



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

AGENDA – PUBLIC MEETING – April 20, 2011

Call to Order 7:34 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of April 20, 2011 was advertised in the notice sent to the “Our Town” and “The Record” and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 3, 2011 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. R. Davidson
 Comm. K. J. Kovalcik
 Comm. F. Valenzuela
 Comm. J. Ouellette
 Mayor J. Scarpa – Absent

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ambulance Captain Roland Jacobsen.

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

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Davidson to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting held on March 16, 2011. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Reports:

Health Department - March 2011
Municipal Court - March 2011
Attendance Report - March 2011
Building Department - March 2011

Resolutions:

Hearing on 2011 Budget

The budget will be adopted at the May 11th Work Session scheduled at 7:30 PM. A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Ouellette to open the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

CFO Roy Riggiano – advised that the municipal budget was at approximately 3 points which will equate to an estimated increase of \$93.00 per home. The Township Committee, through many hours of hard work, has managed to stay below the 2% budget cap set by the state. He thanked the Township Committee for their hard work.

Frank De Maria, Municipal Auditor, advised that through the efforts put forth last year including personnel reductions and furloughs, the pressure on this year’s budget has been alleviated. With the changing of the Police Department shifts, from 8 to 12 hours, the Township is off to a good start. The Township will be banking \$133,000 towards next year’s CAP. Also the Township is \$748,000 under the appropriation cap set by the State. Mr. Di Maria advised that through the hard work of the CFO, prior year’s grants money for Carlock Field in the amount of \$100,000+ was received which will be used to pay down the Township’s Debt.

Comm. Valenzuela thanked Comm. Davidson for his hard work as Police and DPW liaison. Through negotiations with both departments there have been zero salary increases. The Police Department shift hours have been changed from eight per shift to twelve. This anticipated to save money in overtime expenditures.

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

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on April 20, 2011 cont.

The Consent Agenda was offered by Comm. Davidson seconded by Comm. Ouellette and reads:

Resolution #2011 - 81

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – March 2011

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: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 82

A Resolution – Endorsing Submission of Recycling Tonnage Grant Application

Whereas, the Mandatory Source separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

Whereas, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

Whereas, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition to applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

Whereas, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants 2008 memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Township Committee to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

Whereas, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park the Township of Rochelle Park hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Roland Jacobson to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

Be it further resolved that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 83

A Resolution – Authorization to Make LOSAP Payment – Ambulance Corp./Fire Department

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 2010 appropriation reserve, totaling \$15,600 for the Volunteer Fire Department and \$5,250 for the 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 2010 audit requirements.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 84

A Resolution – Raffle License #411-11 – American Legion Post #170

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 #411-11 as presented by the AMERICAN LEGION POST #170 ID#427-07-00459 requesting permission to conduct 50/50 Raffle on September 11, 2011 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 85

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement of Real Property Tax Appeal - 50 Essex Street

Address: 50 Essex Street, Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662
Taxpayer: Calastro, Gambardella, Rosado, Zimmer
Tax Block: 3
Tax Lot: 41

Whereas, Calastro Gambardella, et al, are the owners of the property described above; and

Whereas, that property was assessed for the tax year 2009 and 2010 as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Land:	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 704,000.00
Improvements:	<u>700,000.00</u>	<u>1,118,200.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,822,200.00

Whereas, Real Property Tax Appeals were filed in connection with this property for the years 2009 and 2010; and

Whereas, as a result of the foregoing, and based upon the recommendation of the Tax Assessor and Township Attorney, the Real Property Tax Appeal filed in connection with this matter shall be settled as set forth herein.

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 Real Property Tax Assessment for the property described above is amended for the 2009 tax year as follows:

Land:	\$ 389,500.00
Improvements:	<u>389,500.00</u>
Total:	\$ 779,000.00

The Real Property Tax Assessment for the property described above is amended for the 2010 tax year as follows:

Land:	\$ 704,000.00
Improvements:	<u>596,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,300,000.00

2. Prejudgment interest on any refund is waived provided that refund is paid within sixty days of entry of judgment.
3. Any tax refunds shall be made payable to William Sitar, Esq. attorney for Calastro, Gambardella, Rosado, Zimmer and forwarded to counsel for the taxpayer, William Sitar, Esq. at the following address:

Sitar Law Offices, LLC
1481 Oak Tree Road
Iselin, New Jersey 08831

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 Tax Assessor for the Township of Rochelle Park, the Tax Collector, the Township Attorney and William Sitar, Esq.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 –86

A Resolution – Granting Permission to Abovenet Communications, Inc. to Install Telecommunications Facilities Along, Under and Over the Public Right

Whereas, AboveNet Communications, Inc. (AboveNet) is a telecommunications carrier authorized to provide service by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); and

Whereas, AboveNet, as a public utility and common carrier, has requested approval to install telecommunications facilities in Rochelle Park rights-of-way; and

Whereas, AboveNet is also seeking to lease or obtain conduit space and access to poles with other utilities, particularly Verizon New Jersey Inc., and Verizon

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has required that AboveNet obtain Rochelle Park Township Committee approval as a condition of such access;

Now therefore be it resolved by the Rochelle Park township committee that:

1. Permission and authority are hereby granted to AboveNet to install telecommunications facilities on utility poles or within underground conduits located in the public right-of-way in the Township of Rochelle Park in order to provide telecommunications services to the public, and to operate, maintain and repair said facilities, subject to the following:
 - A. The facilities shall be installed in underground conduit and/or onto utility poles in the public right-of-way.
 - B. AboveNet, its successors and assigns, shall adhere to all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws regarding safety requirements for the use of the public right-of-way.
 - C. AboveNet, its successors and assigns, shall comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws requiring permits prior to beginning construction.
 - D. Such permission be and is hereby given upon the condition and provision that AboveNet, its successors and assigns, not only indemnify and save harmless the Township of Rochelle Park, its officers, agents and servants, from any claims arising from or in any way connected to the acts or omissions of AboveNet in use of the public right-of-way but shall agree on behalf of the Township to defend any action at law or equity which may be brought against the Township upon such claims or from claims arising during the construction period, excluding in all instances claims arising out of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Township.
 - E. AboveNet, its successors and assigns shall at its own cost and expense procure and keep at all times in full force and effect paid up policies for Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in favor of the Township, as its interests may appear, in the amount of at least \$5,000,000, in any combination of primary and excess or umbrella coverages, covering bodily injury and property damage arising out of any one accident. Proof of said coverage, naming the Township as an additional insured shall be filed with the Township Clerk prior to the installation of any plant. On prior notice to AboveNet, the Township shall have the right to request an increase in the amount of Comprehensive General Liability Insurance and to alter the terms of insurance called for under this section provided such change is implemented uniformly for all similarly situated carriers. AboveNet shall endeavor to ensure that said insurance shall not be subject to cancellation or change until thirty (30) days after the Township Clerk has received written notice thereof as evidenced by postal mail sent with proof of delivery.
 - F. Such permission be and is hereby given upon the further condition that in the use of the public right-of-way AboveNet, its successors and assigns, shall become subject to any lawful Ordinance or Resolution now or hereafter adopted by the Township.
 - G. Such permission be and is hereby given upon the condition that AboveNet shall obtain all applicable permits which may be required by the Township, and shall comply with, bear the expenses of, all applicable Township requirements regarding traffic control and police supervision while any work in the public right of way is occurring.

- H. AboveNet shall be responsible for the repair of damage to paving, existing utility lines, or any surface or subsurface installations, etc., arising from the construction, installation or maintenance of said plant.
- I. Neither the Township nor AboveNet shall be liable to the other for consequential, incidental, exemplary or punitive damages on account of any activity pursuant to this resolution.
- J. The adoption of this resolution on behalf of the Township by the Township Committee shall be attested to by the Township Clerk who shall affix the Township Seal thereto. Said actions shall constitute the existence of public notification.
- K. The permission and authority hereby granted shall be for a period of fifteen (15) years. Such permission and authority shall be automatically extended for additional periods of five (5) years each; provided, however, that either party may cancel such permission and authority effective at the end of the currently effective term with a minimum of one (1) year's prior written notice to the other.
- L. AboveNet shall pay directly or reimburse the Township for all expenses incurred by the Township in connection with its review of AboveNet's activities pursuant to this resolution, including without limitation legal and engineering review and costs of police presence for traffic control.

I certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Rochelle Park Township Committee at a meeting held on April 20, 2011.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 87

A Resolution – Introduction – Ord. #1030-11 – An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 28 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park Entitled “Police Department”

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 28 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT”**” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading April 20, 2011 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on May 18, 2011 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: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 88

A Resolution – Amendment to the 2011 Municipal Budget

TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
 COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY
 RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2010 APPROVED BUDGET

Resolution #2011-88

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2011 was approved on the 9th day of March, 2011 and
 WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and
 WHEREAS, it is desired to further amend said approved budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2011 be made:

	From	To
GENERAL REVENUES		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items:		
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service	-	135,868.31
Total Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items	970,899.94	1,106,768.25
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	970,899.94	1,106,768.25
5. Subtotal General Revenues (Items 1,2,3 and 4)	2,877,628.19	3,013,496.50
7. Total General Revenues	11,264,027.25	11,399,895.56
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		
8. General Appropriations (A) Operations - Within "CAPS"		
INSURANCE		
Employee Group Insurance	878,925.00	852,793.31
Total Operations (Item 8(A)) within "CAPS"	7,105,054.00	7,078,922.31
Total Operations Including Contingent Within "CAPS"	7,105,054.00	7,078,922.31
Detail:		
Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	2,899,264.00	2,873,132.31
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	8,129,593.00	8,103,461.31
8. General Appropriations (D) Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Payment of Notes	110,000.00	139,131.69
Payment of Notes (Reserve)	-	135,868.31
Note Interest	125,000.00	122,000.00
Total Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"	1,028,956.00	1,190,956.00
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded From "CAPS"	2,474,434.25	2,636,434.25
(O) Total General Appropriations - Excluded From "CAPS"	2,474,434.25	2,636,434.25
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-2) and (O))	10,604,027.25	10,739,895.56
9. Total General Appropriations	11,264,027.25	11,399,895.56

Resolution #2011 – 89

A Resolution – Introduction – Ord. #1031-11 – An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 28 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park Entitled “Police Department”

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 28 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT”**” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading April 20, 2011 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on May 18, 2011 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: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 90

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – April 13, 2011

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

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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 April 13, 2011 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: Virginia De Maria

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – April 13, 2011

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. Route 17 Bottleneck – Committee member Valenzuela provided an update regarding discussions at the County of Bergen with regard to this project and the funding for the project.
2. Litigation – The Township Attorney provided an update regarding all pending litigation matters including Lotz, Buonanno and Dilullo-Vogel.
3. DPW Garage – The Township Attorney and Committee member Davidson provided a brief summary of the status of this ongoing project and the continued potential for legal claims arising out of the contractor's apparent inability to complete the project.
4. 151 West Passaic Street – Status of rent payment defaults was provided by the Township Administrator. .

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Ouellette to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

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

Comm. Valenzuela – furnished Mayor Scarpa's report in his absence. This Saturday, the Recreation Committee will be sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM at Matthew's Field. Comm. Valenzuela suggested early attendance due to speed of the event.

A motion was offered by Comm. Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Davidson to appoint Renee Wilson – Regular Member and Anthony Alexander – Junior Member of the Rochelle Park Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Valenzuela advised at next month's Public Meeting Fire Captain Peter Donatello Jr. will be honored for obtaining a grant from the 200 Club for four new defibulators. He thanked OEM and the Fire Department for standing by during a recent rain storm. He thanked the volunteers for their hard work and community spirit.

Valenzuela gave an update on the 911 Memorial and the progress the committee was making. They held a meeting on Saturday, March 26th and agreed to place the monument at Midland School. The American Legion will be selling raffles tickets helping to defray the cost of designing and building the monument. Hopefully the monument will be complete by September 11, 2011.

Valenzuela reminded everyone that the School Board election is being held Wednesday, April 27th at 1:30 PM at Midland School suggested all to exercise their right to vote.

The Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society is being held at Midland School on June 4th and 5th. Volunteers are needed, those interested please visit the Township's web-site at www.rochelleparknj.gov for details.

Valenzuela touched on recent flooding events throughout Bergen County. He advised that due to recent construction at the Route 46 intersection in Lodi, excess water was being routed downstream and impacting Rochelle Park. Also the Marsallis Avenue

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Bridge in Lodi is in need of repairs, a debris catcher was installed, however there is so much debris trapped under this bridge that water cannot flow freely. Valenzuela is meeting with representative from various municipalities and calling upon Congressman Scott Garrett to discuss and rectify these problems. Rain storms seem to be affecting the Township faster than ever, flooding streets never impacted before.

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

Resolution #2011-91

A Resolution – In Favor of the Passage of S-54 – Allowing Regular Desnagging and Desilting of our Local Streams

Whereas, flooding of local streams is a major problem for the residents of Low lying areas; and

Whereas, regular de-snagging and de-silting of our local streams would provide significant relief of flooding problems; and

Whereas, the permitting process required before de-snagging and de-silting may be undertaken is extremely onerous; and

Whereas, that permitting process is also very costly to the local governments involved; and

Whereas, relief from some of the requirements of that permitting process would facilitate de-snagging and de-silting operations being undertaken in a more timely manner;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park hereby urges the legislature to quickly enact, and the Governor to approve, S-54 which would relieve some of the regulatory burdens; and

It is hereby ordered that a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Christie, Senate President Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Oliver, Senator Smith, Chairman of Senate Environmental Committee, and Assemblyman McKeon, Chairman of the Assembly Environmental Committee.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Valenzuela wished everyone a happy Passover and Easter.

Comm. Ouellette – Library March Report - Circulated - 1565 items, Loaned – 429, Borrowed – 1,219, New Cards Issued - 23, Computer Usage - 289.

Comm. Davidson discussed the flooding problems. He would like an explanation of why sections of the Township are flooding when only 3” of rain falls. He feels the on going flooding issues need to be addressed immediately. Davidson suggested possibly utilizing funding to help Bergen County municipalities cope with the ongoing problem of flooding. He thanked OEM for a great job and appreciates their efforts. Davidson advised that the DPW is currently working on preparing the various ball fields in the Township for baseball opening day.

Davidson advised the he had attended the Hackensack Youth Academy graduation. The students will be commended at the next public meeting. The students give up their vacation to attend this youth academy sponsored by various Police Department’s from the municipalities who attend Hackensack High School.

Deputy Mayor Kovalcik – Thanked Comm. Valenzuela and Comm. Davidson on the information they shared regarding the flooding in the Township. It helps to educate the audience.

Ambulance Corp. March Report – 70 Calls. He thanked Ben Varghese, Kerry Hogan and Steve Cassiello.

Kovalcik advised that Court Administrator Lynda Lasini reported that two court sessions continue to be held every month. Ms Lasini also reminded everyone to drive defensively and be aware of their surroundings entering into the summer months.

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

Sandy Ross – 180 Chestnut Street – Advised that as a point of interest, residents bordering on Sprout Brook own to the center of the brook. If the Township is planning on cleaning the brook, permission must be obtained from the property owner. She

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thanked the DPW for their response time. Ms. Ross asked the Township Committee why reverse 911 calls went out after the flooding was already happening. Pete Donatello, OEM Coordinator, addressed her question stating that when many municipalities utilize the reverse 911 system through Bergen County, the system seems to slow down. He is currently addressing this “glitch” in the system. Comm. Valenzuela advised that he had been monitoring the weather system and had been making postings on the Township Facebook page. He notified the residents of the link to the page [Facebook.com/Rochelleparknj](https://www.facebook.com/Rochelleparknj). He will also add a link to the NOA site. He will also avail residents of his cell phone number and e-mail address.

Mr. Wilson Haro – 104 Berdan Street – Asked if the residents could help stop the flooding. Mr. Haro also asked that possibly police officers could notify residents when they should move their cars out of the path of flood water. The Township Committee agreed to look into Mr. Haro’s suggestion.

Comm. Davidson advised that the department learn something from each flooding event.

Mr. Kingma – 92 Madison Ave – He advised that unfortunately removal of wetland upstream has helped create the flooding problems. Also with no leaves on the trees yet, the water table has not been drawn down negatively effecting Sprout Brook.

Kathleen Goodwin – 6 Powell Avenue – Advised that she had been a resident of Rochelle Park for 32 years. She feels that since new sewer lines were put in place that she now gets water in her basement. After a brief explanation, it was determined that the main sewer line on Powell Avenue was clogged and the line was cleaned by the DPW. It seems water is also entering into her house due to a high water table. She asked that curbs for Powell Avenue be placed in the budget. Deputy Mayor Kovalcik advised that curbing was very expensive; more roads could be paved utilizing this money.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk