



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – July 23, 2012

Call to Order 8:05 AM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of June 20, 2012 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 5, 2012 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. J. Ouellette - Absent
 Comm. J. Scarpa
 Comm. F. Valenzuela
 Mayor K. J. Kovalcik – Absent

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Schmunk

Comm. Scarpa 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. Valenzuela to adopt the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Valenzuela to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held June 20, 2012. Motion carried on roll call vote – “Aye’s” Davidson, Scarpa Abstain Valenzuela

Reports:

Health Department - June 2012
Municipal Court - June 2012
Attendance Report - June 2012
Building Department - June 2012

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

Resolution #2012 – 141

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – July 2012

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.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 142

A Resolution – Authorizing Raffle License – American Legion

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 #422-12 as presented by the ROCHELLE PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST #170 ID #427-07-00459 requesting permission to conduct an Off Premise Raffle on December 16, 2012 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution 2012 – 143

A Resolution – Amending Camp Counselors – 2012

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park recommended by the Recreation Commission that the following be appointed to the

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position of Camp Counselors at a rate of \$8.15 to \$14.25 per hour effective July 2, 2012 through August 10, 2012.

Andrew Kranich 26 Howard Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Christina Foschini 9 Durand Place Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Alyssa Meli 27 North Drive Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662
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Jenna Pressey 201 Howard Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Jaelyn Draney 38 Cedar Drive Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Nicole Schider 22 Chestnut Street Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662
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Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park recommended by the Recreation Commission that the following be appointed to the position of Camp Counselors at a rate of \$8.15 to \$14.25 per hour effective July 2, 2012 through August 10, 2012 pending background check approval.

Sara Mae Neary-Robert A10 Harvey Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Sean Summerville 105 Madison Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Anthony Izzo 14 E. Fairmount Avenue Maywood, N.J. 07607
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Brendan Summerville 105 Madison Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Brian Schneider 125 Howard Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Joseph Schider 22 Chestnut Street Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662
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George Gan
6 Hazley Court
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Alternate Counselors:

Michael McCarthy 11 Oldis Street Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Nicholas Darragh 66 Hahn Ave. Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662
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Brian Miastkowski 36 Susquehanna Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Michael Abolafia 15 Thiem Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662
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Elizabeth Bilka 7 Bennett Avenue Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662	Nick Komars 20 Forest Place Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662
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Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park recommended by the Recreation Commission that the following be appointed to the position of Camp Directors/Assistant Director at a rate of \$20.40 to \$22.45 per hour effective July 2, 2012 through August 10, 2012.

Kristy Csigi
73 W. Oldis Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 –144

A Resolution – Approving Conclusion of Probationary Period – Officer Christopher Rios

Whereas, on June 27th, 2012 the Township Committee, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, hired Christopher Rios as a Police Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park;

Whereas, said Resolution provided for a one (1) year probationary term under the supervision of the Chief of Police;

Whereas, prior to the end of said probationary term, Chief Flannelly was to submit a report with recommendations as to whether said probationary term had been successfully completed together with a recommendation as to conversion of the hiring to a permanent position;

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Whereas, Chief Flannelly has, in fact, reported to the Township Committee and recommended that Christopher Rios be hired on a permanent basis.

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. Police Officer Christopher Rios is hereby hired on a permanent basis after having successfully completed a one (1) year probationary term pursuant to Township Committee.
2. The conversion of Officer Rios probationary term to permanent hiring shall be deemed effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution but his hiring shall be effective as of June 27, 2012 and all time periods for determination of salary, seniority, etc. shall be effective as of that date.

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 Robert Flannelly, Officer Christopher Rios, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 - 145

A Resolution – Authorizing the Settlement of Tax Appeals – Stepan Company

Whereas, STEPAN COMPANY, owner of various properties located in both the Township of Rochelle Park and the Borough of Maywood; and

Whereas, these properties are part of the environmental Super Fund Site owned by the Stepan Chemical Company; and

Whereas, the owner of these properties has filed real estate tax appeals which have been pending since 2008; and

Whereas, the Township Attorney and Tax Assessor have conducted extensive investigation and negotiations regarding these appeals and have recommended the settlement of the same on the terms set forth in the enclosed Stipulations of Settlement

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 settlement of the real property tax appeals filed by Stepan Company be and are hereby authorized.
2. The terms of the settlement are as set forth on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.
3. The Township Attorney is authorized to execute the enclosed Stipulations of Settlement on behalf of the Township.
4. Any refunds which may be due shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the Stipulations of Settlement.

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 Law Office of Archer & Greiner, P.C., the Township Attorney and the Tax Assessor for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 –146

A Resolution – Authorizing Contract for Purchase of Telephone Equipment –
Extel Communications - \$14,180

Whereas, the Township Administrator has previously recommended to the Township Committee that the need exists for purchase of additional telephone equipment; and

Whereas, the Township Committee authorized, as a result of having received that recommendation, the solicitation of quotations for this acquisition; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator investigated such a purchase and has determined that the precise equipment needed was available pursuant to State Contract No. 80807 through Extel Communications of North Haledon, New Jersey; and

Whereas, the purchase of this equipment is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law since it is available through a state contract and the anticipated cost does not exceed the applicable bid threshold; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that sufficient funds exist for this purpose

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

1. A Contract be and is hereby awarded to Extel Communications for the purchase of telephone equipment.

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2. The equipment to be purchased is in accordance with the quotation received from Extel Communications, a copy of which is attached to this resolution and is in accordance with state contract No. 80807.
3. The total Contract price approved in this resolution is \$14,180.00.
4. 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 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, the Township Attorney and Extel Communications, Inc. of North Haledon, New Jersey

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 147

A Resolution – Authorizing Hiring of DPW Employee – Ronald Juliano

Whereas, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has requested that the Township Committee consider the hiring of a new employee due to the needs of his department; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has reviewed this request and agrees that it has become necessary to hire a new employee for that department; and

Whereas, this determination has been made based upon the Township Committee's assessment of current staffing needs; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park has confirmed that sufficient funds exist for this additional employee; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator and Township Committee have conducted interviews in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Township's personnel manual; and

Whereas, interviews of several employees were conducted at the June 13th meeting of the Township Committee; and

Whereas, one applicant for the position, RONALD JULIANO of Rochelle Park, New Jersey is one such applicant; and

Whereas, RONALD JULIANO of Rochelle Park, New Jersey possesses the qualifications and skills in order to fulfill the obligation of this position; and

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

1. Ronald Juliano of Rochelle Park, New Jersey is hereby extended a conditional offer of employment with the Township of Rochelle Park Department of Public Works.
2. This offer of employment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the required background check and compliance with all other terms and conditions of employment within the Municipality. .
3. If all requirements are satisfied, Ronald Juliano shall be hired on July 23, 2012 and he shall serve on a three (3) month probationary period. At the end of that probationary term, the Township Committee shall consider recommendations from his department head and any other pertinent factors in order to determine whether such appointment shall be made permanent. Converting the position to a permanent appointment shall rest within the sound discretion of the Township Committee which may agree to or decline to extend this appointment for any reason whatsoever provided that same does not violate the requirements of law.
4. The salary for this position shall be based upon the applicable salary ordinance but this employee shall start on the first step of the applicable salary guide.

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 Department of Public Works, the Personnel Department, the Chief Financial Officer and Ronald Juliano of Rochelle Park, New Jersey.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 148

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – July 18, 2012

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

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Whereas, pursuant to statute, the purpose of this Resolution is to disclose the information which was discussed in closed session on July 11, 2012 to the extent that said information can be disclosed without adversely affecting the Township or 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 - July 11, 2012

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. Zoning Map – The Township Attorney provided a summary of an open issue regarding the adoption of the Township Zoning Map and methods of correcting this issue.
2. DPW Garage – The Township Attorney provided a summary of the status of discussions with the bond agency regarding completion of the DPW building.
3. DPW Personnel – The Township Administrator reported concerning results of the background check for a potential DPW employee and the staffing needs of that Department.
4. Court Personnel – The Township Administrator has received a request from an employee regarding additional hours/benefits. This issue was briefly discussed with the Township Committee.
5. Township Administrator Position – The Township Committee conducted interviews of candidates for the position of Township Administrator.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

No member of the public spoke

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk