



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – December 21, 2011

Call to Order 7:30 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of December 21, 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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Davia Valenzuela

Mayor Scarpa 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. Davidson to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution #2011-241 Authorizing Use of Bergen County as Health Officers. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Ouellette and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting held on November 9, 2011. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

At the Work Session held on December 14, 2011 the following resolution was adopted - unanimous roll call vote:

Resolution #2011 – 228

Approving Transfers within the 2011 Budget Appropriations

Whereas, there are certain appropriations which unexpended balances and certain accounts on which commitments to be entered into which possibly exceed the amount of the original 2011 appropriations; and

Whereas, under Title 40A:4-58 Revised Statutes of New Jersey permission is given to transfer from one budget account into another during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Finance Officer, Roy Riggitano of the Township of Rochelle Park be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer as follows:

<u>Inside CAP</u>			
20-1001	FROM:	General Administration	\$85,000.00
20-1301	FROM:	Financial S&W	35,000.00
20-1552	FROM:	Legal Services O/E	25,000.00
23-2103	FROM:	Workers Insurance O/E	181,500.00
26-3052	FROM:	Solid Waste Collection	130,800.00
31-4302	FROM:	Utilities Electric	63,620.00
20-1201	FROM:	Municipal Clerk S&W	12,000.00
26-2901	FROM:	Streets & Roads S&W	<u>57,500.00</u>
Total			\$590,420.00

<u>Outside CAP</u>			
20-1102	TO:	Mayor & Council O/E	\$ 500.00
20-1302	TO:	Financial Admin O/E	9,000.00
20-1352	TO:	Audit Services	12,000.00
20-1402	TO:	Computerized Data	1,200.00

20-1451	TO:	Revenue Admin S&W	32,000.00
20-1501	TO:	Tax Assessment Admin S&W	12,000.00
21-1852	TO:	Zoning Board O/E	200.00
23-2252	TO:	Unemployment Ins	9,000.00
25-2522	TO:	Emergency Mgmt O/E	5,500.00
25-2602	TO:	Ambulance O/E	4,800.00
25-2651	TO:	Fire Prevention S&W	9,000.00
25-3702	TO:	Fire Prevention O/E	15,000.00
28-3702	TO:	Recreation O/E	8,500.00
31-1951	TO:	Code Enforcement S&W	46,000.00
31-4352	TO:	Utility Street Lights	40,000.00
31-4602	TO:	Gasoline	150,000.00
26-4710	TO:	PERS Pension	13,000.00
43-5051	TO:	Reserve for Tax Appeals	55,000.00
45-9352	TO:	Interest on BANS	2,220.00
23-2102	TO:	General Insurance	95,000.00
23-2202	TO:	Health Insurance	48,000.00
25-2402	TO:	Police O/E	5,500.00
25-2403	TO:	Police Cars	2,000.00
25-2411	TO:	Police Dispatchers	6,000.00
25-2521	TO:	Emergency Mgmt	4,000.00
44-1012	TO:	Borough of Paramus	5,000.00
			<u>\$590,420.00</u>

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Mayor Scarpa welcomed the Cub Scouts and their families. Four dens are being recognized for obtaining their civics badges which included tours of the municipal building and view local government in action.

Comm. Valenzuela gave a brief overview of the scouting program, citing some qualifications as leadership ability, honesty and cleanliness among others.

Presentations:

Cub Scouts /Webelos

Pack 188 Webelos – Adam Becker, Rayan Daroowalla, Hunter Every, Kevin Kowalski, Matthew Mina, Peter Pascarella

Pack 188 Cub Scouts – Matthew Azzolino, Sean Bautista, Jake Borchard, Christopher Gerber, Anthony Gualpa, Anthony LaFace, Daniel Leon, Peter Lewicki, Matthew Pallouras, Ryan Pardo, Matthew Valenzuela, Luke Valenzuela, Omar Zabady

Pack 188 Bears – Mac Connors, Matthew Cudnick, Ryan Kero, Luke Fishbach, Ernie Mannebach, Patraick Neary-Robert, Jonathan Strub, Siddhartha Somashekar, Devon Rohwohlt

Webelos I – Nicholas Buyck, Brendan Carroll, Peter Grater, Thomas Hickey, Yanni Leakas, Joseph Lauria, Kyle Meany, Matthew Meola, Christian Trapani, Daniel Trapani, Samuel Ramirez

Arrow Of Light – Jonathan Becker, Theo Leakas, Ryan Scully, Justin Mannebach, Max Ramirez

Mayor Scarpa thanked the parents and children for their participation, stated that he had attended six Eagle Scout ceremonies. Mayor Scarpa and Comm. Valenzuela called up the groups and presented them with Certificates of Achievements. They also congratulated five boys for achieving the Arrow of Light honor. This special award recognizes the designation of crossing from cub scouts to boy scouts. Mayor Scarpa wished them all luck in moving forward towards obtaining their Eagle Scout designation.

Reports:

Health Department - November 2011

Municipal Court - November 2011

Attendance Report - November 2011

Building Department - November 2011

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

Resolution #2011 – 229

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – December 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 – 230

A Resolution – Authorizing Installation of Soil Borings – Somerville Street

Whereas, it has been determined that heating oil contamination existed at the property located at 21 Somerville Street; and

Whereas, environmental remediation has been undertaken since 2008 which included removal of contaminated soil from the subject property and treatment of the groundwater; and

Whereas, the project's Environmental Consultant, Geo-Worx, has now determined that additional remediation work may be required and, in order to determine the extent of the additional work which may be required, Geo-Worx has requested permission to conduct soil borings within the Somerville Street Right of Way; and

Whereas, the purpose of these soil borings would be to determine whether the contamination had migrated to Somerville Street and determined the extent of additional contamination, if any; and

Whereas, since the soil borings would be conducted within the Somerville Street Right of Way, the approval of the Township Committee has been requested; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Municipality to allow such testing to occur.

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. Geo-Worx is hereby authorized to conduct a series of soil borings known as Geo probes within the Somerville Street Right of Way.
2. The approval granted herein is in furtherance of the request by Geo- Worx in their correspondence dated June 17th, 2011 and September 28th, 2011.
3. The approval granted herein shall be contingent upon approval, by the Township Engineer, as to the locations of the soil borings and compliance with all other direction and requirements of the Township Engineer.
4. Prior to conducting any soil borings, the Geo-Worx shall an agreement for site access and hold harmless agreement in a form prepared by the Township Attorney and shall also supply the Township with an insurance certificate that shall name the Township of Rochelle Park as an insured party for this project.
5. Geo-Worx shall be responsible for repairing and/or replacing any damage caused within the Somerville Street Right of Way and shall also be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with the same including, without being limited to, engineering fees and costs incurred by the Township.

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 Geo-Worx, the Township Attorney, the Township Engineer and the Department of Public Works.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 231

A Resolution – Authorization Waiver of Fees for Special Meeting

Whereas, STEVEN and DONNA DE NICOLA are owners of the property located at 50 Howard Avenue in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, DONNA DE NICOLA'S father, a veteran of the armed forces of the United States was, in August, 2011 injured in a bicycling accident; and

Whereas, the result of this bicycle accident was that Ms. De Nicola's father has been permanently paralyzed from the neck down rendering him in capable of caring for himself and requiring the assistance of family and others; and

Whereas, STEVEN AND DONNA DE NICOLA have filed an application before the Planning Board of the Township of Rochelle Park for all required approvals for the construction of an addition to their existing home in order to accommodate the needs of Ms. De Nicola's father; and

Whereas, due to the nature of Ms. De Nicola's father's physical condition the need exists for a determination as to whether approvals will be granted or, alternatively, some other form of care must be arranged; and

Resolution #2011 – 231 (cont.)

Whereas, in view of the foregoing, the Planning Board has scheduled a special meeting for the purpose of hearing this application which meeting is scheduled for December 29th, 2011; and

Whereas, a policy exists under which there is a \$1,000.00 fee for the scheduling of a special meeting in order to offset the additional fees and costs associated with a special meeting; and

Whereas, a significant financial hardship exists in this matter due to the accident and disability referenced above and, therefore, the Township Committee has determined that it would be appropriate to waive this special meeting fee due to the particular facts and circumstances surrounding this application.

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 special meeting fee in connection with the December 29th, 2011 special meeting for the application related to 50 Howard Avenue, Rochelle Park, New Jersey be and is hereby waived; and

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 Mr. & Mrs. Steven De Nicola, Anthony Gallina, Esq. and the Planning Board of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 232

A Resolution – Opposing United Water Rate Increase

Whereas, United Water has petitioned the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) for a rate increase for water service to its residential customers effective May 1, 2012; and

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park received a letter from United Water dated October 25, 2011, outlining the rate increase; and

Whereas, the estimated average increase per quarter is 23.91%; and

Whereas, this is an exorbitant increase that will adversely affect every residents in the Township through direct billing by United Water without a breakdown of costs or explanation of profits; and

Whereas, the proposed rate increase, which far exceeds 2% cap under which municipalities must abide, will have a direct impact on the 2012 Township budget; and

Whereas, residents will be forced to pay the proposed rate increase for their home and municipal water rates;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park is adamantly opposed to this dramatic and exorbitant rate increase; and

Be it further resolved that the Township of Rochelle Park urges the BPU to reject this rate increase as exorbitant; and

Be it further resolved that the Township of Rochelle Park requests its sister municipalities in the United Water Service Area to oppose this rate increase and contact the BPU to register their opposition on behalf of all residents and rate payers; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the BPU, Governor Christie, our State Legislator, all Bergen County municipalities, and the Bergen County Flood Task Force.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 233

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal – 175 Rochelle Avenue

PROPERTY OWNER: TOWN & COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT
ADDRESS: 175 ROCHELLE AVENUE
LOT: 1.01
BLOCK: 61.01
TAX COURT DOCKET NO:019175-10

	Original Assessment 2010	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2010
Land	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Improvements	\$391,200.00	\$350,000.00
TOTAL	\$541,200.00	\$500,000.00

Whereas, a real property tax appeal has been filed in connection with the above referenced property; and

Whereas, the within tax appeal has been reviewed by the Tax Assessor, Township Attorney as well as the Municipality’s Appeal Appraisal Expert. (if applicable); and

Resolution #2011 – 233 (cont.)

Whereas, all professionals have agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Municipality to enter into the settlement described above.

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. A settlement of the above referenced real property tax appeal be and is hereby authorized
2. The settlement shall be on the terms and conditions described above.
3. The Municipal attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents including a Stipulation of Settlement which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.
4. The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized and directed to amend the records of the Municipality to reflect the above referenced settlement.

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 Township Attorney and the Township Tax Assessor

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 234

A Resolution – Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeal – 318 Rochelle Avenue

PROPERTY OWNER: EUGENE N. SHERMAN
 ADDRESS: 318 ROCHELLE AVENUE
 LOT: 109
 BLOCK: 38
 TAX COURT DOCKET NO: 008879-2009
 005113-2010
 001164-2011

FOR TAX YEAR 2009:

	Original Assessment 2009	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2009
Land	\$ 550,000.00	WITHDRAWN
Improvements	\$ 844,800.00	
TOTAL	\$1,394,800.00	

FOR TAX YEAR 2010:

	Original Assessment 2010	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2010
Land	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 550,000.00
Improvements	\$ 844,800.00	\$ 650,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,394,800.00	\$1,200,000.00

FOR TAX YEAR 2011:

	Original Assessment 2011	Reduced/Settlement Assessment 2011
Land	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 550,000.00
Improvements	\$ 844,800.00	\$ 550,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,394,800.00	\$1,100,000.00

Whereas, a real property tax appeal has been filed in connection with the above referenced property; and

Whereas, the within tax appeal has been reviewed by the Tax Assessor, Township Attorney as well as the Municipality’s Appeal Appraisal Expert. (if applicable); and

Whereas, all professionals have agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Municipality to enter into the settlement described above.

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 A settlement of the above referenced real property tax appeal be and is hereby authorized
- 2 The settlement shall be on the terms and conditions described above.

Resolution #2011 – 234 (cont.)

- 3 The Municipal attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents including a Stipulation of Settlement which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.
- 4 The Tax Assessor is hereby authorized and directed to amend the records of the Municipality to reflect the above referenced settlement.

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 Township Attorney and the Township Tax Assessor

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 - 235

A Resolution – In Support of Assembly Bill #4287 – Maintenance of Reservoirs

Whereas, flooding of land may result in loss of life, damage to property, and unsanitary conditions, all of which are detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of lands in the area threatened by flooding; and

Whereas, substantial flooding has repeatedly occurred in several areas of this State located downstream from reservoirs, which, in some cases, may have been caused or exacerbated by high reservoir levels; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest to minimize and prevent the loss of life and property, disruption of commerce, and impairment of the tax base by ensuring that reservoirs are kept at levels satisfactory for the public water supply but protective of the public from the dangers and losses attributed to flooding; and

Whereas, legislation has been introduced in the Assembly to call upon the Department of Environmental Protection to: identify each reservoir in the State that has a documented record of flooding, as determined by the department; study and assess the downstream river or stream capacity and the water reservoir; identify each municipality with a documented record of downstream flooding caused or exacerbated by high reservoir levels; and

Whereas, on the basis of the results of these studies, this legislation calls upon the department shall determine maximum water levels to be maintained at each reservoir in the State, set at a level that best protects the area surrounding the reservoir against flooding while ensuring the availability of an adequate water supply for the area served by the reservoir; and

Whereas, this legislation would require the owner or person having control of a reservoir in the State that has a documented record of downstream flooding to prepare, submit and implement a flood action plan approved by the DEP, which would include, but need not be limited to, the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of flood gates sited at the reservoir; and

Whereas, the bill would also authorize the Office of Emergency Management in the Division of State Police to order the water level of any reservoir in the State to be lowered in a manner prescribed by the office prior to or during a severe weather event if the office has made a determination, after consultation with the DEP, that lowering the reservoir level is in the general public interest and reasonably necessary to prevent or reduce the severity of flooding; and

Whereas, the owner of a reservoir would be indemnified against any act or omission with respect to any claims or any cause of action arising out of the proper implementation of a flood action plan approved by the DEP under this legislation, provided, however, the owner is in full compliance with any order of the Office of Emergency Management to lower reservoir levels, as may be issued pursuant to the bill.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park implore the General Assembly and the Senate of the State of New Jersey, along with Governor Chris Christie, to act swiftly to support the passage of A4287.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Chris Christie and to all state legislators in both the Senate and the Assembly and all municipalities in Bergen County.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 - 236

A Resolution – Authorizing Lien Redemption #11-007 – 39 Chestnut Street

Whereas, Roy Riggitano, Tax Collector, has advised that payment was received in the amount of \$12,443.80 from Richard T. Conley, Jr. to redeem TTL # 11-007 and

Whereas, Stonefield Investment Fund 1, LLC., located at 21 Robert Pitt Dr., Suite 202, Monsey, NY 10952

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, that the following checks be issued to Stonefield Investments Fund 1, LLC, in the amount of \$12,443.80 from current and \$6,600.00 from premium total to redeem \$19,043.80.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 –237

A Resolution - Approving Transfers within the 2011 Budget Appropriations

Whereas, there are certain appropriations which unexpended balances and certain accounts on which commitments to be entered into which possibly exceed the amount of the original 2011 appropriations; and

Whereas, under Title 40A:4-58 Revised Statutes of New Jersey permission is given to transfer from one budget account into another during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Finance Officer, Roy Riggitano of the Township of Rochelle Park be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer as follows:

		<u>Inside CAP</u>	
20-1001	FROM:	Social Security	\$ <u>24,974.35</u>
		Total	\$ 24,974.35

		<u>Outside CAP</u>	
23-2202	TO:	Health Insurance O/E	\$ 1,920.90
25-2402	TO:	Police O/E	9,000.00
25-2411	TO:	Police Dispatchers	3,285.10
25-2413	TO:	Police Crossing Guards	2,090.00
25-2552	TO:	Fire Department O/E	2,500.00
25-2602	TO:	Ambulance O/E	779.13
26-2903	TO:	Recycling S&W	100.00
31-1951	TO:	Code Enforcement S&W	3,524.22
31-4352	TO:	Utilities Lights	1,500.00
43-4952	TO:	Public Defender	<u>275.00</u>
			\$24,974.35

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011 – 240

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – December 14, 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

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 December 14, 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

Resolution #2011 – 240 (cont.)

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES - December 14th, 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. DPW Garage – Construction Litigation – The Township Attorney provided an update to the Township Committee as to the status of the claims against the contractor.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2011-241

A Resolution – 2012 Contract Agreement for Public Health Services

Whereas, there exists a need for the Township of Rochelle Park Health Department to provide state mandated public health services of a technical and professional nature; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services can provide duly qualified personnel to carry out these public health services; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services has agreed to provide health services through a contract agreement with the Township of Rochelle Park, Department of Health for the Calendar year 2012, and

Whereas, the maximum amount of the contract is \$41,468.00 and funds will be available for this purpose, and

Whereas, it has been certified that this meets the statutes and regulations concerning the award of said contract.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to perform public health services of a professional nature for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$41,468.00
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:11-5(2); and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Financial Officer has certified, in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriation of funds in the 2012 temporary and/or adopted budget.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Resolution #2011 - 238

A Resolution – Authorizing Bond Sale - \$8,025,000 – February 2012

See Attached

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

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

Resolution #2011 - 239

A Resolution – Authorizing Publication Notice of Sale – Bond Sale \$8,025,000 – February 2012

See Attached

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

Roy Riggitano, CFO, gave a brief explanation of the above resolutions. In January a serial bond sale will be held. This will be used to pay down the township’s debt. In 2012 a new bond will be held in the amount of \$8,000,000. This debt will remain constant for 12 years. This bonded amount includes the final phase of renovations to the municipal

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building due to Hurricane Floyd, the fire departments ladder truck and the new DPW complex.

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

Comm. Kovalcik – No Report

Comm. Valenzuela – Gave no report but wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Comm. Ouellette – No Report

Comm. Davidson – Updated his progress with FEMA, all filings have been made for processing. He advised that FEMA would be reimbursing the Township for 75% of the costs of Hurricane Irene.

Administrator De Maria advised that the Township had received approximately \$68,000 and was anticipating another \$2,530 from their insurance company. Davidson wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mayor Scarpa – Thanked Comm. Davidson for his hard work preparing paperwork for FEMA. Scarpa thanked the Recreation Committee, DPW, Police Department and office staff for setting up the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting which was well attended. He wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Administrator De Maria – advised that regarding the bid specifications for the garbage contract had been delivered to Hackensack who would be submitting a bid to Job & Job the Township Engineer. She advised the dates the municipal building would be closed for the holiday season and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy holiday season.

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

No comments from the public

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 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