

*Mayor James R. Spango of Roseland has been an active and dedicated member of his community and has served in various roles in public service over his career. In his youth, Mayor Spango became involved in many community projects, volunteered for various Democratic political campaigns and in Democratic organizations, and has been a youth coach and mentor since 1996. A graduate of Seton Hall Prep he continued his education and graduated with a B.A. in Business Administration from Seton Hall University in 2000. Mayor Spango started his life in Public Service in 2005 working for the Essex County Sheriff's Office and currently serves as Business Administrator & Chief.*

*In the Sheriff's Office, in addition to being Chief and overseeing the day to day operations of the largest Sheriff's Office in that state of New Jersey, Mayor Spango also creates and manages an almost 50 million dollar budget, is in charge of human resources and personnel, supervises labor relations and contract negotiations with various unions, as well as supervising payroll, purchasing and acquisitions, facility management, risk management, and internal controls and billing. Spango also represents the Sheriff's Office in arbitration cases, at Board of Commissioners Meetings, and when dealing with state and federal agencies. Mayor Spango also briefly served as the Hearing Officer for the County from 2016 to 2019 where he oversaw and rendered decisions for disciplinary hearings.*

*In November 2018, James Spango was elected as the 20th Mayor of the Borough of Roseland and assumed office in January 2019. During his time in office, Mayor Spango has put a focus on improving Borough parks, increasing communications between the Borough and residents, keeping taxes stable, and striving to bring the community together and rebuild a sense of community through additional and revamped community events and also by creating more public boards and committees that solicit input and feedback from residents. Mayor Spango treats his role as Mayor as an additional full time job and enjoys the opportunity to assist his residents in any situation no matter how small it may seem. During his tenure as Mayor, Roseland rose in the rankings of Best Places to Live in New Jersey from 117<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*Mayor Spango is also an executive member of the Essex County Chiefs of Police Association, a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, a member of the legislative committee of the New Jersey Association of Mayors and serves as the Democratic Chairman of Roseland.*

*Mayor Spango resides in Roseland with his wife Dawn and twin 12 year old daughters Brooklyn and Madison.*