

Minutes of the Public Meeting held December 15, 2010 cont.



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

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – Dec. 15, 2010**

Call to Order 7:35 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of Dec. 15, 2010 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 9, 2010 and has remained continuously posted as the required notice under the Statute and is being taped. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call:      Comm. R. Davidson  
                  Comm. K. J. Kovalcik - Absent  
                  Comm. J. Scarpa  
                  Comm. P. Strohmeyer  
                  Mayor F. Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Schmunk

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

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held on November 10, 2010. Motion carried on a roll call vote – “Ayes” Davidson, Scarpa, Strohmeyer, “Abstain” Valenzuela , Absent - Kovalcik

Reports:

Health Department   - November 2010  
Municipal Court       - November 2010  
Attendance Report   - November 2010  
Building Department - November 2010

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

Resolution #2010 - 212

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – December 2010

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

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Resolution #2010 – 213

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #B405-10 American Legion Post #170

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, that the application for Bingo Raffle License #B405-10 as presented by the **AMERICAN LEGION POST #170 ID#427-07-00459** requesting permission to conduct Bingo on the year March 11, 2011 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 214

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #406-10 Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County

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 #406 -10 as presented by the **SALT WATER ANGLERS OF BERGEN COUNTY ID# 427-8-37906** requesting permission to conduct Monthly Raffle on the February 15, 2010, April 19, 2011, May 17, 2011, June 21, 2011, July 19, 2011, August 16, 2011, September 20, 2011, October 18, 2011, November 15, 2011 and December 20, 2011 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 215

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #407-10 Salt Water anglers of Bergen County

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 #407 -10 as presented by the **SALT WATER ANGLERS OF BERGEN COUNTY ID# 427-8-37906** requesting permission to conduct A Raffle on the May 17, 2011 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 219

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – December 8, 2010

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 December 8, 2010 to the extent that said information can be disclosed without adversely affecting the Township of 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.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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Resolution #2010 – 219 (cont.)

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – December 8, 2010

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 Superintendent - the Township Committee conducted an interview and discussion with a candidate for the position of DPW Superintendent and, thereafter, a decision was made to hire this individual, James Schmunk, and salary discussions were conducted as well.
2. DPW Garage - the Acting Township Administrator provided an update on the construction problems with the DPW Garage and the costs incurred as a result of the actions, inactions and other problems resulting from this project. The Township Attorney was requested to review the entire matter and make recommendations for protecting the interests of the Township including, without being limited to, assessment of delayed damages, filing a complaint with the bonding company and other procedures.
2. 151 West Passaic Street - the Township Administrator and Township Attorney provided an update regarding rental payments.
3. Litigation - the Township Attorney provided a summary of the status of the following litigation:  
Lotz Buonanno  
New York Prime Northern Park  
Longo
4. Negotiations - Committeeman, Robert Davidson, provided a summary of the status of all negotiations with the three collective bargaining units. A settlement has been reached with the Department of Public Works and he is close to final resolution with the two Police unions. A resolution will be adopted at the next meeting affirming the Memorandum of Agreement with the DPW workers.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Resolution #2010 – 216

A Resolution – Authorizing Hiring of Personnel – Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant to Chief Financial Officer

Whereas, as a result of a recent retirement, the need now exists for the hiring of a replacement for the position of Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer; and

Whereas, interviews were conducted for this position and the result of those interviews has been that the Acting Township Administrator and Members of the Township Committee have recommended a replacement for this position; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds exist for this purpose

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Resolution #2010 – 216 (cont.)

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. Rosemary Cunningham of 30 Walter Hammond Place, Waldwick, New Jersey 07463 be and is hereby hired to the position of Deputy Tax Collector/Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. The above referenced individual will be hired as of 12/1/10 and the adoption of this resolution and shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee.
3. The above referenced individual shall serve a period of probation which shall be six (6) months from the date of her hiring during which she shall be reviewed and evaluated for performance in order to determine her status at the end of that probationary term.
4. The salary for this position shall be \$37,500.00 per year.

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 Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park, the Personnel Department and Rosemary Cunningham, 30 Walter Hammond Place, Waldwick, New Jersey.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 217

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement of Real Property Tax Appeal – 50 Essex Street  
Withdrawn

A motion was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Davidson and reads:

Resolution #2010 – 218

A Resolution – Approving Transfers within the 2010 Budget Appropriations

Whereas, there are certain appropriations which unexpended balances and certain accounts on which commitments to be entered into which possibly exceed the amount of the original 2010 appropriations; and

Whereas, under Title 40A:4-58 Revised Statutes of New Jersey permission is given to transfer from one budget account into another during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Finance Officer, Roy Riggitano of the Township of Rochelle Park be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer as follows:

<u>Inside CAP</u>			
25-2403	FROM:	Police Cars	\$ 35,000.00
23-2202	FROM:	Health Insurance	5,000.00
26-3052	FROM:	Solid Waste Collection	31,400.00
20-1502	FROM:	Social Security Taxes	<u>20,000.00</u>
		Total	\$ 91,400.00

<u>Outside CAP</u>			
20-1302	TO:	Financial Admin O/E	\$ 12,000.00
20-1501	TO:	Tax Admin S/W	650.00
20-1551	TO:	Legal Services S/W	650.00
20-1652	TO:	Engineering Services O/E	12,000.00
25-2401	TO:	Police S/W	18,500.00
25-2402	TO:	Police O/E	8,000.00
25-2522	TO:	Emergency Mgmt. O/E	300.00
25-2651	TO:	Fire Prevention S/W	2,100.00
25-2652	TO:	Fire Prevention O/E	6,500.00

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26-3102	TO:	Buildings & Grounds O/E	14,500.00
28-3702	TO:	Recreation O/E	1,200.00
31-4452	TO:	Water Utilities	1,000.00
44-1012	TO:	Boro of Paramus	9,000.00
44-1013		Boro of Paramus	5,000.00
		Total	\$ 91,400.00

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Comm. Scarpa – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Comm. Davidson – Congratulated Jim Schmunk on receiving his state certification as a Certified Public Works Manager.

Comm. Strohmeier - Library November Report - Circulated – 1,609 items, Loaned – 456, Borrowed – 1,079, New Cards Issued - 5, Computer Usage – 248. She complemented the library on the ongoing cooperation between the library board and the volunteers. She then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Valenzuela – Echoed the sentiments of Comm. Davidson stating that Jim Schmunk will be an asset to Rochelle Park in the position of superintendent of the DPW. He then thanked Administrator Ginny De Maria and Deputy Clerk Liz Kroll for their support during a difficult year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Healthy 2011.

Administrator De Maria – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.

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

No comments from the public.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria  
Municipal Clerk

