



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

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – November 19, 2012**

Call to Order 7:35 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of November 19, 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. M. Kazimir - Absent  
                  Comm. J. Ouellette  
                  Comm. J. Scarpa  
                  Comm. F. Valenzuela  
                  Mayor K. J. Kovalcik

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Teresa Cravello

Mayor Kovalcik 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. Ouellette to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Ouellette to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held October 17, 2012. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”

Reports:

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

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

Resolution #2012 –192

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – November 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. (SEE ATTACHED)

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 –193

A Resolution – Issuing Bingo License #428-12 to Knights of Columbus

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, State of New Jersey, that the application for Bingo License #428-12 as presented by the K of C Council #2842 SACRED HEART ID#427-6-35240 requesting permission to conduct Bingo on February 22, 23013 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 194

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #429–12 to American Legion Post #170

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 #429-12 as presented by the AMERICAN LEGION POST #170 ID#427-07-00459 requesting permission to conduct Instant Raffles in 2013 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 195

A Resolution – Introducing Ord. #1052 – 12 – Amending 2012 Salary Ordinance

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**TO AMEND ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARY OR RATE OF COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND TO ESTABLISH A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2012**” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading November 19, 2012 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on December 19, 2012 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

Resolution #2012 – 196

A Resolution – Authorizing Contract with Accutech Environmental Services, Inc.for Groundwater Testing – DPW

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park is required, every two years, to conduct groundwater testing in the area of the Rochelle Park DPW Garage located at 5 Lotz Land; and

Whereas, this requirement is as a result of the order from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and must be conducted every two years until such time as no groundwater contamination is revealed; and

Whereas, ACCU TECH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. of Keyport, New Jersey has previously conducted this analysis and the last groundwater sampling indicated that groundwater contamination is still present; and

Whereas, as a result of that determination, the biennial certification must be provided to the NJDEP; and

Whereas, ACCU TECH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES has provided a quotation for the performance of these services as set forth in their letter of October 9, 2012; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has recommended the acceptance of this proposal.

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

1. A Contract be and is hereby awarded to Accu Tech Environmental Services of Keyport, New Jersey
2. This Contract is in accordance with the proposal received from Accu Tech Environmental Services dated October 9, 2012 and shall be in the amount of \$2000.00 together with any costs for filing fees incurred by Accu Tech.
3. The award of this contract 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 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 Accu Tech Environmental Services, Inc. and the Chief Financial Officer.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 -197

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal – BSP Properties

PROPERTY OWNER:	BSP Properties	
ADDRESS:	188 West Passaic Street	
LOT:	18	
BLOCK:	95	
TAX COURT DOCKET NO:	009606-2010, 000949-2011, 002943-2012	
	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced/Settlement</u>
	<u>2010</u>	<u>Assessment 2010</u>
Land	\$ 826,000.00	\$ 826,000.00
Improvement	<u>\$1,246,900.00</u>	<u>\$1,246,900.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,072,900.00	\$1,885,000.00
PROPERTY OWNER:	BSP Properties	
ADDRESS:	188 West Passaic Street	
LOT:	18	
BLOCK:	95	
	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced/Settlement</u>
	<u>2010</u>	<u>Assessment 2010</u>
Land	\$ 826,000.00	\$ 826,000.00
Improvement	<u>\$1,246,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 959,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,072,900.00	\$1,785,000.00
PROPERTY OWNER:	BSP Properties	
ADDRESS:	188 West Passaic Street	
LOT:	18	
BLOCK:	95	
TAX COURT DOCKET NO:	002943-2012	

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	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Reduced/Settlement</u>
	<u>2010</u>	<u>Assessment 2010</u>
Land	\$ 826,000.00	\$ 826,000.00
Improvement	<u>\$1,246,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 959,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,072,900.00	\$1,785,000.00

Whereas, a real property tax appeal has been filed in connection with the above referenced property; and

Whereas, the within tax appeal has been reviewed by the Tax Assessor, Township Attorney as well as the Municipality’s Appeal Appraisal Export (if applicable); and

Whereas, all professionals have agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Municipality to enter into the settlement described above.

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 settlement of the above referenced real property tax appeal be and is hereby authorized.
2. The settlement shall be on the terms and conditions described above.
3. The Municipal attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents including a Stipulation of Settlement which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.
4. The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized and directed to amend the records of the Municipality to reflect the above referenced settlement.
5. All refunds due as a result of the settlement set forth herein shall be made payable to “Waters, McPherson, McNeill, PC, attorneys for Brogan Company and forwarded to Waters, McPherson, McNeill within 60 (sixty) days of the date of judgment.

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 Township Attorney and the Township Tax Assessor.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 198

A Resolution – Approving Conclusion of Probationary Term and conversion to Permanent Status – Ronald Juliano

Whereas, on July 23, 2012 the Township Committee, upon the recommendation of the DPW Superintendent, hired Ronald Juliano as a DPW Laborer for the Township of Rochelle Park;

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Whereas, said Resolution provided for a ninety day probationary term under the supervision of the DPW Superintendent;

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. DPW Laborer Ronald Juliano is hereby hired on a permanent basis after having successfully completed a 90 day probationary term pursuant to Township Committee.
2. The conversion of Ronald Juliano's probationary term to permanent hiring shall be deemed effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution but his hiring shall be effective as of October 1, 2011 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 DPW Superintendent Jim Schmunk, Ronald Juliano, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 199

A Resolution – Authorizing contract with Entech Corp. for Lining of Existing Sanitary Sewer

Whereas, the Township Engineer and Department of Public Works have recommended the CCTV Inspection and lining of an existing sanitary sewer line in the easement from Hobart Court to the Sprout Brook Pump Station; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has reviewed this request and agrees that this work must be completed; and

Whereas, the Township Engineer secured quotations for the performance of this project; and

Whereas, the Contract for this project may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since the anticipated cost will not exceed the applicable bid threshold; and

Whereas, one of the quotations received was from Entech Corp., 91 Ruckman Road, Closter, New Jersey, a company which is qualified to perform these services and has been approved by the Township Engineer; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

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

1. A Contract be and is hereby awarded to Entech Corp for the inspection and relining of an existing sanitary sewer and easement from Hobart Court to the Sprout Brook Pump Station.
2. This Contract shall be in accordance with the proposal submitted by Entech Corp dated October 26, 2012.
3. The total Contract price shall not exceed \$21,000.00 in accordance with the proposal submitted by Entech Corp.
4. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all vouchers, Contracts or invoices necessary in order to compete this project.

Now, therefore, be it 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 Township Engineer and Entech Corp

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 200

A Resolution – Authorizing Right of Way Agreement – Sunesys, LLC

Whereas, SUNESYS, INC. of Warington, Pennsylvania is a telecommunications service provider authorized by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to do business as a competitive local exchange company in the State of New Jersey; and

Whereas, SUNESYS has requested a Right of Way Agreement with the Township of Rochelle Park which would allow it to install fiber optic cabling on poles owned by Verizon and/or PSE&G and in underground conduit already installed in the public rights of way; and

Whereas, it is not anticipated that new poles or underground conduit would be required since existing infrastructure exists in order to accommodate these facilities; and

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Whereas, SUNESYS has also offered an annual payment in the amount of \$250.00 per mile as compensation for this agreement; and

Whereas, the Township Attorney and Township Administrator have reviewed the proposed Agreement from SUNESYS, INC. and recommend its approval based upon a review of the agreement and the applicable law and rulings of the Board of Public Utilities.

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. A Right of Way and Use Agreement of Sunesys, Inc. of Warrington, Pennsylvania is hereby authorized.
2. This Agreement shall be in the form provided by Sunesys, Inc. together with its correspondence of September 28, 2012.
3. The Township Administrator is authorized to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement and 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 the Township Attorney, the Department of Public Works, and Sunesys, Inc.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 201

A Resolution – In Support of A-3393 legislation to Protect Residential Property Taxpayers from the Loss of Telecommunications Tax Support

Whereas, in 1997, at the request of incumbent utilities, the laws regarding State taxation of telecommunications corporations were amended in response to technological and market innovations, in order to increase competition; and

Whereas, the amendments sought to preserve revenues to local governments by providing that local exchange telephone companies subject to the New Jersey Franchise and Gross Receipts Tax on April 1, 1997 would continue to be subject, annually, to the Business Personal Property Tax (“BPPT”); and

Whereas, the statute defines local exchange companies as those telecommunications carriers “providing dial tone and access to 51% of the local telephone exchange”; and

Whereas, Verizon’s self-serving interpretation of the statutory definition has let it to claim exemption from the BPPT in any municipality where the corporation unilaterally determines, in any given year, that it no longer supplies dial tone and access to at least 51% of the local telephone exchanges; and

Whereas, Hopewell Borough’s challenge to that claim was upheld by the Mercer County Board of Taxation in 2009; and

Whereas, Verizon’s appeal of that determination to the Tax Court resulted in a June, 2012 trial court decision accepting the corporation’s self-serving interpretation of the law; and

Whereas, as things now stand, over 100 municipalities know that they enter 2013 without BPPT revenues that will cost property taxpayers well in excess of \$8 million and, unless matters change, more municipalities will lose more millions in the future; and

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park may lose up to \$500,000.00 in anticipated annual revenue as a result of this determination.

Whereas, remedial legislation (A-3393) has been introduced by Assemblyman Ralph Caputo, which will clarify the perceived ambiguity of the statutory definition to further implement the original legislative intent to preserve revenues to local governments; and

Whereas, we anticipate the introduction of companion legislation by Senator Bob Smith, as soon as the Senate next convenes; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey commends Assemblyman Caputo and Senator Smith and strongly supports A-3393, which would clearly identify the telecommunications carriers subject to taxation on their business personal property and remove the budget uncertainty caused by Verizon’s obfuscation; and

Be it further resolved, that we urge our State Senator and our representative in the General Assembly to join as co-sponsors of A-3393 and its companion bill; and

Be it finally resolved, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Governor Chris Christie, the Honorable Speaker of the General Assembly Sheila Oliver, the Honorable President of the State Senate Stephen M. Sweeney, the Honorable Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, the Honorable Senate

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Republican Leader Thomas H. Kean, Jr., and our own State Senator and Representatives of the General Assembly, and to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 –202

A Resolution – Transfers within the 2012 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 2012 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:

	Account #	Appropriation From:	Appropriation To:
-	-	-	-
General Administration S & W	20-1001	\$54,000.00	
Tax Administration O & E	20-1502	\$15,000.00	
Worker Compensation Insurance O & E	23-2103	\$183,800.00	
Police Dispatchers	25-2411	\$44,265.66	
Police Crossing Guards	25-2413	\$25,000.00	
Town of Saddle Brook Gasoline	44-4022	\$20,000.00	
Borough of Maywood - Gasoline	44-4023	\$52,000.00	
Saddle brook Board of Ed - Gasoline	44-4024	\$16,000.00	
Interest on Bans	45-9352	\$44,130.28	
Mayor and Council O/E	20-1102		\$500.00
Financial S & W	20-1301		\$6,000.00
Financial O & E	20-1302		\$3,000.00
Audit Services	20-1352		\$3,500.00
Revenue Administration O & E	20-1452		\$1,500.00
Tax Administration S & W	20-1501		\$8,000.00
General Insurance O & E	23-2102		\$22,000.00
Emergency Management O & E	25-2522		\$500.00
Fire Prevention S & W	25-2651		\$17,500.00
Celebration of Public Events	30-4202		\$1,500.00
Code Enforcement S & W	31-1951		\$37,000.00
Utilities Street Lights	31-4302		\$70,000.00
Utilities Telephones	31-4402		\$9,000.00
Utilities Gasoline	31-4602		\$145,000.00
Reserve for Tax Appeals	43-5051		\$4,000.00
Sewerage Processing O & E	43-5060		\$51,000.00
Twsp of Washington - Health	44-4025		\$17,500.00
Municipal Drug Alliance	44-7704		\$10,040.94
Municipal Drug Alliance	44-7714		\$1,655.00
Deferred Charges	46-8750		\$45,000.00
-	-	-	-
		\$454,195.94	\$454,195.94
		\$0.00	

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 203

A Resolution – A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – November 14, 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

Whereas, pursuant to statute, the purpose of this Resolution is to disclose the information which was discussed in closed session on November 14, 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 - November 14, 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. DPW Negotiations – The Township Administrator provided the Township Committee with an update regarding the status of negotiations with the Collective Bargaining Unit which represents the DPW workers. It was determined that the Township Administrator and the liaison to the Department of Public Works would meet in order to determine the bargaining position of the Municipality.
2. Fire Department/Ambulance Corp- Possible Disciplinary Proceedings The Township Attorney and Township Administrator provided the Township Committee with a summary of the procedures to be utilized in connection with the handling of disciplinary matters within the volunteer Ambulance Corps and volunteer Fire Department. The Township Committee also reviewed correspondence which had been received in connection with possible disciplinary action within these two departments.
3. Municipal Court – The Municipal Court Administrator appeared before the Township Committee in order to discuss personnel needs within her department in view of recent changes which included the discharge of a part time employee for failure to comply with the Township’s background check requirements.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 204

A Resolution – Appointing Planning Board Member – Class III – Michael Kazimir

Be it further resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Michael Kazimir of 114 Hazley Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662, is hereby appointed as a member of the Planning Board under the Class III designation for a term of one year, effective November 19, 2012.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2012 – 205

A Resolution – Authorizing the Issuance of Request for Qualifications for Professional Services

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

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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
- Municipal Prosecutor
- Municipal Public Defender
- Township Architect
- Revaluation Company
- Tax Appeal Expert Witness (Appraiser)
- Township Redevelopment Planner
- Planning Board Attorney
- Board of Adjustment Attorney

2. These requests for qualifications shall solicit submissions which shall be due at 3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2011.
3. Appointments to this professional position shall be considered at the reorganization meeting scheduled for January 4, 2012.
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.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Comm. Scarpa – Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He was grateful that Rochelle Park had survived Hurricane Sandy without suffering any losses.

Comm. Valenzuela – Congratulated Michael Kazimir and Jayme Ouellette on their election and re-election to the Township Committee. He also congratulated Debbie Leakas and Jay Esposito on their re-election to the Board of Education.

Fire Department October Report – 38 Calls. Comm. Valenzuela recognized all the departments who were standing by if Hurricane Sandy had devastated the Township. We were very fortunate to have not been impacted by the Hurricane which allowed Rochelle Park to assist neighboring municipalities such as Moonachie and Little Ferry who were not as fortunate. He stated that we have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season. He wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Valenzuela advised that he had attended the Veteran’s Day ceremony along with several Committee members. He thanked the American Legion for their continuous support.

Comm. Scarpa advised that some of the plaques surrounding the memorial at Midland School need refurbishing.

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Comm. Valenzuela advised that this refurbishing possibly could take place when the 9-1-1 memorial is placed at this location.

Comm. Ouellette wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She thanked all the departments for their readiness during the Hurricane. It was a great sense of community.

Administrator Davidson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as this is a time to enjoy families. He advised that he had attended his first FEMA meeting and would keep everyone apprised of his progress. He then wished the Marine Corp. and happy birthday.

Municipal Clerk De Maria –wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She thanked OEM for their preparedness.

Comm. Scarpa thanked Diane Davidson for decorating the municipal building.

Mayor Kovalcik – Recognized the great community spirit in the Township. He also thanked the American Legion for the support year after year. He thanked Commander Salvini for his hard work and dedication. Kovalcik wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to enjoy this time of year.

Comm. Valenzuela reminded everyone that the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony would be held on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center.

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

Samantha Schmunk – 14 Prospect Avenue – Asked if the Committee was considering closing the library shortly. She was advised that the Township Committee is in talks with Maywood to enter into a shared service agreement. The Committee would only enter into an agreement if it saved taxpayer dollars.

Sam Allos – 107 Parkway – Suggested that the Township purchase generator wholesale to sell to the residents. He was advised that they would take his suggestion under consideration.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria  
Municipal Clerk