



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – November 9, 2009

Call to Order

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of November 9, 2009 was advertised in the notice sent to the “Our Town” and “The Record” and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and the Township web-site on November 2, 2009 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. K. J. Kovalcik
Comm. W. Lotz
Comm. J. Scarpa
Comm. P. Strohmeyer
Mayor F. Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ted Reighard

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. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting held October 14, 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote - all voting “Aye”

Reports:

Building Department - October 2009
Health Department - October 2009
Municipal Court - October 2009
Attendance Report - October 2009

Resolutions:

At the Work Session held Wednesday, November 4, 2009 the following resolutions were introduced and adopted on a roll call vote – all voting “Aye”.

Resolution #2009 – 210

A Resolution Appointing Roy Riggitano – QPA

Whereas, the recent changes to the Local Public Contracts Law gave local contracting units the ability to increase their bid threshold up to \$29,000.00; and

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a, permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq. establishes the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

Whereas, Roy Riggitano possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 et seq.; and

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, desires to take advantage of the increase bid threshold inclusive of \$29,000.00 and quote quotation threshold of \$4,350.00 and;

Now, therefore be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park appoints Roy Riggitano as the Qualified Purchasing Agent to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the contracting unit. This appointment shall commence as of November 1, 2009 and shall end on December 31, 2009 unless otherwise modified or extended by the Township Committee; and

Minutes of the Public Meeting held November 9, 2009 cont.

Resolution #2009 – 210 (cont.)

Be it further resolved, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Roy Riggitano's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 211

A Resolution Amending Resolution #2009 – 24 – Meeting Dates

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Resolution No. 2009 – 24 entitled "Meeting Dates" is hereby amended as follows:

Public Meeting – scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009 will be canceled and rescheduled for Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:30PM.

Formal action will be taken at the rescheduled meeting.

The Clerk is directed to publish this resolution and post on the Municipal Bulletin Board and Municipal Web-site.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Resolution #2009 -212

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – November 2009

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 #2009 – 213

A Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Liquor License #0254-44-006-004 to Hometown Liquors, LLC

Whereas, an application for a person-to-person transfer of a Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0254-44-006-004 has been received from Hometown Liquors, LLC for the License previously owned by Gallo's Drug ; and

Whereas, a consent to the transfer has been published twice in the newspaper "The Our Town" on October 15th and 22nd; and

Whereas, no objections have been received respecting said transfer; and

Whereas, following an investigation by the Police Department of the Township of Rochelle Park, no objections have been raised respecting the qualifications of the applicant; and

Whereas, the applicant has paid the required transfer fees (\$99.50 – 10% for person-to-person) and have submitted the required affidavit with regards to the source of funds used to acquire the license.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0254-44-006-004 issued to Gallo's Drug be transfer to Hometown Liquors, LLC located at 192 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 effective December 3, 2009; and

Be it further resolved, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to endorse the license certificate as follows: "This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Hometown Liquors, LLC located at 192 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 and forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 215

A Resolution Appointing Steven Cassiello – Fire Inspector

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen that the following be appointed Fire Inspectors for the year 2009:

Steven Cassiello
29 Blueridge Road
Lodi, N.J. 07644

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 216

A Resolution Authorizing Transfers within the 2009 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 2009 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:

| | | Inside CAP | | |
|----------|-------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2202-046 | FROM: | Health Insurance | \$65,800.00 | |
| 3052-096 | FROM: | Solid Waste | 52,000.00 | |
| | FROM: | Financial S&W | <u>29,000.00</u> | |
| | | | Total | \$146,800.00 |
| | | Outside CAP | | |
| 1001-031 | TO: | General Admin S&W | \$15,000.00 | |
| | TO: | Mayor & Council S&W | 300.00 | |
| 1201-031 | TO: | Municipal Clerk | 20,000.00 | |
| 1451-031 | TO: | Revenue Admin | 11,000.00 | |
| 2402-067 | TO: | Police S&W | 80,000.00 | |
| 3701-069 | TO: | Recreation S&W | 5,000.00 | |
| 4901-031 | TO: | Municipal Court | 4,500.00 | |
| 2552-051 | TO: | Aid to Fire Dept. O/E | 3,000.00 | |
| 3302-012 | TO: | Public Health O/E | 5,000.00 | |
| 4902-051 | TO: | Municipal Court | <u>3,000.00</u> | |
| | | | \$146,800.00 | |

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 218

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 – Road Improvement Chestnut Avenue/Lincoln Drive – S/A Project

Whereas a Contract has been previously awarded to D & L Paving Contractors, of Nutley, New Jersey for the State Aid Improvement of Chestnut Avenue / Lincoln Drive; and

Whereas, during the course of construction on a project of this scale and scope, it is often required that Change Orders be reviewed and approved due to unforeseen aspects of the project; and

Whereas, the contractor has now submitted Change Order No. 1 for additional work on drainage inlets which was not foreseen at the time that the bid was submitted; and

Whereas, The Township Engineer has reviewed the within Change Order and has recommended its approval; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has determined 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. Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,400.00 be and is hereby approved;
2. As a result of the within Change Order, the total Contract price including this Change Order will be \$122,743.75.
3. The within Change Order does not exceed the maximum percentage of Change Orders permitted pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law;
4. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute any approvals, Change Orders, vouchers or invoices which may be required 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 D & L Paving Contractors, Nutley, New Jersey, 07110, the Township Engineer, the Township Administrator and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 –219

A Resolution Appointing Mediation Committee Pursuant to COAH Regulations

Whereas, the Township has filed a petition for substantive certification with the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH); and

Whereas, one objection was filed with COAH during the forty-five (45) day comment period; and

Whereas, that objection was filed on behalf of Louis Kaufman of Northern Park, LLC; and

Whereas, pursuant to COAH regulations, a process of mediation will be commenced in an attempt to resolve, on an amicable basis, the objections received; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:96-8.2(D) the Township must appoint representatives to participate in that mediation 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, Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. and the Township Planner, Chuck McGroarty are hereby appointed Municipal representatives to participate in the mediation process and to negotiate on behalf of the Municipality in connection with this matter.
2. The Township Administrator is hereby designated as the official who may execute and written agreement reached in connection with this matter provided, however, that said agreement is specifically authorized by further resolution of the Township Committee.
3. The appointments set forth herein are being made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C.5:96-8.2(D) and pursuant to the direction of the Council of the State of New Jersey, Council on Affordable Housing.

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 Council on Affordable Housing of the State of New Jersey, the Township Attorney and the Township Planner.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 220

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #7 – DPW Garage

Whereas, a Contract has been previously awarded to Mullingar, LLC of Ridgewood, New Jersey for the construction of the Department of Works Garage; and

Whereas, during the course of construction on a project of this scale and scope, it is often required that Change Orders be reviewed and approved due to unforeseen aspects of the project; and

Whereas, the contractor has now submitted Change Orders No. 7 for additional work which was not foreseen at the time that the bid was submitted; and

Whereas, The Bilow Group, the Township Construction Supervisor and Architect has reviewed the within Change Order and has recommended its approval; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has determined 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. Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$13,841.19 be and is hereby approved;
2. As a result of the within Change Order, the total Contract price including this Change Order will be \$1,409,972.05;
3. The within Change Order does not exceed the maximum percentage of Change Orders permitted pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law;
4. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute any approvals, Change Orders, vouchers or invoices which may be required 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 Mullingar, LLC, 555 Goffle Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, 07450, The Bilow Group Architects, the Township Administrator and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 221

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #9 – DPW Garage

Whereas, a Contract has been previously awarded to Mullingar, LLC of Ridgewood, New Jersey for the construction of the Department of Works Garage; and

Resolution #2009 – 221 (cont.)

Whereas, during the course of construction on a project of this scale and scope, it is often required that Change Orders be reviewed and approved due to unforeseen aspects of the project; and

Whereas, the contractor has now submitted Change Orders No. 9 for additional work which was not foreseen at the time that the bid was submitted; and

Whereas, The Bilow Group, the Township Construction Supervisor and Architect has reviewed the within Change Order and has recommended its approval; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has determined 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. Change Order No. 9 in the amount of \$4,373.00 be and is hereby approved;
2. As a result of the within Change Order, the total Contract price including this Change Order will be \$1,421,390.56;
3. The within Change Order does not exceed the maximum percentage of Change Orders permitted pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law;
4. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute any approvals, Change Orders, vouchers or invoices which may be required 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 Mullingar, LLC, 555 Goffle Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, 07450, The Bilow Group Architects, the Township Administrator and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 222

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #8– DPW Garage

Whereas, a Contract has been previously awarded to Mullingar, LLC of Ridgewood, New Jersey for the construction of the Department of Works Garage; and

Whereas, during the course of construction on a project of this scale and scope, it is often required that Change Orders be reviewed and approved due to unforeseen aspects of the project; and

Whereas, the contractor has now submitted Change Orders No. 8 for additional work which was not foreseen at the time that the bid was submitted; and

Whereas, The Bilow Group, the Township Construction Supervisor and Architect has reviewed the within Change Order and has recommended its approval; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has determined 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. Change Order No. 8 in the amount of \$7,045.40 be and is hereby approved;
2. As a result of the within Change Order, the total Contract price including this Change Order will be \$1,417,017.47;
3. The within Change Order does not exceed the maximum percentage of Change Orders permitted pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law;
4. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute any approvals, Change Orders, vouchers or invoices which may be required 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 Mullingar, LLC, 555 Goffle Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, 07450, The Bilow Group Architects, the Township Administrator and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 223

A Resolution Awarding Contract – Climate Plus – Replace HVAC Unit – Senior Center

Whereas, the air conditioning units utilized in connection with the Municipal Building are in need of repair or replacement; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has investigated various options for addressing this issue; and

Whereas, quotations were obtained for these various options and one such quotation was submitted by Climate Plus of Bloomingdale, New Jersey; and

Resolution #2009 – 223 (cont.)

Whereas, Climate Plus is a qualified expert in the field of air conditioning repair and replacement and has provided several options for addressing this issue; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has recommended acceptance of Option 3 as set forth on the attached quotation for unit replacement with Environmentally Friendly R-410A refrigerant ; and

Whereas, the cost of this Option is \$20,800.00, an amount which is less than the applicable bid threshold and is, therefore, exempt from competitive bidding; and

Wherefore, the award of this Contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer, 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 Contract be and is hereby authorized with Climate Plus, 125 Main Street, Bloomingdale, New Jersey for a unit replacement of the air conditioning unit at 151 Passaic Street, Rochelle Park.
2. The Contract shall be in the amount of \$20,800.00 as set forth in the quotation received from Climate Plus dated September 10, 2009.
3. This award is contingent upon certification, by the Chief Financial Officer, that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park, Climate Plus and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 224

A Resolution Authorizing Advertising RFQ – Professionals – 2010

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 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:
 - Township Attorney
 - Township Engineer
 - Township auditor
 - Township Bond counsel
 - Township Planner
 - Risk Management Consultant
 - Attorney for Tax Appeals (2)
 - Municipal Prosecutor
 - Township Architect
 - Revaluation Company
 - Tax Appeal Expert Witness (Appraiser)
 - Township Redevelopment Planner
2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 3:00 p.m. on December 14, 2009.
3. Appointments to this professional position shall be considered at the reorganization meeting scheduled for January 3, 2010.
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.

Resolution #2009 – 224 (cont.)

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to post the Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications on the Township of Rochelle Park website for a period of not less than ten (10) days prior to the due date described in this Resolution; and

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 together with copies of the Legal Notice and Criteria to the Township Attorney as well as to any professional currently holding the position described in this Resolution.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 225

A Resolution Authorizing Tax Lien Redemption Certificate #2008-0007

Whereas, the owner of 175 Rochelle Avenue, Unit 314 has paid the Tax Title Lien Certificate #2008-0007;

Whereas, Robert Rothman, 411 Grand Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631 is the present owner of said certificate and;

Whereas, funds have been deposited into a suspense account and;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the C.F.O. is hereby authorized to issue a check to Robert Rothman in the amount of \$37,291.60 for the redemption of Tax Title Lien #2008-0007.

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 roll call vote – all voting “Aye”.

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

Resolution #2009 – 214

A Resolution – Introduction Ord. 1014-09 – Bond Ordinance – \$135,000 – West Oldis Street

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF WEST OLDIS STREET IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$135,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS**” 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 16th day of December 2009 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

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

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

Resolution #2009 – 217

A Resolution Authorizing Payment of Benefits

Whereas, WILBUR LOTZ has served the Township of Rochelle Park in various capacities for many years including having served on the Township Committee; and

Whereas, WILBUR LOTZ, due to the length of service to the municipality is entitled to a lifetime medical benefits pursuant to the provisions of State Law; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee now wishes to confirm its desire that WILBUR LOTZ receive lifetime medical benefits through the State of New Jersey, Department of Pensions and Benefits for life.

Resolution #2009 – 217 (cont.)

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that it hereby endorses the provision of medical benefits for life for WILBUR LOTZ due to his years of service to the municipality including service on the Township Committee.

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 WILBUR LOTZ and to the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Resolution #2009 – 226

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes of November 4, 2009

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 a 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 November 4, 2009 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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – November 4, 2009

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. Litigation - The Township Attorney provided the Township Committee with an update as to all pending litigation.
2. Interviews - Interviews were conducted with prospective candidates for the position of Township Administrator / Chief Financial Officer. Personnel Issues and sensitive personal issues were discussed with the first four candidates for these position

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Comm. Kovalcik – Congratulated Bob Davidson and Phyllis Strohmeyer on their smooth election.

Comm. Scarpa – Thanked the Recreation Committee on their hard work for Rochelle Park Day. Scarpa specifically thanked Committee member Bert Sneyer for her efforts. The Recreation Committee is currently planning the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled for December 4th at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building.

Comm. Scarpa thanked the Police Department for the efforts in maintaining a “calm” cabbage night (October 30th). He then saluted all veterans serving our nation.

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Comm. Lotz – Congratulated Comm. Strohmeier and newly elected Bob Davidson on their victory.

Comm. Strohmeier – advised that Rochelle Park Day was a successful event in spite of pending weather conditions. She commented how nice the addition to the Houghton Hall building looked. She thanked all the veterans for their service and saluted their hard work and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Valenzuela – A motion was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to appoint the following to the Rochelle Park Volunteer Fire Department. Steven Cassiello, Carolyn DeNuto as firemen and Nico Bersis as a junior member.

Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

Valenzuela advised that Rochelle Park Day was well attended. He echoed the sentiments of Comm. Scarpa giving special thanks to Bert Sneyer for her hard work. He then thanked the entire Recreation Committee for their hard work and advised that the new sign is up at Carlock Field and looks good. He thanked Acting Administrator De Maria for her assistance. Valenzuela attended the Veterans Day ceremony at the American Legion on Sunday, November 8, 2009 with Comm. Kovalcik and stressed the importance of the contribution the veterans to this country. He congratulated Comm. Strohmeier on her re-election and newly elected Committeeman Bob Davidson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Acting Administrator/Municipal Clerk De Maria – Congratulated Comm. Strohmeier and Bob Davidson on their successful election. She advised that Comm. Lotz’s recent retirement dinner was a lovely and well attended evening and reminded everyone that the municipal offices would be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

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

Mrs. Pinto – Rochelle Avenue – Asked the Township Committee to waive site plan approval for a new coffee shop tenant on the main floor of her building. The Committee advised Mrs. Pinto to speak with Construction Code Official Bolan for his direction. She agreed that she would speak with Mr. Bolan.

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to open the closed session. Motion carried on a voice vote- all voting “Aye”.

Closed Session

Administrator/CFO Interviews

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| Thomas Metzler | – 8:15pm – Administrator |
| William Wahl | - 8:30pm – Admin/CFO |
| Anthony Bianchi | - 8:45pm – CFO |
| Margaret Cherone | - 9:00 pm – CFO |
| Kelly Lombardi | - 9:15pm – CFO |

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk

