



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – October 21, 2009

Call to Order 7:32 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of October 21, 2009 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 7, 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 Police Chief Zavinsky

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting held September 16, 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote - all voting “Aye”

Proclamation

Wilbur J. Lotz Day – October 28th, 2009

Mayor Valenzuela read a proclamation to retiring Committeeman Lotz. He thanked him for his years of dedication and service to the residents of Rochelle Park.

Reports:

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

Resolutions:

At the Work Session held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 the following resolutions were offered by Comm. Lotz seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer and adopted on a roll call vote – all voting “Aye”.

Resolution #2009 – 196

A Resolution Awarding Bid – Landscape Project – Carlock Field to TJ Unlimited-\$9,210.00

Whereas, the Township Committee has previously authorized various contracts for the renovation and construction of Carlock Field; and

Whereas, the Municipal Arborist, William Comery and James Schmunk, DPW Lead Laborer have recommended certain landscaping services to be performed at this field; and

Whereas, specifications and requests for quotations have been prepared which solicited quotations for the work to be performed; and

Whereas, in response to the solicitation for quotations, three (3) quotations were received, as follows:

- TJ Unlimited, LLC \$ 9,210.00
- A. Perrone & Son, Inc. \$ 12,685.50
- Tree-Land Nursery, Inc. \$ 17,475.00; and

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Resolution #2009 – 198 (cont.)

Whereas, all bids were reviewed by Mr. Schmunk and Mr. Comery who have recommended the award of this contract based upon the lowest quotation to TJ Unlimited, LLC of Paramus, New Jersey; and

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since the amount of the contract does not exceed the applicable bid threshold.

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 TJ Unlimited, LLC of Paramus, New Jersey in the amount of \$9,210.00
2. The service is to be performed by this company will be in accordance with the specifications prepared and reviewed by the Municipal Arborist and DPW Lead Worker.
3. The award is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.
4. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this contract.

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 TJ Unlimited, LLC, PO Box 1607, Paramus, New Jersey 07653, the Township Attorney and Municipal Arborist William Comery.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 197

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 – 2008 Road Program

Whereas, the Township Committee has previously authorized various contracts for the renovation and construction of Carlock Field; and

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Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 198

A Resolution Awarding Contract – Sewer Relining – En-Tech Corporation - \$13,333.00

Whereas on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 quotations were received for the Relining of a portion of the Hahn Avenue Sanitary Sewer Line in the Township of Rochelle Park;

Whereas one (1) quotation was received, opened and read; and

Whereas the low quoter was EN-TECH Corporation, 304 Harrington Avenue, Closter, New Jersey 07624 for the quotation amount of \$13,333.00; and

Whereas, upon review of the quotation submitted, the Township Engineer has recommended that the contract be awarded to EN-TECH Corporation, 304 Harrington Avenue, Closter, New Jersey 07624; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the contract for the Relining of a portion of the Hahn Avenue Sanitary Sewer Line in the Township of Rochelle Park be awarded to EN-TECH Corporation, 304 Harrington Avenue, Closter, New Jersey 07624 for the quotation amount of \$13,333.00; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available from The General Capital Fund in the amount not to exceed \$13,333.00.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 199

A Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Balance – 14 Central Avenue

Whereas, Block 00029 Lot 0008 known as Mercury Rising R.P. Townhouse, LLC, located at 14 Central Avenue, has been subdivided and;

Whereas, 2008 taxes of \$859.41 shall be canceled due to the successful subdivision and no longer considered a taxable lot and;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Authority of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that approval to cancel 2008 taxes of \$859.41 are approved.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

The Consent Agenda was offered by Comm. Lotz seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and reads:

Resolution #2009 - 200

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – October 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 – 201

A Resolution - Authorizing Municipal Alliance Grant Proposal

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

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

Whereas, the Township Committee has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby recognize the following:

1. The Township Committee does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Rochelle Park Municipal Alliance grant for the calendar year 2009 in the amount of \$10,356.00.
2. The Township Committee acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 202

A Resolution – Filling Vacancy for Position of Chief Financial Officer – Roy Riggitano

Whereas, it is anticipated that a vacancy will soon exist in the position of Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, this vacancy was created as a result that MICHAEL MARINIELLO will leave the employment of the Township as of October 31, 2009; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has started the process of receiving resumes and conducting interviews which will ultimately result in the hiring of a permanent Chief Financial Officer; and

Whereas, while this process is ongoing the Township Committee has determined that an interim Chief Financial Officer should be appointed to fulfill all of the duties and responsibilities of that position; and

Whereas, ROY RIGGITANO of Paramus, New Jersey currently possess all of the licenses and experience which are necessary in order to fulfill the obligations of that position and has also served the Township of Rochelle Park in the capacity of Tax Collection; and

Whereas, ROY RIGGITANO has agreed to serve in the position as interim Chief Financial Officer starting on November 1, 2009 while a successor to MICHAEL MARINIELLO is hired.

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. ROY RIGGITANO of Paramus, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed as Interim Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. 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.
3. ROY RIGGITANO will be paid at the rate of \$2,132.00 for all services performed pursuant to this appointment.

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 ROY RIGGITANO of Paramus, New Jersey, the Township Attorney and the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 203

A Resolution – Acknowledging 2008 Annual Report of Audit

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

Whereas, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2008 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40a: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

Whereas, R.S. 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

Whereas, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations; and

Whereas, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled “Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

Whereas, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

Whereas, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

Whereas, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director

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(Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of the resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 204

A Resolution – Authorizing Change Order No. 5 – DPW Garage – \$4,152.36

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 Order No. 5 for an additional sanitary sewer manhole 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. 5 in the amount of \$4,152.36 be and is hereby approved;
2. As a result of the within Change Order, the total Contract price including this Change Order will be \$1,387,630.88
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 – 205

A Resolution – Authorizing Change Order No. 6 – DPW Garage - \$8,500.00

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 Order No. 6 for an additional sanitary sewer manhole 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. 6 in the amount of \$8,500.00 be and is hereby approved;
2. As a result of the within Change Order, the total Contract price including this Change Order will be \$1,396,130.88.
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.

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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 – 206

A Resolution – Authorizing Tax Lien – A9 Harvey Avenue

Whereas, the premises known as A9 Harvey Avenue, Rochelle Park, N.J., has not maintained the structure and the exterior property and;

Whereas, the said property was in a state of requiring immediate clean up of the premises as well as requiring extensive clean up; and

Whereas, said conditions violated 302.1 and 302.4 of the 2003 International Property Maintenance Code as well as other local and state codes, regulations and ordinances; and

Whereas, as a result of the violations, has caused the township of Rochelle Park to perform and complete the necessary clean up, as substantiated by the Construction Code Official, who deemed the property as not being properly maintained and;

Whereas, as a result of the foregoing, and in order to protect the health and safety of the residents of the Township of Rochelle Park engaged the Township to secure the clean up and perform the required work; and

Whereas, the Township completed the task at a cost of \$2,260.00 payable to the Township of Rochelle Park, Attention Brian Koenig, Superintendent, 151 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662.

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

1. The Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized and directed to impose a lien on the property located at A9 Harvey Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ in the amount of \$2,260.00 for clean up costs which were necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the residents of the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. The Township Attorney is directed to take any and all action which he deems necessary and appropriate to seek collection of those amounts.
3. The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park is hereby directed to forward all copies of all payment records, invoices, vouchers and bills incurred in connection with this matter to the Tax Collector in order to facilitate the imposition of the lien described herein.

Be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of the within Resolution to the homeowner known as A9 Harvey Avenue, Rochelle Park, N.J., Tax Collector, Township Attorney and Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Resolution #2009 – 207

A Resolution – Hearing and Adoption – Ord. #1012-09 – 2 Hour Parking

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 SECTION 180-57 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “SCHEDULE XVII: TIME LIMIT PARKING”**” be and it is hereby passed upon second and final reading and that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same according to law.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

No comments from the public

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

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

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm.

Strohmeyer and reads:

Resolution #2009 – 208

A Resolution – Hearing and Adoption – Ord. #1013-09 – Fire Prevention Fees

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 CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK TO PROVIDE FOR A “GENERAL PENALTY” FOR ALL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**” be and it is hereby passed upon second and final reading and that the Municipal Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to advertise the same according to law.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

No comments from the public

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer 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.

Scarpa and reads:

Resolution #2009 – 209

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes Of October 14, 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 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 October 14, 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.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – October 14, 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. First Student Bus Company - The Township Committee received a report from the Township Attorney and the Zoning Official regarding complaints received in connection with the First Student Bus Company operation. The Construction Official

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summarized the history of involvement with this property, its current use and previous attempts to resolve outstanding issues.

2. Personnel - The Township Committee discussed the hiring of a new Chief Financial Officer, on an interim basis, and scheduling of interviews for prospective permanent Chief Financial Officer applicants. The Township Committee also heard a presentation from the Chief of Police concerning personnel and staff issues within his department.

3. Litigation - The Township Attorney provided updates and status reports concerning pending litigation including Longo Electrical Mechanical, Inc. and Northern Park, LLC.

4. Route 17 Corridor Improvements - The Township Committee discussed possible options, including litigation in connection with the proposed widening of Route 17 and the loss of tax revenue to be caused by that proposed widening project.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Comm. Kovalcik – Encouraged everyone to attend Rochelle Park day being held on Saturday, October 31st. He wished all a happy and safe Halloween.

Comm. Scarpa – Regarding the “Halloween Holiday”, Scarpa provided the Township Committee with articles from other local municipalities citing a zero tolerance policy against property damage on “cabbage” night or Halloween night. He stated that in the future the Committee should discuss and put in place a curfew for both these nights. The DPW spends time and tax dollars cleaning up the messes made on these nights and he feels this is unnecessary.

Comm. Lotz – Thanked the Township Committee for the proclamation. He will continue to support the Committee if needed.

Police Report September - Motor Vehicle Accidents 37, Total Police Calls 1103, Total Summons Issued 317, Total Patrol Mileage 10200, Total Arrests 18

Municipal Court Report September – 342 Disposed

DPW September Report – Most time spent mowing lawns, secondly trimming trees, thirdly repairing catch basins – Total Hours 776

Comm. Strohmeier – Building September Report – Revenue collected - \$11,992.38.

Library September Report - Circulated items - 2102, Loaned – 482 , Borrowed -1207, New Cards Issued -27, Computer Usage -275 . Next year is the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the library. The Library board is busy planning interesting events for the upcoming celebration.

Mayor Valenzuela – Advised the residents that the Township Committee was actively searching for an Administrator/CFO. Roy Riggitano has been appointed interim Chief Financial Officer to begin November 1st, Mr. Riggitano has been serving in the position as part time tax collector for four years. Valenzuela advised that the Department of Transportation has selected Rochelle Park to receive a \$100,000 grant to re-surface West Oldis Street, from Berdan Street to Rochelle Avenue. The Mayor congratulated Comm. Lotz on his retirement and reminded everyone that October 28th, 2009 is Wilbur J. Lotz Day and of the dinner being held in Comm. Lotz’s honor t and to contact himself or Comm. Strohmeier for details.

Acting Administrator/Municipal Clerk De Maria – Advised that the landscape project at Carlock Field had been completed and a sign, which was being donated by the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus, would be ready and mounted before Rochelle Park Day on Saturday, October 31st. The DPW complex project is moving forward with a completion date either the end of October or early November. Ms. De Maria advised of a slight set-back in the project which had occurred earlier in the day, she thanked the DPW, Police Department, the Building Department and the Township Engineer for their support in rectifying the problem. All were reminded that Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. Also the Chestnut Avenue/Lincoln Drive project had been completed.

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

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Diane Davidson – 86 Lexington Avenue – Thanked the DPW for removal of a tree that had come down in a recent storm.

Cathy Mercandetti – 16 E. Forest Place – Asked if there were any plans available for viewing regarding the Rt. 17 widening project. Mayor Valenzuela explained that he, Comm. Strohmeier, Chief Zavinsky and Township Engineer Ken Job attended a preliminary meeting with the Bergen County Planner to discuss this project. There are no formal plans available as the project is in the planning stages. Valenzuela explained that the Township Committee would like the County Planner to attend a meeting of the Committee and residents at which all questions could be addressed at that time. Administrator De Maria advised that the planner had rejected invitations to recent meetings due to a lack of formal plans. Comm. Lotz voiced his objections to this project. Valenzuela advised that the Township Committee is totally against this project and they will make their voices heard but they will need the residents support.

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. Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk