



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

**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – August 19, 2009**

Call to Order 7:35 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of August 19, 2009 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 7, 2009 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. J. Scarpa - Absent  
Comm. P. Strohmeier  
Mayor F. Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Denise Gustavsen

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

Comm. Scarpa entered the meeting

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Strohmeier to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting "Aye".

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting held July 15, 2009. Motion carried on a voice vote - all voting "Aye"

Reports:

Building Department - July 2009  
Health Department - July 2009  
Municipal Court - July 2009  
Attendance Report - July 2009

Resolutions:

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

Resolution #2009 - 166

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – August 2009

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 #2009 – 167

A Resolution - Awarding Contract for the 2008 Road Program – Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc. - \$175,192.35

Whereas, on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 bids were received for the Township of Rochelle Park 2008 Road Program; and

Whereas, seven (7) bids were received, opened and read; and

Whereas the low bidder for the base bid and the base bid plus alternate bid was Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., 90 West Franklin Street,, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for the base bid amount of \$165,821.45 and the base bid plus alternate bid amount of \$175,192.35; and

Resolution #20089 – 167 (cont.)

Whereas upon review of the bid's submitted, the Township Engineer has recommended that the bid be awarded to Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., 90 West Franklin Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the contract for the Township of Rochelle Park 2008 Road Program base bid plus and alternate bid be awarded to Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., 90 West Franklin Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 for the bid amount of \$175,192.35; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available from Capital Account fund in the amount not to exceed \$175,192.35.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 168

A Resolution To Deny Parole for Christopher Righetti And Adhere to the Life Sentencing

Whereas, on August 31, 1976, Kim Montelaro, a resident of New Milford, Bergen County, then 20 years old, was forcibly abducted, brutally assaulted and murdered by repeat offender, Christopher Righetti; and

Whereas, Christopher Righetti, Prisoner #59431, is currently incarcerated for the killing of Kim Montelaro; and

Whereas, Kim Montelaro's parents, Anthony and Alice Montelaro have worked tirelessly for 33 years to persuade the New Jersey Parole Board to keep Christopher Righetti behind bars; and

Whereas, Christopher Righetti has gone before the parole Board of Northern State Prison many times already. His release was denied each time, as the parole board found that Christopher Righetti was unwilling to take responsibility for abducting, assaulting and murdering Kim Montelaro; and

Whereas, Christopher Righetti has never shown any remorse for his crime and has made no substantial progress in addressing the issues that led him to murder Kim Montelaro and has demonstrated a substantial risk for recidivism; and

Whereas, Kim's family should not be made to relive this horrible crime every few years when there is a parole hearing. They are forced to travel long distances from their current residence in Florida each time there is a parole hearing for their daughter's killer. The continue to suffer unnecessarily on Christopher Righetti's account; and

Whereas, in addition to the efforts of Anthony and Alice Montelaro, the Township of Rochelle Park hereby supports the position that Christopher Righetti should not be granted parole and should serve out the full remainder of his life sentence. The abduction, rape and murder of any innocent young woman is a serious crime that demands justice; and the family of Kim Montelaro should be given the peace of mind of knowing that their daughter's murderer will remain behind bars for the rest of his life, as ordered by the court.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor and Township Committee of the township of Rochelle Park hereby abide by the conclusion that Christopher Righetti be denied parole and be made to serve out his life sentence, otherwise this creates a grave injustice to the family of Kim Montelaro as well as to society.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Assembly, All Bergen County municipalities, the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey PBA, the New Jersey Senate, the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, and to Chairman Peter J. Barnes Jr. of the New Jersey State Parole Board.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 169

A Resolution Appointing Court Officer – Patarick Izzo

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following be and are hereby appointed as an Alternate Court Officers and shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee effective August 13, 2009 with a three month probationary period. Salary shall be in accordance with the Salary Ordinance.

Patrick Izzo  
14 E. Fairmount Ave.  
Maywood, New Jersey 07607

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 170

A Resolution Appointing Court Officer – William Jones III

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following be and are hereby appointed as an Alternate Court Officers and shall serve at the pleasure of the Township Committee effective August 13, 2009 with a three month probationary period. Salary shall be in accordance with the Salary Ordinance.

William Jones III  
6 Church Street  
Elmwood Park, N.J. 07407

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 171

A Resolution Extending the Due Date for the Payment Of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes Due August 1, 2009

Whereas, the Tax Collector has certified that the Township Tax Bills will be mailed on or before Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and;

Whereas, the official date of mailing is August 14<sup>th</sup>, and the law provides 25 days from the date of mailing for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2009 Tax Quarter to end on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and;

Whereas, taxes received after September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 shall be deemed delinquent and subsequent tax laws concerning interest and penalties shall prevail; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Governing Body of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 shall be the last day in which 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taxes shall be considered current.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 172

A Resolution Removal of Block 29 Lot 7.01 Due to Subdivision – 12 Central Avenue

Whereas, Block 29 Lot 7.01, commonly known as 12 Central Avenue has a mother lot that has been sub divided and

Whereas, the Tax Duplicate references the new lots as Block 29 Lot 6 c1-c10 and;

Whereas, taxes on parcel Block 29 Lot 7.01 commonly known as 12 Central Avenue no longer exists as well as no taxes are owned on the property and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Governing Body of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that approval be granted to cancel all remaining taxes due inclusive of any billing for said lot and block.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 174

A Resolution – Authorizing Execution of Landscape Maintenance Agreement - ADPP

Whereas, ADPP ENTERPRISES, INC. filed a Site Plan and Variance Application before the Township of Rochelle Park for the development of property located at the intersection of High and Essex Streets, Rochelle Park, known as Block 2, Lots 40 through 48, Rochelle Park, New Jersey to develop property located at the aforementioned intersection and to replace an existing automobile service station and retail/convenience store and erect a new 1, 875 square foot retail/convenience store together with a new automobile service station and canopy.; and

Whereas, on February 23, 2009, a Resolution was adopted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment which provided the necessary approvals for said development; and

Whereas, in addition to the Zoning Board of Adjustment approval there were several Township Engineer reviews of the application, the resolution and the plans submitted; and

Whereas, pursuant to the approvals granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment, a Landscape Maintenance Agreement was to be prepared by the Attorney for Planning Board, Anthony N. Gallina, Esq., prior to commencement of construction; and

Whereas, the aforesaid Agreement was prepared by the Attorney for the Planning Board and reviewed by the Township Attorney who has approved the content and form of the same; and

Resolution #2009 – 174 (cont.)

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 Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park, a Landscape Maintenance Agreement in the matter of the Site Plan and Variance Application of ADPP ENTERPRISES, INC.
2. The Landscape Maintenance Agreement shall include copies of all resolution and engineering review reports prior to its execution.
3. The approval shall be subject to appropriate escrow deposits and performance bonds in accordance with the directions of the Township Engineer.

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 Zoning Board of Adjustment, Anthony N. Gallina, Esq., the Township Attorney, Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq..

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 175

A Resolution – Metro PCS - Exemption from Minor Site Plan and Tenant Review

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park is the owner of property located at the end of Central Avenue at its intersection with Rochelle Avenue; and

Whereas, said property is the current location for the Department of Public Works facility; and

Whereas, the Township has entered into a lease agreement with Metro PCS New York, LLC for the installation of a cell tower and communications installation at that location; and

Whereas, this agreement will result in construction of this facility on the site which would ordinarily require site plan approval from the Township Planning Board; and

Whereas, in view of the fact that this property is owned by the Municipality, it is within the power of the Township Committee to exempt this application from formal site plan review; and

Whereas, notwithstanding the waiver of formal site plan review, the developer/tenant would still be required to comply with all the requirements of the Building Department and Township Engineer and also comply with all rules, regulations and ordinances of the Municipality; and

Whereas, in addition to the foregoing, this party wouldn't be required to post all necessary and requested escrows at the direction of the Township Engineer and/or Building Department and pay all fees in connection with this development.

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 development application of Metro PCS New York, LLC for the proposed Metro PCS installation at the Department of Public Works site shall be exempt from formal site plan application before the Township of Rochelle Park Planning Board.
2. Notwithstanding the exemption from formal site plan approval, this applicant shall be required to comply with all directions and requirements of the Township Engineer, Construction Official and Building Department together with any other Municipal, County or State agencies which may exercise jurisdiction over this application.
3. This developer/applicant shall also be required to pay any and all fees and post any and all escrows which may be required at the direction of the Township Engineer or Building Department.
4. Notwithstanding the exemption from formal site plan review, the developer/applicant shall be required to comply with all local building and development requirements and ordinances.

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 Metro PCS New York, LLC, the Construction Official for the Township of Rochelle Park, the Township Attorney and the Township Engineer

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2009 – 176

A Resolution – Introduction – 2009 Salary Ordinance Non Contractual

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARY OR RATE OF COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND TO ESTABLISH A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2009.**” 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 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 #2009 – 177

Authorizing the Hiring of a Full Time Police Dispatcher Alexandros Seretis

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park hires civilian police dispatchers to work within the Police Department; and

Whereas, pursuant to a prior Resolution, the Township Committee determined that civilian police dispatchers will now be paid pursuant to the established salary guide which will include salary steps providing for annual increases: and

Whereas, Chief Zavinsky of the Rochelle Park Police Department received resumes from individuals who are interested in the position of full-time dispatcher and conducted interviews of the individuals who had submitted resumes; and

Whereas, Chief Zavinsky has provided his report and recommendation regarding the hiring of a full-time Police Dispatcher to the Township Committee; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has agreed with the recommendations made by the Chief of Police with regard to the individual to be hired.

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 following individual shall be hired as a full-time civilian Police Dispatcher for the Township of Rochelle Park:

**Alexandros Seretis  
100 Madison Avenue  
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662  
Starting Salary: \$30,378.00 per year**

Be it further resolved, that the civilian Police Dispatcher shall be paid pursuant to the Salary Ordinance of the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Be it further resolved, that employment for this individual shall commence as of September 1, 2009; and

Be it further resolved, that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of the within Resolution to the Township Administrator, the Rochelle Park Chief of Police, Alexandros Seretis and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Mayor Valenzuela and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended removing Resolution #2009-173. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

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

Resolution #2009 – 173

A Resolution Supporting Construction of Sound Barriers – Garden State Parkway – Howard Avenue

Whereas, a portion of the Garden State Parkway runs through a section of the Township of Rochelle Park in Bergen County; and

Whereas, this portion of the Parkway is in the most heavily populated area in the state, and

Whereas, the Parkway in this area consists of eight well-traveled lanes going north and south; and

Whereas, these eight Parkway lanes are along the properties of Howard Avenue homes in Rochelle Park; and

Resolution #2009 – 173 (cont.)

Whereas, traffic volume, accidents, and other factors have caused an increase in noise pollution for the Rochelle Park homeowners who reside on Howard Avenue; and

Whereas, this noise pollution has negatively affected the quality of life of people who live there; and

Whereas, the Garden State Parkway has installed sound barriers in many other areas throughout New Jersey to help residents living near this highway to attain some peace and quiet, and

Whereas, the Parkway has also recently increased tolls to perform capital projects such as road resurfacing and constructing sound barriers; now

Be it resolved, that the Township Committee of Rochelle Park hereby officially requests that sound barriers be installed on the Garden State Parkway from milepost 160.9 to 161.3 to provide some relief to its residents, and

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to our State Legislators and the New Jersey Highway Authority.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Comm. Scarpa explained to the public that the residents of Howard Avenue presented the Township Committee with a signed petition complaining about excess noise emanating from the Garden State Parkway toll plaza. Comm. Scarpa authored the above resolution petitioning the highway authorizing for sound barriers in this area. A copy will be sent to the state legislators including Senator Weinberg. All homeowners who signed the petition will receive a copy of the resolution.

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

Resolution #2009 – 178

A Resolution Authoring a Separation Agreement – Administrator

Whereas, an agreement has been reached between the Township of Rochelle Park and Michael Mariniello who currently serves in the positions of Township Administrator and Chief Financial Officer; and

Whereas, as a result of this agreement, Mr. Mariniello will no longer serve in the aforesaid positions, with Mr. Mariniello ending his service as administrator as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and as Chief Financial Officer as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009; and

Whereas, an agreement has been reached after extensive discussions and negotiations which provides for the terms under which the employment relationship will be ended; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has now approved the final agreement in the form attached to this resolution which will be executed by all parties.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

4. The Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park.
5. This agreement provides, among other things, for the termination of the employment relationship between the Township Administrator/Chief Financial Officer and the Township of Rochelle Park.
6. This agreement provides for the entire agreement between the parties and no further promises or agreements have been made.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Michael Mariniello, the Township Attorney and the Personnel Department of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Strohmeier and reads:

Resolution #2009-179

A Resolution – Adoption Ord. 998-09 – Revaluation

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000 FOR A PROGRAM OF REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP**” 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: Virginia De Maria

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

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer and reads:

Resolution #2009 –180

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ord. 1010-09 – 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 THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND, SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE TOWNSHIP**” 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: Virginia De Maria

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

No comments from the public

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

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

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

Resolution #2009 –181

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of closed Session Minutes Of August 12, 2009

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 August 12, 2009 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

Resolution #2009 -181 (cont.)

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – August 12, 2009

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. Litigation Report - The Township Attorney reported on the status of the litigation involving Longo Electrical-Mechanical, Inc. as well as the litigation against a former municipal employee, Ronald DePaola. A tentative agreement has been reached regarding the settlement of the DePaola matter.
2. Administrator/CFO – The Township Attorney reported on discussions with the Township Administrator/CFO regarding his current employment status, retirement plans and benefits to be paid upon leaving this position. A final agreement was reached and the Township Attorney was authorized to finalize the written contract and resolution to be adopted at the next meeting.
3. Retirement Benefits - A discussion was held regarding the extension of retirement benefits for an elected official or employee with more than twenty five years of service.
4. 151 West Passaic Street - The Township Attorney provided a report regarding the status of negotiations and discussions for the leasing of the second floor of the Municipal Building. A tentative agreement has been reached with a prospective tenant and the Township Attorney will commence preparation of a Lease Agreement.
5. Westfield Garden State Plaza - The Township Attorney reported on the approval granted by the Borough of Paramus for the further expansion of the Garden State Plaza. The Township Attorney and special counsel will advise the Township Committee as to any potential for an appeal of that decision by another objector.
6. Northern Park, LLC- Terrace Avenue – The Township Attorney provided a report regarding the various areas of litigation and current applications regarding this property. The applicant has filed a new Wetlands application with the State of New Jersey and the Township Engineer has reviewed the application and has many comments and objections to the same.
- 7 Township Engineer – The Township Engineer provided a summary of issues involving potential litigation

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

Committee’s/Administrator’s/Attorney’s Reports

Comm. Kovalcik – Thanked the sponsors of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Kenneth Kovalcik Annual Summerfest Concert, Park Avenue/BMW. He felt the concert went extremely well and he had received many great reviews of the Mahoney Brothers. Kovalcik thanked all the department heads who had participated in organizing the concert and those who had attended.

Comm. Scarpa – Advised that the Annual Rag-A-Muffin Parade/Rochelle Park Day will be held at Carlock Field on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. He wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

Comm. Lotz – Municipal Court Report July – 387 Cases Disposed

DPW July Report – Most time spent collecting leaves, secondly trimming trees, thirdly picking up brush – Total Hours 752

Comm. Strohmeier – Library July Report - Circulated - 2721 items, Loaned – 503, Borrowed - 1641, New Cards Issued - 19, Computer Usage - 316.

Building Department July Report - \$10,000 in revenue

Strohmeier reported on a meeting held in the county offices, in attendance was Mayor Valenzuela, the Township Engineer Ken Job, and Police Chief Zavinsky. The subject was the widening of the Route 17 bottleneck which lies entirely in Rochelle Park. The meeting was held with consultants from the Bergen County Planning Department who are currently in the information collecting phase. More meetings will be forthcoming and she will report back with information at that time. Strohmeier wished everyone a Happy Labor Day and reminded everyone to attend Rochelle Park Day.

Mayor Valenzuela – Spoke regarding the Route 17 bottleneck, he cited the many accidents and township services which are used at this location on a regular basis.

Valenzuela advised that the Administrator, Michael Mariniello, would be retiring on August 31<sup>st</sup>, however staying on as Chief Financial Officer until October 31<sup>st</sup>. He wished Mike well. He advised that a retirement party for Committeeman Lotz is being planned for Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Venetian Restaurant in Garfield. Comm. Lotz has been serving the residents of Rochelle Park for over 44 years. Valenzuela spoke with the



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residents of Hazley Court and advised them that their street had been added to the 2008 road program.

Administrator Mariniello – Advised that he had enjoyed his four years in Rochelle Park. He thanked the residents and the staff. He advised that the expansion of Houghton Hall was completed. He advised that this year's summer camp attendees enjoyed the new facilities. Mariniello asked the committee's permission to continue sitting in on the DPW Complex engineering meetings. They had no objection to his request.

Comm. Lotz – thanked the Administrator for his ideas and determination.

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

Patricia Stefano – 74 Thiem Avenue – Asked again for assistance with a wall along the side of her property. Administrator Mariniello advised that he had visited her property and that the wall she is requesting would be on private property. She was advised that once Carlock Field was completed the Township was considering fencing in the entire park. Comm. Scarpa informed this resident that he will meet with the Township Engineer and investigate her property and report back.

Sandra Ross -180 Chestnut Street – Asked if the building across from CVS which has been under construction for years, if ever going to be complete. She was advised that this building went into foreclosure and has a new owner who is expected to bring this property up to code. Construction Code Official Bolan will be contacted regarding this property. Ms. Ross asked the Township Committee the status of the re-development program on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Rochelle Avenue. Comm. Strohmeyer advised that currently the developer was focusing in the Township's COAH obligations. Ms. Ross then asked what was replacing Quincy's Restaurant. She was informed that Roxanna's Family Restaurant would be opening shortly.

Heather Lum - 46 Terrace Ave. – Asked the status of the Terrace Avenue project. Mayor Valenzuela advised that he was not able to disclose much information, however the Township Committee members are aware of the previous property owners misdeeds. This project has been flawed since its inception twenty years ago.

Robert Calabrese -86 Parkway – Complained about the parking situation on his street. There are too many cars parked on either side of the street and the non-residents are inconsiderate of the residents. He has found rubber gloves, syringes and diapers on his property. He cited school buses and heavy trucks making the street crack. He also advised that street sweepers and snow plows cannot go down either side of Parkway due to the excessive parking on both sides.

John Imbrogno - 85 Parkway – Agreed with his neighbor regarding the condition of this street. Mr. Imbrogno had previously brought this matter to the Township Committee's attention at the August work session held on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Rose Benanti – 81 Parkway – Advised that this street has become a "drag strip" during shift change at 96 Parkway, which is a nursing home, rehabilitation facility and doctor's office. She made the Committee aware that the neighborhood had changed, with cars parked for 12 hours at a time, garbage strewn across properties and constant noise. She spoke of a recent strike in front of 96 Parkway which was held on Parkway. She stated that the picketers were disrespectful and loud. There was a constant noise problem.

Comm. Scarpa asked why the noise ordinance had not been adhered to.

Al Reiner – 91 Parkway – Thanked Mayor Valenzuela for his assistance during the aforementioned strike. The employees of 96 Parkway have no regard for the neighbors of Parkway. He echoed the sentiments of his neighbors.

Bob Davidson – 86 Lexington Avenue – Advised that he had visited this location recently and noticed that Bristol Manor/The Chateau had a valet facility which was under using valuable parking spaces. At other times cars were double parked. He agreed that this location was facing many parking issues.

Comm. Kovalcik – Advised that Bristol Manor/The Chateau was responsible for 20% of the Township's ambulance calls. The Committee recently implemented a \$500 fine for non-emergency calls at this location.

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Sandy Ross – 180 Chestnut Street – Suggested resident only parking.

Police Chief Zavinsky – Advised that he was looking into two hour parking and strict enforcement of speeding laws. He is currently reaching out to other police departments for their input. Chief Zavinsky advised that he would be placing emergency no parking signs on one side of Parkway in the morning. He hoped this would send a message. He also advised that the picketers would be returning on Tuesday morning, as they have a legal right to protest. He will make sure the picketers know the rules and regulations. He will also have a patrol car in that area every half hour if necessary. He suggested that the Township send a letter to Mr. Gold, of Bristol Manor/The Chateau, requested that his janitorial staff pick up debris which was left in the neighborhood overnight.

Comm. Scarpa asked why the picketers were allowed to continuously walk on the township sidewalks.

Bob Davidson – 86 Lexington – advised that as long as picketers are moving, they are allowed on sidewalks. They are not allowed to congregate.

Al Reiner – 91 Parkway – Described the picketers as uncooperative when asked to leave his property.

Comm. Strohmeier advised that during the recent meeting with Bergen County regarding the widening of Route 17, a service road from 96 Parkway was suggested. She feels this will alleviate the truck traffic.

Comm. Scarpa – feels that the current ordinance should be changed reflecting a weight limit and time restrictions on Parkway. Attorney Rotolo will begin the process for ordinance introduction in October.

Sandy Ross – 180 Chestnut Street – Advised that she worked in a transportation department and advised drivers when they could enter a location, thereby avoiding a fine from local police.

Rose Benanti – 81 Parkway – Asked that when Chief Zavinsky was notified of the picketers he would advise the residents of this neighborhood in the future. He agreed to this request.

Mayor Valenzuela – listened to the above residents and agreed that this was a quality of life issue. He feels the need for residents only parking. He also advised that the Township Committee would be discussing this issue further at the next work session to come up with a solution which would be legal and enforceable by the police. He is aware of the garbage being discarded as well. He feels that since Bristol Manor/The Chateau is a for profit business, they should build an adequate parking garage or rent a parking lot and shuttle their employees in. Valenzuela asked for a strong police presence on Tuesday when the strikers return. Chief Zavinsky agreed.

A motion was offered by Comm. Lotz and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to close the closed session. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria  
Municipal Clerk