

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

NOVEMBER 7, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

The November 7, 2019 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 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.

IN ATTENDANCE:

James R. Spango, Mayor
Christopher Bardi, Council President
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman
Roger Freda, Councilman
David Jacobs, Councilman (7:30 via telephone)
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni Noble McDonnell, Borough Attorney
Derek Orth, Borough Attorney
Dan Bloch, Borough Planner
Stephanie Cuthbert, Borough Water Engineer

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 275-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Tax Appeal Litigation
2. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Jacobs absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:30 PM in order to begin the regularly scheduled public portion of the meeting. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll noting that Councilman Jacobs was in attendance via telephone.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Former Mayor Pacio led the salute to the flag in honor of Veteran's day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court
Chris Murphy 138 Passaic Avenue

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 276-2019 approving the November 1, 2019 bill list in the amount of \$468,316.33. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the first thirteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 277-2019 honoring Supreme Master Bok Man Kim

Resolution No. 278-2019 awarding contract to Atlantic Switch & Generator LLC in the amount of \$11,550.00 for generator maintenance and emergency repairs through Morris County Co-Op #46

Resolution No. 279-2019 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering in the amount of \$75,000.00 for engineering services for the Harrison Avenue Playground & Multi-Purpose Court

Resolution No. 280-2019 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineers in the amount of \$19,900.00 for engineering services for the Harrison Avenue tennis court improvements

Resolution No. 281-2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign the lease agreement with the Board of Education

Resolution No. 282-2019 authorizing the release of Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$133,697.48 to Jo-Med Contracting Corp. for the 2019 Utility Improvements Project

Resolution No. 283-2019 approving the list of projects submitted by the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee

Resolution No. 284-2019 authorizing the purchase of certain goods and services through the use of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Resolution No. 285-2019 awarding a contract in the amount of \$6,644.10 to EJG Sports for the purchase of new soccer goals for the Recreation Department

Resolution No. 286- 2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water System Engineering (BWSE) and Treatment Works Approval (TWA) applications for 6 Becker Farm Road

Resolution No. 287-2019 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering for Engineering Services in the amount of \$7,900 for First Aid Squad ADA entry improvements

Resolution No. 288-2019 authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement with Bobst North America

Resolution No. 289-2019 authorizing the execution of settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center

The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilwoman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 290-2019 authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement with JMF Properties. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Tolli abstaining from the vote.

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

Resolution No. 291-2019 authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement with K&K Developers

Resolution No. 292-2019 authorizing the Borough of Roseland to enter into the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Cooperative Pricing Agreement

Resolution No. 293-2019 awarding a contract to C. Frieman Construction in the amount of \$9,900.00 to repair water damage to the former municipal building at 19 Harrison Avenue

Resolution 294-2019 approving budget transfers

Resolution 295-2019 awarding a contract to Tree King for an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00 for tree removal, trimming and stump grinding services through Morris County Co-Op #18

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 296-2019 accepting conveyance of sewer pump station (equipment only) from the Roseland Green Condominium

Association, Inc.. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Councilwoman Fishman abstaining from the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve veterinary services of Dr. DeFillippis and staff to conduct a rabies clinic on Friday, November 22, 2019 from 6:30PM to 7:30PM in the all-purpose room at 19 Harrison Avenue at a rate of \$30.00 per hour

Approval for Gary Schall and Chris Critchett to attend Clean Communities Coordinator certification classes in Atlantic City, NJ on November 19, 2019 and November 20, 2019 for a total cost of \$130.00

Accept with regret the resignation of Melissa Barnes effective January 22, 2020

Permission to advertise for the position of Land Use Administrator

Award contract to Edmunds in the amount of \$5,250.00 for Resident Self-Service

Approval of raffle application RA-384 from Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church to conduct a monthly Calendar Raffle from January 2020 through December 2020

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough has received a Community Development Block Grant from the Essex County Division of Community Development in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000.00) to build an American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access ramp to the Roseland First Aid Squad building.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spango thanked veterans for their dedication to the residents of the United States, the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Roseland. Mr. Spango thanked Administrator Chumacas and department heads for the efforts which led to a score of forty-two (42) on the 2019 Best Practices Inventory, noting that a minimum score of thirty (30) was required in order to for the Borough to receive the full payment of the Borough's state funding [*Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid (CMPTRA) and Energy Tax Receipts (ETR)*]. Team94 is hosting a fund raiser on November 14th at the Hanover Manor. Residents are encouraged to attend and may contribute at their website Team94.org.

Mayor Spango announced that the Borough has created a master calendar which will be made available monthly to residents via the Borough's website and social media. The calendar will be a quick reference to all activities and events including Borough, Library, Noecker School, HSA, Essex County, and recycling. There will be a senior citizen Thanksgiving celebration at the Roseland Library on November 22nd. Mayor Spango and representatives from the police department will be on hand to discuss the scams that target senior citizens, and to introduce the Project Blue Angel initiative. Project Blue Angel is a program to provide to emergency services with access to homes of residents who live alone or may need special assistance in times of emergency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi suggested that special budget meetings to begin working on the 2020 budget be scheduled for Saturday, December 7th and Saturday December 14th at 9:00 AM at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue. The first meeting will focus on capital requests from each department. Each department has been asked to submit a five year capital plan. Council agreed to the proposed dates.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti asked for Council support for a shared service with West Caldwell for a holiday luncheon for senior citizens. The luncheon is scheduled for December 13th from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm at the Green Brook Country Club in North Caldwell at a cost of \$45/person. Mrs. Perrotti asked Council to approve a \$10/person subsidy as is being provided by West Caldwell. Council agreed to support the joint luncheon and agreed to cover the whole cost of any Roseland senior who attends. Councilwoman Tolli will be attending the senior meeting tomorrow and will advise them of the proposal to cover the cost of the luncheon.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman asked Mayor Spango to comment on the Planning Board's response to proposed Ordinance No. 28-2019 to regulate short term rentals. After discussion, it was decided that the Planning Board would be asked to put their specific concerns regarding the proposed ordinance in writing for distribution to Council before the public hearing.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the water main project on Crestview Court is almost done. As soon as the water main has been completed, then the individual services will be installed. At the conclusion of the project, the excavations will be allowed time to settle, with repaving likely scheduled next spring.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs reminded residents to help reduce the risk of a stolen car by locking their cars, not leaving keys in the car, and parking cars in garages whenever possible. Mr. Jacobs also encouraged residents to consider installing motion detector activated lights.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that there will be no senior bus transportation on November 13th, November 20th, November 25th, Thanksgiving Day, or the day after. Mrs. Tolli thanked all shoppers who donated food that was collected by high school students at Stop & Shop in West Caldwell. Donations will be used to make food baskets for the Caldwell Food Pantry which will then be distributed to needy families in the West Essex area. Camp Wyanokie will be conducting a fall cleanup this month prior to snow season. The 5th and 6th grade soccer championship will be decided Tuesday, November 12th at Harrison Field at 6:00 PM. Youth winter basketball for grades 3 through 8 will begin the week of December 16th. High school intramural basketball for grades 9 through 12 will begin the week of December 5th, and those games will be played at the West Essex Middle School gymnasium from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

The Recreation Committee, Borough Council, Borough Engineer, and the recreation department are discussing plans to upgrade and improve parks and playgrounds at Tedesco Park, Patricia Borino Memorial Park, Bond Force Park, and the Fernwood/Dockrell property. Improvements under consideration include a turf field, walking paths, spray park, dog park, and a community senior center.

Upcoming events include a Veteran's Day ceremony on Monday November 11th at 11:00 am at monument park in front of the municipal building. The holiday tree lighting and Santa visit will be held on Friday, December 6th at 6:15 pm at Borough Hall at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue, and the Hanukah lighting on Sunday, December 22nd at 6:00 pm at Borough Hall. Mrs. Tolli announced the winners of the costume awards from the 5th grade Halloween dance, November 15th is National Clean out your Refrigerator Day, and the free, Roseland rabies clinic for cats and dogs will be held on Friday, November 22nd from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the all-purpose room at 19 Harrison Avenue. Cloth bags are available at the Library at a cost of fifty cents per bag.

Mayor Spango added that there will be a luncheon for attendees following the Veteran's Day celebration in 140 Eagle Rock Avenue. Mayor Spango thanked Shook's Funeral Home and Starbucks for donating refreshments for the luncheon. The Borough has added a second date for flu vaccines on Monday, November 18th in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue from 10:00 am until 11:00 am. Vaccines are free for residents age 65 or older with Medicare, and \$20.00 for all others.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

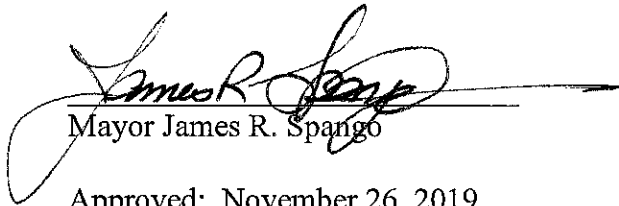
Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019 caucus meeting, the October 15, 2019 Council meeting, and the October 29, 2019 special Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

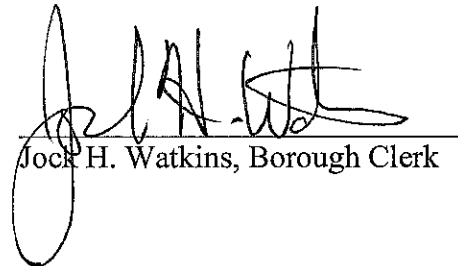
Aristotle Popolizio 206 Passaic Avenue

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.



Mayor James R. Spango



Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

Approved: November 26, 2019

ROLL CALL

Aye: Bardi, Freda, Perrotti, Tolli
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Fishman, Jacobs