BOROUGH OF ROSELAND  
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  

JULY 16, 2019  
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM  
19 HARRISON AVENUE  
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION  

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  

The July 16, 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  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman  

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:  
Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk  
Elnardo J. Webster, II, Borough Attorney  

EXECUTIVE SESSION  

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 195-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:26 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 all members were present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG  

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Leonard    12 Fernwood Avenue
William Tedesco    20 Meeker Court
Dan Salvante       Essex County Liaison

PRESENTATIONS

Council President Bardi presented a PowerPoint slide show explaining the various components of the 2019 tax bills. The 2019 tax rate was recently approved by the state and the tax bills are expected to be mailed on or about July 26th.

COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Freda made a motion to appoint Chris Critchett as Certified Public Works Manager effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 19-2019 by title only for the first time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter III of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Police Regulations”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 19-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 20-2019 by title only for the first time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XXX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Land Development”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 20-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Ordinance No. 20-2019 will be referred to the Planning Board to ensure that the proposed amendments are not inconsistent with the Master Plan. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 21-2019 by title only for the first time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing the Board of Health Code Chapter BH:XIV of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Tobacco Sales”. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 21-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 22-2019 by title only for the first time: “Ordinance appropriating $63,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of three (3) vehicle plate readers for the Police Department in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey”. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance
No. 22-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2019 for the second time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XXX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Land Development” to amend Section 30-404 entitled “District Regulations”, and Section 30-511 entitled “Drainage””. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 13-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 13-2019 for the third and final time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XXX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Land Development” to amend Section 30-404 entitled “District Regulations”, and Section 30-511 entitled “Drainage””. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 13-2019, with a change to Section 30-404.2j.3. to increase the time to file an appeal from five (5) days to ten (10) days. The motion to adopt the amended ordinance was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 15-2019 for the second time: “An ordinance of the Borough of Roseland to repeal Ordinance No. 12-2018 as amended which provided for salaries and compensation to be paid to non-union employees of the Borough of Roseland and substitute therefore salaries and compensation for the year 2019”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 15-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 16-2019 for the second time: “Ordinance appropriating $32,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of equipment in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey”. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 16-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 17-2019 for the second time: “Ordinance appropriating $30,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund and $124,000 from a State of New Jersey Department of Transportation grant for improvements to Conover Avenue in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey.” Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilman Jacobs made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 18-2019 for the second time: “Bond Ordinance providing for various road improvements in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating $290,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of $275,500 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof”. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 18-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

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Essex, New Jersey, appropriating $290,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of $275,500 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof. Councilman Freda made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 196-2019 approving the July 12, 2019 Bill List in the amount of $134,397.70. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Toll and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve the fourteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 197-2019 ratification of salaries – June 2019


Resolution No. 199-2019 approving Change Order No. 1 to reduce the contract with National Water Main Cleaning for 2018 utility televising services from $59,790.00 to an adjusted contract price of $36,327.00 and approving payment of same

Resolution No. 200-2019 authorizing return of a performance bond for the amount of $500.00 for 63 Roosevelt Street

Resolution No. 201-2019 awarding a non-fair and open contract in the amount of $23,895.00 to Greenwood Tree Experts for tree trimming, removal, and stump grinding throughout the Borough

Resolution No. 202-2019 amending Resolution No. 184-2019 “Award Contract to Onix Networking for E-Mailing Services”, to provide G Suite Premier Licenses at a cost of $72/license and G Suite Vault at a cost of $50/license resulting in an increase in the amount of the purchase order from $7,686.00 to $9,516.00

Resolution No. 203-2019 approving a Water and Sewer Installment Plan for 38 Artho Lane, Account #441730-0

Resolution No. 204-2019 authorizing the Borough Administrator to submit the purchase of SCBA Air Pack/Cylinders and related supplies at a cost of $290,000.00 to the Essex County Improvement Authority for purchase through the Guaranteed Equipment Leasing Program
Resolution No. 205-2019 supporting the implementation of New Jersey’s Clean Car standards to encourage increased use and support of electric vehicles

Resolution No. 206-2019 authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Verona for street sweeping services at a cost of $8,000.00 through December 31, 2019

Resolution No. 207-2019 authorizing the purchase of one (1) DPW utility vehicle and related equipment at a cost of $47,120.00 through NJ State Contracts #88727 and #88273

Resolution No. 208-2019 approving a contract extension with W.W Grainger through December 31, 2023 for industrial/MRO supplies and equipment under NJ State Contract #A79875

Resolution No. 209-2019 awarding a contract to United Business System for copier machine maintenance pursuant to submitted quote

Resolution No. 210-2019 establishing fees for Recreation Pre-K soccer program

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

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that there has been a spike in automobile break-ins and thefts in Roseland. The police department has increased patrols on the midnight shift, doubling the manpower. Council introduced a capital ordinance this evening to purchase three (3) vehicle license plate readers which will alert police to the presence of stolen vehicles. The West Essex Anti-Theft Task Force will be operating this evening in Roseland and Livingston.

Mr. Spango reminded residents that the first summer concert is scheduled for tomorrow night and the next concert will be held on August 6th. Mayor Spango called attention to the updated pictures of previous Mayors hanging on the rear wall of Council chambers. The pictures will be relocated to the hallway as part of the municipal building face lift.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi thanked the members of Council for approving the purchase of the license plate readers for the police department. Mr. Bardi explained that a copy of the tax bill PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the Borough’s website and Facebook page, and a summary will be enclosed with the tax bills scheduled to be mailed on July 26th.

The Committee approved the final version of the new website today and the website is expected to be in service by the beginning of September. The equipment for the TV upgrade has been coming in and will be installed when all of the equipment has been received.
SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked member of Council for approving the shared services agreement with Verona for street sweeping. Mrs. Perrotti met with members of the Landmarks and Historic District Commission. The Commission is interested in getting 140 Eagle Rock Avenue and 19 Harrison Avenue classified as historic buildings. The West Essex Board of Education has appointed Gina Donlevie, Ed.D. as the new Middle School Principal effective July 1st, and Kimberly Westervelt was appointed last night as Assistant Principal at West Essex High School. The Board also approved an approximate $900,000 face lift at the high school including new auditorium lighting, sound, rigging and seating.

The Roseland BOE announced that Christina Cash has been named teacher of the year, and that new Business Administrator Gordon Gibbs started last month.

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked Police Officer Hesselburg for attending to an injured baby deer. Officer Hesselburg contacted the Borough Veterinarian who treated the fawn, and the fawn was transferred to the Mercer County Wildlife Center for rehabilitation.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman thanked Council for introducing two ordinances regulating the sale of vaping equipment in Roseland. Mrs. Fishman noted that is an important step in protecting the youth of the Borough from the dangers of e-cigarettes.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda reported that the Laurel Avenue water main work has been completed. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is continuing to repair roadways as necessary. Anyone who observes a pothole or other damage should report the situation to the DPW. The Borough’s upgrade to remote water meters is continuing. Anyone who receives notice that their meter needs to be replaced should contact DPW to schedule an appointment for the installation.

Mr. Freda congratulated Deputy OEM Coordinator Jess Kelly upon her completion of coordinator training. The Auxiliary Police and the Roseland First Aid Squad are looking for members. Anyone interested should contact the Office of Emergency Management and the Roseland First Aid Squad accordingly.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs thanked Councilman Bardi and Administrator Chumacas for a great job on the 2019 budget. Mr. Jacobs was pleased with the ordinance introduction to purchase license plate readers, but noted that residents must take responsibility for protecting their property by locking car and house doors, and removing key fobs and valuable from their
cars. Mr. Jacobs noted that there was no Planning Board meeting this month due to lack of an agenda.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli reported that Council is reviewing plans to refurbish the tennis courts on Harrison Avenue. In the interim, courts 3 and 4 have been lined for pickle ball.

Door magnets with important telephone numbers will be available at the Senior Citizens Club at the library on Friday. Extra magnets will be available at the recreation office. Mrs. Tolli offered to deliver a magnet to anyone who is unable to obtain one at the Senior Citizens Club meeting or the recreation office.

Councilwoman Tolli advised that Geese Chasers has reported that the trend for sightings has been during the early morning at both Harrison Field and Bond Force Park. No nests have been found and the nesting season is over. The Committee will be reviewing the results of their service this year in order to determine if the program should be continued next year. July is National Ice Cream Month and the Roseland Junior Women’s Club will be hosting their annual make your own sundae on Wednesday, July 24th at the Roseland First Aid Squad building from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit C.A.S.A.-NJ, Court Appointed Special Advocates and other local organizations.

Mayor Spango congratulated Borough resident Vito Mielnicki, Jr. on his victory in his professional boxing debut on July 13th, noting that Mr. Mielnicki was ranked seventh in Sports Center’s Top Ten.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bardi made a motion to close the meeting at 8:25 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor James R. Spango

Approved: August 5, 2019

Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

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