The October 1, 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
- Joni Noble McDonnell, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 254-2019 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Personnel

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Council adjourned executive session at 7:22 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

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Jacobs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 255-2019 approving the September 27, 2019 Bill List in the amount of $141,844.27. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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

Resolution No. 256-2019 cancellation of water sewer billing – balances

Resolution No. 257-2019 authorizing the execution of a Letter of Representation and Continuing Disclosure Agreement in connection with the 2019 ECIA Capital Equipment Lease Program

Resolution No. 258-2019 authorizing the purchase and installation of a new Gasboy pump and fuel management system at a cost of $31,999.91 under State Contract No. 42262

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the six items on the Consent Agenda:

Approval for Gary Schall and Chris Critchett to attend a PSE&G emergency response seminar in Summit, NJ on October 18, 2019 from 9AM to 11:00AM at no cost

Approval for Michael Colitti to attend the NJRPA District II meeting site visit on October 3, 2019 at Watsessing Park in Bloomfield, NJ at no cost

Approval for Maureen Chumacas to attend the Professional Development seminar on November 7, 2019 in New Brunswick, NJ at a cost of $125.00 plus mileage reimbursement

Approval of three-month extension of dumpster and portable toilet permit at 5 Cobb Terrace until December 24, 2019

Permission for Stepping Stones School to hold their Fall Festival on October 11, 2019 at 19 Harrison Avenue
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Permission for Ryan Schwertfeger to attend the Broadcast Trade Show on October 17, 2019 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City at a cost of $75.00 plus travel expenses

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Spango received a letter from the North Jersey branch of the post office in Edison in response to complaints about local mail service. A copy of the letter will be posted on the Borough’s website. The postal service reported making a change of the officer in charge of the Roseland branch, and a change to that person’s supervisor. The Mayor and several others have noted improved service since the recent complaint was made and noted changes implemented. A telephone number has been setup for residents to call with complaints and the Borough will keep a log of the complaints and forward them the post office on a biweekly basis.

Mayor Spango summarized a letter received from Tinton Falls, encouraging support of the November referendum to make veterans who live in continuing care retirement communities, or their spouses, eligible for property tax reduction. Council agreed to place a resolution on the October 15th agenda endorsing the referendum.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Spango reported that a cost analysis is being performed comparing the cost of removal of Borough owned trees that have been taken down, to keeping the wood, cutting and splitting the wood, and making the wood available to Borough residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Councilman Bardi reported that the committee has been trying to solicit volunteers to paint a mural behind the dais in the public meeting room at 19 Harrison Avenue. The Committee received a proposal from Primepoint to provide a Time and Attendance system at a purchase and implementation cost of $6,000 with an annual maintenance cost of $4,425. The proposal includes palm readers which would be installed at 300 Eagle Rock Avenue, 140 Eagle Rock Avenue, and 15 Harrison Avenue, and associated software. Mayor Spango suggested that the vendor provide a demo to Committee and/or department heads.

SHARED SERVICES

No report

REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL

No report
PUBLIC WORKS

Department of Public Works (DPW) superintendent Schall reported that the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has changed the category of the Borough’s application for a grant from the NJ BPU Smart Start Building Program. As a result, the State’s grant payment will be reduced, and the Borough’s match will increase. After discussion, it was decided that Mayor Spango will write to the President of the BPU in an effort to obtain a more desirable grant.

Councilman Freda reported that the sewer main replacement on Roosevelt Street expected to be completed by tomorrow. Catch basin repair and paving will likely be scheduled for next spring. The sewer lines on Roosevelt have been televised and water valves have been exercised. The Committee will be soliciting prices to purchase equipment to perform future CCTV services in house.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No report

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 259-2019 authorizing the Roseland Recreation Department to conduct a youth snowboard program for 4th through 8th graders. The program consists of a package of five (5) trips, and a minimum of thirty (30) participants are required. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve Resolution No. 260-2019 to increase the intramural 9th through 12th grade basketball registration fee from $125/person to $131/person. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fishman and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Mrs. Tolli noted that there will be an Eagle Scout proclamation on the October 15th meeting agenda. Mrs. Tolli noted that PSE&G trucks were investigating the reported odor of gas in the vicinity of Harrison and Passaic Avenues, and that she noted an odor of gas in the vicinity of Freeman Street and Eagle Rock Avenue. The Municipal Youth Guidance Committee had their first meeting in September which was attended by approximately fifty students. Scheduled events are the bonfire on Friday night, a food collection in front of Stop & Shop in West Caldwell on November 3rd, assembling of food baskets on November 20th, serving lunch at a shelter at Our Lady of the Valley church in Orange on December 14th, and a Valentine’s event in February. Nothing is scheduled for March and the Committee is considering refinishing four outdoor benches by the Library in April. The Junior Women’s Club is hosting the annual 5th grade Halloween Dance on October 25th. The Beautification Committee has ordered corn stalks, mums, and cabbages for fall street decorations.
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Mayor Spango announced that the rededication and renaming of Lynn DeBell Field to Mayor Louis and Lynn DeBell Field is scheduled for 9:00 AM on Saturday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Freda made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Bardi made a motion to return to Executive Session at 8:27 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Freda made a motion to close the meeting at 8:57 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Approved: November 7, 2019

VOICE VOTE

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