



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

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – November 12, 2014**

Call to Order at 7:35PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of November 12, 2014 was advertised in the notice sent to the “Our Town”, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 8, 2014 and on the Township’s web-site 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  
                    Comm. Kovalcik  
                    Comm. Ouellette  
                    Comm. Scarpa-Absent  
                    Mayor Valenzuela

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gail Artolo

Mayor Valenzuela asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the military.

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Ouellette and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting October 15, 2014. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

At the Work Session held on November 5, 2014 the following resolution was adopted - all present voting “Aye”.

Resolution #2014 – 190

A Resolution – Authorizing Obtaining Bergen County Open Space  
Grant Funds - Matthews Field

Whereas, the Bergen County Open space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and

Whereas, the Township Committee desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$70,000 from the county Trust Fund to fund the following project: Replacement of outdated playground equipment and installing rubberized matting for safety - Matthews Field; and,

Whereas, the governing body has reviewed the County Trust fund program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

Whereas, as part of the application process, the governing body received public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on November 5, 2014; and

Whereas, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the county Trust fund; and,

Whereas, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above names project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of October 31, 2014, as established by the County; and,
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Township Committee has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the township Committee is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Township Committee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Reports:

Health Department - October 2014  
Building Department - October 2014  
Municipal Court - September 2014

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

Resolution #2014 – 191

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – October 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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 192

A Resolution Authorizing Raffle License # 447-14 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 #447-14 as presented by the American Legion Post #170 ID#427-07-00459 requesting permission to conduct Instant Raffles in 2015 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014-193

A Resolution Authorizing Tax Court Judgment Refund-186 Rochelle Avenue

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 \$2705.81 payable to “Schneck Law Group LLC” as a result of a Tax Court Judgment covering the year 2012 dated October 6, 2014, for the property at: 186 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ.

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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014-194

A Resolution Authorizing Tax Court Judgment Refund-192 Rochelle Avenue

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 \$4,072.62 payable to “Schneck Law Group LLC” as a result of a Tax Court Judgment covering the year 2012 dated October 6, 2014, for the property at: 192 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ.

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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014-195

A Resolution Authorizing Transfers 2015 Budget

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 2014 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:
Municipal Clerk S&W Retirement	20-1200	\$ 22,500.00	
Municipal Clerk O/E	20-1202	\$ 10,500.00	
Financial Administration O/E	20-1302	\$ 12,000.00	
Computerized Data	20-1402	\$ 9,500.00	
Tax Assessment Admin O/E	20-1502	\$ 11,900.00	
Worker Insurance O/E	23-2103	\$174,915.27	
Other Ins. Premium & Deduct	23-2104	\$ 39,850.00	
Health Insurance O/E	23-2202	\$ 65,130.85	
Emergency Management S/W	25-2561	\$ 3,500.00	
Snow Removal S&W OT	26-2806	\$ 30,000.00	
Borough of Paramus 911	44-1002	\$ 2,845.00	
Special Emergency Note Interest	45-9203	\$ 3,668.98	
	Account #	Appropriation From:	Appropriation To:
Township Committee S/W	20-1101		\$ 1,300.00
Municipal Clerk S/W	20-1201		\$ 25,000.00
Legal Services O/E	20-1552		\$ 40,000.00
General Insurance O/E	23-2102		\$196,948.93
Group Insurance Census Change	23-2208		\$ 9,600.00
Fire Prevention	25-2652		\$ 9,000.00
Streets & Roads OT	26-2802		\$ 25,000.00
Snow Removal O/E	26-2807		\$ 25,000.00
Solid Waste Dump Fees	26-3053		\$ 25,000.00
Utilities Fuel	31-4462		\$ 9,500.00
PERS Pension	36-4710		\$ 3,500.00
Interest on Bonds	45-9302		\$ 16,461.17
		\$386,310.10	\$386,310.10
		\$0.00	

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014-196

A Resolution Authorizing Lien Redemption #11-002-134 Becker Avenue

Whereas, Roy Riggitano, Tax Collector, has advised that payment was received in the amount of \$17,736.07 from attorney Jane Paftinos, Esq. to redeem TTL # 11-002 and

Whereas, Robert Rothman, located at 411 Grand Ave., Englewood, NJ 07631

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, that the following check be issued to Robert Rothman, in the amount of \$17,736.07 from current.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014-197

A Resolution Authorizing Payment Tax Appeal-87 West Passaic Street

PROPERTY OWNER: 87 W. Passaic Street, LLC  
 ADDRESS: 87 West Passaic Street  
 LOT: 2.02  
 BLOCK: 84.01

TAX COURT DOCKET NO:004824-2012

	Original Assessment 2012	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2012
Land	\$ 452,800.00	\$ 452,800.00
Improvements	\$ 797,800.00	\$ 547,200.00
TOTAL	\$1,250,600.00	\$1,000,000.00

TAX COURT DOCKET NO:005654-2013

	Original Assessment 2013	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2013
Land	\$ 452,800.00	\$ 452,800.00
Improvements	\$ 797,800.00	\$ 547,200.00
TOTAL	\$1,250,600.00	\$1,000,000.00

TAX COURT DOCKET NO:008269-2014

	Original Assessment 2014	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2014
Land	\$ 452,800.00	\$ 452,800.00
Improvements	\$ 797,800.00	\$ 547,200.00
TOTAL	\$1,250,600.00	\$1,000,000.00

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 “Zipp & Tanenbaum, attorneys for 87 West Passaic Street, LLC, and forwarded to Zipp & Tanenbaum 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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014-198

A Resolution Confirming Endorsement of Community Development (CD) Project-Center for Hope & Safety (Un-programmed Funds)

Whereas, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$90,000 using unprogrammed funds has been proposed by Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Shelter Our Sisters) for renovations to 12 Overlook Avenue, in the municipality of Rochelle Park; 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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014-199

A Resolution Confirming Endorsement of Community Development (CD) Project-Center for Hope & Safety Using 2015 Funds

Whereas, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$90,000 using 2015 funds has been proposed by Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Shelter Our Sisters) for renovations to 12 Overlook Avenue, in the municipality of Rochelle Park: 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, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended slowly 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 Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014-200

A Resolution- Authorizing And Directing The Establishment Of A Plan For Funding Ambulance Corps Needs Out Of Current Fund

Whereas, the Rochelle Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps is an organization comprised of volunteers which requires funding through the current accounts and funds of the Township; and

Whereas, recent growth within the ambulance corps has caused an increased demand for funding for education and other purposes; and

Whereas, in addition, the Township Committee wishes to plan for the potential future acquisition of an ambulance vehicle when needed; and

Whereas, the Township, in conjunction with the ambulance corps, has established a third party billing program which, since 2010, has become a source of revenue for the Municipality; and

Whereas, in accordance with the direction of the Chief Financial Officer and the Township Auditor, these funds are place in an account which account is simply a conduit for the transfer of funds to the current account for use of the Municipality for any purpose; and

Whereas, these funds are not considered trust funds or dedicated for a particular purpose but are passed through to the current account for any purpose deemed necessary and appropriate by the Township Committee; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the forgoing, however, the Township Committee wishes to take this source of funds into consideration for planning the future financial needs of the ambulance corps.

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 Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to establish a budget line item for the needs of the Rochelle Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
2. To the extent permissible by law and to the extent of the availability of funds, this line item shall be in an amount which is calculated as follows:

- a. 20% of the annual amount received from the third party billing program, after payment of ambulance corps salaries shall be placed in this budget line item for future ambulance acquisitions; and
  - b. 5% of the net amount received from the third party billing program after payment of ambulance corps salaries shall be placed in the budget line item to offset educational costs and miscellaneous future ambulance corps expenses.
3. The ultimate determination as to any expenditures to be made from this line item shall be made within the sole authority and discretion of the Township Committee which shall consider the requests and recommendations made by the ambulance corps but shall not be bound by the same or required to follow the same.
  4. The Chief Financial Officer and the Township Auditor shall review this resolution and confirm, in writing, to the Township Committee, that the procedure set forth herein is permissible and in accordance with the requirements of law.

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 ambulance corps, the Township Administrator, the Township Attorney, the Township Auditor and the Chief Financial Officer.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Comm. Scarpa entered the meeting

Resolution #2014 – 204

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – October 15, 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 September 17, 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.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - November 5, 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 Negotiations – The Township Administrator and Township Attorney reported, to the Township Committee, as to the status of the negotiations with the Superior Officers as well as the PBA. The Senior Officer negotiations have essentially been concluded and the Township Committee is awaiting a reply from the PBA regarding settlement of the Contract.
2. Library - The Township Administrator reported to the Township Committee regarding personnel and other issues within the library as well as potential action by BCCLS.
3. Litigation – The Township Attorney provided the Township Committee with update regarding the Buonanno/Elmwood Park litigation as well as potential litigation involving Westfield Garden State Plaza. A meeting has been scheduled with Westfield regarding any open issues.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

A motion was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa 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 #2014-201

A Resolution - Opposing the Use of Settlement Money to Balance the State Budget

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park is located immediately contiguous to the Passaic River; and

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park recognizes that it is imperative to the well-being of all of the citizens of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Passaic River be cleaned up to remove any existing carcinogens and to remove debris to prevent future flooding events; and

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park has been advised of a tentative Court settlement with a Superfund site's owner which would provide approximately \$190 million dollars to clean and to restore the river's habitat which would include dredging tons of river bottom which contains carcinogens; and

Whereas, it has been reported that Governor Chris Christie has utilized a line-item veto with respect to a certain budget resolution which would reserve the settlement monies for restoring the river and the Administration is looking to take approximately 74% of the settlement money to help reduce certain budget shortfalls in the State of New Jersey leaving only \$50 million dollars for the river cleanup; and

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park feels that it is unconscionable for Governor Christie to take the aforesaid settlement monies to balance the budget when the settlement was specifically designed to help cleanup the Passaic River which is recognized as being very polluted.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Governing Body of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, calls on its elected representatives and the governing bodies of all towns which are also contiguous to the Passaic River to urge Governor Christie to restore the settlement funding to permit the proper cleanup of the Passaic River and to honor a commitment to cleanup the Passaic River for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of all the boroughs and towns which are adjacent to the Passaic River; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the office of Governor Chris Christie; all Clerks of all towns, boroughs and municipalities immediately contiguous to the Passaic River; and all members of the legislature of the State of New Jersey who serve the districts which are contiguous to the Passaic River.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

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"

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

Resolution #2014-202

A Resolution- Introducing Ord. # 1080-14-Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Undertaking of Handicapped Accessible Improvement to the Municipal Building

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE IMPROVEMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$90,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A FEDERAL GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS" be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading November 12, 2014 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on December 17, 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: Elizabeth Kroll

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 “Ayes” Kazimir, Kovalcik, Ouellette, Scarpa, Valenzuela

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

Resolution #2014 – 203

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1079-14-Bond 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 AMEND CHAPTER 97 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “EXCAVATION IN STREETS” 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: Elizabeth Kroll

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

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

Committee’s/Administrator’s/Attorney’s Reports-  
Comm. Kovalcik - No Report

Comm. Scarpa - Asked Administrator Davidson if there has been any progress with PSE&G as far as sidewalk and road repairs. Administrator Davidson stated he spoke with a representative from PSE&G and repair work has begun on Central Avenue and repairs and striping will be completed. PSE&G representatives will be asked to attend December’s work session. Comm. Scarpa also asked for an update on the graffiti removal on Route 17. Administrator Davidson stated two letters went out to the property owner, they have seven days to comply or they will be issued a violation each day until the graffiti is removed. Comm. Scarpa wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Comm. Kazimir - Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Comm. Ouellette - Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Veterans Day.

Mayor Valenzuela - Reminded everyone that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held December 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Senior Center. He then congratulated Comm. Scarpa on his 9<sup>th</sup> re-election to the Township Committee. He stated that he had attended the Veterans Day Service and found it very moving. He stated that as a country, we should support our returning veterans. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Attorney Rotolo - No Report

Municipal Clerk Kroll - Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Administrator Davidson - Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and wished the U.S. Marine Corp. a Happy Birthday.

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

Sandy Ross - 180 Chestnut Street - Stated she read an article in the newspaper in regards to the Northvale library returning to BCCLs. She was wondering what steps the Township was taking to keep the Rochelle Park library open. Comm. Ouellette stated that the Committee is still waiting to hear from BCCLS regarding any decision they might be making about the library. Mayor Valenzuela stated the residents of Northvale

conducted a well-orchestrated campaign and got their petition placed on the November ballot and will now have to subsidize the Municipal library through their property taxes. He also stated the Township Committee would continue to research ways in which to keep the library open and remain a member of BCCLS. Ms. Ross asked about the resolution the Township Committee voted for in regards to the clean-up of the Passaic River, Mayor Valenzuela stated it was a resolution that Wallington had passed and she previously had brought to the Committees attention. She was pleased with the passing of this resolution.

Henry Fenix - 90 Forest Place - Stated he moved into Rochelle Park last year and has been having issues with his neighbor possibly running a business out of his home. Comm. Scarpa advised Mr. Fenix that anything he says at the public meeting may be published in the newspaper and if he would like to speak to the Township Committee after the meeting that would be acceptable.

Lynn Houghton - 117 W. Oldis Street - Stated she finds it difficult to get around town with all of the construction created by PSE&G. She asked if there was a way of being notified of road closures each day, possibly utilizing our reverse 9-1-1 system. Comm. Ouellette stated that she utilizes Nixle and receives text messages. Mayor Valenzuela acknowledged that PSE&G has been a disruption to the residents of the Township. He advised that the police department does put out information about road closures each morning through social media and Swiftreach. Comm. Scarpa asked if the police could forward information to the Township's web-site. Ms. Kroll stated that she would contact the web designer and Ptl. Stapleton moving forward with this request.

Christine Mueller - 123 Forest Place- Asked why Mayor Valenzuela removed resolution #2014 - 201 Opposing the Use of Settlement Money to Balance the State Budget. Mayor Valenzuela explained that he wanted it removed off the consent agenda so that it may stand alone. She asked why PSE&G did not include Forest Place and Chestnut Avenue in the project they are doing. Administrator Davidson explained PSE&G had mapped out certain sections that needed upgrades, some sections have already been upgraded. Ms. Mueller asked Attorney Rotolo for an update on status of Northern Parks Certificate of Occupancy. Attorney Rotolo stated they have received 75 applications for 4 available affordable housing units, applications are being evaluated by Frank Piazza of Piazza & Associates. This firm was hired to monitor the Township's affordable housing obligations. He also stated that they are still within the 60 day window for paying the monies owed to the Township and once paid a final C.O. will be issued. Mayor Valenzuela asked if Ms. Mueller had visited the complex. She stated she had not. Mayor Valenzuela stated he had visited and the complex is beautiful. It is a high-end complex that is attracting professionals and empty-nesters.

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 voting “Aye”

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kroll  
Municipal Clerk