



**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET
ROCHELLE PARK, N.J. 07662
MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
January 7, 2015 – 7:30 PM**

Call to order 7:32 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of January 7, 2014 was sent to the Our Town newspaper, posted on the municipal web-site and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building 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. M. Kazimir - Absent
- Comm. J. Kovalcik
- Comm. J. Scarpa
- Comm. F. Valenzuela
- Mayor J. Ouellette

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Township Committee. Mayor Ouellette asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the military.

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the agenda. Comm. Scarpa voted no and questioned the legality of the meeting as he did not feel it was handled properly as it was not discussed in public. Mayor Ouellette read the Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 42.30.77) section regarding Special Meetings to the Committee. After a discussion it was agreed that the meeting was handled properly and could proceed.

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a roll call vote - all voting "Aye".

Comm. Valenzuela asked Attorney Rotolo for clarification regarding the legality of this Special meeting. Attorney Rotolo stated that there was no impropriety and this was a legal meeting.

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

Resolution #CS-1 2015

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

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

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey that a Closed Session is hereby called at 7:55 PM on January 7, 2015 to discuss matters as permitted by law:

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

- _____ Pending or anticipated Litigation or contract negotiations in which the Township may become a party.
- _____ Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his or her ethical duties as lawyer.
- _____ Matters involving the employment, appointment, termination or employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation, promotions, or disciplinary action of any specific current or prospective public employee(s), unless all the individual(s)
- _____ Deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty or the suspension or loss of a license or permit of a party as a result of the actions of the party.

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

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Closed Session
Police Negotiations

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Kovalcik and seconded by Comm. Valenzuela to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote - all voting "Aye".

No member of the public spoke

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote - all voting "Aye".

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote - all voting "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk