



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – November 13, 2013

Call to Order 7:30 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of November 13, 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
 Comm. Kazimir - Absent
 Comm. Kovalcik
 Comm. Valenzuela
 Mayor Scarpa - Absent

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Robert Flannelly
Deputy Mayor Kovalcik asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the military

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 16, 2013. Motion carried on a voice vote –

Proclamation
 Pancreatic Cancer

Deputy Mayor Kovalcik advised that the Township was in receipt of an award from AAA regarding a traffic safety program. Administrator Davidson thanked the Police Department for a great job, they are the reason Rochelle Park received this award.

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

Resolutions:

At the Work Session held on November 6, 2013 the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolution #2013 – 182

A Resolution Endorsing and Supporting Rochelle Avenue/Railroad Avenue Intersection Improvement

Whereas, the County of Bergen has proposed and planned an improvement to the Rochelle Avenue/Railroad Avenue intersection; and

Whereas, this project has been under review, consideration and planning for several years; and

Whereas, the Township Committee believes that this project will be in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of the Township; and

Whereas, the Township Committee wishes to formally express its support for this project

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that it hereby expresses its support for the Rochelle Avenue/Railroad Avenue Intersection Improvement Project by the County of Bergen; and

Resolution #2013 – 182 (cont.)

Be it further resolved, that the Township requests that the County of Bergen take any and all necessary action in order to support this project;

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 Office of the County Executive, the Office of the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Bergen County Department of Engineering.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 183

A Resolution to Approve 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 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:
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Worker Insurance Other Expenses	23-2103	\$183,779.49	
Health Insurance Other Expenses	23-2202	\$59,960.39	
Police Salary and Wages	25-2401	\$50,000.00	
Public Health Services Salary and Wages	27-3301	\$45,000.00	
Code Enforcement Salary and Wages	31-1951	\$10,000.00	
Police Dispatchers	25-2411	\$10,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	45-9302	\$81,125.00	
Revenue Administration Salary and Wages	20-1451	\$15,000.00	
Revenue Administration Other Expenses	20-1452	\$5,000.00	
Tax Assessment Admin Other Expenses	20-1502	\$14,000.00	
Social Security	36-4722	\$35,000.00	
		Appropriation From:	Appropriation To:
Social Security Taxes	36-4722		
General Administration Salary and Wages	20-1001		\$12,000.00
Financial Administration Salary and Wages	20-1301		\$10,000.00
Tax Assessment Salary and Wages	20-1501		\$8,000.00
Legal Services Other Expenses	20-1552		\$15,000.00
Zoning Board Other Expenses	21-1852		\$1,000.00
General Insurance Other Expenses	23-2102		\$110,000.00
Fire Prevention Other Expenses	25-2652		\$10,000.00
Solid Waste Collection	26-3052		\$120,000.00
Buildings and Grounds Other Expenses	26-3102		\$2,500.00
Health Services Other Expenses	27-3302		\$500.00
Recreation Other Expenses	28-3702		\$6,000.00
Celebration of Public Events	30-4202		\$5,000.00
Utilities and Water	314452		\$3,000.00
Utilities Gasoline	31-4602		\$60,000.00
Payment of Bonds	45-9202		\$139,000.00
Municipal Drug Alliance	44-7704		\$5,340.88
Municipal Drug Alliance	44-7714		\$1,524.00

Resolution 2013 – 183(cont.)

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		\$508,864.88	\$508,864.88
		\$0.00	

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 184

A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Planning Board of the Township of Rochelle Park to Examine and Conduct a Preliminary Investigation as to Whether or not Certain Properties Should be Determined to be a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area Pursuant to NJSA 40A: 12-6. Additionally the Planning Board Shall Review the Study Area and its Environs to Determine Whether the Area is Part of an Area in Need of Rehabilitation Pursuant to NJSA 40A: 12A-14.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park is aware that the properties identified on the attached map and property list may be in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law; and

Whereas, the Township Committee desires that the Planning Board undertake an examination and preliminary investigation as to whether the properties identified on the attached map and property list may be deemed an “area in need of redevelopment.”

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined that the Planning Board shall study the area as a “non-condemnation redevelopment area” pursuant to NJSA 40A: 12A-6(b); and

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined the properties identified on the attached map and property list may be part of an “area in need of rehabilitation” pursuant to NJSA 40A: 12A- 14; and

Now therefore, be and is hereby resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the Planning Board of the Township of Rochelle Park is hereby directed and authorized to examine whether the lands identified on the attached map and property list should be considered as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area.

Be it further resolved, that the Planning Board of the Township of Rochelle Park is also authorized to examine whether the properties shown on the attached map and property list and the area surrounding those parcels qualifies as an “area in need of rehabilitation.”

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Resolution #2013 – 185

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – November 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 – 186

A Resolution – Authorizing an Agreement w/Bergen County Dept. of Health Services – Health Services

Whereas, exists a need for the Township of Rochelle Park to provide State mandated Health Services of a technical and professional nature; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services can provide duly qualified personnel to carry out these public Health Services and has agreed to begins on January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and

Whereas, the contract amount shall be \$34,077.30, as indicated in the terms of the agreement and funds will be made available for this purpose and it has been certified that this meets the statutes and regulations concerning the awarding of said contract;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that, the Mayor and Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to perform said services of a professional nature for the period of January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013 as per the attached contract.

Resolution #2013 – 186 (cont.)

This contract shall provide the following services to the Township of Rochelle Park: Public Health Infrastructure /Health Officer
Registered Environmental Health Specialist
Blood Borne Pathogen Program
REHS (Sanitarian)
Animal Control

This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2).

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 187

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #437-13 – 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 #437-13 as presented by the AMERICAN LEGION POST #170 ID#427-07-00459 requesting permission to conduct Instant Raffles in 2014 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 188

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #438-13 – 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 #438-13 as presented by the AMERICAN LEGION POST #170 ID#427-07-00459 requesting permission to conduct 50/50 Raffle on February 16, 2014 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 189

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #439-13 – 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 #439-13 as presented by the AMERICAN LEGION POST #170 ID#427-07-00459 requesting permission to conduct Calendar Raffle for March, April and May of 2014 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 190

A Resolution – Authorizing Expenditure on Behalf of Rochelle Park Soccer Program

Whereas, the Rochelle Park Soccer Program is an organization located with the Township of Rochelle Park which organizes and manages the Youth Soccer Program within the Municipality; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has received a request from this Program for a partial reimbursement of expenses which are incurred in order to run the program; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of the Township of Rochelle Park to agree to such a reimbursement;

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. An expenditure in the amount of \$750 is hereby authorized on behalf of the Rochelle Park Youth Soccer Program.
2. This amount shall be paid directly to New Jersey Youth Soccer, 569 Abbington Road, Suite 5, East Windsor, New Jersey 08520 and shall be for registration expenses.
3. The expenditure set forth herein 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 for forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Rochelle Park Soccer Program, the Chief Financial Officer and Township Administrator.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 191

A Resolution – Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement - GLF 161 W. Passaic St.

PROPERTY OWNER: GLF REALTY CO INC
 ADDRESS: 161 W Passaic Street
 LOT: 1
 BLOCK: 80.01
 TAX COURT DOCKET NO:004263-2011

	Original Assessment 2011	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2011
Land	\$1,928,200.00	\$1,928,200.00
Improvements	\$ 140,600.00	\$ 140,600.00
TOTAL	\$2,068,800.00	\$2,068,800.00

TAX COURT DOCKET NO:,004410-2012

	Original Assessment 2012	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2012
Land	\$1,928,200.00	\$1,928,200.00
Improvements	\$ 140,600.00	\$ 71,800.00
TOTAL	\$2,068,800.00	\$2,000,000.00

TAX COURT DOCKET NO:,000688-2013

	Original Assessment 2013	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2013
Land	\$1,928,200.00	\$1,750,000.00
Improvements	\$ 140,600.00	\$
TOTAL	\$2,068,800.00	\$1,750,000.00

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 “Schneck Law Group, LLC”, attorneys for GLF Realty Co., Inc. and forwarded to Schneck Law Group, LLC 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 – 192

A Resolution – Authorizing Tax Court Judgment Refund – \$56,900.23

Resolved, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$56,900.23, payable to “Nashel & Nashel” as a result of a Tax Court Judgment covering the year 2009 thru 2012 dated January 25, 2013, for various properties.

Resolution #2013 – 192 (cont.)

See Attached.

Be it further resolved, that the borough clerk is hereby authorized to furnish copies of this resolution to the following:

1. Chief Financial Officer
2. Tax Collector

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 193

A Resolution – Authorizing Lien Redemption Cert #2009-02 & \$2011-004 - \$46,612.24

Whereas, Roy Riggitano, Tax Collector, has advised that payment was received in the amount of \$38,612.24 from Bank of America to redeem TTL #2009-02 and #2011-004

Whereas, N.E.R. Family Assoc., LLC, P.O. Box 196, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County that the following checks be issued to M & D Associates, in the amount of \$38,612.24 from current and \$8,000.00 from trust premium account for a total redemption of \$46,612.24.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 194

A Resolution – Authorizing Lien Redemption Cert #2009 – 05 \$75,106.41

Whereas, Roy Riggitano, Tax Collector, has advised that payment was received in the amount of \$67,206.41 from Woori America Bank to redeem TTL #2009-05.

Whereas, Robert Rothman, 411 Grand Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County that the following checks be issued to Robert Rothman, in the amount of \$67,206.41 from current and \$7,900.00 from trust premium account for a total redemption of \$75,106.41.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 195

A Resolution – Authorizing Lease Modification Agreement – Rochelle Park Swim Club

Whereas, the TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK is the owner of property known and designated on the official tax map of the TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK as Lot 1.02 and Block 63; and

Whereas, said property is vested in the TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK by report of Commissioners dated November 18, 1930 and recorded November 19, 1930 in Deed Book 1744 Page 400; and

Whereas, said property is, and has been, occupied and utilized by the Rochelle Park Swim Club pursuant to the following Agreements:

- Lease Agreement dated April 27, 1964 which provided for a lease term of twenty five (25) years from July 1, 1964 through June 30, 1989; and
- Lease extension and Modification Agreement dated May 17, 1982 which provided for an extension of the previous Lease Agreement until October 31, 2034; and

Whereas, said Lease Agreements are authorized pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-15 as the same are entered into for activities which promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community; and

Whereas, during the past few years, representatives of the Rochelle Park Swim Club and the Township Committee have discussed the terms, conditions and obligations of the Lease Agreement and Lease Extension Agreements in order to clarify the financial obligations of the Rochelle Park Swim Club; and

Whereas, an Agreement has now been reached which will essentially confirm the prior agreement but clarify the same in order to ensure that all parties understand their obligations.

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. The Township Committee hereby affirms and ratifies the previous agreements described above.

2. The property which is the subject of the aforementioned Lease Agreements is owned by the Township of Rochelle Park and all tax assessment and tax collection records are amended accordingly.

3. The Tax Assessor shall, annually, establish an appropriate assessed valuation for the property although the property is owned by the Municipality. That assessed valuation shall be solely for the purpose of calculating the financial obligations of the Rochelle Park Swim Club.

4. The Office of the Tax Collector shall, on an annual basis, apply the applicable tax rate to the assessed valuation established by the Tax Assessor and shall therefore calculate an amount of tax obligation which would have been applied to this property if it were owned by a non municipal party. That amount shall form the basis of the calculation of the rental obligation pursuant to the Lease Agreement.

5. The rent obligation of the Rochelle Park Swim Club shall be in an amount which is equal to one third of the amount of taxes which would have applied to the property based upon the aforementioned calculation. Payment of the same shall be in accordance with the terms, provisions and obligations of the Lease Agreement and Lease Extension Agreement.

6. In all other respects, the terms, conditions and obligations of the Lease Extension Agreement shall remain unchanged.

7. The provisions of this resolution shall take effect immediately upon the adoption of this resolution and the Rochelle Park Swim Club shall adopt a resolution acknowledging the terms of this resolution and agreeing to the same.

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:

1. The Rochelle Park Swim Club
2. The Township Attorney
3. The Township Administrator
4. The Tax Collector of the Township of Rochelle Park
5. The Tax Assessor for the Township of Rochelle Park
6. The Township Auditor

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 196

A Resolution – Authorizing An Employee Supplemental Insurance Benefits Plan – AFLAC

The undersigned hereby certifies that the following described Resolution was officially and legally adopted at the duly authorized official meeting of the body with legal authority (thereafter “Authority”) to pass said Resolution Said meeting was held on the date set forth below.

Whereas, the Authority wishes to adopt an employee paid voluntary supplemental insurance program for the benefit of the employer’s eligible employees.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Authority hereby adopts the Employee Paid Voluntary Supplemental Insurance Program with AFLAC of Columbus, GA for the employer named herein below.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 197

A Resolution Authorizing Extension of Lease Agreement – 151 W. Passaic Street (Second Floor)

Whereas, the TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK entered into a Lease Agreement dated September 14, 2009 with Rochelle Park Professional Office Services, LLC; and

Whereas, said Lease Agreement related to the second floor of property located at 151 West Passaic Street; and

Whereas, the Lease Agreement provided, among other things, for a term of five years from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2014 together with two five year renewal option periods; and

Whereas, representatives of Rochelle Park Professional Office Services, LLC have met with the Township Attorney and the Township Administrator to discuss the option term as well as to discuss certain outstanding financial obligations on behalf of the aforesaid tenant; and

Whereas, the result of those meetings and discussions has been that the Township Attorney and the Township Administrator have recommended that the Township agree to allow the tenant to exercise its option to renew and to commence that option period on

January 1, 2014 based upon the terms, conditions and obligations set forth in this resolution; and

Whereas, the Lease may be extended without the necessity of competitive bidding since the option period was incorporated in the original Lease which was awarded pursuant to the competitive bidding process in accordance with the Local Lands and Buildings Law.(N.J.S.A. 40A12-1, et seq);

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. The Lease Agreement between the Township of Rochelle Park and Rochelle Park Professional Office Services, LLC be and is hereby extended and modified as set forth herein.

2. The Township Administrator and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any document or agreement which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

3. The terms, conditions and obligations of the Lease Agreement are incorporated herein and ratified by the Township Committee other than as modified in this resolution.

4. The modifications are as follows:

a. The first option period shall be from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018.

b. The second five year option period, if exercised in accordance with the Lease Agreement, shall commence on January 1, 2019.

c. The parties acknowledge and agree that the Tenant has not fully complied with its financial obligations pursuant to the Lease Agreement and that the following amounts are currently due and owing:

1. Security deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00
2. Base rent arrearages in the amount of \$29,086.58.
3. Accumulated late charges of \$23,500.00.

d. The \$23,500.00 accumulated late charges will be held in abeyance but will not be waived by the Township. These amounts will be due and owing in the event of a sale of the business or a request for consent to the assignment of the Lease Agreement.

e. The balance of the security deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00 as well as the accumulated base rent arrearages of \$29,086.58 will be paid as follows:

1. \$10,000.00 has been paid by the tenant and has been applied to the accumulated rent arrearages.
2. An additional \$1,000.00 per month will be paid in addition to the monthly base rent commencing on January 1, 2014 through December 1, 2014.
3. An additional sum of \$500.00 per month will be paid in addition to the monthly base rent commencing on January 1, 2015 and continuing until all of the aforesaid payments are brought up to date.
4. The payments described above ie. the initial \$10,000.00 payment and the additional monthly payments shall be first applied to the monthly base rent arrearages and will then be applied to payment of the security deposit after the monthly base rent arrearages are up to date and current.

f. The monthly base rent for the renewal term shall be as follows:

1. \$14,0000.00 per month payable on the first day of each month for the first and second years of the renewal term.
2. Rent for the third, fourth and fifth years of the renewal term shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph 20(D) of the Rider to the Lease Agreement.

g. Paragraph 6 of the Rider to the Lease Agreement is amended to provide that commencing January 1, 2015, the tenant should be fully responsible for all electricity charges which are now separately metered. The Tenant and the Landlord

will cooperate with one another in order to arrange for direct billing of these utility services to the Tenant.

Now therefore be it further resolved, that the Township Attorney is authorized to prepare a Lease Extension and Modification Agreement to reflect the terms of this resolution which agreement may be executed by the Township Administrator and Township Clerk.

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:

- a. The Township Attorney
- b. The Township Administrator
- c. Chief Financial Officer
- d. Township Auditor
- e. Rochelle Park Professional Office Services, LLC

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 198

A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Request for Qualifications for Professional Services for 2014

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 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
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 Tuesday, December 17, 2013.
3. Appointments to this professional position shall be considered at the reorganization meeting scheduled for January 5, 2014.
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

Resolution #2013 – 199

A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring Police Officer – James LaVigna

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined, after consultation with the Chief of Police, that the need exists for the hiring of a police officer for the Rochelle Park Police Department; and

Whereas, in accordance with the requirements of law and local ordinance, the Chief of Police, together with the “appropriate authority” have solicited resumes for prospective applicants for this position; and

Whereas, extensive investigation has been conducted into the numerous applicants for this position, interviews have taken place with the appropriate authority and, ultimately, interviews have taken place by the Township Committee; and

Whereas, one such applicant is James LaVigna of Ramsey, New Jersey; and

Whereas, James LaVigna possesses the background and qualifications for the position of Police Officer in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, James LaVigna has also received a recommendation of the Chief of Police and the appropriate authority.

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 Committee hereby authorizes a conditional offer of employment to James LaVigna, 116 Hackensack Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey as a police officer with the Township of Rochelle Park Police Department.
2. The offer of employment set forth herein shall commence on December 2, 2013 which shall be considered the date of his hiring.
3. The appointment set forth herein shall be contingent and conditional upon completion and approval of a satisfactory background check, physical examination as well as any other examinations and evaluations recommended by the Chief of Police.
4. James LaVigna shall be hired on the first step of the contractual salary guide.
5. The first year of James LaVigna’s employment shall be a period of probation during which his performance shall be observed and evaluated by the appropriate Police Department officials and, after the first year of employment, he shall become a permanent employee of the Township of Rochelle Park upon adoption of a resolution converting his employment from probationary to permanent.
6. The Mayor or Township Clerk or any other official duly authorized by law shall administer the oath of office immediately upon the adoption 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 James LaVigna, 116 Hackensack Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park and the Rochelle Park Police Department.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 200

A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring Police Officer – Brian W. Cobb

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined, after consultation with the Chief of Police, that the need exists for the hiring of a police officer for the Rochelle Park Police Department; and

Whereas, in accordance with the requirements of law and local ordinance, the Chief of Police, together with the “appropriate authority” have solicited resumes for prospective applicants for this position; and

Whereas, extensive investigation has been conducted into the numerous applicants for this position, interviews have taken place with the appropriate authority and, ultimately, interviews have taken place by the Township Committee; and

Whereas, one such applicant is Brian W. Cobb of Hawthorne, New Jersey; and

Whereas, Brian W. Cobb possesses the background and qualifications for the position of Police Officer in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, Brian W. Cobb has also received a recommendation of the Chief of Police and the appropriate authority.

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 Committee hereby authorizes a conditional offer of employment to Brian W. Cobb, 100 9th Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey as a police officer with the Township of Rochelle Park Police Department.

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2. The offer of employment set forth herein shall commence on December 2, 2013 which shall be considered the date of his hiring.
3. The appointment set forth herein shall be contingent and conditional upon completion and approval of a satisfactory background check, physical examination as well as any other examinations and evaluations recommended by the Chief of Police.
4. Brian W. Cobb shall be hired on the first step of the contractual salary guide.
5. The first year of Brian W. Cobb's employment shall be a period of probation during which his performance shall be observed and evaluated by the appropriate Police Department officials and, after the first year of employment, he shall become a permanent employee of the Township of Rochelle Park upon adoption of a resolution converting his employment from probationary to permanent.
6. The Mayor or Township Clerk or any other official duly authorized by law shall administer the oath of office immediately upon the adoption 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 Brian W. Cobb, 100 9th Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey, the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park and the Rochelle Park Police Department.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 201

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Bond

Whereas, FIFO FIVE, LLC, a performed construction services in connection with premises located at 68 Rochelle Avenue in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, in connection with that project, the Building Department of the Township required the posting of a Performance Bond; and

Whereas, the Township Building Department is now determined that all work has been completed, all inspections have been complete and the required Certificate of Occupancy has been issued; and

Whereas, as a result of the foregoing, the Building Department has determined that it would be appropriate to release the Performance Bond; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that all Performance Bonds posted by FIFO FIVE, LLC in connection with property located at 68 Rochelle Avenue may be released and discharged.

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 Fifo Five, LLC, the Township Auditor and the Township Building Department.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 -202

A Resolution – Introduction Ord. #1064-13 - Amending Chapter “ Refuse Bundles/Brush

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 112 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading November 13, 2013 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on December 18, 2013 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 #2013 – 203

A Resolution –Introduction Ord. #1065-13 – Amending Chapter Stop Signs –
Lexington Ave. and Madison Ave.

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 THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND, SPECIFICALLY, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SCHEDULE VII (Section 180-48) REGARDING STOP SIGNS” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading November 13, 2013 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on December 18, 2013 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 #2013 – 204

A Resolution – Confirming Endorsement of Community Development (CD)
Projects – Shelter Our Sisters

Whereas, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$210,000 has been proposed by Shelter Our Sisters (SOS) for renovations to 12 Overlook Avenue, in the municipality of Rochelle Park and SOS has been funded by Community Development from 1987 through 2013; and

Whereas, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing body, and

Whereas, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Governing Body of the Township of Rochelle Park hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 205

A Resolution – Issuing Bingo License #440-13 to K of C Council #2842

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 #440-13 as presented by the K of C Council #2842 SACRED HEART ID#427-6-35240 requesting permission to conduct Bingo on February 28, 2014 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2013 – 206

A Resolution – Release of Closed Session Minutes – November 6, 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 November 6, 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 - November 6, 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. Lease of 151 West Passaic Street - The Township Attorney and Township Administrator provided a summary of the Lease extension negotiations with the Tenant on the Second Floor of the Municipal Building. The terms of the agreed upon extension were discussed and authorized by the Township Committee.
2. Police Department - The Chief of Police made a presentation to the Governing Body regarding staffing needs within the Police Department and interviews were conducted with potential candidates for the position of Police Officer.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Comm. Valenzuela – Congratulated Comm. Kovalcik on his re-election to the Township Committee. He looks forward to working with him. He advised the Committee introduced an ordinance to place stops signs on Madison Avenue and Lexington Avenue of High Street. He thanked the Police Chief for his support and assistance. The DPW will be setting signs in December weather permitting. He congratulated the DPW on the acquisition of a new street sweeper. Valenzuela reported that the Building Department continues to maintain property maintenance issues.

Comm. Ouellette – Congratulated Comm. Kovalcik on his re-election and looks forward to working with him in the future.

Library Report October – The library continues to make wonderful progress. Library Director Nicole Williams hosted a Halloween Party where 40 children and adults, in costume, attended. She is currently sponsoring an Easter Seal Program working with older adults for entry in the work force. The Library is host to many new programs.

Comm. Kovalcik – Thanked everyone for the overwhelming support in his re-election to the Township Committee. He looks forward to serving the Township for another three years. He advised regarding two above resolutions, that the Police Department has moved forward and hired two new police officers who will be sworn in and begin work in December.

Municipal Clerk De Maria – Advised that a Special Election was being held on December 10 regarding a school referendum. All voting would be held in the Municipal Building Senior Center and polls will be open 2:00 PM – 9:00 – PM.

Administrator Davidson – Thanked the American Legion for hosing the Veterans Day Ceremony at the monuments on Rochelle Avenue. He wished the Marine Corps. a Happy Birthday.

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

Jamie Grasso – Thanked the Township Committee for their support and awareness of Pancreatic Cancer. Deputy Mayor signed and presented Ms. Grasso with the proclamation.

Sam Allos – 107 Parkway – Congratulated Comm. Kovalcik on his re-election. He asked the Township assistance in a potential safety issue regarding parking in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot. The committee advised this is a private parking lot; however they would notify the Police Department for possible assistance in this matter.

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Comm. Valenzuela – advised of a problem with motorists not stopping at the traffic light on Terrace Avenue/Rochelle Avenue. Chief Flannelly advised that his department was addressing this situation with utilization of unmarked vehicles.

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

Val Ouellette

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela 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