Council Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020

BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

JANUARY 21, 2020
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
19 HARRISON AVENUE
6:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:30 PM OPEN SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The January 21, 2020 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, time, 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 (7:20 PM)
Jean Perrotti, Councilwoman
Michele Toll, Councilwoman
Marcelino Trillo, Councilman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator
Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk
Joni Noble McDonnell, Borough Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-2020 Approval to Close to Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. COAH Litigation

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote (Freda absent). Council adjourned executive session at 7:10 PM. Councilman Freda arrived at 7:20 PM. Mayor Spango read the Sunshine Statement again at 7:30 PM and called the public meeting to order. Clerk Watkins called the roll with all members present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Spango led the salute to the flag.
PRESENTATION

Mayor Spango introduced Leonardo Olivera, a second-grade student at Noecker School. Mayor Spango read and presented a proclamation to Leonardo upon his winning the Elks Soccer Shoot contest at the Local Lodge level, the District level, and the State level. Leonardo will compete in the Region level in March in Pennsylvania.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Tedesco 20 Meeker Court
Christine Marinaro 8 Passaic Avenue
Lefty Grimes East Hanover
Mike Dingelee Falmouth Avenue, Elmwood Park
Joanie Lovuto
Audrey Conway

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 01-2020 by title only for the first time: “An ordinance to amend Chapter XXX “Land Development” regarding exterior lighting”. Councilman Bardi made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 01-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Trillo and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

Clerk Watkins read Ordinance No. 02-2020 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” to amend section 30-702.6 entitled “Zoning Permits””. Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 02-2020. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Toll and approved by a 6-0 voice vote. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 19 Harrison Avenue, Roseland, NJ.

APPOINTMENTS – MAYOR WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve the following appointment:

Board of Adjustment
Eric Fauerbach Alt. No. 2 2 Years 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2021

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Councilwoman Perrotti made a motion to approve the following appointments:
Library Board of Trustees
Brian Flynn (Unexpired Afanador) 5 Years 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2020
Allison Jablonski 5 Years 1/2/2020 - 12/31/2024
Areti Khitiri 5 Years 1/2/2020 - 12/31/2024
Aristotle Popolizio (Mayor’s Alternate) 1 Year 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020
Debra Sessa (Superintendent’s Alternate) 1 Year 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2020

Municipal Alliance Committee
Arlene Greenfield #1 3 Years 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2022

Sub Committee for Mental Health Awareness
Dr. Liz Matheis 1 Year 1/1/2020 - 06/30/2020
Michele Stefanelli 1 Year 1/1/2020 - 06/30/2020

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Councilman Bardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-2020 approving the January 17, 2020 Bill List in the amount of $207,318.28. The motion was seconded by Councilman Freda and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Toll made a motion to approve the thirty resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution No. 22-2020 ratification of salaries – December 2019

Resolution No. 23-2020 ratification of the December 27, 2019 pre-drawn bill list in the amount of $42,625.34

Resolution No. 24-2020 designating The Tap and The Progress as the Borough of Roseland’s official electronic newspapers

Resolution No. 25-2020 authorizing the release of Payment No. 1 Final in the amount of $58,501.14 to North American Pipeline for CCTV services

Resolution No. 26-2020 authorizing correction of duplicated resolution numbers

Resolution No. 27-2020 awarding a three-year contract for a total, estimated amount of $165,000.00 over the course of the contract, to Griffith-Allied Trucking for the purchase and delivery of unleaded gasoline fuel through Morris County Co-Op #1

Resolution No. 28-2020 authorizing a professional services agreement with Boswell Engineering for 2020 engineering services and as Borough Engineer for 2020
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Resolution No. 29-2020 authorizing the appointment of O’Connor Davies LLP as Borough Auditors beginning January 1, 2020 though the completion of the 2020 audit for a total cost of $36,000.00

Resolution No. 30-2020 authorizing the appointment of Shirley Bishop PP LLC as the Professional Planner for COAH Matters for 2020 for an amount not to exceed $20,000.00

Resolution No. 31-2020 authorizing the cancellation of certain accounts payable items in the Water Sewer Fund

Resolution No. 32-2020 accepting the proposal from Signal Control Products in the amount of $6,150.00 for an emergency backup generator for the traffic signal at the intersection Passaic Avenue and Harrison Avenue

Resolution No. 33-2020 approving the submission of a grant application for the Essex County Open Space Local Aid Program

Resolution No. 34-2020 appointing Catherine Maddrey as Land Use Administrator and Planning Board Secretary

Resolution No. 35-2020 authorizing the award of a non-fair and open contract to Quiktek in the amount of $23,100.00 for 2020 IT services

Resolution No. 36-2020 requesting Essex County to place a cross walk on Harrison Avenue at Lincoln Street from Roosevelt Street

Resolution No. 37-2020 awarding a contract to Custom Bandag in the amount of $9,000.00 per year for tires, tubes and services under state contacts NJ START 20-FLEET-00948 and NJ START 19-FLEET-00708 for a contract period beginning January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2024 for an estimated five-year contract cost of $45,000.00

Resolution No. 38-2020 approving cancellation of water and sewer billing balances

Resolution No. 39-2020 approving budget transfers

Resolution No. 40-2020 appointing Jeffrey Suremian as COAH Attorney for 2020 for an amount not to exceed $50,000.00

Resolution No. 41-2020 appointing Hendricks Appraisal Co. as Real Estate Tax Appraisal Services for 2020 for an amount not to exceed $10,000.00

Resolution No. 42-2020 appointing IMAC Insurance Agency as Broker of Record and consultant for employee benefits for 2020

Resolution No. 43-2020 appointing Daniel Bloch of Maser Consulting as Borough Planner for 2020
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Resolution No. 44-2020 appointing John Voight from Bleakley Financial Group as Broker of Records and Financial Advisor for 2020

Resolution No. 45-2020 appointing McManimon, Scotland, Bauman LLC as Bond Counsel for 2020

Resolution No. 46-2020 appointing Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC as Redevelopment Attorney for 2020 for an amount not to exceed $10,000.00

Resolution No. 47-2020 appointing Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC as Real Estate Attorney for 2020 for an amount not to exceed $10,000.00

Resolution No. 48-2020 appointing Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC as Borough Tax Appeal Attorney 2020 for an amount not to exceed $75,000.00

Resolution No. 49-2020 appointing Friend & Wenzel as Special Litigation Attorney for 2020

Resolution No. 50-2020 appointing Lite DePalma Greenburg LLC as Special Counsel for Labor Issues for 2020 for an amount not to exceed $25,000.00

Resolution No. 51-2020 authorizing the Mayor to sign a six-month contract with United Business Solutions for copier maintenance

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 6-0 voice vote, with Councilwoman Fishman and Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote on Resolution Nos. 46-2020, 47-2020, and 48-2020.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of extension of dumpster & portable toilet permit for 8 Fourth Avenue until July 15, 2020

Approval of mileage reimbursement for Michael Colitti for attending ski/snowboard program on January 12, 2020

Approval for Jock Watkins to attend “Your Ethical Shield – A Strategy for Avoiding Conflicts & Precluding Allegations” seminar on March 27, 2020 in Fairfield, NJ at a cost of $95.00

Approval for Patrick Nichols to attend the annual NJRPA conference in Atlantic City on February 24 at a cost of $190.00 plus mileage
Approval for Michael Colitti to attend the annual NJRPA conference in Atlantic City from February 23 through February 26 at a cost of $375.00 plus mileage

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Spango reported that Council met this past Saturday and performed a line by line review of the proposed 2020 budget. There will be another budget meeting this coming Saturday. Mr. Spango thanked the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the Department of Public Works (DPW), the police department, the fire, department, and the first aid squad for keeping the Borough safe during the storm this past weekend. The total overtime cost for the storm response was only $2,685.00.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

Councilman Bardi reported progress on the budget review, noting that Council performed a very thorough analysis of the budget this past Saturday. The next budget meeting will be this coming Saturday to review capital equipment/improvement requests. The plan is to introduce the 2020 budget at the March 17th televised Council meeting. The Committee is looking into streaming the televised meetings onto the website. The new website is up and running. To date, the new website has already been visited 7,000 times by 4,300 people, at the rate of about 200 visits per day.

Mayor Spango added that the date of the Mayor's Ball has been rescheduled to November 13th. The beneficiaries of proceeds from the Mayor's Ball will be the Roseland Library and the Roseland First Aid Squad. Mayor Spango will present the 2020 State of the Borough Address at the February 18th Council meeting.

**SHARED SERVICES**

No report

**REDEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL**

No report

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Freda thanked the DPW for the great job during the recent snow storm. Mr. Freda looks forward to continuing working with DPW to plan infrastructure and sanitary sewer improvements. Mr. Freda thanked all emergency responders who responded to a family member's emergency earlier today.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Perrotti reported that the fire department responded to twenty-four alarms in December, bringing the total to two hundred thirty-seven for 2019, compared to two hundred ninety-four in 2018. Volunteers performed two hundred and thirty-two man hours of service responding to alarms, and one hundred nine hours of non-emergency duties. Mrs. Perrotti thanked the volunteers for their service.

Councilwoman Perrotti met with Police Chief McDonough who asked that residents be aware of the variety of telephone scams, especially those targeting seniors. Callers are claiming to be from Social Security or the IRS. Official notices from both agencies will come via mail, not by telephone calls. Mrs. Perrotti thanked police officers for their service.

Councilwoman Perrotti attended the West Essex High School (WEHS) ribbon cutting ceremony, opening the refurbished auditorium. The project took nine months, and eighty-five percent of the work was performed by board of education employees. The upgraded facilities will be available for rental to sending districts. Upcoming WEHS events include the start of their strategic planning process on January 23rd, 6th grade parent night at the middle school, hello and be kind seminar at the middle school, and a smoke screen program on January 27th detailing the dangers of vaping.

Councilman Bardi thanked OEM Coordinator Matheis for his efforts getting the County to shorten the wait time at the traffic light at the corner of Harrison and Roseland Avenues.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Councilwoman Tolli announced that information about registration for the upcoming softball, baseball, and T-ball season can be found on the Recreation website. The Committee is finalizing the plans to upgrade Patricia Borino Park behind Harrison School. The upgraded park and new equipment will all be ADA compliant. Roseland high school student members of the Municipal Youth Guidance Subcommittee made one hundred eight sandwiches which were delivered to a shelter in Newark. The students are planning a Valentine’s Day celebration at Crane’s Mill in West Caldwell in February.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Tolli made a motion to approve the December 17, 2019 Council meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Perrotti and approved by a 5-0 voice vote, with Councilman Trillo abstaining from the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lefty Grimes
Joanie Lovuto
East Hanover
Falmouth Avenue, Elmwood Park

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ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Fishman made a motion to close the meeting at 8:17 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bardi and approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor James R. Spezio

Approved: March 3, 2020

JOCK H. WATKINS, BOROUGH CLERK

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