



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

MINUTES– PUBLIC MEETING – October 15, 2014

Call to Order at 7:33 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of October 15, 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-Absent
 Comm. Kovalcik
 Comm. Ouellette
 Comm. Scarpa
 Mayor Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Salvini - Commander of American Legion Post 170

Comm. Kazimir entered the meeting

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

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Kovalcik and seconded by Comm. Ouellette to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting September 17, 2014. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

At the Work Session held on October 8, 2014 the following resolution was adopted - all voting “Aye”.

Resolution#2014 – 167

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

Be it resolved, that the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$77,530.00 in 2014/2015 Community Development Block for Handicapped Accessible Improvements at the Municipal Building; and

Be it further resolved, that the Township Committee hereby authorizes Frank Valenzuela to be a signatory to aforesaid Grant Agreement; and

Be it further resolved, that the Township Committee hereby authorizes Frank Valenzuela to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Township Committee recognizes that the Township of Rochelle Park is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that the liability of the Township Committee is in accordance with HUD Requirements.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Reports:

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

Mayor Valenzuela and members of the Township Committee presented Township residents; Patti Donatello and Ed Quinn with Certificates of Appreciation thanking them for their dedication and service to the Township. Both individuals were nominated for Bergen County Volunteer of the Year and were invited to a ceremony held on October 8th, 2014 at One Bergen County Plaza.

Robert Salvini, Commander of American Legion Post 170, presented the Township Committee with five "Honor and Remember Flags" to be flown at all of the Municipal office locations. Commander Salvini stated this flag is to honor those who have passed away during service and is recognized by the Governor as an official flag. Mayor Valenzuela thanked Commander Salvini and the American Legion for their continued volunteerism to the Township.

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

Resolution #2014 – 168

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 – 169

A Resolution Authorizing A Contract W/County Of Bergen Re: Flu Vaccine Program

Whereas, there exists a need for the Township of Rochelle Park Health Department to provide services of a technical and professional nature for the distribution of Flu Vaccines; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services can supply the required vaccines; and

Whereas, the fee is to be set at not more than \$21.00 per vaccination and funds will be available for this purpose; and

Whereas, it has been certified that this meets the statues and regulations concerning the award of said contract:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park as follows:

1. That Robert Davidson, Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to supply the Flu Vaccine at a cost not to exceed \$21.00 per vaccination; and
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2)L and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Financial Officer has certified, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriation of fund in the 2015 temporary and/or adopted budget.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 170

A Resolution - By The Township Committee Of Rochelle Park, New Jersey. In Support Of The "Honor And Remember" Flag As An Official Symbol To Recognizer And Honor Members Of The Armed Forces Who Have Died In The Line Of Duty And Urging The United States Congress To Adopt This Flag As A National Symbol.

Whereas, since the Revolutionary War, more than one million members of the United States Armed Forces have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty to preserve our freedom: and

Whereas, there is no greater love than he who would lay down his life for his fellow man: and

Whereas, the service and sacrifice of those fallen members of our Armed Forces, are deserving of national recognition: and

Whereas, Congressman Scott Garrett, has introduced House of Representatives Bill 1034, which proposes to amend Chapter 9 of Title 36 of the United States Code to designate the "Honor and Remember" Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc. as an official symbol to recognize and honor members of our Armed Forces who have died in the line of duty: and

Whereas, the “Honor and Remember” Flag will serve as a symbol of national gratitude for all those members of the Armed Forces who have given their lives, for our freedom: will serve as a daily reminder for all Americans to acknowledge the ultimate price for freedom: and will give comfort the families who have lost loved once during military service;

Now, therefore be it resolved, by the Township Committee of Rochelle Park that it supports legislation to establish a national flag to honor and remember those who have given their lives in military service for our great nation. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Congress is urged to adopt House of Representatives Bill 1034 to select “Honor and Remember” Flag which has been created by Honor and Remember, Inc. to serve as a national symbol.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey representatives of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

ACCEPTED by the Township of Rochelle Park, New Jersey this 15th day of October, 2014

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 171

A Resolution - Authorizing The Issuance Of Request For Qualifications
For Professional Services

Whereas, as of January 1, 2006 the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law” enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and

Whereas, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for the provision of professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they 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, November 18, 2014.

3. Appointments to this professional position shall be considered at the reorganization meeting scheduled for January 4, 2015.

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: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 172

A Resolution - A Resolution Imposing A Curfew – October 30, 2014 –Cabbage Night

Whereas, the Rochelle Park Chief of Police recommends that a temporary curfew of 9:00 pm for children and adolescents under the age of 18 be enacted on the evening of Cabbage Night, October 30, 2014 for the safety and welfare of all Rochelle Park residents.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park does hereby authorize the enforcement by the Rochelle Park Police Department of a 9:00 pm curfew on the evening of October 30, 2014.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 173

A Resolution - Issuing License #445 -14 To Salt Water Anglers Of Bergen County – ID #427-8-37906

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 #445-14 as presented by the SALT WATER ANGLERS OF BERGEN COUNTY ID#427-8-37906 requesting permission to conduct 50/50 RAFFLES on JANUARY 20, FEBRUARY 17, MARCH 24, APRIL 21, MAY 19, JUNE 16, JULY 21, AUGUST 18, SEPTEMBER 15, OCTOBER 21, NOVEMBER 17, DECEMBER 15, 2015 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 174

A Resolution - Issuing License #445 -14 To Salt Water Anglers Of Bergen County – ID #427-8-37906

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 #445-14 as presented by the Salt Water Anglers Of Bergen County ID#427-8-37906 requesting permission to conduct off premise raffle on June 16, 2015 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 175

A Resolution - Authorizing Contract For Professional Services

Whereas, Robert Mc Nerney of McNerney & Associates, Inc. has been authorized to prepare appraisal reports in order to assist in the defense of real property tax appeals; and

Whereas, the Township Attorney has recommended the preparation of an appraisal report in connection in connection with the following matter:

SAC Realty, LLC –vs- Township of Rochelle Park

Block 18.01 Lot 1

Property Address: 96 Parkway; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined that it will be necessary in order to authorize the preparation of such report in connection with this matter

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:
Contract is hereby authorized with McNerney & Associates, Inc.. of Glen Rock, New Jersey for the preparation of an appraisal report and assistance in connection with the defense of the above referenced real property tax appeal. .

The fee for the report shall be in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 together with \$100.00 per hour for attendance at conferences and Court appearances.

The award of this contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to McNerney & Associates, Inc., the Township Attorney and the office of the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 176

A Resolution - Authorizing Contract For Professional Services

Whereas, Robert Mc Nerney of McNerney & Associates, Inc. has been authorized to prepare appraisal reports in order to assist in the defense of real property tax appeals; and

Whereas, the Township Attorney has recommended the preparation of an appraisal report in connection in connection with the following matter:

Rochelle Park Holding, LLC –vs- Township of Rochelle Park
Block 19.02 Lot 1

Property Address: 96 Parkway; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined that it will be necessary in order to authorize the preparation of such report in connection with this matter

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:

Contract is hereby authorized with McNerney & Associates, Inc.. of Glen Rock, New Jersey for the preparation of an appraisal report and assistance in connection with the defense of the above referenced real property tax appeal. .

The fee for the report shall be in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 together with \$100.00 per hour for attendance at conferences and Court appearances.

The award of this contract is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to McNerney & Associates, Inc., the Township Attorney and the office of the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 177

A Resolution - Authorizing Tax Court Judgment Refund - 449 Rochelle Avenue

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,828.61 payable to “Donald J. Lenner, Esq., Attorney Trust Account” as a result of a Tax Court Judgment covering the year 2013 dated August 13, 2014, for the property at: 449 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to furnish copies of this resolution to the following:

- 1.Chief Financial Office
- 2.Tax Collector

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 178

A Resolution - Authorizing Tax Court Judgment Refund -88 Colling Avenue

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,295.88 payable to “Donald J. Lenner, Esq., Attorney Trust Account” as a result of a Tax Court Judgment covering the year 2013 dated August 13, 2014, for the property at: 88 Colling Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Township 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 – 179

A Resolution - Authorizing Tax Court Judgment Refund -91 Rochelle Avenue

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,585.50 payable to “Jacobus & Associates, LLC, Trustee for Montalvan, Jorge I & Emely” as a result of a Tax Court Judgment covering the year 2013 dated August 7, 2014, for the property at: 91 Rochelle Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Township 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 – 180

A Resolution - Authorizing Refund Tax Overpayment - 12 Overlook Avenue

Whereas, Roy Riggitano, Tax Collector, has advised that tax payments were received from Bogota Savings Bank:

Block 88 Lot 5 Known as 12 Overlook Ave.

Overpayment of \$17,310.00

Whereas, the above payments were made in duplicate and received in the Township of Rochelle Park's Tax Office and:

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County that the following check be issued for \$17,310.00 to Bogota Savings Bank, 819 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, NJ 07666.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 181

A Resolution - Authorizing Refund Street Opening Permit - Detra Excavating & Sewer Inc

Whereas, Dutra Excavating & Sewer Inc. has prepaid the street opening permit for Block 73 Lot 2 known as 59 Chestnut Street;

Whereas, The Township of Rochelle Park Tax Collector, Roy Riggitano, has authorized a refund check in the amount of \$300.00 for cancelled road opening permit;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that a check in the amount of \$300.00 payable to "Dutra Excavating & Sewer Inc." at 10 Stone Hollow Rd., Montvale, NJ 07645 from the Rochelle Park Current Account will be issued.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 182

A Resolution - Authorizing Zoning Board Member - Nicholas Libassi

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Nicholas LiBassi, 266 Howard Avenue, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662, is hereby appointed as a member of the Zoning Board to complete a vacated seat, effective October 15, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 183

A Resolution - Authorizing A Conditional Offer Of Employment For The Position Of Housing Code Official For The Rochelle Park Building Department

Whereas, as a result of the recent resignation of the Director of Code Enforcement for the Township of Rochelle Park, the Township Committee and the Township Administrator have reviewed the personnel needs within the Township of Rochelle Park Building Department; and

Whereas, as a result of this review, the Township Administrator has recommended that certain modifications be made within that Department; and

Whereas, the Township Attorney is in the process of drafting amendments to Chapter 80 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park in order to provide for a restructuring of that department; and

Whereas, it has also become necessary to hire additional personnel within that department in order that the needs of the residents and tax payers of the Township of Rochelle Park are properly addressed; 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. A conditional offer of employment be and is hereby made to Jesse D'Amore for the position of Housing Code Official. The hiring shall have an effective date of October 15, 2014 and shall be subject to satisfactory background check and confirmation of all required licenses and qualifications. This employee shall be hired with a six month period of probation and at the end of that six month period,

- additional action will be required in order to convert this employee to permanent status.
2. This position shall be a part time position and shall be subject to the direction of and control of the construction official.
 3. The salary for this position shall be \$4,080.00 per year and the Chief Financial Officer has confirmed that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

Now Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution Jesse D’Amore, the Township Attorney, the Construction Official and the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2014 – 184

A Resolution – Introducing Ordinance #1079-144

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 introduced and passed on first reading October 15, 2014 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on November 12, 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

Resolution #2014 – 185

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement Of Tax Appeal-17 Coolidge

PROPERTY OWNER: COOLIDGE PARK 17, LLC
 ADDRESS: 218 Route 17
 LOT: 1
 BLOCK: 51.01
 TAX COURT DOCKET NO:004565-2011, 009362-2012
 001097-2013, 001592-2014
 -2015

	Original Assessment 2011	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2011
Land	\$ 4,245,000.00	\$ 4,245,000.00
Improvements	\$10,630,500.00	\$ 8,105,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,875,500.00	\$12,350,000.00

	Original Assessment 2012	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2012
Land	\$ 4,245,000.00	\$ 4,245,000.00
Improvements	\$10,630,500.00	\$ 8,105,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,875,500.00	\$12,350,000.00

	Original Assessment 2013	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2013
Land	\$ 4,245,000.00	\$ 4,245,000.00
Improvements	\$10,630,500.00	\$ 8,105,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,875,500.00	\$12,350,000.00

	Original Assessment 2014	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2014
Land	\$ 4,245,000.00	\$ 4,245,000.00
Improvements	\$10,630,500.00	\$ 8,105,000.00

TOTAL	\$14,875,500.00	\$12,350,000.00
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	Original Assessment 2015	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2015
Land	\$ 4,245,000.00	\$ 4,245,000.00
Improvements	\$10,630,500.00	\$ 8,105,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,875,500.00	\$12,350,000.00

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 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. The parties have agreed that the 2016 assessment will be \$14,875,500.00.
6. All refunds due as a result of the settlement set forth herein shall be made payable to “The Irwin Law Group, PA, attorneys for Coolidge Park, LLC” and forwarded to The Irwin Law Group, PA 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 – 188

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

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- all voting “Aye”

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

Resolution #2014 – 186

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1077-14-Amending Salary Ordinance 2014

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AND DETERMINE THE SALARY OR RATE OF COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND TO ESTABLISH A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2014” 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 Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa 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. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Ouellette 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 above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all voting “Ayes”

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

Resolution #2014 – 187

A Resolution –Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1078-14 - “Registration and Maintenance of Vacant/Abandoned Properties”

Be It Resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTIES” 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. Scarpa 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. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Ouellette 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. Kovalcik to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all voting “Ayes”

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

Resolution #2014 – 189

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes - October 8, 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 October 8, 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: Elizabeth Kroll

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

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

Comm. Scarpa - Thanked and congratulated volunteers Patti Donatello and Edward Quinn for their service to the Township. He also thanked Administrator Davidson for his swift action in having the graffiti removed on the Central Avenue overpass. He reminded everyone to vote on November 4th and encouraged residents to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony at the American Legion on November 11th. He thanked Commander Salvini for his donation of the flags and the American Legions continuous support.

Comm. Kazimir - Reminded everyone that Rochelle Park Day is Saturday, October 25th, with the Ragamuffin parade beginning at 11:30. The re-dedication of Carlock field will begin at noon with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Comm. Ouellette - No Report. However, she thanked the volunteers for their hard work and the American Legion for the donation of the flags.

Mayor Valenzuela - Stated that he previously attended a Rochelle Park Board of Education meeting and presented the board members with Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of the Township Committee. He appreciates Administrator Davidsons hard work in having the Carlock Field project completed in time for Rochelle Park Day and the re-dedication. He asked the Committees thoughts on allowing work to be done on Sunday, October 19th for the field to be ready. The Township Committee had no objection. Committeeman Kazimir suggested the Administrator notify surrounding residents. Mayor Valenzuela suggested using Swift Reach through OEM to notify residents. Valenzuela reminded everyone that last week’s Town-Wide garage sale was rained out. The rain date is Saturday, October 18, 2014 between 9AM-5PM. Approximately 52 families have signed up to participate. A discussion will be held at next month’s work session regarding a town-wide garage sale in spring 2015. He thanked the Committee for their support of this event. Mayor Valenzuela advised that Midland Schools 5K run, held September 28th, was a success and he thanked the Rochelle Park Board of Education and the Township Committee for their support.

Administrator Davidson - Stated that the Carlock Field improvements are in progress and will be completed in time for Rochelle Park Day. Davidson advised of money obtained through an Open Space Grant from Bergen County to offset half of the cost of making the Municipal Building handicapped accessible by creating a hallway from the parking lot to the Administration/Clerk/Tax Office. He is ready to bid the project with a completion date of Spring 2015. He also stated that monies are now available from a FEMA grant to place a new generator at the DPW complex for OEM communications.

Attorney Rotolo- No Report.

Municipal Clerk Kroll-No Report.

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

Public Portion:

Sandy Ross- 180 Chestnut - Recently read an article in the Bergen Record in regards to a resolution the Wallington Council had passed opposing Governor Christie's intention to use Passaic River settlement money to balance the state budget. She asked if the Township

Committee had any intention of passing the same resolution. Mayor Valenzuela advised that the Clerk would obtain a copy of the resolution for their review. She stated that there are people living in the Northern Park complex, located on Terrace Avenue, and asked if a Certificate of Occupancy had been obtained. Attorney Rotolo said they did have a temporary CO which is good for 60 days; he does not foresee any issues which will cause this CO to be revoked or prevent a permanent one from being issued.

Jennifer O'Brien - Physical Education Teacher at Midland School, thanked the Township Committee and all of the volunteers and sponsors for their hard work and efforts towards making the 5K run a great success. She wanted to especially thank Police Officer Ken Stapleton. The Committee received many compliments about him and he was a great asset to this event. Ms. O'Brien stated she also received numerous compliments on how friendly the residents of Rochelle Park are and what a wonderful event this was. Mayor Valenzuela stated he attended the run and thanked the 5K Committee for their efforts in making the run a success. He also stated the money from the 5K Fun Run, was donated to the Wounded Warriors fund. Next year's 5K run will be held on September 27th.

Sam Allos - Rochelle Park Board of Education liaison - Wanted to update the Township Committee of the ongoing improvement projects at Midland School and invited all to visit the third floor of the school, as this is a model of the work to be done on the other floors. The security system at the school has been rewired and updated with new security cameras, as well improvements to the exterior walls of the gymnasium. He also wanted to recognize new head custodian Kevin Wood who has been with the school for two months. Mr. Wood has many great ideas and is very aggressive in implementing them. Mr. Allos stated that teams have been established within the school to expand student's access to volunteer opportunities. Comm. Kazimir asked Mr. Allos to elaborate on the improvements to the heating and cooling system at the school. Mr. Allos stated that new information has come to light and the school board is now looking at a new system other than what was previously proposed. The board spoke with the State of New Jersey and the school will be allowed to keep the referendum money for a new system provided it delivers the same result as the previous system. Comm. Ouellette asked if there was still a member on staff that could repair the current heating and cooling system, to which Mr. Allos responded yes. Work will not begin on the new system until next year sometime. He also thanked the Township Committee for recognizing the Board of Education at their last meeting.

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Kazimir 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