



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – March 20, 2013

Call to Order 7:30 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of March 20, 2013 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 8, 2013 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. Ouellette - Absent
 Comm. Kazimir
 Comm. Kovalcik
 Comm. Valenzuela
 Mayor Scarpa

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Helene Reiner
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. Kazimir and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik 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. Kazimir to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting and Health Department Meeting held February 20, 2013. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”

Reports:
 Health Department - February 2013
 Municipal Court - February 2013
 Building Department - February 2013

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

Resolution #2013 – 66
A Resolution – Payment of Bills – March 2013

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 #2013 – 67 –
Resolution – Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal – Suburban
Associates/Mack

PROPERTY OWNER:	Suburban Associates c/o Mack	
ADDRESS:	370 West Passaic Street	
LOT:	3	
BLOCK:	102	
TAX COURT DOCKET NO:	010740-2010	
	Original Assessment	Reduced/Settlement
Land	\$1,227,900.00	\$1,227,900.00
Improvements	<u>\$2,888,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,672,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,116,100.00	\$3,900,000.00

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

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. Contract is hereby authorized with Appraisal Systems, Inc. of Glen Rock, New Jersey for the preparation of an appraisal report and assistance in connection with the defense of the above referenced real property tax appeal. .
2. The fee for the report shall be in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 together with \$100.00 per hour for attendance at conferences and Court appearances.
3. The award of this contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park 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 Appraisal Systems, Inc., the Township Attorney and the office of the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 70

A Resolution – Approving Transfers within the 2013 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 2013 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:
Streets and Roads S&W	26-2901	\$45,000.00	
Social Security Taxes	36-4722	\$46,050.00	
General Insurance O/E	23-2102		\$76,000.00
Emergency Management O/E	25-2522		\$ 1,400.00
Streets & Roads O/E	26-2902		\$ 2,000.00
Solid Waste collection	26-3052		\$ 8,500.00
Buildings & Grounds O/E	26-3102		\$ 300.00
Library O/E	43-6902		\$ 2,400.00
Municipal Drug Alliance	44-7714		\$ 450.00
Total		\$91,050.00	\$91,050.00

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 71

A Resolution – Appointing Deputy Registrar – Robert Davidson

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Robert Davidson of 86 Lexington Avenue, Rochelle Park 07662 be appointed as Deputy Registrar through December 31, 2013. Salary shall be in accordance with the salary ordinance.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 72

A Resolution – Awarding Contract MacKenzie Automatic Doors – \$14,475.00

Whereas, the Municipal building located at 151 West Passaic Street requires repairs, upgrades and renovation of various automatic doors; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has recommended the solicitation of quotations for these necessary repairs; and

Whereas, there are funds available through a community development grant for this Contract; and

Whereas, as a result of having made that determination, the Township Administrator solicited quotations for this project; and

Whereas, the lowest responsible quotation received was from MacKenzie Automatic Doors, Inc. of Garwood, New Jersey; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has reviewed the quotation submitted and believes that it is in the best interest of the Municipality to award a Contract to this company; and

Whereas, the award of this Contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds are available for this purpose through a community development grant; and

Whereas, this Contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is in an amount which 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 awarded to MacKenzie Automatic Doors in accordance with their proposal, attached hereto, dated November 19, 2012.
2. The terms, conditions and obligations set forth in the attached proposal shall control except as modified in this resolution.
3. There shall be no payment upon acceptance of the proposal but total payment shall be made upon satisfactorily completion of this job.
4. The total amount of this Contract shall be in an amount of \$12,475.00 plus and additional \$2,000.00 for electrician services.
5. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute any invoices, Contract, vouchers or other documents which may be necessary in order to facilitate 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 MacKenzie Automatic Doors, Inc., the Township Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest:

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 - 73

A Resolution – Opposing Senate Bills S-2364 & A3553 – Early Voting in New Jersey

Whereas, Senate Bill S-2364 and Assembly Bill A3553 propose to create a system of early voting in the State of New Jersey; and

Whereas, the goal of accommodating voters in pursuit of greater participation in the democratic process is a worthy goal; and

Whereas, these bills would in reality increase workloads, add more costs to the election process, and ultimately serve to confuse voters more than it would accommodate their needs; and

Whereas, these bills would require for each primary and general election a public facility, except a public school, located in each municipality in an area of a high concentration of population to be open and available to registered voters starting 15 days before an election for early polling, possibly conflicting with if not pushing out other important uses for these buildings, causing inconvenience to residents; and

Whereas, these bills require retraining of poll workers and dramatically increased hours, as well as chain of custody requirements to protect the voting process, despite the fact that recruiting and training polls workers is already a difficult process; and

Whereas, these bills would increase costs to municipalities, including overtime pay for workers; and

Whereas, although these bills allow municipalities to request reimbursement for extra costs and provide an appropriation, the appropriation does not outline a specific amount nor dedicated funding, only that which the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting deem necessary, and they do not outline the procedure for a municipality whose reimbursement request is denied; and

Whereas, the opportunity for “Early Voting” already exists in the State of New Jersey through the Vote by Mail ballot process.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that governing body of the Township of Rochelle Park in the County of Bergen does hereby oppose S2364 and A3553; and

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 74

A Resolution – Authorizing Payment Pursuant to the Municipal Services Act – 241 Passaic Associates, LLC

Whereas, pursuant to Resolution No. 2008-39, a settlement was reached and a reimbursement agreement was entered into with 241 Passaic Associates, LLC which provided for reimbursement of certain expenses under the Municipal Services Act; and

Whereas, the settlement agreement provided, *inter alia*, for reimbursement based upon the Township's total annual dumping fees divided by the number of residential properties within the Municipality times the number of units at this property (40); and

Whereas, the Township Administrator and Township Attorney have now performed the necessary calculations for the calendar year 2012 reimbursements;

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 reimbursement for Municipal Services be and is hereby authorized to 241 Passaic Street Associates, LLC.
2. The amount of this payment, for 2012, shall be \$2,130.80 which has been calculated pursuant to the formula set forth in the aforementioned settlement resolution and reimbursement agreement
3. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to take any steps which may be necessary in order to disburse the above payment to the property owner in furtherance of the terms 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 the Township Attorney, 241 Passaic Street, LLC and the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 75

A Resolution – Authorizing Payment Pursuant to the Municipal Services Act – Windsor Court

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of New Jersey State Law, all municipalities in the State of New Jersey are obligated to either provide solid waste collection and disposal services for condominium properties or to reimburse those properties for all or a portion of the costs associated with private services; and

Whereas, the Windsor Court Condominium is a condominium residence located at 175 Rochelle Avenue; and

Whereas, a request has been made by the management company of this condominium project for reimbursement of a portion of the cost of those services; and

Whereas, the Township has determined that it would be necessary and appropriate to apply the same formula for reimbursement as has been applied to other similar projects within the Township; and

Whereas, the calculation has now been completed for 2012

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 total reimbursement pursuant to the Municipal Services Act for 2012 shall be \$4,878.40.
2. The same calculation shall be utilized for all subsequent years
3. Payment of this amount 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 for the Township of Rochelle Park, the Township Attorney and Windsor Court Condominiums,

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 76

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal – 370 W. Passaic Street

PROPERTY OWNER: Property Leasing Company, LLC
ADDRESS: 370 West Passaic Street

LOT: 3
 BLOCK: 102
 TAX COURT DOCKET NO:011028-2011

	Original Assessment 2011	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2011
Land	\$1,227,900.00	\$1,227,900.00
Improvements	\$2,881,900.00	\$2,572,100.00
TOTAL	\$4,116,000.00	\$3,800,000.00

TAX COURT DOCKET NO:,007587-2012

	Original Assessment 2011	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2011
Land	\$1,227,900.00	\$1,227,900.00
Improvements	\$2,881,900.00	\$2,572,100.00
TOTAL	\$4,116,000.00	\$3,800,000.00

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 Expert. (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 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 “Winne, Banta, Hetherington, Basralian & Kahn, PC, attorneys for Property Leasing Company, LLC and forwarded to Winne, Banta, Hetherington, Basralian & Kahn, PC 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 #2013 – 77

A Resolution – Introduction 2013 Municipal Budget

(See Attached)

Resolution #2013 – 78

A Resolution – Authorization to Make Annual LOSAP Payment

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, has adopted a resolution implementing Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP), pursuant to Section 457 (e)(11)(13) of the Internal Service Code of 1986 and;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and has forwarded certified lists to the Township Committee to disclose Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. recipients who have met the minimum requirements to receive such funds and;

Whereas, a certified list containing the names of the recipients are attached to this resolution in which the auditors have recommended in the audit that this list be available for review in the form of a resolution;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Chief Financial Officer, has certified funds are available in the 2011 appropriation reserve, totaling \$20,550.00 including Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corp., and has further audited the documents submitted by the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. and has determined that the documents meet the intent of the 2012 audit requirements.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 83

A Resolution – A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – March 13, 2013

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 March 13, 2013 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 - March 13, 2013

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. **Personnel** - The Township Committee discussed the personnel needs in connection with the Rochelle Park Library and, in addition, conducted interviews with candidates for the position of Library Director.
2. **Personnel** - The Township Administrator and Committee members provided the Township of an update on the hiring process for various positions including Court personnel, construction subcode and electrical inspector.
3. **Litigation/Personnel** – The Township Attorney provided the Committee with an update regarding Personnel/Disciplinary matters within the Rochelle Park Fire Department as well as in connection with the DPW garage project.

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

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

Resolution #2013 - 79

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1055-13 – Rules and Regulations – Police Department

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 CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK TO INCORPORATE THE “RULES AND REGULATIONS” OF THE DEPARTMENT**” 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. Valenzuela and seconded by Mayor Scarpa to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

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

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

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kazimir and reads:

Resolution #2013 – 80

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1056 – 13 - Salary Ordinance DPW

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARY OR RATE OF COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND TO ESTABLISH A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2013, 2014 AND 2015**” 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. Valenzuela and seconded by Mayor Scarpa to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

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

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

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

Resolution #2013 – 81

A Resolution - Hearing & Adoption COLA Ordinance - #1057-13 – Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish A CAP Bank

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**” 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. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

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

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

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

Resolution #2013 – 82

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ordinance #1058-13 – Fire Department Ordinance Amendment

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 CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “FIRE DEPARTMENT”**” 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. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

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

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

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

Comm. Kovalcik – Updated the residents on the status of the 2013 Summerfest Concert. The date will be Thursday, August 22nd, the band will be named at a later date.

Comm. Valenzuela – Advised that the Administrator and Township Committee representatives continue to interview candidates for the vacant Construction Code Official position. They have interviewed many good candidates. Regarding interim Construction Code Official Nick Melfi, he praised his good work. Mr. Melfi has written many violations, also addressing Prestige Auto’s many issues. He acknowledged the DPW for their hard work clearing the roads during a recent snow event. Valenzuela also thanked the DPW for their assistance in smoothing clay on the baseball field at Midland School, weather permitting.

Comm. Kazimir – Advised that the Recreation Department is holding their Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Matthew’s Field on Saturday, March 23rd at 10:00 AM sharp. The rain date is Saturday, March 30th. Bring your cameras and bunny ears.

Mayor Scarpa – Advised that regarding the 2013 Municipal Budget, there would be a zero increase on the municipal level.

Mayor Scarpa appointed Katherine Baccala as Alternate #1 - Zoning Board Appointment

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

Brian Cronin – 53 Rochelle Avenue – Asked information regarding a letter received from the Bergen County Engineering Department about the construction of a bridge on Rochelle Avenue/Essex Street. Administrator Davidson advised that land acquisitions had been done previously and that this project is in the early stages. Mr. Cronin asked about the installation of sound barriers. He was informed that sound barriers are always an important topic in Rochelle Park. Mr. Cronin then requested clarification from the Township Committee regarding an article in the Our Town newspaper stating that the Committee would like to turn Carlock Field into a “sports complex”. The Township Committee, not having a copy of the article, responded that it was never their intention to turn the field into a “sports complex”. Mr. Cronin feels that the needs and requests from various sports entities were not addressed regarding the renovation of Carlock field. He also does not feel that the Township engineer took any of the requests into consideration. The Administrator advised Mr. Cronin that foul poles are being installed and the field will be wider. The Committee was in agreement not to remove trees, relocate the playground equipment and move the field closer to residents. Comm. Valenzuela asked Comm. Kazimir, liaison to the Recreation Committee, approximately how many meetings were held to discuss the Carlock Field renovation. Kazimir advised that numerous meetings were held and requests taken into consideration. The renovation plan decided on better fit the parameters of all residents of Rochelle Park. While the field was under renovation conduits were installed possibly utilizing lighting in the future.

Steve Every – 21 Lexington Avenue – Advised not to be late for the Easter Egg Hunt. He stated how much pride he has in Rochelle Park, he has served on many various boards and committee’s over the years. Mr. Every spoke regarding the renovation of Carlock Field. He feels the Township Committee should reconsider the current plan, removing trees and possibly contacting residents neighboring the field to ask their opinions. He would like to know if grants could be obtained. He feels the current field project is being “rubber stamped”. Mayor Scarpa agreed with Mr. Every regarding the possibility of grants and bidding of the project. He advised that the grant process commences in November with a start date in 2014, this is a matching grant. Comm. Kovalcik spoke regarding the time line of the project and original scope. Mr. Every was not happy with

what he felt were some “untruths” told by the Township Engineer. The Committee agreed to meet with the engineer to discuss these issues. Mr. Every would like to see Carlock Field as a great gathering place to be used by small children through high school age.

Vic LaPira – 104 Forest Place – President of Rochelle Park Soccer – Thanked the Township Committee for their communications and coordination of the Carlock Field renovations. He would appreciate a larger field that would accommodate all ages. Comm. Kovalcik asked the ages of groups currently utilizing the field. Mr. LaPira advised that the younger children were using the field as it is too small for the older children. He asked the Committee to reconsider enlarging the field and possibly to install permanent lighting.

Lorraine Moran - 104 Parkway – Advised that she had come before the Township Committee in December regarding posted two hour parking in her neighborhood. She stated that she was upset that visitors to her home received two parking tickets. She also complained about the consistency of the ticketing. Chief Flannelly advised that once an ordinance is put in place, the law cannot exclude one or two people. Comm. Valenzuela suggested issuing visitor passes. The Township Committee agreed to revisit this issue at the next work session including the Police Chief in the discussion.

Douglas Ydrovo - 37 Crescent Street – Asked who maintained the clay at Carlock Field. He was informed that the DPW would be handling the maintenance. Administrator Davidson advised that keeping the time frame of the renovation in mind, he would order the clay and have the DPW install for softball’s opening day of April 13th.

Anthony Della-Sala - 169 W. Oldis – Thanked the Township Committee and advised that we need to work together as a team to do the right thing for the various sports entities. He also informed the Township Committee that more bleachers were needed to keep people safe. Mayor Scarpa advised that the Recreation Committee should have requested bleachers during the budget discussions. They will discuss this request at a later date.

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

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

Resolution #CS-3A 2013

A Resolution – Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to exclude the public from a public meeting in certain circumstances, and

Whereas, the Rochelle Park Township Committee is of the opinion that such circumstances now exist.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey that a Closed Session is hereby called at 8:50 PM on March 20, 2013 to discuss matters as permitted by law:

- _____ Matters, which by express provisions of Federal Law or state statute, shall be rendered confidential.
- _____ Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
- _____ Matters, which if disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- _____ Collective bargaining agreements or negotiations therefore with public employees and/or their representatives.
- _____ Matters involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates, or the investment of public funds where the disclosure could adversely affect the public interest.
- _____ Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public or any investigation of violations or possible violations of the law.
- X Pending or anticipated Litigation or contract negotiations in which the Township may become a party.

_____ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as lawyer.

_____ Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination or employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation, promotions, or disciplinary action of any specific current or prospective public employee(s), unless all the individual(s)

_____ Deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a party as a result of the actions of the party.

Be it further resolved that the matters so discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible and to the extent that such disclosure can be made without adversely affecting the public interest or without violation of the confidentiality of personnel.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Closed Session
Library Personnel

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to close the closed session. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

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

The Township Committee discussed the hiring of new library director Nichole Williams.

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

Resolution #2013-84

A Resolution – Authorizing conditional Officer of Employment – Library Director – Nicole Williams

Whereas, the Director of the Rochelle Park Library retired recently; and

Whereas, as a result of that retirement, it became necessary to hire a replacement in the position of Director of the Rochelle Park Library; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator together with the temporary/interim library director solicited applications for this position; and

Whereas, a number of applications were received and, as a result, three candidates were presented to the Township Committee for consideration; and

Whereas, the Township Committee conducted interviews of the three final candidates for the position; and

Whereas, one of the candidates for the position was NICOLE N. WILLIAMS; and

Whereas, at the conclusion of the interviews, the Township Committee discussed the candidates and determined that NICOLE N. WILLIAMS was the most qualified and most acceptable candidate; and

Whereas, the Township Committee, therefore, wishes to make a conditional offer of employment to NICOLE N. WILLIAMS.

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 conditional offer of employment for the position of Director of the Rochelle Park be and is hereby extended to NICOLE N. WILLIAMS.
2. This conditional offer of employment shall be subject to completion of required background check.
3. The conditional offer of employment shall also provide for a annual salary of \$60,000.00 which shall be prorated for 2013.
4. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to take any action which may be necessary in order to facilitate this conditional offer of employment.

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 NICOLE N. WILLIAMS, as well as the Rochelle Park Library Board, the Personnel Department and the Township Administrator.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Minutes of the Public Meeting held March 20, 2013 cont.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk