

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK  
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET  
ROCHELLE PARK, NJ 07662**



**MINUTES – BUDGET MEETING – January 28, 2009  
Meeting to begin at 7:00 PM**

Call to order 7:09 PM

Open Public Meetings Act – According to the law, this meeting has been posted and is being taped.

Roll Call:

Comm. K. J. Kovalcik  
Comm. W. Lotz  
Comm. J. Scarpa - Absent  
Comm. P. Strohmeyer  
Mayor F. Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Koenig

Mayor Valenzuela asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the military stationed overseas.

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Correspondence

Advertisement Technical Assistant – The Township Committee decided to investigate other employment opportunities such as an inter-local agreement with another municipality or possibly hiring two part time workers.

Advertisement Police Officer - The Township Committee agreed to advertise for a new police officer.

Budget Discussion – 2009 – Administrator Mariniello presented an overview of what to expect in the 2009 budget. He advised the Township Committee that Rochelle Park is eligible to self examine, and also that filing deadlines have been extended by approximately 30 days. He discussed the instructions given to all departments to try not to increase their budgets. The Township Committee reviewed each department’s budget and listened to the Department Head’s explanation of each line item requested for 2009. Listed below are the departments scheduled for this meeting and the remaining departments will appear at the next budget meeting scheduled for February 4, 2009.

7:15 PM – DPW – Superintendent Brian Koenig reviewed the DPW’s budget with the Township Committee. DPW O/E request was minimally less than 2008.

7:30 PM – Fire Department – Fire Chief Ted Reighard advised the Township Committee of the needs of the fire department regarding his budget preparation. He explained in detail the increases and the reasoning behind the requests i.e. new garage doors for the building (7), washer and dryer, new oxygen bottles, new vehicle for the chief and increases for the men and officers regarding the clothing allowances.

7:45 PM – Police Department – Chief Richard Zavinsky and Captain Robert Flannelly presented the department’s 2009 budget for the Township

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Committee's review. Requests were routine with a slight increase from 2008. Also, the motor cycle is old and Harley Davidson will replace it with a new vehicle free of charge. There will be an expenditure of \$4,000.00 to outfit the motor cycle.

The committee listened to these departments and the Mayor suggest that speaking himself, he would like to see a 10% decrease across the board before any decisions are made. That doesn't mean more cut would not be ahead. The State has not issued any state aid figure for 2009.

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting "Aye".

No comments from the public

A motion was offered by Comm. Kovalcik and seconded by Comm. Lotz to close the meeting to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting "Aye".

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria  
Municipal Clerk