



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

MINUTES – Special Meeting – January 23, 2008

Call to Order 7:00 PM

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting's Law. Notices of this meeting were faxed to the "Our Town" and "The Record" on January 17, 2008. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, web-site and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the aforementioned date. Notices on the bulleting board have remained continuously posted.

Roll Call

Comm. Jay Kovalcik
Comm. W. Lotz
Comm. P. Strohmeyer
Comm. F. Valenzuela
Mayor J. Scarpa

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Schmunk

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the agenda as amended adding the closed session. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting "Aye".

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to open the closed session. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting "Aye".

Discussion

DPW - Personnel

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

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

James Schmunk – Lead Laborer of the DPW – stated that he felt the hiring of the two previously selected DPW laborers would be an asset to the department.

Brian Koenig – DPW Superintendent – Expressed his feelings regarding the hiring of two new DPW workers. He felt he followed hiring procedures as instructed.

Comm. Valenzuela stated that he felt that a conflict of interest was present in the hiring process.

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to hire Rob Passarella and Brian Koenig, Jr. as DPW laborers. Motion carried on a roll call vote – "Ayes" Kovalcik, Lotz, Strohmeyer, "Nays" - Valenzuela, Scarpa

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk

