



**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET
ROCHELLE PARK, NEW JERSEY 07662
MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

Call to Order 7:32 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of September 21, 2016 was sent to the “The Record”, published on January 7, 2016, posted on the Township 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 recorded. 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. Hauser
 Comm. Kovalcik
 Comm. Scarpa
 Comm. Valenzuela
 Mayor Kazimir

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Township Committee.

Mayor Kazimir asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence remembering those in the Military

Approval of the Agenda

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Hauser and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting held on August 17, 2016. Motion carried on a roll call vote – “Ayes” Hauser, Kovalcik, Scarpa, Kazimir “Abstained” Valenzuela

Reports:

Health Department	- August 2016
Building Department	- August 2016
Municipal Court	- August 2016

Proclamation

Honoring the Bergen Volunteer Center on its 50th Anniversary
Comm. Valenzuela asked that this proclamation be moved to the October 19th Public Meeting when a representative of the organization may be in attendance.

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

Resolution- # 2016 - 165

A Resolution- Payment of Bills 2016 - August

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 back-up.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 166

A Resolution -Appointing School Crossing Guards 2016/2017

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the following be and is hereby appointed School Crossing Guard upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police at a salary as provided in the Salary Ordinance of the Township of Rochelle Park, effective September 6, 2016 to June 24, 2017.

Fred LoVerso
61 Berdan Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Sabah Aboueid
87 Prospect St
Paramus NJ

Edna Salcedo
241 W. Passaic Street, 11B
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Antionette Borelli
86 Madison Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

William Cottrell
63 Oak Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Diane Leone
333 Rochelle Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Dave Mocera
44 Chestnut Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Thomas Sudol
44 Hahn Avenue
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

John Weeks
36 Schlosser Drive
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Connie Bianco
15 Dorothy Ave
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 167

A Resolution - Authorizing Installation of Monitoring Wells on Becker Avenue

Whereas, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has requested approval to install two (2) bedrock monitoring wells on Becker Avenue as part of an ongoing Remedial Investigation (RI) of the groundwater in the vicinity of the Maywood Superfund Site; and

Whereas, any such request for installation of monitoring wells within the municipality's property or right of way must be reviewed and approved by the Township Committee prior to commencement of any installation work; and

Whereas, by letter dated July 28, 2016, the United States Army Corps of Engineers did, in fact, submit a written request for permission to install these monitoring wells together with a proposed well location map and other related documentation; and

Whereas, Kenneth Job, Township Engineer, has preliminarily reviewed the request and does not see any problem or difficulty with the approval of their request with certain conditions; and

Whereas, the contractors utilized by the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the proposed monitoring well installations have installed a number of ground water monitoring wells without incident

Whereas, as a result of receiving this information, the Township Committee will approve the installation of these wells, nunc pro tunc, however, with certain conditions attached.

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 request made by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, dated July 28, 2016 (their Job No. MW-52S/D) is hereby approved subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.
2. All installations of monitoring wells shall be subject to the review and approval of the Township Engineer, Kenneth Job.
3. The approval granted herein is for the installation of two (2) bedrock monitoring wells on Becker Avenue as set forth on the request of July 28, 2016 and as shown on the map and other materials submitted.
4. The United States Army Corps of Engineers and/or their subsidiary contractor shall be responsible for all engineering, legal as well as any other legal fees incurred on behalf of the municipality in connection with the review of the plans for the installation of these monitoring wells.
5. Before receiving final approval and before conducting any installation, shall execute an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement in favor of the municipality on the form prepared by the Township Attorney.
6. The United States Army Corps of Engineers and or subcontractor shall reimburse the Township of Rochelle Park for all legal, engineering and other fees which have been or will be incurred in connection with the approval set forth herein.
7. The United States Army Corps of Engineer and or subcontractor shall replace and/or repair any damage caused by the installation of all wells and any incomplete wells will be capped with a riser plug and covered with a steel road plate.

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 Kenneth Job,

Township Engineer, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Township Attorney, Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 168

A Resolution - Introduction Ord. 1105 - 16 - Amend Chapter 27 - Personnel Policies

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 27 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES”**” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on October 19, 2016 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 #2016 - 169

A Resolution - Issuing Raffle License #468-16 - Bergen County American Legion, Inc. - Calendar Raffle

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 #468-16 as presented by the BERGEN COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION POST ID#427- 07-40398 requesting permission to conduct Calendar Raffles in December 2016 - February 2017 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 170

A Resolution - Issuing Raffle License #469-16 - Bergen County American Legion, Inc. - Raffle

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 #469-16 as presented by the BERGEN COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION POST ID#427- 07-40398 requesting permission to conduct a Raffle on May 20, 2017 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 171

A Resolution - Authorizing Amended Bus Stop Inventory - NJ Transit

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey.

That pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39-4-8€ the following described location is designated as bus stop:

ROCHELLE PARK MUNICIPAL ROADS

1. Along Plaza Way, eastbound, on the southerly side thereof at:
 - a. Between Garden State Plaza Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue - (Mid-Block) Beginning 283 feet west of the westerly curb line of Garden State Plaza Boulevard and extending 135 feet westerly therefrom (30186).

That the Township Committee of the township of Rochelle Park will enforce the needed traffic regulations governing the aforementioned bus stop location and provide the necessary police security to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 172

A Resolution - Authorizing the Cancellation of Stale Checks

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Rochelle Park has identified the following checks to be stale dated and;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has deemed to cancel of record the following checks which are dated prior to March 16, 2016

Whereas, all balances shall be treated as MRNA, as to the treasurers bank statement reconciliation:

Acct # 500 14915	Acct # 500 14893
Payroll Account Bergen Commercial	Current Account Bergen Commercial

Check #	Amount	Check #	Amount
4677	\$192.09	40000	\$94.80
5048	\$96.33	40041	\$1,545.00
5053	\$107.43	40156	\$100.00
5164	\$334.33	40197	\$278.60
5223	\$334.33		
5313	\$96.35		
5324	\$1,709.02		

Account # 500 14923
Trust Account Bergen Commercial

Check #	Amount
3153	\$1,980.00
3282	\$1,316.01

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll - Municipal Clerk

Resolution #2016 - 173

A Resolution - Authorizing Entering into Agreement with Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System - Energy Program

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park is a participating Member of Bergen County Aggregate Energy Procurement Cooperative Pricing System (hereinafter referred to as #206BCPS), eligible thereby to obtain natural gas and/or electricity supply services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas or electricity suppliers following said bids for natural gas or electricity supply service pursuant to the aggregation program; and

Whereas, the #206BCPS will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids for natural gas and/or electricity supply service through an energy aggregation program in which the County of Bergen will act as Lead Agency of the #206BCPS in accordance with the "Local Public Contracts Law," N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49. ("EDECA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

Whereas, the County of Bergen as the Lead Agency for the #206BCPS, will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption until the expiration of the Cooperative Pricing system, hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas or electricity supply services on behalf of the #206BCPS pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law and EDECA; and

Whereas, by joining the #206BCPS, the Township of Rochelle Park agreed to purchase natural gas and/or electricity needed for its own use during the Effective Period through any electricity or natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, unless it opts in or out prior to the beginning of a new supply contract in accordance with the terms of the Cooperative Pricing Agreement previously executed between the parties, it being understood that the Lead Agency is responsible for compliance with the provisions of Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, to facilitate the award of aggregate supply contracts for gas and/or electric supply service, the Administrator authorizes the execution of a new Cooperative Pricing System Agreement, a copy of which is annexed hereto, which agreement expressly authorizes the Lead Agency to sign a single contract for natural gas or electricity supply service, as applicable, on behalf of _____ when participates in a procurement, avoiding the need for each Participating member of sign the agreement with the supplier(s); and

Whereas, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in that electricity generation and wholesale natural gas market, the procurement model requires that Participating Members preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for electricity supply and/or Natural Gas Service in each bid group to one or more natural gas or electricity suppliers that submit bids which are reasonable forecasted to provide a pre-determined estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility-provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

Whereas, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said natural gas or electricity services to natural gas or electricity suppliers that submit bids with pricing that is at least 5% lower than the average price for utility-provided basic generation service;

Whereas, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas or electricity supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids; and

Whereas, earlier this year, the #206BCPS carried out a procurement for electricity supply service, resulting in 2-year fixed rate for those members of the #206BCPS that opted to participate; and

Whereas, the #206BCPS has begun a new procurement for natural gas supply service; and

Whereas, by adopting this resolution, the Township of Rochelle Park elects to opt in to the current procurement for natural gas supply service; and

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, that:

1. The annexed Cooperative Pricing System Agreement is hereby authorized and approved, and the Mayor, Manager or other authorized official of the Township of Rochelle Park is authorized to execute same.
2. The Township of Rochelle Park hereby opts in to the current procurement for natural gas supply, and binds itself to the #206BCPS to purchase all natural gas needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural gas supply services by the Lead Agency.
3. The Lead Agency of the #206BCPS is hereby authorized to award one or more contracts, and execute one or more a master performance agreements that obligates the Township of Rochelle Park to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the #206BCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Township of Rochelle Park of a least five percent (5%) relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the public utility company that would otherwise provide such service.
4. #206BCPS is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas supply services at any time during the Effective Period, including - for example - a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.
6. The authorization provided to the County of Bergen pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1) shall be valid until the Cooperative Pricing System expires. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 174

A Resolution - Confirming Endorsement of Community Development Projects - Center for Hope and Safety \$10,000

Whereas, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$10,000 has been proposed by Center For Hope And Safety (CHS) for the Transitional Housing Director/Counselor staff position 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 has been funded from 1987 through 2017; 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 #2016 - 175

A Resolution - Confirming Endorsement of Community Development Projects - Hope and Safety \$264,000

Whereas, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$264,000 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 #2016 - 176

A Resolution - Authorization to Make Annual LOSAP Payment

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, has adopted a resolution implementing Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP), pursuant to Section 457 (e)(11)(13) of the Internal Service Code of 1986 and;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and has forwarded certified lists to the Township Committee to disclose Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. recipients who have met the minimum requirements to receive such funds and;

Whereas, a certified list containing the names of the recipients are attached to this resolution in which the auditors have recommended in the audit that this list be available for review in the form of a resolution;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Chief Financial Officer, has certified funds are available in the 2015 appropriation reserve, totaling \$20,250.00 including Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corp., and has further audited the documents submitted by the Fire Department and Ambulance Corp. and has determined that the documents meet the intent of the 2015 audit requirements.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 177

A Resolution - Authorizing Tax Court Judgment Refund - Block 16 Lot 7.01

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 \$12,449.02 payable to "Waters, McPherson, McNeill, Attorneys for Paddington Place Property, LLC" as a result of a Tax Court Judgment covering the years 2014 thru 2016, for the property: Paddington Place Property LLC, Route 17 South, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662.

Be it further resolved, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to furnish copies of this Resolution to the following:

1. Tax Collector, CFO
2. Deputy Tax Collector

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 178

A Resolution - Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen - Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park ("the Township") has need to maintenance and repair services for its vehicles; and

Whereas, the county of Bergen ("the County") has the personnel and equipment necessary to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services for the Township; and

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen whereby the County would provide to the Township vehicle maintenance and repair services; and

Whereas, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) allows for any local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any services that each local participating in the Agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, as set for in N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7(4); and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents to enter into the Agreement; and

Whereas, the Governing Body has reviewed and approved the terms and conditions of this Agreement which is attached hereto; and

Now therefor be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement described herein and attached hereto.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

Resolution #2016 - 179

A Resolution - To Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Project - Senior Citizens Activities

Whereas, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$5,000.00 has been proposed by the Township Committee for Senior Citizens Activities in the Township 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 the Township 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 #2016 - 181

A Resolution - Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes - September 14, 2016

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 14, 2016 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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - September 14, 2016

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. The Township Administrator and the Township Clerk provided a report to the Township Committee regarding staffing needs in the Township Clerk's office in view of the recent resignation of the Deputy Township Clerk.

Resumes of potential candidates were reviewed and interviews were scheduled.

A motion was offered by Comm. 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 Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Hauser and reads:

Resolution #2016 - 180

A Resolution - Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1104-13 - Amend Ord. 112 Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse Fees

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled "**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 112 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED "GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE"**" be and it is hereby 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. Valenzuela 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. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Hauser to close the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting "Aye".

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

Committee's/Administrator's/Attorney/Clerk's Reports

Comm. Kovalcik - Gave a Police Department report for the month of August, 2016.

Comm. Hauser - No Report

Comm. Scarpa -

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Scarpa to appoint Christian Fuchs to the Rochelle Park Fire Department as a junior member. Motion carried on a roll call vote - all voting "Aye".

Scarpa once again thanked the American Legion for the 9-11 Ceremony. Scarpa stated that supporting our troupes and law enforcement is necessary and important. He feels that professional athletes should stand for the National Anthem.

Comm. Valenzuela - State that he felt further discussion should be scheduled to re-work the newly enforced garbage ordinance which requires residents to place trash bags in cans. He feels that this new ordinance is being "overly enforced".

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela to discuss this issue at the next work session. No second motion. Motion failed.

Mayor Kazimir suggested if a lot of garbage is generated, that residents contact a private company to pick up the trash.

Comm. Valenzuela read a list of streets that the Township had paved through road programs. The list covered years 2006 through 2016.

Mayor Kazimir - Advised that Matthews Field has new equipment. He reminded everyone that Rochelle Park Ambulance and Fire Department are in need of new members. Kazimir addressed the Planning Board approval to redevelop 120 W. Passaic Street, and explained the process.

Administrator Davidson - Advised that the Central Avenue sewer main will be completed shortly. He advised that the Ambulance Building was receiving a new floor.

Attorney Rotolo - No Report

Municipal Clerk Kroll - No Report

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

Jerry Cronin - 175 Rochelle Avenue - Asked who was responsible for maintaining Matthews Field. Mayor Kazimir advised that either Rochelle Park Baseball or our DPW. Mr. Cronin then asked about affordable housing and 47 Central Avenue. Attorney Rotolo explained the time line regarding this property. This property will be used as a group home for developmentally disabled and will go towards Rochelle Park’s affordable housing obligations. Mr. Cronin complained about the repaving done on Rochelle Avenue due to Suez Water work done in front of Midland School. Administrator Davidson will contact Suez Water for a timeline. Mayor Kazimir asked Mr. Cronin to provide a report stating how many children from Windsor Court attend Midland School. Mr. Cronin believes the number is three.

Sam Allos - Board of Education Liaison - Updated the Township Committee regarding improving test scores and repairs to the building. Comm. Scarpa asked Mr. Allos to give a brief overview of the Aramaic Association. After giving a brief history, Mr. Allos stated that the Aramaic Association’s doors are always open to the public. The culture is rich with history.

Peggy Iurato - 113 W. Oldis Street - Feels that the County should pave W. Passaic Street over Sprout Brook.

Bill Coleman - 58 Schlosser Drive - Asked for clarification regarding 47 Central Avenue. Attorney Rotolo explained again the time line regarding affordable housing obligations. The Attorney advised that this home would have one kitchen, and multiple bedrooms thereby fitting into the Township’s single family zone.

Kathleen Morrow - 65 Howard Ave. - Asked if the Township had a pit bull ordinance in place. She was referred to the Code Book and Chapter 88 7.1.

Diane Verhassalt - 40 Forest Place - Asked if the missing 2000 fire prevention miles had been researched. Administrator Davidson stated that moving forward all mileage will be logged on computer. Ms. Verhassalt would like to know what fire prevention’s next scheduled purchase will be. She then asked what the Police Department was doing about cars parked over sidewalks. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Verhassalt was advised to contact the Police Department directly. Attorney Rotolo advised that it was considered “discretionary” law enforcement. She suggested sending out a newsletter to new residents, making them aware of the rules within the Township. Comm. Valenzuela suggested looking at the town calendar or visiting the Township’s web-site.

Lynn Houghton - 117 W. Oldis Street - Asked Administrator Davidson the cost of the roof at 49 E. Passaic Street. He advised that it was \$34,000. She asked what the next step was. Davidson advised that he was meeting with a representative of Bergen County Historic Preservation to discuss the next Phase. Ms. Houghton asked how many police officers we have and what their schedules are. She also reviewed the employee hours in the municipality.

Mark Vojnich - 22 Parkway - Asked about campaign signs and the placement of same. Administrator Davidson advised that he would have the DPW remove any political signs in violation of the Township’s sign ordinance.

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

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

Resolution #CS-7 2016

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 9:20 September 21, 2016 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.

_____ 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.

 X _____ 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

- Interviews - Deputy Clerk/Deputy Payroll Clerk
- 8:00 PM - Coleen Goddel
- 8:15 PM - Joan Herve
- 8:30 PM - Gail Rulli
- 8:45 PM - Annemarie Wells

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

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

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

Resolution #2016 - 182

A Resolution - Authorizing a Conditional Offer of Employment

Whereas, a vacancy has occurred in the position of Deputy Clerk/Payroll Clerk; and

Whereas, as a result the Township Committee began the process in order to seek applicants for and appoint a replacement for the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk/Payroll Clerk; and

Whereas, in accordance with requirements of law the position was advertised and applications were solicited; and

Whereas, a number of applicants submitted applications and were interviewed by the Township Clerk and Administrator who made recommendations to the Township Committee of the four top, qualified candidates for the Township Committee to interview; and

Whereas, these four candidates were interviewed at the meeting of the Township Committee which took place on September 21, 2016; and

Whereas, the Township Committee considered the applications, resumes and interviews and have made a selection for this position.

Whereas, JOAN HERVE of Hawthorne, New Jersey was one of the candidates for the position who possesses the qualities necessary to fulfill this position.

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. A conditional offer of employment is hereby extended to Joan Herve of Hawthorne, New Jersey for the position of Deputy Municipal Clerk/Payroll Clerk.
2. This offer of employment is conditioned upon completion of all required background checks in accordance with the requirements of Municipal ordinance. This employee shall be hired with a six month probation period and at the end of that six month period, additional action will be required in order to convert this employee to permanent status.
3. The salary for this position shall be in the annual amount of \$41,616.00 which shall be inclusive of fulfilling the positions of Deputy Clerk/Payroll Clerk and Secretary to the Tax Assessor. After successful completion of the six month probationary period, the salary will increase to \$46,616.00.
4. The date of commencement of Ms. Herve's employment shall be October 11, 2016.

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 Joan Herve, the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township Administrator

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Hauser to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried on a roll call vote - all voting "Aye".

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk