to authorize the Borough to advertise for an RFQ for competitive contracting for medical services. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

RECREATION

No report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

No report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the May 16, 2023 Council meeting minutes and the May 16, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilman Bardi recusing himself from the vote and Councilman Trillo absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

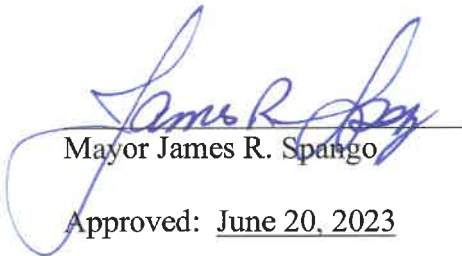
Mayor Spango added that recreation activities may be suspended tomorrow if the current poor air quality due to the wildfires in Canada does not improve. Mayor Spango announced that Council would reconvene in executive session to discuss personnel matters, and that no action would be taken at the conclusion of executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bardi made a motion at 7:33 PM to return to executive session to continue discussion on personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).

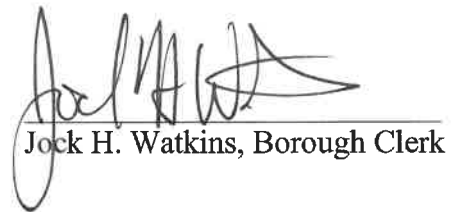
ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to open session at 8:16 PM. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Trillo absent).



Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: June 20, 2023



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

VOICE VOTE

Aye: Bardi, Perrotti, Tolli

Nay: None

Recuse: Trillo

Absent: Fishman, Freda