BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The September 17, 2019 meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Council President Bardi. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings 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. The change to an earlier start time was noticed to the Star Ledger and was advertised in the September 12, 2019 edition of The Progress.

IN ATTENDANCE:  James R. Spango, Mayor (6:08 PM)
Christopher Bardi, Council President
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman (6:04 PM)
Roger Freda, Councilman
David Jacobs, Councilman
Jean Ferrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:  Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator (6:08 PM)
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni McDonnell, Borough Attorney (6:08 PM)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve Resolution No. 234-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel
2. COAH Litigation
3. Potential Litigation – Water Dispute

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Spango, Fishman absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:21 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Upon roll call by the Borough Clerk, it was noted that Mayor Spango and Councilwoman Fishman were present.
SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 27-2019 by title only for the first time: "Ordinance appropriating $78,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the acquisition of police equipment in and by the Borough of Roseland, in the County of Essex New Jersey". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 27-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 28-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XXX "Land Development Ordinance" to enact a new section regulating and establishing certain requirements for short-term rentals in the Borough of Roseland". Councilman Jacobs made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 28-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 29-2019 by title only for the first time: "An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Administration”, Article III entitled “Administrative Organization” and Article VI entitled “Boards, Committees, Commissions and Offices”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 29-2019. 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, October 15, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 20-2019 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XXX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Land Development””. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None
There being no one wishing to be heard, Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 20-2019 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”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 23-2019 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XIX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Street and Sidewalks”. Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

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.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 23-2019 for the third and final time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter XIX of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Street and Sidewalks”. Councilman Jacobs made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 25-2019 by title only for the second time: “Ordinance authorizing the leasing of certain capital equipment by the Borough of Roseland, New Jersey from the Essex County Improvement Authority and the execution of a lease and agreement relating thereto”. Councilman Freda made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 25-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

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.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 25-2019 for the third and final time: “Ordinance authorizing the leasing of certain capital equipment by the Borough of Roseland, New Jersey from the Essex County Improvement Authority and the execution of a lease and agreement
relating thereto”. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 26-2019 by title only for the second time: “An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter III of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland entitled “Police Regulations””. Councilman Freda made a motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance No. 26-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Public Comment

None

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

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 26-2019 for the third and final 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 adopt Ordinance No. 26-2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 235-2019 to approve the September 13, 2019 bill list in the amount of $122,524.10. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the eighteen resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 236-2019 Ratification of Salaries – August 2019

Resolution No. 237-2019 amending Resolution No. 225-2019 “Appoint Jeffrey Surenian as COAH Attorney for 2019” decreasing the not to exceed amount to $50,000.00

Resolution No. 238-2019 authorizing the Mayor to Sign Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Roseland and The American Red Cross

Resolution No. 239-2019 authorization the purchase of meters and related equipment from RIO supply through the Morris County Co-Op for a total cost of $100,410.00

Resolution No. 240-2019 approving the proposal from Boswell Engineering to prepare a plan for the design Conover Avenue and for inspection services for an amount not to exceed $28,400.00
Resolution No. 241-2019 amending Section II of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to include a “Driver’s License Policy”

Resolution No. 242-2019 authorizing refunds of overpayments or cancellations in the Tax Office

Resolution No. 243-2019 awarding a contract to North American Pipeline Services for 2019 CCTV Services in the amount of $65,085.16 for the base bid and alternate

Resolution No. 244-2019 cancellation of water sewer billing balances

Resolution No. 245-2019 authorizing joint senior programming with the Borough of West Caldwell

Resolution No. 246-2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract in the amount of $2,495.00 with Rave Mobile Safety to renew the Swift Reach 9-1-1 Notification System

Resolution No. 247-2019 awarding a contract to S. Rotondi & Sons in the amount of $9.85 per cubic yard for 2019 leaf removal, hauling and disposal

Resolution No. 248-2019 authorizing the CFO to enter into agreement with an elevator company that can make the emergency repairs in the timeliest manner to the elevator at 140 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 249-2019 adopting the Recreation Trust fee schedule for 2019

Resolution No. 250-2019 approving the hiring of a Director and volunteers for the 2019 Recreation Youth Soccer Program

Resolution No. 251-2019 authorizing the Mayor to sign the NJ DEP Air Quality Permit Registration Form in the amount of $820.00 for the above ground gasoline storage tank located at 300 Eagle Rock Avenue

Resolution No. 252-2019 awarding a contract to AJM Contractors in the amount of $245,439.00 for the Roosevelt Street improvement project

Resolution No. 253-2019 approving the hire of Ryan Schwertfeger as Communication Analyst effective October 1, 2019

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Toll made a motion to approve eleven items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to Attend “Policies for Reviewing Your Employees” seminar on 10/25/19 in Neptune, NJ for a total cost of $125.00 plus mileage reimbursement
Approval of raffle application RA-381 for UNICO of Livingston to conduct an on-premises merchandise raffle on November 1, 2019 at SS. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Church (contingent upon favorable police review)

Approval of raffle application RA-382 for UNICO of Livingston to conduct an on-premises 50/50 raffle on November 1, 2019 at SS. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Church (contingent upon favorable police review)

Approval of cadet application of Ryan Weber for the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department

Approval for Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament to use the Borough of Roseland’s commercial size grills for their Parish Picnic on September 22, 2019

Accepting insurance from Cub Scout Pack 801 for the annual camp out at Bond Force Park on October 12, 2019

Approval for Jock Watkins to attend the Essex County Municipal Clerk mini-conference on October 10, 2019 in Verona, NJ

Appointment of Renee Cosentini to the Community Events Committee

Appointment of Bonnie Sturchio to the Citizen Recognition Committee

Appointment of Alan Markman to the Community Events Committee

Authorizing Beautification Committee expenditure in the amount of $1,094.00 for autumn decorations

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019 caucus meeting and the September 9, 2019 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jacobs and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve the request from The Progress newspaper to use Borough facilities to hold a candidate’s forum on a date to be determined and to waive the facility use fee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tolli and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Spango addressed the recent decline in the local postal service, after the problems had apparently been rectified. The mail carriers were returned to Roseland and there have been no problems until the past few weeks. The Mayor has been in contact with County
Executive DiVincenzo, Senator Codey, and Congresswoman Sherrill for assistance to find out what has caused the recent decline in postal service and to correct the problem.

New Jersey Monthly issued a report ranking Roseland as the 14th best places to live in New Jersey. Over one hundred volunteers turned out last weekend for the Community Cleanup Day. Boy scouts, cub scouts, DPW employees and the other volunteers cleaned up litter under the Route 280 underpass, and cleared the Noecker School nature trail and spread wood chips. The rededication and renaming of Lynn DeBell Field to Mayor Lou and Lynn DeBell Field has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on October 5th at the Fernwood soccer field.

Mayor Spango congratulated the Roseland Fire Department on a successful wet down celebration for their new ladder truck. The Roseland First Aid Squad will be celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2020. Mayor Spango announced that there are openings on the RFAS 40th Anniversary Committee for anyone interested in helping plan an appropriate celebration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi thanked Gary Schall and Chris Crichtett, and the cub scouts, boy scouts, borough employees, and residents who volunteered for Clean Communities Day. The Borough’s new website is progressing and the new television station should be fully operational in the near future.

SHARED SERVICES

Councilwoman Perrotti thanked everyone who volunteered on Clean Communities Day. The West Essex Board of Education appointed Frank Perrotti to fill the unexpired term of Dawn Smith through December 31, 2019. Dr. Dunleavy reported that the West Essex Middle School rotating drop schedule is working well and the 7th grade team building trip to Fairview Lake is scheduled for September 18th. Mr. Diliberto reported that September 17th is the high school senior parent night at the library, September 19th is the high school back to school night, and on September 24th, 110 colleges will be participating in the annual college fair. Mrs. Perrotti added that the Roseland Historical Commission has a meeting scheduled tomorrow night.

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

Councilwoman Fishman reported that the Committee is developing plans to upgrade all of the Borough parks. The Committee recommended that the Recreation Department look into developing a field hockey program for young girls. The Recreation Department has partnered with other West Essex communities and will hold a youth field hockey clinic in Fairfield on October 5th.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Freda announced that Passaic Avenue was closed in the vicinity of Pitcairn Drive as the Department of Public Works (DPW) works to repair a water main break. The
DPW is working towards satisfying the requirements of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Accountability Act. A contract has been awarded for the sewer main project on Roosevelt Street. Once the project is complete and the pavement has had time to settle, that section of Roosevelt Street will be repaved. Work on the water main replacement on Crestview Court is also scheduled to begin soon.

Mr. Freda thanked all of the volunteers who came out on Clean Communities Day. It is estimated that in addition to the cleanup that was performed, they also spread a little over 100 cubic yards of wood chips. Mr. Freda thanked OEM Coordinator Mathies, the auxiliary police, the DPW and the police department for their assistance with the cleanup; the First Aid Squad for opening their building and the memorial service for former member Pete Garrity; the fire department for their wet down; and the auxiliary police for their assistance with back to school night.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Jacobs congratulated the fire department for their wet down celebrating the arrival of their new ladder truck. Mr. Jacobs asked drivers to use caution now that school is back in session, noting that he witnessed a car pass a school bus on Passaic Avenue. Mr. Jacobs asked residents to lock their cars and to drive cautiously now that leaves are starting to fall making roads slippery and attracting children to play in leaf piles.

Councilman Freda added that October will be the last month that the DPW will pick up branches. There will be no branch pickup during November and December as the DPW will concentrate on leaf pickup. Councilwoman Fishman added that the Senior Advisory Committee is sponsoring a speaker who will make a presentation on Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers at 1:00 on September 20th at the Library.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli thanked everyone who volunteered on Clean Communities Day. The senior bus will be available on Tuesday, September 24th to take interested seniors to the Essex County Senior Wellness Day from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Codey Arena. The Roseland senior citizen Octoberfest will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at the Brownstone. The cost to attend is $46/person. Registration is through the Roseland recreation Department and the event has been opened to West Caldwell seniors. The 37th annual Run 4 Roses is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 28th and the K-6 Junior Olympics will begin at 11:00 AM. The 4th annual bonfire will be held at 6:15 PM on Friday, October 4th at O’Beirne Field. The 17th annual Francis Brian Steets soccer shootout is scheduled for Friday, October 11th. The 11th annual trunk or treat will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 26th at Noecker School.

Preparations are being made for the Beautification Committee to begin filling the fall planters. Residents are reminded that grass clippings are not permitted to be blown into the street, leaf bags are available for residents on County roads, and residents may pile leaves at the curb for DPW pickup.
The annual Greek Festival will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the SS Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church on Laurel Avenue.

Mayor Spango added that the Essex County Environmental Center Fall Family Festival will be held on September 28th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Borough will be sponsoring a Halloween house decorating contest. Details of the contest will be forthcoming.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mayor Spango recommended the following nominations for the Municipal youth Guidance Committee: Leslie Klaff, Eileen Masone Jill Frangione, Lois Vitiello, Nicole Bakirtis, Carol Corcoran, Susan Panico, Diana Linnett, Carrie Dick, Nicole Sumato, Eileen Weiss and Councilwoman Tolli as liaison. Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to appoint all nominees to the Municipal Youth Guidance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to close the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Approved: October 1, 2019

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