



**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK  
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET  
ROCHELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY 07662  
MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – JANUARY 20, 2016**

Call to Order at 7:31 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of January 20, 2016 was advertised in the notice sent to the “The Record”, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on the Township’s web-site and has remained continuously posted as the required notice under the Statute and is being recorded. 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. Hauser  
                  Comm. Kovalcik  
                  Comm. Scarpa  
                  Comm. Valenzuela-Absent  
                  Mayor Kazimir

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Township Committee.

Mayor Kazimir asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. and those who have dedicated their lives to improving quality of life in their communities.

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and Comm. Kovalcik to approve the agenda as amended to include Resolution # 2016-53. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Hauser to approve the minutes of the Sine Die Meeting and Reorganization Meeting Held on January 3, 2016 and the Special meeting on January 14, 2016. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Reports:  
                  Health Department   - December 2015  
                  Building Department - December 2015  
                  Municipal Court       - December 2015

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

Resolution #2016 – 37

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – January 2016

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.

CURRENT, TRUST AND GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Current Fund	\$1,661,299.12
Capital Fund	\$ 61,894.30
Trust Fund	\$ 854,141.40

See attached back-up.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 38

A Resolution - Authorizing the Issuance of Request for Qualifications for Professional Services - Public Defender; Labor Attorney

Whereas, as of January 1, 2006 the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law” enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and

Whereas, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for the provision of professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they are subject to Resolution #2016-38 cont.

the requirements of the above referenced law if the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1, et seq a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one (1) year of the date of the contract that is reportable by the recipient pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a “fair and open process”; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Township to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a “fair and open process”.

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 Attorney is authorized and directed to prepare a Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications for the following positions:  
Municipal Public Defender  
Labor Attorney
2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016.
3. Appointments to this professional position shall be considered at the meeting scheduled for February 17, 2016.
4. The Criteria for selection shall be as permitted by the aforementioned Law and contracts shall be awarded on the basis most advantageous to the Township.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 39

A Resolution - Authorizing CY2016 Budget to be Read by Title Only

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing is a resolution is passed by not less that a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved municipal budget as advertised has been posted in the municipal building and copies have been made available by the clerk to persons requiring them; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the CY2016 municipal budget shall be read by title only.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 40

A Resolution - Introduction Ord. #1094 - 16 - 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 introduced and passed on first reading January 20, 2016 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on February 17, 2016 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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 41

A Resolution - Supporting the Bergen County Municipal Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force

Whereas, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

Whereas, law enforcement officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., manmade causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riots, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies; and

Whereas, this plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. APP. A:9-40.6, and

Whereas, this plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park to participate in mutual aid plan and rapid deployment force in accordance with the plan as submitted by the Bergen County Chief's Association.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Police Department of the Township of Rochelle Park under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief's Association to create an interlocal services agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county Executive, the board of Chosen Freeholders, and the County Prosecutors.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 42

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”)

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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 #2016 – 43

A Resolution-Issuing Bingo License #461-16 - K of C Council #2842 Sacred Heart

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, that the application for Raffle License #461-16 as presented by the K OF C COUNCIL #2842 SACRED HEART ID#427-6-35240 requesting permission to conduct BINGO for February 5, 2016 and March 4, 2016 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 44

A Resolution-Authorizing Hiring of Seasonal DPW Employee - Daniel Riley

Be It Resolved, that Daniel Riley, 76 Grove Street, South Hackensack, NJ 07606 be hired on an as needed basis to assist the DPW with snow plowing. The hourly fee will be set at \$15.00 in accordance with the 2015 salary ordinance.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 45

A Resolution-Re-Appointing Zoning Officer - Nick Melfi – 2016

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Municipality to re- appoint Mr. Melfi to the position of Zoning Official for 2016,

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. Nicolas Melfi of Wallington, New Jersey be and is hereby re-appointed Zoning Official for the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. The term of this appointment shall be from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at which time this appointment will be reviewed.
3. This shall be a part time position without benefits and although there will be no set minimum hours to be served; he shall be required to perform all services required for this position.
4. Mr. Melfi will be paid sum of \$7,283 on an annual basis, for performing these services.

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 Nicholas Melfi, Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Rochelle Park, the Planning Board of the Township of Rochelle Park, the Township Administrator and to the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 46

A Resolution - Authorizing a Tax Sale

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires that the Township of Rochelle Park conduct a public tax sale to enforce delinquent municipal liens by selling said liens in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

Whereas, “delinquency” means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, and

Whereas, the Township Committee further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to hold said Tax Sale in the calendar year 2016 for municipal delinquent charges; and

Whereas, the Township Committee further finds and declares that the annual Tax Sale may be at the discretion of the Municipal Tax Collector;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Municipal Tax Collector, Roy Riggitano, be and is hereby authorized to conduct the Annual Tax Sale during the calendar year 2016 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector for his records.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 47

A Resolution - Authorizing an Accelerated Tax Sale

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires that the Township of Rochelle Park conduct a public tax sale to enforce delinquent municipal liens by selling said liens in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

Whereas, “delinquency” means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, and

Whereas, the Township Committee further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to hold said Tax Sale during the calendar year 2016 for municipal delinquent charges; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council further finds and declares that an Accelerated Tax Sale may be at the discretion of the Municipal Tax Collector;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Municipal Tax Collector, Roy Riggitano, be and is hereby

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authorized to conduct an Accelerated Tax Sale during the calendar year 2016 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector for his records.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 48

A Resolution-Reducing the 2015 Certified Tax Levy

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

Whereas, it is desirous of the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park to reduce the 2015 certified tax levy of \$22,489,783.50 by the amount of the tax appeal judgements in the amount of \$32,572.32 resulting in a total net tax levy of \$22,457,211.48.

Now, Therefore be is Resolved, by The Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the 2015 certified tax levy be reduced by the amount of the tax appeal judgements.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 – 49

A Resolution- Approving Entering Into Local Municipal Group Agreement - Econsult Solutions, Inc.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park entered into the Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (“MSSDA”) for the purpose as set forth therein, which included retaining a common expert in the Declaratory Judgment action (“Litigation”) that was filed in accordance with In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (“Decision”); and

Whereas, the MSSDA identified Dr. Robert Burchell, a distinguished professor at Rutgers University, as the expert to be retained to prepare an expert report (the “Burchell Report”); and

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park contributed \$2,000 for the preparation of the Burchell Report, and to join a statewide municipal consortium of approximately 278 municipalities (the “Municipal Group”) with the intention of relying upon the Burchell Report in court; and

Whereas, the Municipal Group entered into a separate agreement with Rutgers University (the “Research Agreement”); and

Whereas, Dr. Burchell became ill and was unable to complete the obligations under the Research Agreement as set forth in the MSSDA; and

Whereas, as a result, Rutgers University exercised its right to terminate the Research Agreement as permitted under its terms; and

Whereas, the MSSDA requires modification to allow the Municipal Group to retain one or more alternative experts, consultants and/or other professionals for the Litigation; and

Whereas, an Amendment to the MSSDA (“Amendment”) was prepared to effectuate the modification, and said Amendment was entered into by the Township of Rochelle park; and

Whereas, the Amendment authorized the execution of an agreement with Econsult Solutions, Inc. (“ESI”) to replace Dr. Burchell and Rutgers, and to prepared its own revised report; and

Whereas, ESI prepared a revised report entitled “New Jersey Affordable Housing Need and Obligations”, dated December 30, 2015 (the “Revised Report”), for the Municipal Group; and

Whereas, the MSSDA as amended, envisioned that members of the Municipal Group would be able to retain ESI to testify about the Revised Report and for related issues; and

Whereas, an Agreement was prepared so that municipalities in the Municipal Group in the same vicinage could form a mini-consortium (the “Local Municipal Group”)

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to retain ESI collectively to testify about their common interests in the Revised Report (the “Local Municipal Group Agreement”), which is attached hereto Exhibit A; and

Whereas, the Local Municipal Group Agreement contemplates the appointment of a contact person for the Local Municipal Group (the “Administrator); and

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Rochelle Park to become a part of a Local Municipal Group and to authorize the Administrator of the Local Municipal Group to enter into the Local Municipal Group Agreement.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, as follows:

1. The Township of Rochelle Park hereby joins the Local Municipal Group. Other members of local municipal group to be determined at a later date or as may be amended.
2. The Township of Rochelle Park hereby agrees to the terms and conditions of the Local Municipal Group Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, including all of the rates and direct costs of retaining ESI described therein.
3. The Township of Rochelle Park hereby authorizes the Administrator of the Local Municipal Group, once appointed, to execute the Local Municipal Group Agreement on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2016-50

A Resolution - Introduction Ord. #1095-16 Amending Chapter 31-Public Works Superintendent-Tenure

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 31 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF” TO AUTHORIZE TENURE OF OFFICE” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on February 17, 2016 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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution # 2016-51

A Resolution - Introduction Ord. #106-16 Affordable Housing

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ROCHELLE AVE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A.40A:12A-7” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on February 17, 2016 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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016-52

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes - January 13, 2016

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 January 13, 2016 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 - JANUARY 13, 2016

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. DPW Negotiation/Personnel – The Township Administrator provided an update to the Township Committee regarding the status of negotiations with the union representing the employees within the DPW. The Township Administrator was authorized to convey a proposal to the Collective Bargaining Unit.
2. DPW Personnel – The Township Attorney and Township Committee position of DPW Superintendent and the acquisition of tenure in that position pursuant to state law. Tenure does, in fact, attach to the current DPW Superintendent, however, the Township Attorney recommended a modification of the ordinance pertaining to this position and was authorized to prepare the same.
3. Public Defender Position – The Township Committee determined that a new Request for Qualifications will be issued for this position.
4. Affordable Housing – A presentation was made to the Township Committee by the Township Planner, Susan Gruel and Special Mount Laurel Counsel, Michael Edwards of the law firm of Jeffrey Surenian regarding the status of the current litigation pending regarding this issue. Approximately three hundred (300) municipalities in the State of New Jersey are participating in this litigation, sixty five (65) of which are represented by the Township Special Affordable Housing Counsel. The litigation is ongoing.
5. Rochelle 47, LLC – Michael Edwards – Mr. Edwards and the Township Attorney provided an update regarding the discussions with this property owner concerning the resolution of their affordable housing obligations. The Township Committee made a specific determination regarding the proposal for the resolution of the matter which will be conveyed to the property owner. If not accepted, no further discussions have been authorized at this time.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016-53

A Resolution – Authorizing Emergency/Exigency Repair Sanitary Sewer Line

Whereas, on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, the Township of Rochelle Park Department of Public Works became aware of a failure of the Municipality's Sanitary Sewer Interceptor which transports sanitary sewage for approximately one half of the Lovell Section Sanitary Sewer Subsystem to the Sprout Brook "Inverted Siphon"; and

Whereas, this situation represents a threat to the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the portion of the Township of Rochelle Park tributary to this Sanitary Sewer Subsystem; and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works does not have the manpower, equipment or expertise to address this situation; and

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Whereas, it is the opinion of the Township Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works that the situation should be addressed immediately, without the time he needed to prepare Plans, Specifications, and Advertise for Public Bids; and

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Township Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works that the situation should be addressed by the replacement of the entire “reach” of the failed sanitary sewer interceptor, a length of approximately 95 feet; and

Whereas, based on available information it is estimated that the total cost to undertake this Sanitary Sewer Repair would not exceed \$29, 500.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that they hereby declare that an Emergency/Exigency exists in connection with the failure of the Township of Rochelle Park Sanitary Sewer Interceptor which transports sewage for approximately one half of the Lovell Section’s Sanitary Sewer Subsystem to the Sprout Brook Inverted Siphon; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Township hereby authorizes the engagement of Colonnelli Brothers Inc., 409 So. River Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601, to undertake the sewer repair, including bypass pumping; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Township hereby authorizes the engagement of All American Sewer Service, 101 Midland Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057, undertake the cleaning and as required, televisions inspection of the Sanitary Sewer Interceptor, and cleaning of the Inverted Siphon; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Contractors shall post, as required, with Township of Rochelle Park, a certificate of Insurance satisfactory for the Township of Rochelle Park Attorney and Engineer.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

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

Committee’s/Administrator’s/Attorney’s Reports  
Comm. Hauser-No Report.

Comm. Kovalcik-No Report.

Comm. Scarpa-Addressed his concerns regarding a recent article published in The Record referencing a recent shooting event in the Township. He requested that Police Chief Flannelly provide the Committee with a report as to why a car was parked for an extended period of time unnoticed. He also requested a report regarding a recent hoax perpetrated on local schools. He stated that he was aware students at Hackensack High School were not evacuated. He would like information on ways to keep children safe in school.

Mayor Kazimir-Commented that he would like to appoint Joseph Marolda to the Township Planning Board as an alternate member. A motion was made by Mayor Kazimir and seconded by Comm. Scarpa. A Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”. He stated that he recently attended an Ambulance Corp. Meeting and was advised that at the end of the year a new ambulance will be needed, as well as an update to an older ambulance. He stated that installing an assisted lift would aide first responders in lifting and transporting patients into and out of the ambulance. He stated that this technology has significantly reduced the number of injuries to first responders around the country. He advised that he will provide a further update on the matter at the next meeting.

Administrator Davidson- Stated that he has obtained the preliminary drawings for the intersection project at Rochelle Avenue and Railroad Avenue. He advised that Bergen County has agreed that there is enough room to designate a “left turn only lane” at the intersection, once it has been widened. He advised that earlier today there was an emergency sewer line break in the Howard Avenue section of the Township. He stated that emergency repairs should be completed by tomorrow. Comm. Scarpa stated that he had attended the BPU meeting and unfortunately many towns did not have representation. He advised that SUEZ wants to introduce an 18% rate hike that will affect taxpayers as well as the Township. Comm. Scarpa stated that last time a group of

Administrators and Municipal officials got together to argue increase it was defeated and he hopes to see a similar outcome again.

Municipal Clerk Kroll- No Report.

Attorney Rotolo-No Report

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

Lynn Houghton- 117 West Oldis-Asked Administrator Davidson why there was scaffolding at the Captain Tyson Home and how much this project would cost the Township. Administrator Davidson stated that after the recent heavy rains it was discovered that there were some leaks in the home. He advised that a company is wrapping the chimneys to prevent further water damage to the home. He stated that there are four chimneys that are being wrapped and that this project would cost approximately \$11,000.00. She asked when this project would be completed. Administrator Davidson commented that the project should be completed by this Friday.

Richard Vitale-James Street-Asked Administrator Davidson about a leaning tree that has been an issue on Powell Avenue for several months. He stated that he believes this tree can become a hazard as it is near power lines. Administrator Davidson stated that he has contacted PSE&G several times in regards to this issue as they would need to have the tree trimmed/removed because it is close to power lines. Comm. Scarpa suggested that Police Chief Flannelly or someone from the Building Department called PSE&G and advise them of the public safety issue this tree is causing. Mr. Vitale stated that the traffic lights on Rochelle Avenue are timed in a way that if you drive down Rochelle Avenue you will possibly catch every red light. He asked that the traffic light on Rochelle Avenue and Terrace Avenue be changed to a blinking light after a certain hours before or after school. Administrator Davidson stated that he did not believe changing the light to a blinking one was feasible. Comm. Scarpa suggested installing some type of mechanism that will make the light change when there is a vehicle waiting at Terrace Avenue. Mayor Kazimir suggested asking the County to adjust the timing of the lights when construction commences at the Rochelle and Railroad Avenue intersections. Mr. Vitale asked Administrator Davidson about the Rochelle Park Police Officers sitting in their vehicles and not directing traffic in the construction area. He stated there has been a significant traffic problem in the area over the past few months and he would like the police officers who are working traffic in the area to assist with the flow. Comm. Scarpa stated that he has also brought this issue to light in the past few months and the Township Committee has and will continue to address these concerns.

Sam Allos-Board of Education Liaison- Stated that it was wonderful having the Township Committee at a recent Board of Education meeting to discuss Best Practices. He stated that the collaboration between the Board of Education and the Township Committee is beneficial to both sides and he looks forward to meeting with the Township Committee again.

Sam Allos-107 Parkway-Commented that he spoke with the Police Chief from Montvale, who is a resident of Rochelle Park. Mr. Allos stated that he and the Chief from Montvale discussed having a friendly shooting competition between the two police departments. He advised that the Chief from Montvale would be contacting Chief Flannelly to discuss this event further. He stated that he would like to see more events in the Township that make positive news stories and bring residents together in positive ways.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kroll

Municipal Clerk