



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

MINUTES – Special Meeting – JUNE 25, 2009

Call to Order 7:35 PM

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were faxed to the “Our Town” and “The Record” on June 18, 2009. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building 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. J. Scarpa
Comm. P. Strohmeyer
Mayor F. Valenzuela - Absent

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rebecca Greene

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adopt the agenda as amended including adoption of the bond ordinance. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”

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

Resolution #2009 – 142

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1006-09 – Bond Ordinance – Various Public Improvement \$600,000

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 MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$600,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, 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 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. Kovalcik to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – “Ayes” Lotz, Kovalcik, Scarpa, Strohmeyer, “Nays” – None, Absent - Valenzuela

Resolutions:

Hearing on Amendment 2009 Municipal Budget

Deputy Mayor Strohmeyer recapped for the public previous budget discussions. She explained that the Township lost approximately \$21 million of the assessed value of some commercial properties due to tax appeals. Due to this issue, the tax increase already stood at a 3.3 point increase prior to beginning the budget process. Without

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increasing expenditures and due to the reduction in revenues an additional 4 points increase is required to balance the 2009 budget. CFO Mariniello provided the Township Committee with an additional revenue not previously included in the budget. The Township has an inter-local agreement with the Borough of Maywood for the purchase of gasoline. He projected a \$51,000 increase in revenues which should be included in the budget thus lowering the point increase slightly. Strohmeyer advised that this was a desperate situation and they are looking for any ways to reduce the budget and come in under 7 points. The Township Committee had previously discussed the laying off of two police dispatchers and the Police Chief's secretary. Police Capt. Flannelly explained certain overtime scenarios where a police officer would be utilized to fill the two empty dispatcher positions at a significant cost to the Township. He stated how important the dispatchers were to public safety. Comm. Lotz advised the Committee that he had been in contact with the DPW and the Police Department and they advised that their unions would possibly be interested in opening negotiations immediately. After a discussion, the Township Committee agreed to hold off eliminating the two dispatcher positions if the union representatives will meet with members of the Committee shortly to discuss possible givebacks.

2009 Budget – Deputy Mayor Strohmeyer asked for a motion to adopt the 2009 budget as amended. No motion was made. The Committee will discuss a second amendment prior to adoption of the 2009 Municipal Budget. Frank Di Maria, Municipal Auditor and the CFO stressed the urgency in adopting the 2009 budget. The cost to send out estimated bills has not been included in the budget and Township will shortly be experiencing cash flow difficulties without collection of taxes.

Since the budget was not adopted -

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

Resolution #2009-146

A Resolution Emergency to the Temporary Budget #5 2009

Whereas an emergency condition has arisen with respect to VARIOUS LINE ITEMS (see attached) and no adequate provisions have been made in the 2009 temporary budget for the purpose above mentioned, and

Whereas, the total emergency temporary resolution adopted in the year 2009 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, O.L. 1951 as amended) including this resolution total \$5,496,944.17.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20,

1. An emergency temporary appropriations be and the same is hereby made for the account listed in the amount of \$348,659.40

Inside CAP

20-1001	General Administration S/W	\$ 30,000.00
20-1002	General Administration O/E	5,000.00
20-1201	Municipal Clerk S/W	25,000.00
20-1552	Legal Services	5,000.00
25-2402	Police O/E	30,000.00
25-2522	Emergency Management O/E	2,000.00
25-2552	Aid to Volunteer Fire O/E	10,000.00
26-3102	Building & Grounds O/E	20,000.00
26-3152	Vehicle Maintenance O/E	20,000.00
28-3702	Recreation O/E	10,000.00
31-4452	Utilities/Water O/E	10,000.00
43-4902	Municipal Court O/E	<u>3,000.00</u>

Total Inside CAP \$170,000.00

Outside CAP

44-4022	Township of Saddle Brook/Gasoline	\$ 25,000.00
44-7714	Municipal Drug Alliance/Match Funds	2,000.00
44-9002	Capital Improvements	9,000.00
45-9252	Payment of BANS	93,449.68
45-9352	Interest on BANS	<u>49,209.72</u>

Outside CAP Sub Total \$ 178,659.40

Grand Total \$ 348,659.40

The Clerk is authorized and directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Division of Government Services.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – “Ayes” Lotz, Kovalcik, Scarpa, Strohmeyer, “Nays” – None, Absent - Valenzuela

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 present voting “Aye”.

Pete Donatello – 131 James Street – Advised the Township Committee that he fully understands the dilemma of the budget constrains the Township is facing. Mr. Donatello is a Mediator by profession and volunteered his assistance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk