



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – May 14, 2014

Call to Order 7:55 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of May 14, 2014 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 11, 2014 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. Kazimir - Absent
 Comm. Kovalcik
 Comm. Ouellette
 Comm. Scarpa - Absent
 Mayor Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Bob Salvini
Mayor Valenzuela asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the military

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Ouellette and seconded by Comm. Kazimir to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting held April 16, 2014. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Reports:
 Health Department - April 2014
 Municipal Court - April 2014
 Building Department - April 2014

Proclamation

 Municipal Clerks Week – 5/4/14 – 5/10/14
Mayor Valenzuela thanked Municipal Clerk Virginia De Maria and Deputy Clerk – RMC Elizabeth Kroll for their hard work. He explained a Municipal Clerk’s role as it relates to municipal government.

Comm. Kovalcik entered the meeting

 Emergency Medical Services Week – 5/18/14 – 5/24/14
Mayor Valenzuela stated that he appreciated the service and gave special recognition to the members of the Rochelle Park Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Presentations – Members of the American Legion; Auxiliary Unit; Sons of the Legion Squad 170 and 170 Riders
Mayor Valenzuela and members of the Township Committee presented Certificates of Appreciation to the members of the American Legion Post #170. He thanked them for their service and gave respect to the members of the armed services. He again thanked the veterans for their services.

Presentations - Members of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
Borsina, Davis, Gardocki, Gillen, Hogan, Houghton, Jacobsen, Jiminez, Kieferle, Loquiao, Martinez, Minnella, Pecoraro, Rosario, Sudol, Sudol Sr., Varghese
Mayor Valenzuela and members of the Township Ccommittee thanked members of the ambulance Corp. for their hard work. Deputy Mayor Ouellette, as liaison to the Ambulance Corp., stated that it had been a pleasurable year and thanked the Corp. for their service and hard work. He thanked the members for their recruitment of new members.

At the Work Session held on May 14, 2014 the following resolution was adopted - all voting "Aye".

Resolution #2014 – 91 - A Resolution – To Affirm the Township of Rochelle Park's Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent contractors, and Members of the Public that come Into contract with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Township of Rochelle Park to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Rochelle Park has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Township Committee that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Township of Rochelle Park by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Township of Rochelle Park shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park's business or using the facilities or property of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Township of Rochelle Park to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Township of Rochelle Park.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Township of Rochelle Park as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Township of Rochelle Park. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Township of Rochelle Park's web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Rochelle Park in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Township of Rochelle Park's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

Attest: Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk

Comm. Scarpa entered the meeting

Resolutions:

Amendment to 2014 Budget – Hearing

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

No Comments

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Ouellette to adopt the Amendment to the 2014 Budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all voting “Aye”.

No. 2014 - 92 - Adoption of Budget

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to adopt the 2014 Budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all voting “Aye”.

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

Resolution 2014 – 93A

A Resolution authorizing Self Examination of Budget

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

Whereas, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Rochelle Park has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2014 budget year.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the governing body of the Township of Rochelle Park that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer’s certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 93

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – April 2014

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 #2014 – 94

A Resolution – Issuing Raffle License #442-14 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 #439-13 as presented by the AMERICAN LEGION POST #170 ID#427-07-00459 requesting permission to conduct Calendar Raffle for November, December, 2014 and January 2015 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 95

A Resolution – Appointing 2014 Recreation Camp Counselors

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park recommended by the Recreation Commission that the following be appointed to the position of Camp Counselors at a rate of \$8.00 to \$14.25 per hour effective July 7, 2014 through August 15, 2014.

Christina Foschini
9 Durand Place
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662
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Elizabeth Bilka
7 Bennett Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Nick Komas
20 Forest Pl
Rochelle Park, N.J.

Jaclyn Draney
38 Cedar Drive
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Taylor Lee Behler
81 Chestnut Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Brian Miastkowski
36 Susquehanna Ave
Rochelle Park, N.J.

Sara Mae Neary-Robert
A10 Harvey Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Matthew Scully
25 Oldis Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Anthony Izzo
14 E. Fairmount Ave
Maywood, N.J. 07607

Alex Tripani
118 Hazley Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Dyan Trawinski
127 Forest Place
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Joseph (Schider)
22 Chestnut Street
Rochelle Park, N.J.

George Gan
6 Hazley Court
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Alternate Counselors

Arianna Margarito
82 Chestnut Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Samantha Glennon
110 James Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Vincent Eckardt
10 Pleasant Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Matthew Moreno
109 James Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662
Service Hours

Anthony Moreno
109 James Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Kristina Gorgone
56 Susquehanna Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J.

Evan Vomero
10 Grove Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 96

A Resolution – Introduction Ord. #1069-14 - 2014 Salary Ordinance

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 VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND TO ESTABLISH A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH

Resolution #2014 - 96 (cont.)

COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2014” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading May 21, 2014 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on June 18, 2014 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 #2014 – 97

A Resolution – Authorizing Execution of Right of Way – Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC

Whereas, Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC (“Fibertech”), a New York limited liability company, with offices located at 300 Meridian Centre, Rochester, New York, is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the State of New Jersey pursuant to an Order issued by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“NJBPU”) in Docket No. TE 05080683 dated September 14, 2005; and

Whereas, Fibertech has requested the consent of the Municipality to occupy public rights-of-way within the Municipality for a period of fifty (50) years for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, repairing, maintaining and replacing a telecommunications system; and

Whereas, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Municipality and its citizenry, particularly including the commercial and industrial citizens, for the Municipality to grant Municipal consent to Fibertech to occupy the public rights-of-way within the Municipality for this purpose; and

Whereas, the granting of such consent is and shall be conditional upon Fibertech’s continued compliance with all existing and future ordinances of the Municipality and its entering into a written agreement with the Municipality to inter alia, indemnify and hold the Municipality harmless as to all claims and liability resulting from any injury or damage which may arise from the construction installation, operation, repair, maintenance, disconnect, replacement and removal of its telecommunications system within certain public rights-of-way and provide liability insurance coverage for personal injury and property damage.

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. That non-exclusive consent is hereby granted to Fibertech to occupy the public rights-of-way within the Municipality for the purpose of construction, installation, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of a telecommunications system for a period of fifty (50) years.
2. The within granted permission is conditions upon Fibertech entering into the attached Agreement with the Municipality and providing liability and property damage insurance coverage.
3. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Agreement.
4. A copy of this Resolution and the executed Agreement shall be filed in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 98

A Resolution -Authorizing Inclusion in the Community Development Block Grant Program

Whereas, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the county of Bergen under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and

Whereas, the Grantee or a unit of general local government that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all of any such portion of such funds to another metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Resolution #2014 - 98 (cont.)

Whereas, the current Interlocal Services Agreement contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

Whereas, by June 20, 2014 each municipality must notify the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park and its residents to participate in said programs.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that it hereby notifies the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program and Home Investment Partnership Act Program for the Program Years 2015, 2016 and 2017 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018); and

Be it further resolved, that a copy to this resolution be forwarded to the Bergen County Division of Community Development no later than June 20, 2014.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 - 100

A Resolution – Establishing Summer Program Fees for Rochelle Park Recreation

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park provides summer youth programs throughout the Rochelle Park Recreation Committee; and

Whereas, the Township Committee wishes to establish, by resolution, the fees for participation in these summer programs; and

Whereas, the Recreation Committee has recommended the amounts of these fees; and

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 following fees are hereby established which fees shall include all summer programs and activities:

ROCHELLE PARK RESIDENTS

\$250.00 for the first child registered.

\$240.00 for each additional child from the same household registered

OUT OF TOWN RESIDENTS

\$275.00 for the first child registered

\$265.00 for each additional child from the same household registered

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 Rochelle Park Recreation Committee.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 101

A Resolution – Authorizing Charge Order No. 1 to Fieldturf in Connection with the Carlock Field Renovation

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park has participated in a cooperative program called the Keystone Purchasing Network in connection with the improvements and renovation of Carlock Field; and

Whereas, pursuant to the terms of the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), a Contract was awarded to FieldTurf of Montreal, Quebec, Canada dated December 18, 2013; and

Whereas, the total Contract cost pursuant to the aforementioned agreement was \$538,914.04; and

Whereas, during the course of the Contract, it has become evident that additional work and services will be required; and

Whereas, Local Public Contracts Law permits change orders to a Contract provided that the same do not exceed 20% of the initial Contract price;

Whereas, the procedure, contracts and change orders approved in this resolution have been reviewed and approved by the Township Auditor, Chief Financial Officer/Qualified Purchasing Agent and the Township Engineer as well as the Township Attorney; and

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

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

Resolution #2014 - 101 (cont.)

1. Contract Change Order No. 1 with FieldTurf in the amount of \$72,237.35 be and is hereby approved (Change Order No. 1 is attached). This Contract is for footings for four (4) dugouts and all related installation/construction services.
2. This Contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds are available in order to carry out the provisions of this resolution.
3. The Township Administrator and the Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents, Contracts, orders or invoices 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 FieldTurf, Chief Financial Officer, the Township Auditor and the Township Attorney..

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 102

A Resolution – Authorizing Contract for Installation of Two New Backstops at Carlock Field

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park has been engaged in a rehabilitation and renovation project for Carlock Field; and

Whereas, during the course of this project, it has become evident that the existing backstops are in disrepair, pose a safety risk to children and should be replaced; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has investigated replacement options and has determined that Dakota Excavating Contractor of Hackensack, New Jersey has familiarity with this project and can complete the same quickly in order to protect the safety of the residents and children of the Municipality; and

Whereas, a Contract may be awarded for this project without the necessity of competitive bidding since the amount of the Contract is less than the amount permitted since the Township employs a qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA); and

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

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 Dakota Excavating Contractor of Hackensack New Jersey in the total Contract amount of \$35,000.00.
2. This Contract is awarded based upon the quotation attached to this resolution dated May 2, 2014.
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.
4. The Township Administrator and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all Contracts, orders, invoices or any other document which may be necessary I 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 the Dakota Excavating, Township Attorney, Chief Financial Officer and the Township Auditor.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 103

A Resolution – Authorizing Purchase of Benches for use at Carlock Field

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park has engaged in a project for the rehabilitation and improvement of Carlock Field; and

Whereas, during the course of this project, it has been determined that dugout benches are required; and

Whereas, ULTRA PLAY of Spring Lake, New Jersey has submitted a quotation dated May 8, 2014 for benches and said benches are available pursuant to New Jersey State Contract No. A81411; and

Whereas, the total quotation for this purchase is \$5,120.48; and

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

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

Resolution #2014 - 103 (cont.)

1. A Contract with UltraPlay of Spring Lake, New Jersey be and is hereby authorized.
2. This Contract is in the amount of \$5,120.48 in accordance with the attached quote dated May 8, 2014..
3. This Contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding as the same is available through a state contract and is less than the applicable bid threshold.
4. The award of this Contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.
5. The Township Administrator and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents, invoice, Orders or Contracts 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 the UltraPlay, the Township Attorney, Chief Financial Officer and the Township Auditor.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 – 104

A Resolution – Authorizing Purchase of Slope Shelters for use at Carlock Field

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park has engaged in a project for the rehabilitation and improvement of Carlock Field; and

Whereas, during the course of this project, it has been determined that dugout benches are required; and

Whereas, RCP SHELTERS, INC. of Spring Stuart, Florida has submitted a quotation dated May 8, 2014 for construction of four (4) eight foot by 24 foot all steel single slope shelters (dugouts) are available pursuant to New Jersey State Contract No. A81411; and

Whereas, the total quotation for this purchase is \$21,703.00; and

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

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 with RCP Shelters, Inc. of Stuart, Florida be and is hereby authorized.
2. This Contract is in the amount of \$21,703.00 in accordance with the attached quote dated May 8, 2014..
3. This Contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding as the same is available through a state contract and is less than the applicable bid threshold.
4. The award of this Contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.
5. The Township Administrator and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents, invoice, Orders or Contracts 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 the RCP Shelters, Inc., the Township Attorney, Chief Financial Officer and the Township Auditor.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2014 –105

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – May 14, 2014

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 May 14, 2014 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 - May 14, 2014

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. Police Department Staffing - The Chief of Police made a presentation to the Township Committee regarding staffing and personnel needs within the Police Department as a result of recent retirements and resignations. The Township Committee determined that it would be in the best interest of the Municipality to immediately commence the process for the hiring of a Police Officer and to fill other staffing requirements of that department.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

The following resolution was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Ouellette and reads.

Resolution #2014 – 99

A Resolution - Authorizing Appointment of Township Clerk – Elizabeth Kroll

Whereas, VIRGINIA DE MARIA has served, with distinction, as Township Clerk for the Township of Rochelle Park for 25years; and

Whereas, VIRGINIA DE MARIA has now advised the Township Committee that, as of September 1, 2014, she will be retiring; and

Whereas, as a result of her retirement, it is necessary to appoint a replacement to this position; and

Whereas, ELIZABETH KROLL is a resident of the Township of Rochelle Park and has resided in Rochelle Park for 27 years; and

Whereas, ELIZABETH KROLL has been an employee of the Township since 2002 as Deputy Municipal Clerk and Payroll Clerk;

Whereas, ELIZABETH KROLL has, in addition to her service as Deputy Municipal Clerk has served as a Member of the Library Board, Secretary to the Library Board, Secretary to the Board of Health and Assistant to the Tax Assessor; and

Whereas, she received her Registered Municipal Clerk’s Certification in 2004; and

Whereas, for the 12 years of her employment within the Township of Rochelle Park, ELIZABETH KROLL has demonstrated the ability to fulfill all of the obligations of any position which she has held and has demonstrated the character and qualities which are necessary to continue to serve the residents and tax payers of the Township; and

Whereas, in addition to having demonstrated the ability to fulfill the requirements of the position of Municipal Clerk, the retiring Municipal Clerk has recommended her to fill that position; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has worked with Ms. Kroll for many years and wishes to extend, to her, the opportunity to be appointed Township Clerk for the Township of Rochelle Park to replace VIRGINIA DE MARIA.

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. Elizabeth Kroll of Rochelle Park, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed to the position of Township Clerk for the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. This appointment shall take effect on September 1, 2014 upon the retirement of Virginia De Maria.
3. The salary for this position shall be in accordance with the applicable salary ordinance upon the adoption of the same and shall be subject to all of the rights, duties, obligations and responsibilities set forth in the personnel manual of the Township of Rochelle Park as well as requirement of the Township Code and laws of the State of New Jersey.

Resolution #2014 - 99 (cont.)

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 Elizabeth Kroll and to the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Mayor Valenzuela advised that Municipal Clerk De Maria will be retiring effective September 1, 2014. Ms. Kroll, Deputy Clerk will be moving into the position

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

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

Comm. Kovalcik – Provided an update on the 10th Annual Summerfest concert which will held on Thursday, August 21st and featuring the Mahoney Brothers. This concert continues to be sponsored by Park Avenue/BMW/Acura and will be held at Midland School. Kovalcik hopes there is good weather for the event.

Comm. Scarpa – Looks forward to seeing everyone at the Memorial Day Parade. He congratulated Liz Kroll on her appointment to Municipal Clerk, and wished Ginny De Maria well on her retirement. He recognized the EMT’s for their hard work and dedication.

Comm. Kazimir – Reported on the activities scheduled for the summer camp program and the increase in fees associated. He feels the inclusive fees for the programs will better utilize staffing and make programs run more efficiently. Kazimir advised that there would be not Fishing Derby this year due to reconstruction and renovations at the Mack Cali pond. Kazimir informed everyone that the Carlock Field renovations are moving forward. This will be a fantastic facility for children.

Comm. Ouellette – A motion was offered by Comm. Ouellette and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to appoint Julie DeStefano to the Rochelle Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”. Ouellette thanked the members of the American Legion for always giving back to the community.

Mayor Valenzuela – Thanked the members of the American Legion and Ambulance Corps. He discussed the Building Department – Code Enforcement and the discussions previously held regarding adoption of the 2012 International Property Code Ordinance. The Mayor feels that this ordinance needs further discussion and fine tuning before introduction and adoption. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Administrator Davidson – Advised that Midland School had send a letter thanking the Township for their donation of clay for their baseball fields. He informed that Bergen County is developing a bicycle and pedestrian plan. They are holding an open house on Thursday, June 5th between 4:00 – 7:00 PM. The meeting will include various local municipalities. The County had also developed a web-site regarding the project – www.centralbergenbikewalk.com. Davidson also advised the PSE&G would be beginning a major project shortly which would include the border of Maywood on Central Avenue, and Rochelle Avenue to Lodi. A meeting was scheduled for June 10th at 5:30 – 7:00 PM in the municipal building. Davidson advised that the Carlock Field project was moving rapidly and residents will be proud when it is completed.

Municipal Clerk De Maria – Advised that Primary Election Day was June 3rd, polls would be open at 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM and all voting was in the Senior Center. She congratulated Liz Kroll on a great job.

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

Gail Artola - 110 Howard Ave. – Expressed her concerns over the placing of the electronic billboard on Rt. 17. She thought this was a potentially dangerous situation being too close to the highway. Mayor Valenzuela explained sequence of events connected with this project. Attorney Rotolo explained that the Zoning Board denied this application. Allied Developers filed an appeal, went to court, and was allowed the placement of this billboard. Valenzuela also explained that and agreement was reached

between the Township and Allied Developers detailing certain limitations and restrictions. Once this billboard is up and running, modifications may be made. One of the concessions was if the Rt. 17 Road Widening project moves forward, Allied Developers will assist the Township in opposition of this project.

Comm. Kazimir – Requested that the billboard support poles be painted a different color. He would prefer a more natural earth tone color.

Jon Pallouras – 63 Meakin Avenue – Asked information regarding the parking situation surrounding Matthews Field. Mr. Pallouras stated that there are No Parking signs on Lexington Avenue. Visiting teams are having difficulty finding parking while attending baseball games. The Committee will research and possibly have the signs removed.

Gary Sawruck – 20 Eldorado Court – Advised that he had provided the Administrator with 105 pictures during the most recent rain event. He asked the progress of cleaning Sprout Brook. Administrator Davidson advised that monies are in place to prepare a plan to bring to the State DEP to discuss what permits if any are necessary. This is an ongoing work in process.

Sam Allos – Board of Education liaison – Advised that the Midland School science fair was Thursday, at 6:30 PM. He congratulated Liz Kroll on her promotion and Ginny De Maria on her retirement. He wished everyone a Happy, Healthy Memorial Day.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk