



**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET
ROCHELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY 07662**

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – February 18, 2009

The Annual Health Meeting will be held prior to this meeting. Board of Health Secretary, Gloria Cottrell will conduct the meeting.

Call to Order 7:32 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of February 18, 2009 was advertised in the notice sent to the “Our Town” and “The Record” and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 7, 2008 and has remained continuously posted as the required notice under the Statute and is being taped. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Mayor Robert Cannici

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. Kovalcik to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve of the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting and Sine Die meetings held January 4, 2009, Public Meeting held January 21, 2009 and Budget Meeting held January 25, 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

At the Work Session held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 the following resolutions were offered by Comm. Strohmeier seconded by Comm. Scarpa and adopted on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Resolution #2008 – 49

A Resolution – Authorizing Garbage Reimbursement – Windsor Court Condo Association – 175 Rochelle Avenue

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of New Jersey State Law, all municipalities in the State of New Jersey are obligated to either provide solid waste collection and disposal services for condominium properties or to reimburse those properties for all or a portion of the costs associated with private services; and

Whereas, the Windsor Court Condominium is a condominium residence located at 175 Rochelle Avenue; and

Whereas, a request has been made by the management company of this condominium project for reimbursement of a portion of the cost of those services; and

Whereas, the Township has determined that it would be necessary and appropriate to apply the same formula for reimbursement as has been applied to other similar projects within the Township;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township of Rochelle Park and Windsor Court Condominiums shall enter into a reimbursement agreement pursuant to the provisions of law which shall provide for the reimbursement on an annual basis, to this condominium project for solid waste disposal costs calculated at the rate incurred by the municipality;
2. The method of calculation shall be based upon the municipality’s total annual dumping fees divided by the number of residential properties within the municipality (currently 1,802) times the total number of units at this property which are owned by owners other than the sponsor / developer. The

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- reimbursement agreement shall not provide for any reimbursement for collection services but the reimbursement shall be limited to the reimbursement of the dumping fee portion of the municipality's cost;
3. For 2007 the total number of units sold was 57 units and for 2008 the total was 68 units sold;
 4. Applying the aforementioned formula, the total reimbursement for 2007 and 2008 shall be as follows:
2007 reimbursement: \$4,104.00
2008 reimbursement: \$4,186.44
 5. In addition to the foregoing, the Township shall provide recycling collection services at this property;
 6. For calendar year 2009 and thereafter, the same calculation shall apply and reimbursement shall be provided no later than March 1st of each subsequent year;
 7. The payments described herein as well as all subsequent payments shall be contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.
 8. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the payments for 2007 and 2008 as described in this Resolution.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park, the Township Attorney and Windsor Court Condominiums c/o Young and Associates, P.O. Box 125, Wood Ridge, New Jersey, 07075.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2008 – 50

A Resolution – Rescinding Resolution 2009-21 Contract for Public Health Services and Authorizing a Public Health Contract w/ Township of Washington

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park previously determined that the need exists for the provision of State mandated public health services of a technical and professional nature; and

Whereas, pursuant to Resolution 2009-21 the Township authorized an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to perform such services on behalf of the Township for the calendar year 2009; and

Whereas, the Township has now determined that it would be in the best interests of the municipality to rescind that authorization and authorize an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township of Washington; and

Whereas, this Agreement may be entered without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a Professional Services Agreement and is also considered an Interlocal Services Agreement pursuant to the provisions of New Jersey State Law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Resolution 2009-21 be and is hereby rescinded and set aside;
2. An Interlocal Services Agreement with the Township of Washington be and is hereby authorized for providing State mandated public health services;
3. The term of this Agreement shall be deemed to have commenced on January 1, 2009 and shall end on December 31, 2009;
4. The cost for said Agreement shall not exceed \$39,950.00 annually which shall pro-rated for the term during which actual services are provided;
5. The period of services provided shall commence on March 1, 2009 and shall end on December 31, 2009 (total cost \$32,292.00);
6. The award of this Resolution is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient exists for this purpose;
7. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to executed, on behalf of the Township, an Interlocal Health Services Agreement in the form attached to this Resolution.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Township of Washington, the Bergen County Department of Health Services and the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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Proclamation – PTA Founders Day
Presented to the PTA – on February 11th

Mayor's Appointment – Planning Board - Alternates
Mitzi Fisher
Gerard Sorrentino

Reports:

Building Department - January 2009
Health Department - January 2009
Municipal Court - January 2009
Attendance Report - January 2009

The Consent Agenda was offered by Mayor Valenzuela seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and reads:

Resolution #2009 – 51

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – February 2009

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, that the following bills be turned over to the Treasurer, and if found to be correct, be paid provided there is sufficient funds in the various accounts. (See attached)

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 52

A Resolution – Zoning Board Appointments

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Russell Campbell of 106 Rochelle Avenue be appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a four year term commencing February 18, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 53

A Resolution Amending Resolution #2009-24 entitled “Meeting Dates – 2009” to include Budget Meeting – March 4, 2009

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Resolution No. 2009 – 24 entitled “Meeting Dates” is hereby amended as follows:

Budget Meeting – March 4, 2009 – Meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

Formal action may or may not be taken at the rescheduled meetings.

The Clerk is directed to publish this resolution and post on the Municipal Bulletin Board.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #No. 2009 – 54

A Resolution – Alternate Court Officer – Patrick Bolan

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following be and are hereby appointed as an Alternate Court Officers and shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee effective February 1, 2009. Salary shall be in accordance with the Salary Ordinance.

Patrick Bolan
360 Concord Drive
Maywood, New Jersey 07607

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 55

A Resolution – Appointing Substitute School Crossing Guard – Eloise Bolan

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following be and are hereby appointed as a Substitute School Crossing Guard upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, without salary unless placed on duty under the instructions of the Police Department and then at a salary as provided in the Salary Ordinance of the Township of Rochelle Park, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Substitute: Eloise Bolan
360 Concord Drive
Maywood, New Jersey 07607

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 56

A Resolution – Authorizing Waiver of Tenant Review

Whereas, pursuant to Local Ordinance all changes in tenancy must be presented to the Planning Board for review; and

Whereas, the applicable Ordinance provides for a waiver of such review in the event that the Building Department recommends a waiver and only in such circumstances as the Building Department is confident that the use is identical to the previous use and there would therefore be no increase in traffic, parking demands and no significant alteration of the operation of the premises; and

Whereas, the Building Department has now recommended that such an exemption be granted for premises located at 18 Railroad Avenue; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has reviewed this request and concurs that an exemption in this particular case would be appropriate.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the requirement of tenant review in connection with the change of tenancy and ownership of 18 Railroad Avenue be and is waived; and

It is further resolved that this waiver is based upon the recommendation of the Building Department; and

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Building Department as well as to the record owner of 18 Railroad Avenue, Rochelle Park, New Jersey.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 57

A Resolution – Authorizing Professional Services Contracts For Real Estate Appraisal Services

Whereas, the need exists for the Township to retain the services of a expert Real Estate Appraiser for real estate tax appeals; and

Whereas, the services to be performed by these experts are professional services and are, therefore, exempt from the requirement of competitive bidding; and

Whereas, there have been a substantial number of residential and commercial real property tax appeals filed in the Township of Rochelle Park during the past several years which require the assistance of an expert witness to prepare reports and recommendations regarding tax appeals and, if necessary, to make court appearances and testify at trial; and

Whereas, Robert McNerney of McNerney Associates is an expert Real Estate Appraiser who has performed such services on behalf of the Township and other municipalities and is qualified for this purpose; and

Whereas, Louis Izenberg of Izenberg Appraisal Associates is also a Real Estate Appraiser who is qualified to perform such services; and

Whereas, the Township Committee wishes to authorize both of the aforementioned Real Estate Appraisers to perform services on behalf of the municipality with assignments to be determined on a case by case basis upon the recommendation of the Township Attorney, Tax Assessor and Township Administrator; and

Whereas, no services will be performed by these professionals without prior written approval and authorization to proceed based upon a Resolution of the Township Committee on each.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Robert McNerney of McNerney Associates, Glen Rock, New Jersey is hereby designated as real property tax appeal expert witness on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park;
2. Louis Izenberg of Izenberg Appraisal Associates, Parsippany, New Jersey is also designated as real property tax appeal expert witness on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park;
3. Cases will be assigned to these experts on a case by case basis as individual needs arise based upon the recommendation of the Township Attorney, Tax Assessor and Administrator.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Robert McNerney of McNerney Associates, Louis Izenberg, of Louis Appraisal Associates, Township Attorney, Tax Assessor and Township Administrator.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 - 58

A Resolution – Approving Transfers Within The 2008 Budget Appropriations

Whereas, there are certain appropriations which unexpended balances and certain accounts on which commitments to be entered into which possibly exceed the amount of the original 2008 appropriations; and

Whereas, under Title 40A:4-58 Revised Statutes of New Jersey permission is given to transfer from one budget account into another during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Finance Officer, Michael Mariniello of the Township of Rochelle Park be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer as follows:

		<u>Inside CAP</u>	
26-3102	TO:	Buildings & Grounds O/E	\$ 7,000.00
26-3152	TO:	Vehicle Maintenance	<u>3,000.00</u>
		Total	\$10,000.00
		<u>Inside CAP</u>	
20-1452	FROM:	Revenue Administration O/E	\$ 4,000.00
25-2552	FROM:	Aid to Vol. Fire O/E	3,000.00
25-2602	FROM:	Aid to Amb. Corp. O/E	<u>3,000.00</u>
		Total	\$10,000.00

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2008-59

A Resolution Authorizing Contract for Inspection Services

Whereas, the Township Committee previously authorized a Contract for the construction of the Department of Public Works Building; and

Whereas, the need now exists for controlled inspection and testing services by an engineer and drilling firm for site testing; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has received a quotation for these services from Soil Mechanics Drilling Corp. of Seaford, New York; and

Whereas, the amount of this Contract shall not exceed the applicable bid threshold and also constitutes professional services and, therefore, competitive bidding is not required.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A Contract with Soil Mechanics Drilling Corp. of Seaford, New York is hereby authorized;
2. The Contract will be based upon a per diem rate of \$645.00 per day for pile driving inspections;
3. The award of this Contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Township Clerk, Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park, Soil Mechanics Drilling Corp. 3770 Merrick Road, Seaford, Long Island, New York and The Bilow Group.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 64

A Resolution – Authorizing Execution of Producers Consultant’s Agreement

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a Producer Consultant: and,

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with “New Jersey Local Unite Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, the anticipated term of this contract is three years; and

Whereas, PIA Security Programs, Inc. has submitted a proposal indicating it will provide the legal services and compensated in accordance with the proposal maintained by the Municipal Clerk; and

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Now, therefore, be it resolved the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park authorizes PIA Security Programs, Inc. of 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 to enter into a contract with Township of Rochelle Park as described herein; and,

Be it further resolved that the Mayor be authorized to sign said agreement; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be published as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 65

A Resolution –Appointing Risk Manager - PIA

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a Risk manager; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

Whereas, the anticipated term of this contract is two years; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. has submitted a proposal indicating that they will provide risk management services with compensation in accordance with the contract maintained by the Municipal Clerk.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2009; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria,

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Lotz reads:

Resolution #2009 – 60

A Resolution – Introduction Ord. 998-09 – Bond Ordinance – Emergency – \$175,000 – Reval

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000 FOR A [ROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP**” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading February 18, 2009 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on March 18, 2009 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Complex, 151 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 and that at or such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same and that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post said ordinance, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where such ordinance will be considered for final passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Lotz to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik reads:

Resolution #2009 - 61

A Resolution – Introduction Ord. 999-09 – Bond Ordinance – Chestnut Avenue/Lincoln Drive - \$225,000

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHESTNUT AVENUE AND LINCOLN DRIVE IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$225,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading February 18, 2009 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on March 18, 2009 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Complex, 151 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 and that at or such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same and that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post said ordinance, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where such ordinance will be considered for final passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

No motions were offered – this ordinance has been defeated.

Resolution #2009 – 62

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption - Ordinance #997-09 – An Ordinance Amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND, SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**” be and it is hereby passed upon second and final reading and that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same according to law.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Bob Davidson – 86 Lexington – Asked for clarification regarding the above ordinance regarding six month terminal leave. He was advised by Mayor Valenzuela that this ordinance would grandfather all present Department Heads employed by the Township. Mr. Davidson strongly objected to the agreement in place which would pay the current administrator six months salary upon his retirement after only 3 ½ years of employment with Rochelle Park. Attorney Rotolo advised that the Township Committee was currently in discussions regarding the terminal leave of the Administrator. Mr. Davidson feels this terminal leave is a costly package and as a taxpayer he is against this policy. Comm. Scarpa advised that down the road, this will cost the taxpayers of Rochelle Park approximately \$250,000 based on average salaries and he also opposes keeping this policy in place. Mr. Davidson suggested that specific positions should be named in the ordinance and felt the original intent of this policy was to mirror the police contract. Comm. Scarpa feels that only employees with 25 years of service should be offered this leave policy. Mayor Valenzuela feels the Township Committee should discuss the current administrator’s terminal leave and amend the current ordinance. After a lengthy discussion the Township Committee agreed to defeat the above ordinance and reintroduce it at a later date with revisions made.

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to close the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

No motion was made to adopt the above ordinance – this ordinance is defeated

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The following resolution was offered by Comm. Kovalcik and seconded by Comm. Lotz reads:

Resolution #2009 – 63

A Resolution - Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes of February 11, 2009

Whereas, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.) certain issues may be discussed by the Township Committee in a session which excludes the public; and

Whereas, the aforementioned law requires that the minutes of said closed sessions be released as soon as practicable after the meeting and so long as the release of the minutes will not be adverse to the interests of the public and/or the Township; and

Whereas, pursuant to statute, the purpose of this Resolution is to disclose the information which was discussed in closed session on February 11, 2009 to the extent that said information can be disclosed without adversely affecting the Township or the public interest.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the attached closed session minutes may be released to the public in accordance with the requirements of New Jersey State Law; and

Be it further resolved, that any minutes which have not been released pursuant to this Resolution shall be reviewed periodically by the Township Attorney and further recommendation shall be made for the release of additional minutes as the release of same is deemed to be proper.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – February 11, 2009

A motion was made for the Township Committee to go into closed or executive session to discuss matters of personnel, litigation and negotiations. The following represents the minutes of that closed session to the extent that those minutes may be released at this time:

1. Department of Public Works - Superintendent A discussion was held between the Township Administrator and the Township Committee regarding the status of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Paramus. An overall evaluation of the Department of Public Works was also provided by the Administrator.
2. Township Administrator Contract A discussion was held in connection with the Contract between the Township and the Administrator which expired in November of 2008. The terms of a renewal Contract were discussed which will be for a period of six (6) months. The Township Attorney was authorized to prepare this Contract.
3. Litigation The Township Attorney provided updates regarding pending litigation involving Longo Electrical Mechanical and a letter received from a former employee.
4. Building Department The Building Inspector provided the Township Committee with a summary of staffing needs in his department and recommendations for addressing those needs in the future.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Kovalcik and seconded by Comm. Lotz to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Committee’s/Administrator’s/Attorney’s Reports

Comm. Scarpa – No Report

Comm. Kovalcik – No Report

Comm. Lotz - Police Department January Report – Motor Vehicle Accidents 48, Total Police Calls 1014, Total Summons Issued 234, Total Patrol Mileage 13,668, Total Arrests 17

Municipal Court January Report – 316

DPW January Report – Most time spent painting buildings, secondly snow plowing, thirdly general work – Total Hours 680

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Comm. Lotz advised the Township Committee that 1.3 million dollars is headed to New Jersey for shovel ready projects and also homeland security monies would be available. He feels the Township Committee should discuss these funds as soon as possible so Rochelle Park can get its fair share.

Mayor Valenzuela – Building Department Report – Revenue from January 1st – February 18th, 2009 - \$38,459, Inspections – building – 50, plumbing – 55, electrical – 49, fire - 30
Fire Department January Report – 26

Valenzuela referenced an article in “The Record” stating the several towns in the North of Rochelle Park were consolidating building departments. He advised that the Township Committee would be addressing all avenues of shared services with neighboring towns attempting to save tax dollars without sacrificing services.

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

Former Mayor Robert Cannici – 11 Hobart Court – Wished Mayor Valenzuela well in his position as Mayor. He then asked the Township Committee to address the main problem in Rochelle Park which is flooding. He realized that dealing with the DEP and the Army Corp. of Engineers will be a difficult job, however he hopes that the Committee continues to press for solutions to this serious problem. Comm. Scarpa stated that the dredging of Sprout Brook could possibly be a “shovel ready” project.

Diane Davidson – 86 Lexington Avenue – Is having problems with an unknown person feeding stray cats in her neighborhood. Police Chief Zavinsky will address this situation.

Heather Lum – 46 Terrace Ave – Expressed her displeasure at recent construction on a new home built on Terrace Avenue. She asked what the proper procedure was concerning construction within the Township. She advised that this was a sub-division and original foot print has been exceeded. Mayor Valenzuela asked that Mrs. Lum stay after the meeting as he would get the specifics of this issue to address with the building department.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk