

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



**MINUTES REORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 4, 2009**

**Call to order 12:00 pm**

**Open Public Meetings Act – (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6)**

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of January 6, 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 4, 20078 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

Pledge of Allegiance Led By Mayor Richard Mola

Everyone was asked to remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the military stationed overseas.

Invocation – Rev. Kevin Coffey

The Honorable Rose Heck administered the Oath of Office to the newly Re-Elected Committee Member Joseph Scarpa while his sister Jill held the bible.

Municipal Clerk Virginia De Maria administered the Oath of Office to newly Re-Elected Committee Member Frank Valenzuela as his wife and family held the Bible while the oath was administered.

**Roll Call –** Comm. K Jay Kovalcik  
Comm. Wilbur Lotz  
Comm. Joseph Scarpa  
Comm. Phyllis Strohmeier  
Comm. Frank Valenzuela

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

Resolution #2009 - 1

A Resolution Adopting the Bylaws of the Township of Rochelle Park

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park adopted bylaws and amendments thereto effective January 1, 2009; and

Whereas, the Township Committee deems it advisable to review these bylaws on an annual basis.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, after review of the bylaws by the Township Attorney that the existing bylaws are hereby adopted effective immediately.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Nominations and Election of Chairperson – Municipal Clerk called for nominations for Chairperson of the Committee, aka Mayor. Comm. Scarpa nominated Comm. Valenzuela, Comm. Kovalcik seconded the nomination.

Municipal Clerk called for any additional nominations. None made. Nominations closed.

Comm. Scarpa nominated Comm. Valenzuela as Chairman, aka Mayor of the Township Committee for 2009 and Comm. Kovalcik seconded the nomination. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

The Mayor Frank Calandriello of Garfield administered the Oath of Office to Comm. Valenzuela, now Mayor Valenzuela. Davia, wife of Mayor Valenzuela surrounded by his children held the bible while the oath was administered.

#### Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairperson

Municipal Clerk called for nominations for vice chairperson. Comm. Lotz nominated Comm. Phyllis Strohmeier and Comm. Scarpa seconded nomination.

Municipal Clerk called for any additional nominations. None made. Nominations closed.

Comm. Lotz nominated Comm. Strohmeier as Vice Chairperson to the 2009 Township Committee and Comm. Scarpa seconded the nomination. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Strohmeier and seconded by Comm. Lotz and reads:

#### **Appointment of Professionals:**

##### Resolution #2009 - 2

##### Appointment of Professional Services - Attorney – The Law Firm of Joseph Rotolo, Esq.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the legal services of a Municipal Attorney; 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, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the legal services with compensation in accordance with the 2009 salary ordinance; and

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

Whereas, the chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2008 municipal budget; 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 Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. 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

##### Resolution #2009 - 3

##### Appointment of Professional Services – Engineer – Kenneth Job, PE

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the legal services of a Municipal Engineer; 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, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Job & Job Consulting Engineers has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide engineering 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

Resolution #2009 – 3 (cont.)

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2009 municipal budget; 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 Job & Job Consulting Engineers 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

Resolution #2009 – 4

Appointment of Professional Services – Auditor – Di Maria & Di Maria LLP

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the auditing services of Di Maria & Di Maria LLP; 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, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Di Maria & Di Maria LLP has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the auditing services.

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

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2009 municipal budget; 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 Di Maria & Di Maria LLP 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

Resolution #2009 – 5

Appointment of Professional Services – Prosecutor – Brian Giblin, Esq.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need for a prosecutor; 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, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Brian Giblin Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the legal services with compensation in accordance with the 2009 salary ordinance.

Whereas, should the need arise, Michael Gannaio, Esq. shall serve as alternate prosecutor; and

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

Whereas, the chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2009 municipal budget; 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 a prosecutor 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

Resolution #2009 – 6

Appointment of Professional Services – Public Defender – Joseph Di Maria, Esq.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the legal services of a Public Defender; 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, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Joseph Di Maria, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the legal services with compensation in accordance with the 2009 salary ordinance; and

Whereas, Melissa H. DeBartolo, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating she will provide the legal services as Alternate Public Defender, and

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

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2009 municipal budget; 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 Joseph Di Maria, Esq. as Public Defender and Melissa H. DeBartolo, Esq. as Alternate Public Defender 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

Resolution #2009 – 7

Appointment of Professional Services – Bond Counsel- Steven Rogut, Esq.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a Bond Attorney; 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, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Rogut McCarthy Troy LLC has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide bonding attorney services.

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

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2009 municipal budget; 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 Rogut McCarthy Troy LLC as Bond Counsel 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

Resolution #2009 – 8

Appointment of Professional Services – Planner – Banish Associates

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a municipal planner and COAH advisor; 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, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Banish Associates has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide professional planning services.

Resolution #2009 – 8 (cont.)

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

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2009 municipal budget; 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 Banisch Associates 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

Resolution #2009 – 9

Appointment of Professional Services – Special Tax Attorney – Skoloff & Wolfe, PC and Beattie Padovano LLC

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a tax attorney; 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, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Skoloff & Wolfe, P.C. and Beattie Padovano, LLC have submitted proposals indicating that they will provide legal services.

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

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2009 municipal budget; 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 Skoloff & Wolfe, P.C and Beattie Padovano, LLC 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, Municipal Clerk

Resolution #2009 – 10

Appointment of Professional Services – Architect – The Bilow Group

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

Whereas, The Bilow Group has submitted a proposal indicating that they will provide the architectural services.

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

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2009 municipal budget; 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 The Bilow Group 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. Strohmeyer and seconded by Comm. Lotz to adopt the above resolutions. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all voting “Aye”.

The following resolutions were offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Lotz and reads:

Resolution #2009 – 11

Appointment of Professional Services – Municipal Judge – Roy McGeady

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a Municipal Judge as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44 A 20.4 and,

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

Whereas, Roy McGeady, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating he will provide the legal services and compensated in accordance with the 2009 salary ordinance of the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, Roy McGeady, Esq. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Roy McGeady, Esq. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Rochelle Park in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Roy McGeady, Esq. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

Whereas, Michael Mariniello, CFO certifies that the funds are available in the 2009 Municipal Budget; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park authorizes Roy McGeady, Esq. to enter into a contract with Township of Rochelle Park as described herein; and,

Be It Further Resolved that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution, 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

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Lotz to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – “Ayes” - Kovalcik, Lotz, Strohmeier Valenzuela “Nay”- Scarpa

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and read:

**Appointment of Various Officials, Boards and Agencies:**

Resolution #2009 – 12

A Resolution Appointing Deputy Court Administrator – Maria Cappa-Foschini

Whereas, vacancy exists in the position of Deputy Municipal Court Administrator for the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, in accordance with the policy of the Township of Rochelle Park, a vacancy in this position was advertised and interviews were conducted by the Township Administrator, the Municipal Court Judge and the Township Committee; and

Whereas, MARIA CAPPА-FOSCHINI has served in various positions within the Township of Rochelle Park including a position within the Municipal Court; and

Whereas, MARIA CAPPА-FOSCHINI did, in fact, submit a resume for the position of Deputy Municipal Court Administrator; and

Whereas, after a review of the various resumes submitted and at the conclusion of all interviews, the Municipal Court Judge and Township Administrator recommended that MARIA CAPPА-FOSCHINI be hired to fill this vacant position; and

Whereas, a review of Ms. CAPPА-FOSCHINI’s credentials confirms that she possesses the experience and other qualities necessary in order to fulfill the demands and obligations of this position.

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. MARIA CAPPА-FOSCHINI be and is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Municipal Court Administrator for the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. The term of this appointment shall commence upon the adoption of this Resolution and shall continue until December 31, 2011.
3. The salary for this position shall be established pursuant to the provisions of the applicable Salary Ordinance.
4. The Township Administrator be and is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps which may be necessary in order to facility and carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Resolution #2009 – 12 (cont.)

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 Municipal Court Administrator, LYNDIA LASINI, Honorable ROY MCGEADY, J.M.C., MARIA CAPPA-FOSCHINI, and Ms. BRENDIS MONTIJO-WRIGLEY, C.M.C.A.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2009 – 13

A Resolution Appointing Lead Laborer – DPW – James Schmunk

Whereas, the Township Administrator has recommended the assignment of certain duties and responsibilities to an employee of the Department of Public Works which would result in that employee acting in a position of “Lead Laborer”; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator, in consultation with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has developed a criteria for the selection of the individual to hold these additional responsibilities; and

Whereas, the need exists for the assignment of these additional responsibilities to an employee within that department and, in order to determine the individual to whom the assignment should be made, the Township Administrator and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works reviewed the existing employees within the department and made recommendations to the Township Committee; and

Whereas, at the January 9, 2008 meeting of the Township Committee, various candidates for this position were interviewed by the Township Committee; and

Whereas, as a result of those interviews, the Township Committee has determined that James Schmunk is the most qualified person for these additional duties; and

Whereas, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has recommended the assignment of these duties to James Schmunk.

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. James Schmunk of Rochelle Park, New Jersey be and is hereby assigned the additional duties and responsibilities for the position of “Lead Man” within the Department of Public Works.
2. This assignment shall take place immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution and shall extend until the end of the current calendar year, December 31, 2009.
3. Commencing on or about January 1, 2009, these duties shall be assigned on an annual basis by the Township Committee after consultation with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Township Administrator.
4. These shall be a \$3,250.00 stipend paid per year for these additional duties which, for 2009, shall commence as of the date of assignment and which shall be apportioned accordingly.

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 Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, the Personnel Department, Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park, and James Schmunk.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 14

A Resolution Appointing Planning Board Class III Member – Phyllis Strohmeyer

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that Phyllis Strohmeyer of 139 Forest Place, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662, is hereby appointed as a member of the Planning Board under the Class III designation for a term of one year, effective January 1, 2009.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 15

A Resolution Appointing Constable

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the following be appointed Constable for a three year term, commencing January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Salvatore Viola  
88 Terrace Avenue  
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Robert Hager  
14 Meakin Avenue  
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009-33

A Resolution Appointing Members to the Board of Adjustment

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Nancy Croot of 14 Harvey Avenue, Frank Bassillo of 12 Susquehanna Avenue, and Sergio Gonzalez of 28 Bennett Avenue be appointed to the Board of Adjustment for a four year term commencing January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 16

A Resolution to Appoint a Police Matron – Bertha Sneyer

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following be and they hereby appointed police Matron 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 January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Bertha Sneyer  
53 Oldis Street  
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 17

A Resolution to Appoint Court Officers – Roland Jacobsen - Nicholas LaVia, Kelly Tompkins

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following be and are hereby appointed as court officers at the pleasure of the Township Committee effective January 1, 2008. Salary shall be in accordance with the Salary Ordinance.

Roland Jacobsen  
46 Oak Street  
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Nicholas J. LaVia  
50 Becker Avenue  
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Kelly Tompkins  
149 Cedar Avenue  
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2009 – 18

A Resolution Appointing Fire Official – Darryl De Mott and Inspectors

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen that Darryl DeMott be appointed as Fire Official for a term of one year commencing January 1, 2009; and

Be it further resolved that the following be appointed Fire Inspectors for the year 2009:

Scott Osback  
23-13 Cambridge Road  
Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Minutes of Reorganization Meeting held January 4, 2009 cont.

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

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Strohmeyer and seconded by Comm. Scarpa and read:

**Contracts:**

Resolution #2009 – 19

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a Risk Manager as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44 A 20.4 and,

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

Whereas, Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. has submitted a proposal indicating he will provide the legal services and compensated in accordance with the proposal; and

Whereas, Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that PIA has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Township of Rochelle Park in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit PIA from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

Whereas, Michael Mariniello, CFO certifies that the funds are available in the 2009 Municipal Budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park authorizes Professional Insurance Associates, 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 Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution, 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 - 20

A Resolution Authorizing a 2009 Contract with Bergen County Animal Center – Animal Control

Whereas, exists a need for the Township of Rochelle Park to provide State mandated Dog and Animal Control Services of a technical and professional natures; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services can provide duly qualified personnel to carry out these public Animal Control Services and has agreed to beginning with January 1, 2009 and

Whereas, the contract amount shall be \$8,126.16, as indicated in the terms of the agreement and funds will be made available for this purpose and it has been certified that this meets the statutes and regulations concerning the awarding of said contract

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that, the Mayor and Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of health Service to perform said services of a professional nature for the period of January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009 as per the attached contract.

This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2).

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 21

A Resolution Authorizing a 2009 Contract with Bergen County Health Department – Public Health Services

Whereas, there exists a need for the Township of Rochelle Park Health Department to provide state mandated public health services of a technical and professional nature; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services can provide duly qualified personnel to carry out these public health services; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services has agreed to provide health services through a contract agreement with the Township of Rochelle Park, Department of Health for the Calendar year 2009, and

Whereas, the maximum amount of the contract is \$38,649.00 and funds will be available for this purpose, and

Resolution #2009 – 21 (cont.)

Whereas, it has been certified that this meets the statutes and regulations concerning the award of said contract.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to perform public health services of a professional nature for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$38,649.00
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2); and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Financial Officer has certified, in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriation of funds in the 2009 temporary and/or adopted budget.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 22

A Resolution Authorizing A Contract w/County of Bergen Re: Blood Borne Pathogens Compliance Program – 2009

Whereas, there exists a need for the Township of Rochelle Park Health Department to provide state mandated health services of a technical and professional nature for the Blood Borne Pathogens Compliance Program; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services can assure compliance in accordance with P.E.O.S.H.A. as follows: Exposure Control Plan Development; Policies and Procedures; and Record/Report Generation and Retention and billing support documentation; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services has agreed to provide public health services through a contract for the calendar year 2009; and

Whereas, the fee is to be an amount not to exceed \$2,425.00 for training and purchase of the vaccine under State Contract based on \$46.00 per vaccination and funds will be available for this purpose; and

Whereas, it has been certified that this meets the statutes and regulations concerning the award of said contract:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park as follows:

1. That Frank Valenzuela, Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to perform public health services of a professional nature for the Blood Borne Pathogens Program for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$2,425.00 for training and purchase \$46.00 per vaccination; and
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2)L and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Financial Office has certified, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriation of fund in the 2009 temporary and/or adopted budget.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Strohmeyer and seconded by Comm. Scarpa and read:

Annual Business:

Resolution #2009 – 23

A Resolution Authorizing Participation in Volunteer Tuition Credit Program Fire Department

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park in the County of Bergen, deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

Resolution #2009 – 23 (cont.)

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park in the County of Bergen that the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c. 145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the municipality; and

Be it further resolved, that the Michael Mariniello, Jr. Chief Financial Officer is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c. 145, a copy of which is herewith made part of this resolution.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 24

A Resolution Establishing Meeting Dates for 2009

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the regular meetings of the Township Committee for the year 2009 be held as follows:

Resolution #2009 – 24 (cont.)

January	21	Wednesday	July	15	Wednesday
February	18	Wednesday	August	19	Wednesday
March	18	Wednesday	September	16	Wednesday
April	15	Wednesday	October	21	Wednesday
May	20	Wednesday	November	12	Thursday
June	17	Wednesday	December	16	Wednesday

Reorganization – Sunday, January 3, 2010 – 12:00 Noon

Be it further resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Work Session will be held as follows:

January	14	Wednesday	July	8	Wednesday
February	11	Wednesday	August	12	Wednesday
March	11	Wednesday	September	9	Wednesday
April	8	Wednesday	October	14	Wednesday
May	13	Wednesday	November	4	Wednesday
June	10	Wednesday	December	9	Wednesday

Now, be it further resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Budget Meetings will be held as follows:

January	28	Wednesday
February	4	Wednesday

All Public Meetings will begin at 7:30 P.M., Work Sessions and Budget Meetings will begin at 7:00 P.M. All meetings will be held at 151 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park. Formal Action may be taken at any Public Meeting, Work Session, Budget Meeting or Special Meeting.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 25

A Resolution Authorizing Signatures for the Township of Rochelle Park

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, that the following Township Officials are hereby authorized to sign check's or withdrawal slips where a combination of two principal signatures are required:

Mayor  
Chief Financial Officer  
Township Clerk

Be it further resolved, that signature cards with the signatures of the person's authorized to sign be forwarded to all Township Depositories.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 26

A Resolution Authorizing Official Newspapers

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the following newspapers be designated as the Township's Official Newspaper's for advertising for 2009.

Our Town	-	Maywood
The Record	-	Hackensack
North Jersey Herald	-	Passaic

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 27

A Resolution Naming Official Depositories for the Funds of the Township of Rochelle Park

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates that the governing body of a municipal corporation shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository for its monies a bank or trust company having its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2009 by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that:

1. TD Bank – Rochelle Park
2. Valley National Bank – Rochelle Park
3. Columbia Savings & Loan – Paramus
4. Boiling Springs – Rochelle Park
5. Hudson United Bank - Maywood
6. Commerce Bank – Paramus
7. Lakeland Bank – Rochelle Park

Be and are hereby designated as depositories for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Prior to the deposit of any municipal funds in the above mentioned depositories said bank shall file with the Chief Financial Officer a statement indicating that the bank is covered under the Government Units Deposit Protection Act (R.S. 17:0-41).

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 28

A Resolution Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Fund Transfers

Whereas, it is desirable that idle funds of the Township of Rochelle Park be invested in legal investment vehicles at all times, and

Whereas, it is occasionally necessary to transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current Township expenses or for the purpose of effecting investments,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to request bids and to place orders for the investment of idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles, such investments to the investing institution, and

Be it further resolved, that the above named Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to transfer funds by wire solely for the following purposes and subject to all pertinent regulations:

1. To or from Township checking or savings accounts to other Township accounts.
2. To or from Township checking or savings accounts to or from accounts specified by banks or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds solely for the purpose of investing for the account of the Township of Rochelle Park

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 29

A Resolution Establishing a Cash Management Plan

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the Township of Rochelle Park to earn additional revenue through the investment and prudent management of its cash receipts, and

Whereas, P.L. 1983, chapter 8, approved January 18, 1983, is an act concerning the Local Fiscal Affairs Law and amends N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 and N.J.S.A.40A:5-15, and

Whereas, this law requires that each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the following shall constitute the Cash Management Plan for the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township of Rochelle Park shall deposit and manage its funds pursuant to this plan:

Definitions

1. Treasurer shall mean the Treasurer of the Township of Rochelle Park
2. Fiscal Year shall mean the twelve-month period ending December thirty-one.
3. Cash Management Plan shall mean that plan as approved by resolution.

Designation of Depositories

1. At least one each fiscal year the governing body shall by resolution designate the depositories for the Township of Rochelle Park in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:5-4.

Authority to Invest

1. The governing body shall pass a resolution at its first meeting of the fiscal year designating the Township office (s) who shall make and be responsible for municipal deposits and investments.

Investment Instruments

1. The Treasurer shall invest at his discretion in any investment instruments as approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services and in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:5-15.1.

Records and Reports

1. The Treasurer shall report all investments in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:5-15.2.
2. At a minimum the Treasurer shall:
  - a. Keep a record of all investments
  - b. Keep a cash position record, which reveals, on a daily basis, the status of the Township's cash in its bank accounts.
  - c. Report monthly to the governing body as to the status of cash balances in bank accounts, interest rates and interest earned.

Cash Flow

1. The Treasurer shall ensure that the Township's accounting system provide regular information concerning the Township's cash position and investment performance.
2. All monies shall be turned over to the Treasurer and deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:5-15.
3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to invest surplus funds of the Township of Rochelle Park as the availability of the funds permit. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to minimize the possibility of idle cash by depositing the Township's monies in interest bearing accounts wherever practical and in the best interest of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 30

Resolution to Establish the Interest Rate Charged on Delinquent Taxes

Whereas, R.S. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

Whereas, R.S. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00;

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

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after the due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after the due date, subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law.
2. Effective January 1, 2009, there will be a grace period for quarterly tax payments made by check or money order shall have a ten-(10) day grace period. After the 10<sup>th</sup> day, interest is retroactive from the original due date.
3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date, as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.
4. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in the Our Town.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 31

2009 Temporary Budget (see Attached)

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

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Strohmeier and read:

**Business:**

Resolution #2009 – 32

A Resolution Authorizing Re-Bidding 151 W. Passaic Street

Whereas, the Township Committee previously authorized the solicitation of bids for the leasing of municipal property which is not needed for public purposes; and

Whereas, the property in question was the entire second floor of the Rochelle Park Municipal Building located at 151 West Passaic Street; and

Whereas, a public notice was provided in accordance with the requirements of New Jersey Law which invited submission of sealed bids for this rental agreement to be submitted no later than December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008; and

Whereas, the public notice provided, among other things, for a minimum bid to be established in the amount of \$14,620.00 per month; and

Whereas, one bid was received in response to the bid solicitation; and

Whereas, the bid submitted was received from Complete Executive Offices which currently occupies the area in question; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the minimum bid as set forth in the public notice, the bid submitted by Complete Executive Offices was in the amount of \$9,000.00 per month, an amount which fails to meet the stated minimum bid as set forth in the public notice; and

Whereas, as a result of the foregoing, the bid submitted by Complete Executive Offices must be rejected.

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. All bids received in response to the solicitation or bids for the leasing of public property on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 be and are hereby rejected.
2. The Township attorney, in consultation with the Township Administrator, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare for the rebidding of this lease on the terms and conditions as may be approved by the Township Committee.
3. The Township Attorney is further authorized and directed to take any steps which may be necessary in order to protect the rights and interests of the Township of Rochelle Park with regard to the existing tenants/occupant of the premises.

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 Attorney, Complete Executive Offices and the Law Offices of Harwood Lloyd, LLC.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Mayor Valenzuela thanked those in attendance such as Sen. Loretta Weinberg, Assemblyman Johnson, Ex-Mayor Rose Heck, Mayor Frank Calendriello, Mayor Mola, Mayor Melfi and Mayor DeBari.

Presentations:

David W. Brown – Outgoing Fire Chief

Mayor Valenzuela thanked David Brown for his years of dedication and service to the residents of Rochelle Park. The Fire Department presented Ex-Chief Brown his badge. Mayor Valenzuela then presented the following fire fighters with plaques in recognition of their years of dedication and service to the residents of Rochelle Park.

25 Years of Service

James Bohan  
Charles Grieco  
Richard Vitale

**Recognition:**

**CERT Members**

Gina Galvin, Brianna Galvin, Nicole DeMott, Crystal Amari, Stephanie Terraccino

Pete Donatello - OEM Coordinator recognized their newest CERT members. If anyone is interested in joining the next CERT class, please contact any current CERT members for the dates.

**Mayor's appointments:**

Planning Board - Chief Zavinsky – 1 year appointment  
- Edward Kaniewski – 4 year appointment

Recreation - Cassandra Cassese-Behler – 3 year appointment  
- Michael Degelman – 3 year appointment

**Committee Members' Liaison Department**

Comm. Kovalcik	Ambulance Health & Welfare
Comm. Lotz	Police Department & Court DPW
Comm. Scarpa	Finance/Administration Recreation Senior Citizens Veterans' Affairs Community Development
Comm. Strohmeyer	Library Buildings & Grounds Civil Rights Insurance
Comm. Valenzuela	Board of Education Fire Department

**The oaths of office - Officers of the Rochelle Park Ambulance Corps:**

Comm. Kovalcik swore in the following Ambulance Corp. members while members held the bible:

Captain:	-	Jennifer Tompkins
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	-	Michael Tompkins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	-	Jigar Contractor

**The oaths of office - Officers of the Rochelle Park Volunteer Fire Department:**

Comm. Valenzuela swore in Fire Chief Theodore Reighard while his wife and children held the bible. The remaining officers were sworn in while family members held the bible.

Chief	- Theodore Reighard
Assistant Chief	- Alfred Carroll
Sr. Battalion Chief	- Dave Brown
Jr. Battalion Chief	- Michael Stearns
Senior Captain	- Jason Wiswesser
Junior Captain	- Bruce Mayer
Lieutenant	- Peter Donatello
Lieutenant	- Robert Sands
Chaplain	- Reverend Kevin Coffey
Fire Official	- Darryl DeMott

**Committee's/Administrator's/Attorney's/Clerk's Reports:**

Comm. Kovalcik - Thanked outgoing mayor, Joseph Scarpa for an outstanding job in 2008. He congratulated Frank Valenzuela and looks forward to working with him in the future. He also is looking forward to working with Deputy Mayor Phyllis Strohmeyer.

Ambulance Corp. 2008 Report – 964 Calls

Board of Health - At the Rabies Clinic held in 2008, 54 dog and 5 cat vaccines were administered. The 2009 Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Fire House located Lotz Lane.

Kovalcik advised that working as liaison to the Ambulance Corp. was a great experience, this is a driven and dedicated group and he is proud to be their liaison.

The Annual Blood Screening will be held in the spring. It will be advertised in the Our Town newspaper and on the town's web site [www.rochelleparknj.gov](http://www.rochelleparknj.gov).

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The Health Consultation is held the third Wednesday of each month, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM walk-in's and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM by appointment.

The Annual Ken Kovalcik Summerfest Oldies Concert was held in August 2008. The entertainment was Bob Moranda and The Happenings. It was an overwhelming success. Kovalcik stated that the Summerfest Concert was initiated by his late father Kenneth Kovalcik and he will try and keep this event ongoing from year to year. There was a monument dedication and tree planted in his late fathers honor. He thanked the Borough of Paramus for their donation of the tree. Kovalcik thanked his family for their continuous love and support and wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Comm. Lotz – Wished everyone a Happy New Year and introduced his Ann his wife of 72 years. He congratulated Joe Scarpa and Frank Valenzuela on their re-election. He thanked the entire municipal staff for a great job. He also thanked Police Chief Zavinsky, officers and patrolmen. He appreciate their efforts in keeping the town safe. He thanked Judge McGeady and the municipal court staff as well and DPW Superintendent Brian Koenig, lead laborer Jim Schmunk and the entire DPW staff for an excellent job this past year. He thanked all volunteers, Fire, Ambulance, Library, CERT members, Recreation, Zoning and Planning Boards for their time of service to the residents of Rochelle Park. Police Department 2008 YTD Report – Total calls 13,349, 632 motor vehicle accidents, 718 ambulance calls, 482 burglar alarms, 148 breach of peace, 46 domestic violence, 12 missing persons, 385 suspicious persons, 301 suspicious vehicles, 78 thefts, 18 assaults, 13 DWI, 114,708 patrol mileage, 184 arrests, 2,529 stopped cars, 3,343 motor vehicle summons issued

Comm. Lotz asked that Comm. Scarpa read a letter from Ms. Marie Quinn heralding the efforts of the Rochelle Park Police Department and Ambulance Squad who responded to her home when her husband Edwin began having chest pains. She expressed her gratefulness to all and stated that living in Rochelle Park is like living in a big family.

Comm. Scarpa – Stated that this would begin his 38<sup>th</sup> year as a Rochelle Park resident and his 7<sup>th</sup> term on the Township Committee. He feels it is an honor and privilege representing the residents of the township. He thanked the employees in town hall and the volunteers for their hours of service. Comm. Scarpa wished Mayor Valenzuela well in his term of Mayor. He advised that it would be a tough budget year with the Township facing many fiscal challenges. He thanked Senator Weinberg and Assemblyman Johnson for coming to the meeting and showing their support, he also thanked all the Mayors in the audience as well as Board of Education members. He wished all a Happy New Year.

Comm. Strohmeier – Spoke of the capable leadership of the Rochelle Park Library by director Judy Sands. She and her volunteers provide a fine service to the residents in the most economically efficient way. Items available in the library are books, DVD's, CD's, and books on tape. She thanked the library volunteers and Library Board members for their time. She advised that Rochelle Park met its obligation to provide opportunities for affordable housing in compliance with the law. She advised that the Redevelopment Planning Committee will re-commence shortly, keeping the Town Planner busy. She also advised of the loss of a long time resident, Eleanor Lukas. She will be missed as over the years she was active on the Library Board, the Redevelopment Committee, Army Corp. of Engineers and the Environmental Commission. Mrs. Lukas also compiled a journal chronicling the History of the Township of Rochelle Park's 125<sup>th</sup> Year. Comm. Strohmeier thanked all the municipal employees and volunteers and wished everyone a Happy and Health New Year.

Mayor Valenzuela began by thanking his colleagues on the Township Committee for electing him Mayor, he promises to work hard for the residents of Rochelle Park. He congratulated Joe Scarpa on his re-election to the Township Committee. Valenzuela thanked the Municipal Clerk, Virginia De Maria for swearing him in and thanked the municipal staff for their hard work.

Building Department 2008 Report – 400 permits, 1000 inspections, 500 violations, \$148,841.00 in revenue. He thanked Construction Official Rich Bolan and his Technical Assistant Gloria Cottrell for their hard work. Mr. Bolan has been instrumental in assisting two Howard Avenue residents qualify for funding to raise their homes above flood level.

Fire Department 2008 YTD Report – 277 calls

Valenzuela heralded the efforts of the Fire Department for not only responding to call, but serving the community by their participation in town wide events, such as the summer oldies concert and recreations summer day camp, and an old stand-by the Santa Cade. He thanked all the volunteers for answering the call of duty and putting their own lives in harms way on a daily basis.

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Valenzuela thanked members of the Board of Education for working to make Midland School the best it can be. He then spoke of the budget cuts facing the Township in 2009. He vows to continue to investigate shared services with neighboring communities to help reduce costs. He noted that the expansion of Houghton Hall at Carlock Field had begun and will be completed by the spring. He thanked the Recreation Committee for their hard work. He then reminded everyone to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Valenzuela thanked his family, friends and co-workers for their continued support and wished all a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Municipal Clerk – Virginia De Maria – wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Administrator Mariniello - thanked Joseph Scarpa stating that it was a pleasure working with him in his capacity as Mayor. He looks forward to working with Mayor Valenzuela in the future. He thanked the public and wished all a happy and healthy 2009.

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

Senator Loretta Weinberg – wished the Township Committee good luck going into 2009 and wished all the residents a Happy and Healthy New Year. She promised to work hard on behalf of the residents of Rochelle Park citing difficulties in the 2009 budget. She also noted the strong sense of volunteerism within the Township. She also paid tribute to long time friend Rose Heck who was in the audience.

Assemblyman Gordon Johnson – Echoed the sentiments of the Senator citing a Quality of Life issued within the Township. He was also impressed by the feeling of volunteerism and promised to try to provide the resources, training and equipment to keep the volunteers safe.

Robert Pachino from the Borough of Leonia congratulated the Township Committee on the good things going on in Rochelle Park. He was impressed by the feeling of volunteerism and community spirit.

Mayor Melfi – Hackensack – On behalf of the Hackensack Residents, he congratulated Mayor Valenzuela on his appointment. He also congratulated two Hackensack fire fighters honored by the Township Committee for 25 years of service, Charles Grieco and Alfred Carroll.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria  
Municipal Clerk