



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

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – MARCH 19, 2014**

Call to Order 7:33 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of March 19, 2014 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 11, 2014 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. Kazimir  
                  Comm. Kovalcik - Absent  
                  Comm. Ouellette - Absent  
                  Comm. Scarpa  
                  Mayor Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Parciasepe  
Mayor Valenzuela asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the military

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

A motion was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kazimir to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting and Health Department Meeting held February 19, 2014. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

At the Work Session held on March 12, 2014 the following resolutions were adopted - all present voting “Aye”.

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Ouellette and seconded by Comm. Kazimir and reads:

Resolution #2014 – 59

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal - Alleso Holding Co., NJ Corp.

PROPERTY OWNER:               ALESSO HOLDING CO., NJ CORP.  
ADDRESS:                           160 ROUTE 17  
LOT:                                   1  
BLOCK:                               34  
TAX COURT DOCKET NO:        011804-2010, 004262-2011, 004405-2012, 000686-2013

	Original Assessment 2010	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2010
Land	\$4,044,000.00	\$4,044,000.00
Improvements	\$1,010,000.00	\$1,010,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,054,000.00	\$5,054,000.00

	Original Assessment 2011	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2011
Land	\$4,044,000.00	\$4,044,000.00
Improvements	\$1,010,000.00	\$ 706,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,054,000.00	\$4,750,000.00

	Original Assessment 2012	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2012
Land	\$4,044,000.00	\$4,044,000.00
Improvements	\$1,010,000.00	\$ 456,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,054,000.00	\$4,500,000.00

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	Original Assessment 2013	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2013
Land	\$4,044,000.00	\$4,044,000.00
Improvements	\$1,010,000.00	\$ 456,000.00
TOTAL	\$5,054,000.00	\$4,500,000.00

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 Municipality’s 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.
5. All refunds due as a result of the settlement set forth herein shall be made payable TO “Michael I. Schneck, Esq. Attorney for Alesso Holding Co. NJ Corp.” and forwarded to Schneck Law Group, LLC within 60 (sixty) days of the date of judgment.

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 #2014 – 60

A Resolution – Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement – 395 W. Passaic, LLC

PROPERTY OWNER: 395 W. Passaic, LLC (Mack Cali)  
 ADDRESS: 395 W. Passaic Street  
 LOT: 4  
 BLOCK: 103.02  
 TAX COURT DOCKET NO: 003620-2009, 000974-2010, 003628-2011, 005949-2012, 007479-2013

	Original Assessment 2009	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2009
Land	\$ 2,726,900.00	\$ 2,726,900.00
Improvements	\$ 9,473,100.00	\$ 7,073,100.00
TOTAL	\$12,200,000.00	\$ 9,800,000.00

	Original Assessment 2010	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2010
Land	\$ 3,224,500.00	\$ 3,224,500.00
Improvements	\$13,493,700.00	\$13,390,500.00
TOTAL	\$16,718,200.00	\$16,615,000.00

	Original Assessment 2011	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2011
Land	\$ 3,224,500.00	\$3,224,500.00
Improvements	\$13,493,700.00	\$12,475,500.00
TOTAL	\$16,718,200.00	\$15,700,000.00

	Original Assessment 2012	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2012
Land	\$ 3,224,500.00	\$ 3,224,500.00
Improvements	\$13,493,700.00	\$12,275,500.00
TOTAL	\$16,718,200.00	\$15,500,000.00

	Original Assessment 2013	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2013
Land	\$ 3,224,500.00	\$ 3,224,500.00
Improvements	\$13,493,700.00	\$11,775,500.00
TOTAL	\$16,718,200.00	\$15,000,000.00

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Whereas, the within tax appeal has been reviewed by the Tax Assessor, Township Attorney as well as the Municipality’s 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.
5. All refunds due as a result of the settlement set forth herein shall be made payable to “Megan E. Sassaman, Esq. Attorney for 395 W. Passaic, LLC and forwarded to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP within 60 (sixty) days of the date of judgment.

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

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Kazimir and seconded by Comm. Ouellette to appoint Ryan Thompson, Vincent Maggio, William Hauser and Nicholas Keleshian (Junior Member) to the Rochelle Park Fire Department. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

Reports:

- Health Department - February 2014
- Municipal Court - February 2014
- Building Department - February 2014

Proclamations

**Albert Kenneth Parciasepe Day**

Mayor Valenzuela congratulated Al Parciasepe on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He thanked Mr. Parciasepe for his neighborhood spirit and wished him many more years of good health.

**Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week**

Mayor Valenzuela advised that this disease hits home, however he feels with proper diet, and cutting edge medication, this disease is manageable. He thanked the Township Committee members for the support of this proclamation.

Presentations – Members Recreation Committee

Cassandra Cassese-Behler, Michael Degelman, Peter Ouellette, Regina Reczkowski, Edna Salcedo, William Sanchez, Monica Scully, Bert Sneyer, Frank Ulloa Davia Valenzuela

Mayor Valenzuela asked passed Recreation liaisons Comm. Scarpa and Kazimir to assist him in recognizing the Recreation Committee members. Mayor Valenzuela advised that 2014 was the “Year of the Volunteer” where members of various volunteer groups within the Township would be recognized. The Mayor thanked the group for their many programs such as Rochelle Park Day, the Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Derby, Summer Camp, Movie Night, Tree Lighting Ceremony and Back to School Dance.

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

Resolution #2014 – 62

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – March 2014

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 #2014 – 63

A Resolution – Reducing the 2013 Certified Tax Levy

See Attached

Resolution #2014 – 64

A Resolution – To Cancel Balances - \$944,329.31

See Attached

Resolution #2014 – 65

A Resolution – Requesting Permission of the Director of the DLGS to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Accumulated Absence Liabilities

See Attached

Resolution #2014 – 66

A Resolution - Requesting Permission of the Director of the DLGS to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Snow Removal

See Attached

Resolution #2014 – 67

A Resolution – Support for the 7.28 Miles of Continuous Welded Rail Project of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corp.

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Rail Freight Assistance Program allocated \$1,896,556.50 for a State Grant funded by the Transportation Trust Fund to The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway Corporation for **7.28 miles of Continuous Welded Rail between MP 18.60 Elmwood Park and MP 8.30 North Bergen**, and;

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park would realize infrastructure that is of higher quality resulting in a safe, reliable rail system;

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Council of the Township of Rochelle Park, New Jersey does hereby support the **7.28 miles of Continuous Welded Rail between MP 18.60 Elmwood Park and MP 8.30 North Bergen**

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 68

A Resolution – A Resolution – Authorizing Insurance Payment – Rochelle Park Baseball

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2014 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

Now, therefore be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the following special emergency appropriations be amended to the temporary budget, which are effective January 1, 2014, be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Township Chief Financial Officer for this records.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 69

A Resolution – Authorizing Tax Court Judgment Refund – H&R Special LLC - \$6,308.96

Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of **\$6,308.96** payable to **“John F. Casey, Esq.”** as a result of a **Tax Court Judgment** covering the year **2010, 2011 and 2012** dated August 12, 2013, for the property at: H & R Special LLC, 215 Route 17, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662.

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Be it further resolved, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to furnish copies of this Resolution to the following:

1. Chief Financial Officer
2. Tax Collector

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 70

A Resolution – Tax Exempt Property – 12 Overlook Avenue

Whereas, the property located at 12 Overlook Avenue, Rochelle Park, New Jersey (Lot 5, Block 88) is owned by “Shelter Our Sisters”, a qualified non profit organization; and

Whereas, qualified non profit organizations are exempt from real property taxation; and

Whereas, the Tax Collection and the Township Administrator have reviewed this property and have determined that the organization which owns the property qualifies, in all respects, for tax exempt status.

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

1. The property located at 12 Overlook Avenue (Lot 5, Block 88) is hereby determined to be tax exempt.
2. The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to take any action which may be necessary in order to amend the records of the Municipality to confirm this tax exempt status.

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 Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Township Attorney and Shelter our Sisters.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 71

A Resolution – Tax Exempt Property – Rochelle Park Swim Club

Whereas, the property designated on the official tax map of the Township of Rochelle Park as Lot 1.02, Block 63 is and has been, for many years, used by the Rochelle Park Swim Club; and

Whereas, a recent review of the title to that property has confirmed that the Township of Rochelle Park is the owner of that property; and

Whereas, in accordance with the agreement with the Rochelle Park Swim Club, the property is being leased to the swim club and has been since 1964; and

Whereas, although the property is owned by the Township of Rochelle Park, it has been listed on the tax records of the Municipality as being owned by the swim club and taxed as well; and

Whereas, it is now necessary to correct the tax records of the Municipality to consider this to be an exempt property

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the property located at Lot 1.02, Block 63 currently being utilized by the Rochelle Park Swim Club is considered an exempt property as it is owned by the Township of Rochelle Park and is therefore not subject to real property taxation.

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 Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Township Attorney and the Rochelle Park Swim Club.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 72

Resolution – Designating Portions of the Township of Rochelle Park as Areas in Need of Rehabilitation

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 authorizes the governing body of any municipality, by Resolution, to determine whether, according to the criteria set forth therein that any area of the municipality is an area in need of rehabilitation, and that, where warranted by consideration of the overall conditions and requirements of the community, the finding of need of rehabilitation may extend to the entire area of the municipality; and

Whereas, the Governing Body determined that portions of the following Blocks 21, 29, 59 & 60 within the municipality may satisfy one, or more, of the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14.

Resolution #2014 - 72 (cont.)

Whereas, the Governing Body has further determined that a program of rehabilitation as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 may be expected to prevent further deterioration and promote overall development of the above described areas within the municipality; and

Whereas, on November 6, 2013, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2013-184 authorizing the Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether the aforementioned properties are areas in need of rehabilitation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-4; and

Whereas, on January 23, 2014, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, the Rochelle Park Planning Board conducted a public hearing; considered the Report dated December 18, 2013 from Heyer Gruel & Associates entitled "Rochelle Park Rehabilitation Area"; and reviewed and considered designating an area of the municipality in need of rehabilitation and considered the evidence presented to the Planning Board regarding satisfaction of the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; and

Whereas, on February 27, 2014, the Planning Board memorialized a resolution recommending designation of the study area as an area in need of rehabilitation.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following Areas shown on the attached map within the municipality are designated as areas in need of rehabilitation according to the criteria of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; specifically, that more than half of the housing stock in the delineated areas is at least 50 years, and/or a majority of the water and sewer infrastructure in the delineated areas is at least 50 years old and is in need of repair or substantial maintenance, and/or a program of rehabilitation in the area, as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A-12A-3, maybe be expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the community or environmental contamination is discouraging improvements and investments in the properties.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey held on March 19, 2014.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 73

Resolution – Introduction Ord. 1068 – 14 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 27 Personnel Policies

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 POLICIES"**" be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading March 19, 2014 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on April 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Complex, 151 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 and that at or such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same and that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post said ordinance, together with a notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where such ordinance will be considered for final passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 74

A Resolution – Authorizing the Extension of the 2013 Municipal Alliance Grant until June 2014

Whereas, the Governor's Council of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

Whereas, the Township Committee was approved the a Municipal Alliance grant for the January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 grant term; and

Whereas, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse has extended the 2013 grant term until June 30, 2014, in order to transition the grant to a fiscal rather than calendar year cycle;

Resolution #2014 - 74 (cont.)

Whereas, funding has been made available to Rochelle Park Municipal Alliance in the amount of 50% of its approved 2013 grant total for the six-month extension period of January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, contingent upon meeting the 25% Case Match and 75% In-Kind grant requirement for the extension funding.

now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Committee does hereby authorize the submission of the grant extension for the Rochelle Park Municipal Alliance grant I the amount of:

DEDR	\$14,814.00
Cash Match	\$ 3,703.00
In Kind	\$11,110.00

The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance audit requirements.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 75

A Resolution – Authorizing the Submission of the 2014 Municipal Alliance Grant for 2014

Whereas, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate the engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in community throughout New Jersey.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of new Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance committee; and,

Whereas, the Township Committee further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the county of Bergen.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township of Rochelle Park, county of Bergen, State of new Jersey hereby recognizes the following

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Rochelle Park Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of:

DEDR	9,876
Cash Match	2,469
In Kind	7,407

2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) Mayor

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 76

A Resolution – Introduction Ord. 1068 – 14 – Personnel Policies

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 POLICIES”**” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading March 19, 2014 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on April 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the Municipal Complex, 151 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 and that at or such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same and that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to publish and post said ordinance, together with a

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notice of the introduction thereof and the time and place when and where such ordinance will be considered for final passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 77

A Resolution – Authorizing Retirement Agreement – Sergeant William Schroeder

Whereas, WILLIAM SCHROEDER of Dumont, New Jersey has been employed as a Police Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park since January 1, 1987; and

Whereas, WILLIAM SCHROEDER has advised the Township that he intends to retire after twenty seven (27) years and three (3) months of service to be effective on April 1, 2014; and

Whereas, in accordance with the terms, conditions and obligations of his employment contract, WILLIAM SCHROEDER is entitled to certain benefits and payments upon his retirement; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has reviewed this matter with SERGEANT SCHROEDER and has determined that, upon his retirement, SERGEANT SCHROEDER is entitled to the benefits and payments described in the attached agreement; and

Whereas, the Township Committee believes that it will be in the best interest of the Municipality to enter into the attached agreement and authorize the same by resolution.

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

1. The notice of retirement of Sergeant William Schroeder be and is hereby accepted, effective April 1, 2014.
2. The attached Agreement between the Township and Sergeant Schroeder be and is hereby authorized.
3. The Township Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

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 Sergeant William Schroeder, the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park, the Chief Financial Officer, the Township Auditor and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Resolution #2014 – 78

A Resolution –Hearing & Adoption COLA Ordinance #1067-14 -Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**” be and it is hereby passed upon second and final reading and that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same according to law.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

No Comments

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

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

Committee's/Administrator's/Attorney's Reports

Comm. Scarpa – Spoke about the introduced 2014 Municipal Budget, he was pleased that they stayed under the 2% CAP and advised an approximate tax increase of \$99.00 per household. He then asked the Administrator to follow up on a problem with the garbage and recycling men not returning containers to the proper address or leaving cans in the street. He would like police to issue tickets for impeding traffic. Administrator Davidson has already been in touch with the two companies.

Comm. Kazimir – Thanked the Mayor for recognizing the Recreation Committee volunteers who dedicate their time working with the youth and residents of Rochelle Park. He is proud work with this group. He then wished everyone a Happy Spring.

Mayor Valenzuela – Thanked the Township Committee for supporting the “Year of the Volunteer” and recognizing the various groups. He also thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for working diligently in the preparation of proclamations and certificates.

DPW Report – The sweeper is finally cleaning streets, after a long winter. Valenzuela requested that residents keep their cars in their driveways if possible so their streets can be cleaned properly. He also asked residents to maintain their property now that spring is upon us.

Mayor Valenzuela advised that Rochelle Park had been awarded a grant in the amount of \$66,500 for the de-snagging of Sprout Brook. Administration Davidson has begun discussions and is working with our engineer and contacts with the DEP to move this process along.

Administration Davidson – Advised that he had attended a meeting at the County regarding stream cleaning. The County is purchasing new equipment to assist various towns with their stream clean-ups. They will train members of the DPW on the use of this equipment. Davidson thanked the Recreation Committee volunteers from his position as Administrator and as a long-time resident.

Municipal Clerk De Maria – Advised that the introduced 2014 Municipal Budget will be published, in summary, in the Our Town Newspaper this coming Thursday. A full copy will be in the Rochelle Park library for review.

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

No comments from the public

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria  
Municipal Clerk