



**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET
ROCHELLE PARK, N.J. 07662
MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING - 7:00 PM
JANUARY 14, 2016**

Call to order 7:05 pm

Open Public Meetings Act – This meeting has been published, posted and is being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Education and the Township Committee.

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of January 14, 2016 was sent to the “Our Town” and published on December 17, 2015, 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. W. Hauser
Comm. J. Kovalcik - Absent
Comm. J. Scarpa - Absent
Comm. F. Valenzuela
Mayor M. Kazimir

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”.

Discussion:

Midland School Board of Education - Best Practices
Dr. Zoeller - Superintendent of Midland School welcomed the Township Committee. Mayor Kazimir thanked the Board of Education for hosting this discussion. He advised that the Township and the school have always enjoyed a good working relationship and welcomes our commitment to a partnership with the goal of providing an excellent education for our youth. He made reference to the assistance given to the school by the Township such as our DPW salting their parking lot, providing crossing guards and utilizing officers for the DARE program. Kazimir stated that the core responsibility to educate children falls on Midland school and partner district Hackensack. Kazimir is concerned regarding the ranking of the school. I hope to hear more about their implementation of their new curriculum and plans to ensure that the children get the education they deserve. He thanked the parents for their commitment to their children’s education. Comm. Valenzuela stated that he was pleased to be liaison to the Board of Education and embraces a good working relationship. Comm. Hauser advised that as an educator himself he believes in looking towards a positive future. Board present Leakas thanked the Township Committee for their efforts citing the 5K and the purchasing of fuel at cost. She is looking forward to the next level in the future. Board member Allos recognized prior Mayor Ouellette and thanked her for an excellent working relationship. He welcomed new committee member Hauser. He thanked the Township for their efforts in saving the school money, recognizing the burden on the taxpayers. Board member Cravello requested information from Mayor Kazimir regarding the planting of roses at the historical home. Mayor Kazimir gave an explanation regarding the implementation of a vegetation program the children of Midland school might become involved in. Dr. Zoeller spoke of have the children visit the Township Library, possibly getting their first library card. He also mentioned the evacuation drills which utilize the municipal building and staff. Administrator Davidson stated that he was very enthusiastic regarding the students and the Library. He also would like the Library Director to be involved in the school’s summer reading program. Comm. Valenzuela complimented the school regarding the building façade. He was also happy to note that the new boilers were up and running.

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk