



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – March 21, 2012

Call to Order 7:32 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of March 21, 2012 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 5, 2012 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. R. Davidson
 Comm. J. Ouellette - Absent
 Comm. J. Scarpa
 Comm. F. Valenzuela
 Mayor K. J. Kovalcik - Absent

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Capt. Robert Flannelly

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela seconded by Comm. Davidson to approve the agenda as amended adding a hearing on the Multi Purpose Bond Ordinance. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting "Aye".

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Valenzuela to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting and Health Department Meeting held February 15, 2012 and Special Meeting held February 29, 2012. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting "Aye".

At the Special Meeting held on February 29, 2012 the following resolution was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Valenzuela. These resolutions were approved unanimously on a voice vote – all voting "Aye".

Resolution #2012 – 74

A Resolution to Amending the 2011 Capital Budget (see attached)

Resolution #2012 – 75

A Resolution - Introduction Bond Ordinance

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, 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."

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 21ST day of MARCH, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Township Committee, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Municipal Clerk is hereby

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authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Roll Call: "Ayes" – Davidson, Ouellette, Scarpa, Valenzuela, Kovalcik, "Nays" – None, Abstain – None, Abstain – None

Reports:

- Health Department - February 2012
- Municipal Court - February 2012
- Attendance Report - February 2012
- Building Department - February 2012

The Consent Agenda was offered by Comm. Davidson seconded by Comm. Scarpa and reads:

Resolution #2012 – 76

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – March 2012

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 #2012 - 77

A Resolution – Authorizing Change Order #1 – Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Chestnut Street/Forest Place

Whereas, a contract was previously awarded in connection with the rehabilitation of the Chestnut Street sanitary sewer main; and

Whereas, said contract was awarded to En-TECH Corporation of Closter, New Jersey; and

Whereas, on occasion, it becomes necessary to amend the contract price for projects due to unforeseen circumstances and required services; and

Whereas, the contractor has now submitted a request for Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,420.00 in connection with the aforesaid project; and

Whereas, this request for change order has been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer; and

Whereas, the result of this change order would be to increase the original contract price from \$32,595.00 to \$35,015.00.

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. Change Order No. 1 in connection with the rehabilitation of Chestnut Street Sanitary Sewer Main be and is hereby approved.
2. This change order is in the amount of \$2,420.00.
3. The adjusted total contract price shall therefore be \$35,015.00/
4. This approval is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer 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 En-TECH Corporation of Closter, New Jersey, the Township Engineer and the Chief Financial Officer

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 78

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement – 241 Passaic Street Assoc.

PROPERTY OWNER: 241 Passaic Street Associates, LLC
 ADDRESS: 241 West Passaic Street
 LOT: 1
 BLOCK: 81-01
 TAX COURT DOCKET NO.: 004266-2011; 11800-2010

	Original Assessment 2010	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2010
Land	\$1,254,200	\$1,254,200
Improvements	\$2,240,300	\$2,240,300
TOTAL	\$3,494,500	\$3,494,500

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	Original Assessment 2011	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2011
Land	\$1,254,200	\$1,254,200
Improvements	\$2,240,300	\$2,145,800
TOTAL	\$3,494,500	\$3,400,000

	Original Assessment 2012	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2012
Land	\$1,254,200	\$1,254,200
Improvements	\$2,240,300	\$2,045,800
TOTAL	\$3,494,500	\$3,300,000

Whereas, a real property tax appeal has been filed in connection with the above referenced property; and

Whereas, the within tax appeal has been reviewed by the Tax Assessor, Township Attorney as well as the Municipalities Appeal Appraisal Expert (if applicable); and

Whereas, all professionals have agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Municipality to enter into the settlement described above.

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 settlement of the above referenced real property tax appeal be and is hereby authorized.
2. The settlement shall be on the terms and conditions described above.
3. The Municipal attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents including a Stipulation of Settlement which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.
4. The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized and directed to amend the records of the Municipality to reflect the above referenced settlement.

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 and the Township Tax Assessor.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 79

A Resolution – Authorizing Transfers within the 2011 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 2011 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, Roy Riggitano of the Township of Rochelle Park be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer as follows:

<u>Inside CAP</u>			
20-1001	FROM:	General Administration S&W	\$ 5,500.00
20-1502	FROM:	Tax Assessment Admin O/E S&W	22,000.00
21-1851	FROM:	Planning Board S&W	3,500.00
23-2202	FROM:	Health Insurance O/E	27,000.00
26-2902	FROM:	Streets & Roads O/E	15,000.00
26-3102	FROM:	Buildings & Grounds O/E	12,000.00
26-3152	FROM:	Vehicle Maintenance O/E	9,000.00
27-3302	FROM:	Public Health O/E	7,000.00
28-3701	FROM:	Recreation S&W	6,000.00
31-4302	FROM:	Utilities Electric	23,000.00
31-4462	FROM:	Utilities Fuel Gas	17,000.00
44-4022	FROM:	Township of Saddle Brook	15,000.00
44-4023	FROM:	Borough of Maywood	4,000.00
44-4024	FROM:	Saddle Brook BOE	17,000.00
25-2401	FROM:	Police S&W	<u>77,161.56</u>
		Total	\$260,161.56

<u>Outside CAP</u>			
20-1302	TO:	Financial Admin O/E	\$ 50.00
21-1852	TO:	Zoning Board O/E	1,200.00

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23-2102	TO:	General Insurance O/E	79,500.00
25-2402	TO:	Police O/E	6,500.00
25-2552	TO:	Aid to Volunteer Fire O/E	650.00
25-2602	TO:	Ambulance O/E	3,100.00
25-2652	TO:	Fire Prevention O/E	26,000.00
26-3052	TO:	Solid Waste Collection	25,500.00
31-4352	TO:	Utilities Light	200.00
31-4602	TO:	Utilities Gasoline	21,100.00
44-1013	TO:	Borough of Paramus	7,800.00
44-4025	TO:	Township of Washington	2,000.00
25-2411	TO:	Police Dispatchers	52,771.56
25-2413	TO:	Police Crossing Guards	<u>33,790.00</u>
		Total	\$260,161.56

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 80

A Resolution – Calling for the Restoration of Energy Taxes to the Municipality

Whereas, taxes on gas and electric utilities were originally collected by the host municipalities to be used for local purposes and to compensate the public for the use of their rights of way; and

Whereas, when the State made itself the collection agent for these taxes, it promised to dedicate the proceeds to municipal property tax relief; since, just as municipalities collect property taxes for the benefit of school districts, counties and other entities; the State is supposed to collect Energy Taxes for the benefit of municipal governments; and

Whereas, for years, though, State budget makers have diverted funding from Energy Taxes to fund State programs; and instead of being spent on local programs and services and used to offset property taxes, the money has been spent as successive Legislatures and Administrations have seen fit; and

Whereas, while the State may need to have the right to over-ride the statutory dedication of these revenues to local governments, in order to deal with emergencies and crises that may occur; current State policy makers should not exercise that right automatically; and

Whereas, while that right should be the exception, it has become the rule; and

Whereas, by using tactics such as reducing CMPTRA, which is also comprised of revenues that should be returned to municipalities, State Budget makers have been able to continue collecting Energy Taxes, while keeping additional revenue that should have been returned to provide property tax relief; and

Whereas, from \$72 million in State Fiscal Year 2005, to \$505 million in State Fiscal Year 2011, the State's diversion of Energy Taxes has continued to grow; and

Whereas, in 2008, 2009 and 2010 (SFY 2009, 2010 and 2011), funding for municipal revenue replacement was slashed by about \$26 million in 2008 and \$32 million in 2009, followed by losses of about \$271 million in 2010; and

Whereas, the cumulative impact of years of under funding has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

Whereas, local elected officials are in the best position to decide the best use for these resources, which were always intended to fund local programs and services;

Now therefore be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that we join with the League of Municipalities in calling for the immediate restoration of funding diverted from Energy Taxes intended for local use; and

Be it further resolved, that we, call on State policy makers to end the diversion of our municipal resources to cover State spending and to provide us with this important tool to relieve the worst-in-the-nation property tax burden borne, for too long, by the people of New Jersey; and

Be it finally resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the governor of the State of New Jersey, our State Legislators and the League of Municipalities.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 81

A Resolution – Authorizing the Extension of 911 “PSAP” Inter-local Agreement w/Paramus for the Year 2012

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the “PSAP” Interlocal Service Agreement for 9 1 1 services be of Paramus.

Be it further resolved that the Township of Rochelle Park shall pay the Borough of Paramus a fee of \$.50 per qualified municipal resident plus the applicable percentage for Language Line Services for a total of \$2,845.00 for the year 2012.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 - 82

A Resolution – Authorization To Make Annual LOSAP Payment

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, has adopted a resolution implementing Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP), pursuant to Section 457 (e)(11)(13) of the Internal Service Code of 1986 and;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and has forwarded certified lists to the Township Committee to disclose Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. recipients who have met the minimum requirements to receive such funds and;

Whereas, a certified list containing the names of the recipients are attached to this resolution in which the auditors have recommended in the audit that this list be available for review in the form of a resolution;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Chief Financial Officer, has certified funds are available in the 2010 appropriation reserve, totaling \$24,000 including Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corp., and has further audited the documents submitted by the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. and has determined that the documents meet the intent of the 2011 audit requirements.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 83

A Resolution – Appointing Alternate School Crossing Guard – John Weeks

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the following be and is hereby appointed Alternate School Crossing Guard upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police at a salary as provided in the Salary Ordinance of the Township of Rochelle Park, effective March 16, 2012 to June 29, 2012.

John Weeks
36 Schlosser Drive
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 84

A Resolution – Authorizing Appointment of Chief of Police – Robert Flannelly

Whereas, Police Chief Richard Zavinsky has advised the Governing Body of his intention to retire, after many years of service to the Township, as of April 1, 2012; and

Whereas, as a result of having received that information, the Township Committee began the process necessary in order to fill the vacancy which will occur as a result of Chief Zavinsky’s retirement; and

Whereas, Captain Robert T. Flannelly has submitted an application for the position of Chief of Police for the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, Captain Flannelly has over thirty two (32) years of law enforcement, security and management experience; and

Whereas, Captain Flannelly has served, with distinction,, as a member of the Rochelle Park Police Department since 1983; and

Whereas, during Captain Flannelly’s tenure as a member of the Rochelle Park Police Department, he has served as police officer, sergeant, detective/sergeant, lieutenant and currently serves as police captain; and

Whereas, the Township Committee believes that Captain Flannelly possesses the knowledge, experience and other qualities necessary to serve in the position as Police Chief; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined that he is best suited to lead the Rochelle Park Police Department after Chief Zavinsky’s retirement.

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

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1. Robert T. Flannelly of Paramus, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed CHIEF OF POLICE for the Township of Rochelle Park effective as of April 1, 2012.
2. The appointment set forth herein is subject to completion and execution of a contract of employment which shall detail the terms, conditions and obligations of the position.
3. Until such time as a formal contract is agreed upon by the parties, the parties agree that the terms, conditions and obligations of the current agreement shall control.

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 T. Flannelly of Paramus, New Jersey, Chief Richard Zavinsky of the Rochelle Park Police Department, the Personnel Department and to the City Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 85

A Resolution – Appointing Redevelopment Planner – 2012

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a redevelopment planner; 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, Gary Paparozzi, Land Surveyor-Municipal Planner has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide professional redevelopment planning 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 2012 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 Gary Paparozzi as Re-development Planner for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2012; 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 #2012 – 86

A Resolution – Authorizing Conditional Offer of Employment – Police Officer – Franklin LaBoy

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined, after consultation with the Chief of Police, that the need exists for the hiring of a police officer for the Rochelle Park Police Department; and

Whereas, in accordance with the requirements of law and local ordinance, the Chief of Police, together with the “appropriate authority” have solicited resumes for prospective applicants for this position; and

Whereas, extensive investigation has been conducted into the numerous applicants for this position, interviews have taken place with the appropriate authority and, ultimately, interviews have taken place by the Township Committee; and

Whereas, one such applicant is Franklin S. LaBoy of Hackensack, New Jersey; and

Whereas, Franklin S. LaBoy possesses the background and qualifications for the position of Police Officer in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, Franklin S. LaBoy has also received a recommendation of the Chief of Police and the appropriate authority.

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 Committee hereby authorizes a conditional offer of employment to Franklin S. LaBoy, 104 Fair Street, Hackensack, New Jersey as a police officer with the Township of Rochelle Park Police Department.
2. The offer of employment set forth herein shall commence on May 1st, 2012 which shall be considered the date of his hiring.

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3. The appointment set forth herein shall be contingent and conditional upon completion and approval of a satisfactory background check, physical examination as well as any other examinations and evaluations recommended by the Chief of Police.
4. Franklin S. LaBoy shall be hired on the first step of the contractual salary guide.
5. The first year of Franklin S. LaBoy's employment shall be a period of probation during which his performance shall be observed and evaluated by the appropriate Police Department officials and, after the first year of employment, he shall become a permanent employee of the Township of Rochelle Park upon adoption of a resolution converting his employment from probationary to permanent.
6. The Mayor or Township Clerk or any other official duly authorized by law shall administer the oath of office immediately upon the adoption of 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 Franklin S. LaBoy, 104 Fair Street, Hackensack, New Jersey, the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park and the Rochelle Park Police Department.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 87

A Resolution – Authorizing Conditional Offer of Employment – Police Officer – Jared Shatkin

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined, after consultation with the Chief of Police, that the need exists for the hiring of a police officer for the Rochelle Park Police Department; and

Whereas, in accordance with the requirements of law and local ordinance, the Chief of Police, together with the “appropriate authority” have solicited resumes for prospective applicants for this position; and

Whereas, extensive investigation has been conducted into the numerous applicants for this position, interviews have taken place with the appropriate authority and, ultimately, interviews have taken place by the Township Committee; and

Whereas, one such applicant is Jared Shatkin of Paramus, New Jersey; and

Whereas, Jared Shatkin possesses the background and qualifications for the position of Police Officer in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, Jared Shatkin has also received a recommendation of the Chief of Police and the appropriate authority.

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 Committee hereby authorizes a conditional offer of employment to Jared Shatkin, 285 Colby Place, Paramus, New Jersey as a police officer with the Township of Rochelle Park Police Department.
2. The offer of employment set forth herein shall commence on May 1st, 2012 which shall be considered the date of his hiring.
3. The appointment set forth herein shall be contingent and conditional upon completion and approval of a satisfactory background check, physical examination as well as any other examinations and evaluations recommended by the Chief of Police.
4. Jared Shatkin shall be hired on the first step of the contractual salary guide.
5. The first year of Jared Shatkin's employment shall be a period of probation during which his performance shall be observed and evaluated by the appropriate Police Department officials and, after the first year of employment, he shall become a permanent employee of the Township of Rochelle Park upon adoption of a resolution converting his employment from probationary to permanent.
6. The Mayor or Township Clerk or any other official duly authorized by law shall administer the oath of office immediately upon the adoption of 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 Jared Shatkin, 285 Colby Place, Paramus, New Jersey, the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park and the Rochelle Park Police Department.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 88

A Resolution – Authorizing Assignment as “Lead Laborer” DPW – Chris Sweisberger

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 March 14, 2012 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 Chris Sweisberger 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 Chris Sweisberger.

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. Chris Sweisberger 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, 2012.
3. Commencing on or about March 22, 2012, 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 2012, 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 Chris Sweisberger.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 89

A Resolution – Authorizing “Well Child Clinic”

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Mayor be authorized to sign a contract with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission to provide a Well Child Clinic for all qualified residents of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 95

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – March 14, 2012

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 March 14, 2012 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

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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 - March 14, 2012

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. Police Department – Extensive discussions took place regarding the staffing needs within the Police Department together with interviews of a candidate for the position of Chief of Police and interviews for two positions for patrol officers. Discussions were conducted regarding the potential candidates for the above mentioned positions.
2. Department of Public Works – Personnel discussions were conducted by the Governing Body regarding Department of Public Works employees including an interview for the position of “Lead Laborer”.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Resolution #2012 - 90

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ordinance #1046-12 - Police Promotion Standards

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, TO ADD A SECTION ENTITLED “PROMOTIONAL STANDARDS”**” 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 Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

No comments from the public

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

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

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

Resolution #2012 - 91

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ordinance #1047-12 - Policies & Procedures

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 CHAPTER 27 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “PERSONNEL”**” 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

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

No comments from the public

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

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

Resolution #2012 – 92

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ordinance #1048-12 – Maximum Penalty

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 SECTION 1-15 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “MAXIMUM PENALTY”**” 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 Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Davidson to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

No comments from the public

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

Resolution #2012 – 93

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ordinance #1045-12 – Background Checks – Zoning & Planning Boards

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 CHAPTER 185 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND, SPECIFICALLY, TO ADD SECTION 185-4 ENTITLED “CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR MEMBERS OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND PLANNING BOARD”**” 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 Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Davidson to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

No comments from the public

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

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

Hearing - 2012 Municipal Budget

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

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Diane Verhassalt – 40 Forest Place – Addressed the Township Committee with questions regarding the 2012 Budget. She asked about the purchase of two new police cars. She was advised that these new cars were part of a rotation in the fleet. Ms. Verhassalt asked how many employees had town vehicles. She was advised that the Fire Department has two vehicles, Fire Prevention has two vehicles and the Construction Code Official has one vehicle. Administrator De Maria advised that old police cars, if in good shape, are utilized by other departments but not taken home for personal use. Ms. Verhassalt asked about the replacement of windows in the Ambulance Building. She suggested possibly not using wood but another material for a longer life span. She then asked if the DPW staff is increased would they consider plowing snow at Midland School again. Ms De Maria stated that snow cannot be predicted and the additional of personal at the DPW is still in the talking stages. Ms. Verhassalt address CFO Roy Riggitano and the \$1,000,000 bond ordinance and whether the township was with the 2% CAP. He advised that Rochelle Park is still under the CAP.

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

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

Resolution #2012 – 94

A Resolution – Amendment to the 2012 Municipal Budget (see attached)

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

Hearing – 2012 Multipurpose Bond Ordinance

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

No comments from the public

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

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

Comm. Valenzuela – No Report

Comm. Davidson – Thanked the Bergen County Parks Commission and Mosquito Control for cleaning up along Sprout Brook. He greatly appreciated their efforts. He advised that residents who live along Howard Avenue should not be dumping grass clipping or leaves in the County Park as they will be fined if caught. Davidson advised that Police Chief Zavinsky will be retiring at the end of the month after 43 years of service to the community. He wished him well and he will be missed.

Comm. Scarpa – Swore in DPW Lead Laborer Chris Sweisberger while DPW Superintendent Jim Schmunk held the bible. Comm. Scarpa wished him luck in his new position.

Administrator De Maria – Asked the Committees approval to enter into a contract with Accutech regarding soil borings at the DPW yard.

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Davidson to enter into a contract with Accutech not to exceed \$9,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Ms. De Maria advised that she had been in contact with risk manager Frank Covelli regarding the Police Grant program sponsored through the JIF. Mr. Covelli advised that with participation in this grant, the Township would see a reduction in their premium of \$8,000 per year. Capt. Flannelly will check into this program for specifics to discuss with the Township Committee at their next meeting. Ms. De Maria advised that she had been in touch with engineer Ken Job who said repairs to Carlock field from the insurance company looked promising and would be discussed at the next work session.

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

No comments from the public

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk