



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2015

This Meeting Will Begin at 7:00 PM

Call to Order at 7:36 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of February 18, 2015 was advertised in the notice sent to the “Our Town”, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 12, 2015 and on the Township’s web-site 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-Absent
 Comm. Kovalcik-Absent
 Comm. Scarpa
 Comm. Valenzuela
 Mayor Ouellette

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comm. Valenzuela.

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting January 21, 2015. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Comm. Kazimir entered the meeting.

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

Resolution #CS-2A-2015

A Resolution – Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a public meeting in certain circumstances, and

Whereas, the Rochelle Park Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey that a Closed Session is hereby called at 7:35 PM on February 18, 2015 to discuss matters as permitted by law:

- _____ Matters, which by express provisions of Federal Law or state statute, shall be rendered confidential.
- _____ Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
- _____ Matters, which if disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- _____ Collective bargaining agreements or negotiations therefore with public employees and/or their representatives.
- _____ Matters involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition or real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates, or the investment of public funds where the disclosure could adversely affect the public interest.
- _____ Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law.
- _____ Pending or anticipated Litigation or contract negotiations in which the Township may become a party.
- _____ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as lawyer.
- X _____ Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination or employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation,

promotions, or disciplinary action of any specific current or prospective public employee(s), unless all the individual(s)

Deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a party as a result of the actions of the party.

Be it further resolved that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kazimir to close the closed session. Motion carried on a voice vote- all present voting "Aye".

Ms. Denise Baragona presented the 2015 Annual Board of Health Meeting.

At the Work Session held on February 11, 2015 the following resolution was adopted - all "Ayes" Kovalcik, Valenzuela, Ouellette "Abstain" Kazimir "Absent" Scarpa

Resolution #2015 - 50

A Resolution – Authorizing a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Policeman’s Benevolent Association Local 102

Whereas, a Collective Bargaining Agreement exists between the Township of Rochelle Park and Policeman’s Benevolent Association Local 102; and

Whereas, the term of that agreement expired on December 31st, 2014; and

Whereas, Committee member Jay Kovalcik, together with the Township Administrator and Auditor recently engaged in a series of meetings with representatives of PBA Local 102 in connection with negotiation of a successor agreement; and

Whereas, with the consent and approval of the Township Committee an offer was made by the Township Committee to settle a successor agreement; and

Whereas, the proposal for settlement was made and presented to PBA Local 102 and was, thereafter, accepted by that unit; and

Whereas, as a result of the forgoing, the Township Committee is desirous of formalizing the agreement, authorizing the settlement and also authorizing the Mayor and Township Clerk to execute a successor agreement.

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 successor collective bargaining agreement between the Township of Rochelle Park and Police Benevolent Association Local 102 be and is hereby authorized.
2. The terms, conditions and obligations of said successor agreement shall be identical to those which existed in the prior agreement, however, with the changes which are generally described in the attached summary of changes which has been previously approved by the PBA.
3. This approval is subject, however, to receipt and review of a formal collective bargaining agreement from PBA Local 102 and a review and approval of same as to final terms and language by Committeeman Kovalcik, the Township Attorney and the Township Administrator.
4. The attached summary is intended to provide a general outline of the terms agreed upon between the parties subject to formal agreements; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park, the formal collective bargaining agreements upon receipt and review of same and upon final approval by Committee member Kovalcik and the Township Attorney; and

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 Policeman’s Benevolent Association Local 102.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Reports:

Health Department - January 2014
Building Department - January 2014
Municipal Court - December 2014

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

Resolution #2015 - 51

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – February 2015

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.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2015 - 52

A Resolution – Authorizing Contract DPW - Accutech \$6,500.00

Whereas, Accu Tech Environmental Services, Inc. has served as environmental consultants in connection with the Rochelle Park DPW building located at 5 Lotz Lane; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection approved a groundwater remedial action permit on April 14, 2013; and

Whereas, additional professional services are required by the NJDEP in order to comply with the conditions of that remedial action permit; and

Whereas, Accu Tech Environmental Services, Inc. has submitted a proposal for these services in the amount of \$6,500.00 not including any required NJDEP fees; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

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 Professional Services Contract with Accu Tech Environmental Services, Inc. be and is hereby authorized.
2. This Contract shall be in the amount of \$6,500.00 as set forth on the proposal dated January 7, 2015.
3. This Contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding as this Contract provides for professional services as set forth in the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law.
4. The Township Administrator and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions 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 the Accu Tech Environmental Services, Inc., the Rochelle Park Department of Public Works, the Chief Financial Officer and the Township Auditor.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2015 -53

A Resolution -Appointing Registered Municipal Advisor and Continuing Disclosure Agent - Phoenix Advisors, LLC

Whereas, The Township of Rochelle Park (the “Governmental Entity”) has entered into continuing disclosure agreement(s) in connection with the certain of its prior bond and/or note issuance(s) (the “Prior Issuances”), agreeing to file certain financial information and operating data and/or certain enumerated event notices with the former nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”) pursuant to the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Rule”); and

Whereas, the Governmental Entity has made certain representations regarding its continuing disclosures in bond and/or note offering documents in connection with its Prior Issuances; and

Whereas, in response to widespread concerns that many municipal issuers have not been complying with their obligations to file continuing disclosure documents under the Rule, and furthermore have made false representations concerning compliance in bond and note offering documents, the Division of Enforcement (“the Division”) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“the Commission”) has set forth its Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative (the “MCDC”), attached hereto as Exhibit A, whereby the Commission will recommend favorable settlement terms to municipal issuers involved in the offer or sale of municipal securities, as well as underwriters of such offerings, if they self-report to the Division by 12:00 a.m on September 10, 2014, possible violations involving materially inaccurate statements in bond and note offering documents relating to prior compliance with continuing obligations pursuant to the Rule; and

Whereas, pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2014-9, attached hereto as Exhibit B, the Director of the Local Finance Board, Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of The State of New Jersey, has recommended the undertaking of a Review (as hereinafter defined) by all municipal issuers and the participation in the MCDC Initiative, where appropriate, as determined by the facts of each Review (the "LFB Recommendation")

Now Therefore, In Connection With The Lfb Recommendation, Be It Resolved By The Governmental Entity, as follows:

Section 1. The Governmental Entity, through its Chief Financial Officer or a third party disclosure disseminations agent, is hereby directed to conduct a continuing disclosure review of its prior continuing disclosure undertakings (the "Review"), and the Governmental Entity hereby ratifies any such previously conducted Review. Such Review shall include, but is not limited to, a historical review of a Governmental Entity's continuing disclosure obligations and filings in connection with its Prior Issuances that are presently outstanding and which are no longer outstanding but, as of the date five years prior to the date of submission of the Questionnaire (as hereinafter defined), were outstanding; and the undertaking, at any time, of any applicable remedial filings with the MSRB deemed necessary for compliance with its continuing disclosure obligations.

Section 2. The Governmental Entity, through its Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to participate in the MCDC Initiative, if in the discretion of the Chief Financial Officer after a consultation with Governmental Entity officials, it is determined that the Governmental Entity may have made materially inaccurate statements in its bond and/or note to the Rule in connection with its Prior Issuances issued during the period beginning five years prior to the date of submission of the Questionnaire.

Section 3. The Chief Financial Officer of the Governmental Entity is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments, including the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative Questionnaire for Self-Reporting Entities contained in the MCDC Initiative (the "Questionnaire"), and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for [participating in the MCDC Initiative and all related transactions, including the Review, contemplated by this resolution.

Section 4. All resolutions or proceedings, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective in accordance with the applicable law.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2015 -54

A Resolution - Reducing the 2014 Certified Tax Levy

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c)2, which permits the tax collection rate used to compute the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes to be based on the reduction of the certified tax levy of the prior year by the amount of the tax appeal judgments; and

Whereas, it is desirous of the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park to reduce the 2014 certified tax levy of \$21,305,749.03 by the amount of the tax appeal judgments in the amount of \$49,691.24 resulting in a total net tax levy of \$21,256,057.79.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the 2014 certified tax levy be reduced by the amount of tax appeal judgments.

I Hereby Certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, in the County of Bergen, at its meeting held on February 18, 2015.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2015 -55

A Resolution - Stephan Company

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 \$30,000 payable to STEPAN CHEMICAL COMPANY 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD NORTHFIELD, IL 60093 as a result of a Tax Court Judgment covering the year 2014 dated August 7, 2014, for the property at: 91 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2015 -56

A Resolution - To Confirm Endorsement of Open Space Grant - Matthew's Field

Whereas, a Bergen County Open Space grant of \$70,000.00 has been proposed by the Township Committee for Matthew's Field Improvements in the Township of Rochelle Park, and

Whereas, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Open space funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

Whereas, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of the Township of Rochelle Park, and

Whereas, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Open Space funds.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Governing Body of the Township of Rochelle Park hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Open Space program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2015 -57

A Resolution - Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations Exemption – \$2,557,00

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Township") from time to time issues bonds, notes and other obligations, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, and desires to take such action as may be necessary or advisable to establish and maintain such exclusion; and

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), contains provisions with respect to the exclusion from gross income for Federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations, including provisions, among others, which require issuers of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Township to account for and rebate certain arbitrage earnings to the United States Treasury and to take other action to establish and maintain such Federal tax exclusion; and

Whereas, the Township intends to issue a \$2,557,000 Bond Anticipation Note, dated February 13, 2015, payable December 15, 2015 (the "Note"); and

Whereas, the Township desires to designate the Note as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park hereby covenants on behalf of the Township, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Jersey, to do and perform all acts and things permitted by law and necessary to assure that interest paid on the Note be and remain excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, Municipal Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and the other officials of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take such action, make such representations and give such assurances as they may deem necessary or advisable to effect compliance with the Code.

SECTION 3. The Note is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined and stated that (1) said Note is not a "private activity bond" as defined in the Code and (2) the Township and its subordinate entities, if any, do not reasonably anticipate issuing in excess of \$10 million of new money tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) during the calendar year 2015.

SECTION 5. It is further determined and stated that the Township has not, as of the date hereof, issued any tax-exempt obligations (other than the Note) during the calendar year 2015.

SECTION 6. The Township will, to the best of its ability, attempt to comply with respect to the limitations on issuance of tax-exempt obligations pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code; however, said Township does not covenant to do so, and hereby expressly states that a covenant is not made hereby.

SECTION 7. The issuing officers of the Township are hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the original purchaser of the Note and to further provide such original purchaser with a certificate of obligations issued during the calendar year 2015 dated as of the date of delivery of the Note.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Kazimir, Scarpa, Valenzuela, Ouellette

Nays: None.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2015 -61

A Resolution - Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes- February 11, 2015

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

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

Whereas, pursuant to statute, the purpose of this Resolution is to disclose the information which was discussed in closed session on February 11, 2015 to the extent that said information can be disclosed without adversely affecting the Township or the public interest.

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

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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - February 11, 2015

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. Professional Appointments – The Township Committee discussed the reappointment of the Township Engineer and heard a presentation from the Township Engineer regarding past and current projects.
2. Police Department – The Chief of Police discussed, with the Township Committee, the staffing and personnel needs within the Police Department as a result of recent retirements. An interview was scheduled with a potential applicant for the position of patrolman and the Police Chief also discussed the current Table of Organization and filling open spots within that Table of Organization.
3. Property Acquisition – The Township Administrator and Township Attorney discussed, with the Township Committee, the possible acquisition of property by the Township. The Township Administrator was requested to communicate, with the property owner, concerning the possible acquisition of that property.
4. Northern Park – This issue was discussed in open session and there was no further discussion in closed session.
5. Library – No update or further discussion was required.
6. Litigation/Tax Appeals – The Township Attorney discussed, with the Township Committee, the status of pending litigation including the Fire Department as well as the current status of pending tax appeals. The Township Tax Assessor may attend the work

session schedule for March in order to bring the Township Committee up to date as to pending appeals and Municipal exposure for the balance of 2015 and into 2016. The Township Attorney also advised the Township Committee that, currently, there is a balance of refunds due to Stephan Company as a result of a settlement in 2014.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

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

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

Resolution # 2015 -58

A Resolution - Authorizing Conditional Offer of Employment –Police Officer - Ryan Burke

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 RYAN P. BURKE of Haskell, New Jersey; and

Whereas, RYAN P. BURKE possesses the background and qualifications for the position of Police Officer in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, RYAN P. BURKE 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:

The Township Committee hereby authorizes a conditional offer of employment to Ryan P. Burke, 6 Butler Place, Haskell, New Jersey as a police officer with the Township of Rochelle Park Police Department.

The offer of employment set forth herein shall commence on _____, 2015 which shall be considered the date of his hiring.

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. Ryan P. Burke shall be hired on the first step of the contractual salary guide.

The first year of Ryan P. Burke’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.

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 Ryan P. Burke, 6 Butler Place, Haskell, New Jersey 07420, the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park and the Rochelle Park Police Department.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

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

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

Resolution # 2015 -59

A Resolution - Appointing Municipal Engineer for 2015 - Job & Job

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

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 2015 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 2014; 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: Elizabeth Kroll

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kazimir to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – "Ayes" Kazimir, Scarpa, Ouellette "Nays" Valenzuela "Absent"- Kovalcik

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

Resolution # 2015 -60

A Resolution - Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1081 - 15 To Exceed the 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 "AN 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: Elizabeth Kroll

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 members of the public spoke.

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kazimir 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. Scarpa to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all voting "Ayes"

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kazimir to appoint Andrew Vitale to the Rochelle Park Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carries on a voice vote- All present voting" Aye"

Comm. Kazimir-Advised residents that an official letter was received from BCCLS, confirming Rochelle Park as a full-fledged member for 2015. He thanked Administrator Davidson and the Township Committee for coming together to ensure the residents needs were taken care of. He stated the library is an asset to the community and that the Township Committee will continue to support the libraries success.

Comm. Valenzuela-Thanked members of the Township Committee for their efforts in regards to the library. He then reminded residents that when it snows, not to throw snow into the streets after the DPW has plowed. He also advised residents to shovel hydrants that are located on their properties. There is now a penalty if it is left undone. He congratulated and welcomed newly hired Police Officer, Ryan Burke.

Administrator Davidson-No Report.

Attorney Rotolo- No Report.

Municipal Clerk Kroll-No Report.

Mayor Ouellette- Welcomed newly hired Police Officer, Ryan Burke to the community. She stated the Township Committee is very glad to have him as a new member of the Police Department.

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

Sam Allos-Updated the Township Committee regarding the construction and programs at Midland School. Mr. Allos mentioned a well-attended gymnastics competition. He also advised that building renovations are moving rapidly. He thanked School Superintendent Dr. Zoeller for his efforts in having a roof repaired at no cost to the school. Mr. Allos stated that the current curriculum is being re-vamped and many excellent academic changes are underway. He once again invited everyone to visit the school to see the improvements first hand. Comm. Kazimir asked Mr. Allos if the curriculum changes were progressing in a timely fashion. Kazimir commented that while it is commendable to have education improvement’s done to the building, the focus should be on improving education. Mr. Allos replied that education is a major focus and the programs implemented will in time ensure student success. Administrator Davidson advised that he had attended a meeting with Dr. Zoeller and was informed that the math curriculum would be the first improved.

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”.

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

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Whereas, the Rochelle Park Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey that a Closed Session is hereby called at 8:20 PM on February 18, 2015 to discuss matters as permitted by law:

- _____ Matters, which by express provisions of Federal Law or state statute, shall be rendered confidential.
- _____ Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
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_____ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as lawyer.

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_____ Deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a party as a result of the actions of the party.

Be it further resolved that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

Closed Session

Library Personnel

8:00 PM - Julia Perrotta

8:15 PM - Leann Lydon

8:30 PM - Douglas Walden

8:45 PM - Sue Lazzari

Property Acquisition

Personnel Issues - DPW

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Valenzuela to close the closed session. Motion carried on a voice vote- all present voting "Aye".

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to offer the position of Library Director to Julia Perrotta at a salary of \$60,000 to begin on March 16, 2015. Motion carried on a roll call vote-all present voting "Aye"

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk