



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – February 17, 2010

Call to Order 9:54 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of January 20, 2010 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 9, 2010 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. J. Scarpa
 Comm. P. Strohmeier
 Mayor F. Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Zavinsky

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

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Kovalcik and seconded by Comm. Strohmeier to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held on January 20, 2010. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

Reports:

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

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

Resolution #2010 - 49

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – February 2010

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.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 50

A Resolution – Issuing Texas Hold-EM Raffle License # 402-10 – River Dell Junior Football Association

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 #402-10 as presented by the RIVER DELL JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ID#423-5-37253 requesting permission to conduct TEXAS HOLD’EM TOURNAMENT on APRIL 10, 2010 be approved and the requested license be issued.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 51

A Resolution - In Support of Senate Bill S-1

Whereas, legislation has been introduced which makes significant reforms to the Fair Housing Act and abolishes the Council on Affordable Housing; and

Whereas, a review of this legislation has revealed, to the Township Committee,

Resolution #2010 – 51 (cont.)

that, if enacted, considerable relief will be granted to the Township of Rochelle Park as well as many other municipalities in connection with dealing with the extremely burdensome obligations imposed by the Council on Affordable Housing; and

Whereas, enactment of Senate Bill S-1 would grant additional local authority over matters pertaining to inclusionary zoning for low and moderate income households.

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

The Township Committee hereby expresses its support for Senate Bill S-1.

The Township Committee respectfully urges all members of the Senate to support Senate Bill S-1 as it provides substantial benefits to municipalities.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to the Honorable Christopher Christie, Governor of the State of New Jersey as well as to all of Rochelle Park’s Senators and Assembly members.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 52

A Resolution – Redemption of Tax Lien – #2006-01

Whereas, Roy Riggitano, Tax Collector, has advised that payment was received in the amount of \$29,195.94 to redeem TTL(s) #2006-01, and

Whereas, R. Rothman is the holder of Certificate(s) TTL 2006-01 and is therefore entitled to payment of \$29,195.94 and;

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Authority of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that approval to issue a check in the amount of \$29,195.94 made payable to the above named lien holder, representing the redemption amount of said Certificate is authorized on February 17, 2010 upon receipt of certified funds.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 –53

A Resolution – Emergency #1 to Temporary Budget

Whereas, an emergency condition has arisen with respect to VARIOUS LINE ITEMS (see attached) and no adequate provisions have been make in the 2010 temporary budget for the purpose above mentioned, and

Whereas, the total emergency temporary resolution adopted in the year 2009 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, O.L. 1951 as amended) including this resolution total \$5,879,359.54.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-20,

The Clerk is authorized and directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Division of Government Services. (see attached)

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 –54

A Resolution Approving Transfers within the 2009 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 2009 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:

20-1502	FROM:	Tax Assessment O/E	\$ 6,500.00
23-2102	FROM:	General Insurance O/E	<u>6,725.00</u>
		Total	\$13,225.00
23-2252	TO:	SUI Insurance Other	\$ 7,500.00
26-3052	TO:	Solid Waste Collection	3,700.00
31-4402	TO:	Utilities Telephone	1,200.00
36-4722	TO:	Social Security Taxes	700.00
43-6902	TO:	Municipal Library O/E	<u>125.00</u>
		Total	\$13,225.00

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010-56

A Resolution to Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Projects

Whereas, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$5,000.00 has been proposed by the Township of Rochelle Park for Senior Citizen Activities in the municipality of Rochelle Park, and

Whereas, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

Whereas, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Rochelle Park, and

Whereas, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Governing Body of Rochelle Park Rochelle Park hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010-57

A Resolution Introducing Ord. #1012-10

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**” be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading February 17, 2010 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on March 17, 2010 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

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

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

Resolution #2010 – 55

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes of January 20, 2010

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, 2010 to the extent that said information can be disclosed without adversely affecting the Township of 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 – January 20th, 2010

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:

Northern Park, LLC – The Township Attorney provided an update regarding this litigation and possible settlement options were also discussed. The trial date was adjourned pending those settlement discussions.

Administrators Position – The Township Committee continued their discussions regarding the position of Township Administrator. Further discussions were scheduled and additional interviews will be conducted.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

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

Comm. Kovalcik – No Report

Comm. Scarpa – Advised that the Valentine’s Dance was moved to Friday, February 18th for grades six through eight.

Comm. Davidson – Thanked the DPW for their hard work during recent snow storms.

DPW January Report – Most time spent on maintaining building and grounds, secondly painting buildings, thirdly doing general work – Total Hours 744

Davidson detailed several ways in which the Police Department was utilizing cost cutting efforts to assist the Township’s budget preparation. He also provided the Township Committee with a bill in support of Veterans’ dependents utilization of military commissaries. The Committee agreed to do a resolution for the next meeting in support of this bill.

Comm. Strohmeier – Advised of the passing of library board member Midge Bonaparte. She then advised that she had attended a workshop at the County regarding Continuity of Operations during a potential “disruption”. She reminded everyone that Emergency Management Coordinator Pete Donatello was holding an OEM class on Sunday, February 21st at the Fire House. Comm. Strohmeier asked if a representative of the appraisal company and the township assessor would attend the next public meeting to address residents concerns.

Mayor Valenzuela – No Report

Administrator/Municipal Clerk De Maria – Advised that painting in the administrative office had resumed.

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

Sandy Ross – 180 Chestnut Street – Asked the Township Committee to consider town wide garage sales. The Committee will discuss at the next work session.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia De Maria
Municipal Clerk