Council Meeting Minutes January 18, 2020

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
NEW JERSEY

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2020
BOROUGH HALL
140 EAGLE ROCK AVE
9:00 AM

The January 18, 2020 special budget meeting of the Roseland Mayor and Council was called to order at 9:00 AM 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 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 (9:05 AM)  
Eileen Fishman, Councilwoman  
Roger Freda, Councilman  
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman  
Michele Tolli, Councilwoman (9:04 AM)  
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:  
Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator  
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

DISCUSSION

Council reviewed the proposed 2020 Water and Sewer budget.

Council reviewed the proposed 2020 budget appropriations. Council’s goal is to reduce the budget appropriations by $300,000.00. The following proposed reductions were discussed:

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<td>Health &amp; Welfare</td>
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<td>$131,620.00</td>
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Mrs. Chumacas advised Council that the tax collection rate for the past three years.
was above 99%. Council advised Mrs. Chumacas to increase the percentage for calculating reserve for uncollected taxes in the 2020 budget from 98.25% to 98.5%. Discussion of New Programs/Events was deferred until the next budget meeting.

Council reviewed two proposed equipment layouts for the Harrison Avenue Playground. Both proposals contained all of the elements desired by Council, but the equipment in one layout is larger than in the other. After review and discussion, Council instructed Administrator Chumacas to advise the engineer to proceed with construction specifications utilizing the smaller equipment in order to maximize clear area around the playground equipment.

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to adjourn at 11:44 AM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 4-0 voice vote (Councilman Trillo left the meeting at 10:51 AM, Councilman Freda left the meeting at 11:25 AM).

Approved: February 4, 2020

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