



**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK  
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET  
ROCHELLE PARK, NJ 07662**

**MINUTES – BUDGET MEETING – January 30, 2008  
Meeting to begin at 7:30 PM**

Call to order 7:30 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of January 20, 2008 was included in the annual notice sent to the “Our Town” and “The Record” and published in January 2008, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 7, 2008 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. K. J. Kovalcik  
Comm. W. Lotz  
Comm. P. Strohmeier  
Comm. F. Valenzuela  
Mayor J. Scarpa

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Township Committee

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

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

The Township Committee agreed to let the Boy Scouts utilize the Senior Center for several nighttime meetings.

Discussion:

Budget Discussion – 2008 – Administrator Mariniello presented an overview of what to expect in the 2008 budget. He advised the Township Committee that Rochelle Park is eligible to self examine, and also that filing deadlines have been extended by approximately 30 days. He discussed the instructions given to all departments to try not to increase their budgets. The Township Committee reviewed each department’s budget line by line for further discussion at the next budget meeting scheduled for February 6, 2008.

8:00 PM – Fire Department – Chief Dave Brown advised the Township Committee regarding his budget preparation. He explained in detail the increases requested and the reasoning behind the requests.

8:15 PM – Library – Director Judith Sands presented the Township Committee with her 2008 budget and explained the increases requested. She requested the Committee consideration in hiring of additional part time employee.

8:30 PM – Recreation – Recreation Committee presented the 2008 Recreation Budget to the Township Committee for their consideration stressing the need for two additional camp counselors. The Committee agreed to begin the fingerprinting process with the Recreation volunteers, amending the current ordinance to include fees regarding background checks on all Township volunteers.

The Township Committee, at the request of the Administrator, reviewed the current personnel policy requesting copies of all driver’s licenses from Township employees.

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The Committee agreed to readdress the personnel policy and its verbiage regarding background checks.

The Township Committee asked Municipal Clerk De Maria to schedule Police, EMS, OEM, Building Department and DPW departments for the next budget meeting in February.

Mayor Scarpa advised that he was interested in having Administrator Greg Hart make a presentation to the Township Committee regarding "Paperless Meetings". The Committee was receptive to the idea.

A motion was offered by Comm. Strohmeyer and seconded by Mayor Scarpa to open the meeting to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting "Ay e".

A motion was offered by Mayor Scarpa and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer to close the meeting to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting "Ay e".

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria  
Municipal Clerk