

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023  
140 EAGLE ROCK AVENUE  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 PM OPEN SESSION

**CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES**

The September 5, 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  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman  
Marcelino Trillo, Council President

**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. 269-2023 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. Tax Appeal Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:10 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again 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**

William Tedesco      20 Meeker Court  
Janet Treamont      38 Leonard Terrace

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 24-2023: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Parks and Recreation” amending Section 14-5 entitled “Use of Pickleball Courts””. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). The public hearing will be held on September 19, 2023

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 270-2023 approving the September 1, 2023 bill list in the amount of \$161,432.46. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

Resolution No. 271-2023 authorizing full refunds for certain recreation intramural basketball registrants

Resolution No. 272-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign the ASCAP music licensing agreement

Resolution No. 273-2023 authorizing the hiring of US Sports Group to run three Pre-K youth sports programs for the recreation department at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00

Resolution No. 274-2023 authorizing a refund in the amount of \$62.00 to Chubby’s Kitchen LLC for a fire safety permit for the summer concert series

Resolution No. 275-2023 approving the appointment of recreation fall seasonal employees

Resolution No. 276-2023 approving the hiring of pickleball instructors for the recreation fall program

Resolution No. 277-2023 authorizing the mayor to sign a generator lease contract with AT&T

Resolution No 278-2023 memorializing refunds and cancellations of water sewer billings-balances

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Resolution No. 279-2023 authorizing the rejection of competitive contracting proposals for emergency medical services and approving the readvertising of request for qualifications

Resolution No. 280-2023 authorizing a senior trip to Pinot's Palette in Montclair, NJ on October 20, 2023 and establishing fees

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the four items on the Consent agenda:

Approval for the Noecker 6<sup>th</sup> grade class to utilize 300 Eagle Rock Avenue for their car wash fundraiser on September 30, 2023

Authorizing Officer Russell to attend telecommunicator training from September 11, 2023 through September 15, 2023

Authorizing Officer Williams and Officer Marotta to attend armorer's training on September 26, 2023

Approval of Lincoln Street block party application to be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 8:00PM – (pending police department approval)

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No report

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Councilman Bardi reported that there is no water leak rate in the ordinances for commercial properties. The committee recommended that the ordinance be amended to make the water leak rate for commercial properties the same as is currently in effect for residential properties.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

No report

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti expressed her pleasure with the additional training requests on the agenda for the police department. The fire department is hosting a blood drive on Monday, September 11, 2023 at fire headquarters at 300 Eagle Rock Avenue.

### RECREATION

Councilman Trillo noted that the ground breaking for the improvements at O'Beirne Field took place earlier today. The soccer program will be using fields at Noecker School and Fernwood Field during the construction. Roseland Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The annual Run for Roseland is scheduled for Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Tolli reminded residents that the final summer concert is scheduled for Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and there is no rain date.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Trillo made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Fishman abstaining from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 executive session minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Fishman abstaining from the vote and Councilman Freda absent.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

John Matheis                      OEM Coordinator

### ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Spango announced that Council would be returning to executive session, and that upon return to open session, Council would not take any additional action. Councilman Bardi made a motion to return to executive session at 7:38 PM to continue the discussion on personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). Council adjourned executive session and returned to open session at 7:54 PM.

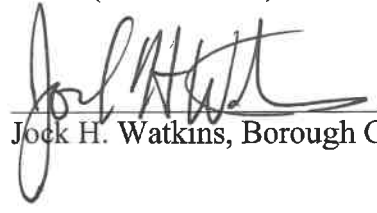
**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Bardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent).



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Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: September 19, 2023



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Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

**VOICE VOTE**

Aye: Bardi, Fishman, Tolli, Trillo

Nay: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Freda, Perrotti

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