



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

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING – March 17, 2010

Call to Order 6:40 PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of March 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 - Absent
 Mayor F. Valenzuela

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Graeme Dorras

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. Davidson and seconded by Comm. Kovalcik to approve the agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Kovalcik and seconded by Comm. Davidson to approve the Minutes of Board of Health Meeting and the Public Meeting held on February 17, 2010. Motion carried on a voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Proclamation

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Day – March 17, 2010

Reports:

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

Resolutions:

Comm. Scarpa asked that this resolution be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed by the Township Committee. Comm. Scarpa voiced his displeasure with the timing of the hiring of this individual stating that with critical budget discussions underway, it is unrealistic to hire someone at this time. Mayor Valenzuela explained that his understanding was that she had been hired at the March Work Session. Police Chief Zavinsky addressed the Township Committee and explained that he thought a 3 to 1 vote taken at the last work session authorized him to hire this individual. He stated without clerical assistance he would be forced to have officers pulled off the road to complete these tasks at a much higher expense to the Township. Comm. Kovalcik

suggested keeping the person on staff and reevaluate and possibly retract the position in the future. Comm. Davidson suggested holding off voting on this resolution for a month and revisiting the budgeting issues. After a lengthy discussion, Chief Zavinsky advised that he would terminate the person Wednesday morning.

CFO Roy Riggitano addressed the Township Committee and apprised them of the devastation of the budget situation in Rochelle Park. There is no more surplus to draw from. Drastic reductions are needed in the 2010 budget. The Township Committee must find \$300,000. Mayor Valenzuela advised Police Chief Zavinsky to inform the employee that her lay off was due to the Governor's address. He asked Comm. Davidson to look into the Police Department for possible budget cuts.

Resolution #2010 – 60

A Resolution – Appointing Clerical Assistance – Police Department

Whereas, the Chief of Police, Richard Zavinsky, has requested Clerical Assistants in his office; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has reviewed this request and has determined that the Chief of Police is in need of a Clerical Assistant for that Department; and

Whereas, the Chief of Police previously had a full time secretary, however, that position was recently eliminated for budgetary reasons; and

Whereas, the Township Committee now agrees, with the Chief of Police, that a part time Clerical Assistant is necessary and appropriate; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has confirmed that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

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. Maryann McGeowan of Maywood, New Jersey be and is hereby hired as Clerical Assistant for the Police Department to serve under the direction of the Chief of Police
2. This employee shall work no more than twenty (20) hours per week, with no benefits, holidays or sick pay.
3. This employee shall be paid at the rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour and shall work four (4) hours per day Monday through Thursday.
4. This appointment shall take place immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution.

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 Police Chief Richard Zavinsky, Maryann McGeowan and the Personnel Department for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

The Consent Agenda was offered by Comm. Kovalcik seconded by Comm. Davidson and reads:
Resolution #2010 - 58

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – March 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 – 59

A Resolution – Appointing Summer Camp Counselors

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park, through the Recreation Department, runs a summer program for the children of the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, the Recreation Committee and the Township Committee have recommended the hiring of two adult co-directors in order to supervise the program for the coming summer; and

Whereas, the following individuals have expressed an interest in acting as co-directors of the program:

1. Candace Romba of Fort Lee, N.J.
2. Joseph A. Mocera of Rochelle Park, N.J.

And

Whereas, the Township Administrator has reviewed the resumes of these two individuals, has conducted interviews, and has determined, based upon his investigation, that they are qualified and competent for this position; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator has recommended the hiring of these two individuals at the rate of \$20.00 per hour commencing immediately; and

Whereas, the Township Committee have also reviewed these applicants and have determined that they would both be assets to the Township and the summer program.

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. Candace Romba of Fort Lee, N.J. and Joseph A. Mocera of Rochelle Park be are hereby hired as Co-Directors of the Summer Day Camp in the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. These individuals shall be compensated at a rate of \$20.00 per hour and their appointment shall commence immediately in order to allow them to participate in the hiring of summer camp counselors and other pre-season tasks and responsibilities.
3. This appointment is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient funds are available for this purpose.

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 Candace Romba, 1059 Anderson Avenue, Fort Lee, N.J. 07024; Joseph A. Mocera, 44 Chestnut Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662, the Recreation Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township Administrator.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 - 61

A Resolution – Authorizing Reimbursements – Windsor Court

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of New Jersey State Law, all municipalities in the State of New Jersey are obligated to either provide solid waste collection and disposal services for condominium properties or to reimburse those properties for all or a portion of the costs associated with private services; and

Whereas, the Windsor Court Condominium is a condominium residence located at 175 Rochelle Avenue; and

Whereas, a request has been made by the management company of this condominium project for reimbursement of a portion of the cost of those services; and

Whereas, the Township has determined that it would be necessary and appropriate to apply the same formula for reimbursement as has been applied to other similar projects within the Township; and

Whereas, reimbursement has been paid in connection with this complex for 2007 and 2008; and

Whereas, the calculation has now been completed for 2009.

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 total reimbursement pursuant to the Municipal Services Act for 2009 shall be \$4,371.13.
2. The same calculation shall be utilized for all subsequent years
3. Payment of this amount is contingent upon certification, by the Chief Financial Officer, that sufficient funds exist for this purpose.

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 Windsor Court Condominiums, the office of the Township Attorney and the Chief Financial Officer.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 62

A Resolution - Authorization to Release Performance Bond – CVS 7105 NJ, LLC

Whereas, CVS 7105 NJ, LLC applied for development of Rochelle Avenue and Railroad Avenue in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, all necessary approvals were granted for that development; and

Whereas, pursuant to the requirements of the Building Department, Township Engineer and Planning Board, a Performance Bond in the amount of \$397,225.00 was required and a cash escrow in the amount of \$5,000.00 was also required; and

Whereas, the applicant complied with those requests by obtaining the necessary Performance Bond and posting the cash escrow; and

Whereas, all improvements have now been completed, all fees have been paid and all other work has been performed and, therefore, the developer has requested authorization to discharge the Performance Bond and release the escrow; and

Whereas, the Township Engineer has agreed that the escrow may be released.

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. Any balance of the cash escrow deposited by CVS 7105 NJ, LLC in connection with project located at Rochelle Avenue and Railroad Avenue may be released to the developer.
2. The Performance Bond posted in the amount of \$397,225.00 may now be released and discharged.
3. These approvals are subject to a confirmation of the approval of the Township Engineer and acting Township Administrator.

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 Cashin Spinelli & Ferretti, LLC, Construction Managers as well as to the Township Engineer, Building Department and Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 - 63

A Resolution – Opposing Increase in Fees – United Water

Whereas, Rochelle Park and other municipalities each received a bill from United Water for the cost of fire hydrant services for 2009; and

Whereas, each town acted in good faith that the bill we each received in January 2009 was what we were told it would be, and

Whereas, Rochelle Park budgeted for the fire hydrants accordingly in February of 2009; and

Whereas, in April 2009, without the courtesy of any notice from United Water, towns were hit with an increase of roughly 14% on our hydrant bills; and

Whereas, this caused an unexpected financial difficulty because our line item for hydrant services was severely underbudgeted by thousands of dollars; and

Whereas, this rate increase, supposedly approved by the BPU, should have been calculated into the initial bill from United Water, or at least should have been announced in a separate notice prior to the adjusted April 2009 bill that towns received; and

Whereas, these exorbitant increases are an increasing burden on our municipal budget and our local taxpayers; now

Be it resolved, that United Water be mandated to provide us with any future fire hydrant rate increases in a timely and appropriate manner; and

Be it further resolved, that the Township of Rochelle Park strongly opposes the 20% rate hike that United Water is currently requesting for fire hydrants in 2010 (on top of the previous 14% increase), and urges the BPU to reject any rate increase as an unnecessary and untimely tax increase; and

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Christie, our State Legislators, all Bergen County municipalities, and the Board of Public Utilities.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 64

A Resolution – Emergency #2 to Temporary Budget

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

Whereas, the total emergency temporary resolution adopted in the year 2010 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, O.L. 1951 as amended) including this resolution total \$7,218,759.54.

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,

See Attachments

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

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 65

A Resolution – Authorization to Make Annual LOSAP Payment

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 2009 appropriation reserve, totaling \$20,400 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 2009 audit requirements.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 66

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:

23-2102	FROM:	General Insurance O/E	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
		Total	\$ 200.00
44-4022	TO:	Twsp of Saddle Brook Gas Purchase	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
		Total	\$ 200.00

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 67

A Resolution – Authorizing the Hiring of Hal Simoff, PE, PPE, Simoff Associates Engineering

Whereas, the County of Bergen has commenced the planning of a substantial road project which, it is claimed, will address the “Route 17 Bottle Neck” in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, the County of Bergen has provided, as the project purpose, to “improve mobility, safety, and reliability of the infrastructure and operations along New Jersey Route 17; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has conducted a preliminary review of the proposal and has determined that the project will not alleviate traffic congestion nor improve operational reliability. In addition, safety will not be improved and there will be significant negative impact of this project on the Municipalities of Rochelle Park, Maywood and Paramus; and

Whereas, the County of Bergen and/or the State Department of Transportation will have to exercise its power of eminent domain to acquire people’s homes and businesses in order to complete this project; and

Whereas, in order for the Township Committee to conduct a full review of the proposal, it has become necessary to retain the services of a Traffic Engineer to review the proposed project.

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. Hal Simoff of Simoff Associates be and is hereby retained by the Township of Rochelle Park for the purpose of conducting a traffic review and study of the proposed Route 17 project.
2. Mr. Simoff is a recognized professional in the field and a traffic engineer and, as such, this contract is exempt from competitive bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law.
3. Mr. Simoff will be paid for his services based upon his billing rate quoted up to a maximum of \$_____.

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 Hal Simoff of Simoff Associates, the Township Attorney and the Township Engineer.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 68

A Resolution – Authorizing Increase in Fees for Professional Services – Andrew Fede

Whereas, ANDREW T. FEDE, Esq. was previously appointed Special Counsel for the Township of Rochelle Park Planning Board in order to defend litigation involving NORTHERN PARK, LLC; and

Whereas, the Special Counsel was required since Planning Board and the Township of Rochelle Park were named as defendants to this pending litigation; and

Whereas, at the time of Mr. Fede's engagement, a maximum fee in the amount of \$3,000.00 was established; and

Whereas, the amount necessary to complete this litigation has exceeded the amount authorized by that Resolution; and

Whereas, the Township Attorney and Administrator have reviewed this matter and believe that an additional \$3,000.00 fee maximum should be authorized.

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 maximum fee for the Law Firm of ANDREW T. FEDE, Esq. in connection with litigation entitled NORTHERN PARK, LLC vs. ROCHELLE PARK PLANNING BOARD, et al, be and is hereby increased by the sum of \$3,000.00.
2. Upon adoption of the within Resolution the Township Administration and Chief Financial Officer are authorized to process all open invoices up to the increased amount described herein.

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, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park and Andrew T. Fede, Esq.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 69

A Resolution – Introducing Ord. #1013-10 Fire Prevention Fees

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND, SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING CHAPTER 102 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED FIRE PREVENTION**" be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading March 17, 2010 and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on April 21, 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. Davidson to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting "Aye".

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

Resolution #2010 – 70

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ord. #1012 – 10 – Ordinance To Exceed the 2010 Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a CAP Bank

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

Township Auditor Frank Di Maria explained the detailed of the above ordinance.

No comments from the public

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

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

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

Resolution #2010 – 71

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes of March 10,2010

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 a 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 March 10, 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 – March 10, 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

1. Police Negotiations - The Township Committee conducted a discussion, with the Township Attorney and Administrator concerning the status of the current police contract and

possible changes to it. Statewide initiatives regarding collective bargaining agreements were also reviewed and updated. Significant changes are contemplated in the law as it relates to collective bargaining negotiations, payment of benefits, wage increases, etc. The Township Committee will address these issues at this time and, in addition, in connection with the collective bargaining contracts which are due to expire at the end of this year.

2. Litigation: The Township Attorney provided updates and status reports concerning the Northern Park, LLC litigation and the litigation involving Longo Electrical Mechanical, Inc.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

A motion was offered by Comm. Davidson 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 staff and volunteers for their help supporting the residents of the Township who were suffering through major power outages due to a recent Nor’easter.

Comm. Scarpa – No report

Comm. Davidson – Also thanked the volunteers who helped the residents during the Nor’easter which “blew” through the Township this past weekend. He advised that there are still residents without power.

Mayor Valenzuela – Advised the residents that the Governor’s announced budget cuts sent shock waves through all New Jersey communities. The State of New Jersey is in a financial crisis. Unfortunately the effects of this crisis will have to be managed on a municipal level. Prior to this Public Meeting, a finance meeting was held with CFO Riggitano, Administrator De Maria, Comm. Scarpa and Auditor Di Maria in attendance. They discussed ways to drastically cut the 2010 municipal budget. Regarding the recent rain/wind storm, Valenzuela thanked OEM, the Fire Department, Police Department and the DPW for their support throughout the weekend. He advised the residents of Becker Avenue, who were still without power, that he had been in contact with PSE&G and he feels that Rochelle Park would be moved to the top of this list for reparations. Valenzuela complimented Comm. Davidson on his hard work with the residents during and after the storm.

Comm. Davidson updated the Becker Avenue residents. He advised that PSE&G had certified that there were no live wires at this location. Tomorrow morning (Thursday, March 18th) at 7:00 AM a tree service would be on site removing the downed trees which were laying across Becker Avenue rendering it closed to traffic. Davidson advised that if homeowners had generators running, to please turn them off at this time so as not to create a back feed situation, causing the charging of any of these downed wires. Davidson stated that unfortunately, due to PSE&G having to replace three poles, electricity might not be restored to these homes until Saturday at the latest.

Mayor Valenzuela advised residents to be careful if they were utilizing generators which were emitting exhaust fumes.

Administrator/Municipal Clerk De Maria – Advised that there were also eight homes on South Drive without power since Saturday due to the storm.

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 present voting “Aye”.

Graeme Dorras – Owner Bistro 55 – Advised that Township Committee that he was without power as well as the residents of Becker Avenue. He recently purchased a generator and had his business up and running on a limited scale. He asked Comm. Davidson whether he should unplug his generator, possibly ruining recently purchased foods. Comm. Davidson advised him to speak with representatives of PSE&G. Mr. Dorras then invited all residents of Becker Avenue without power to eat with his staff at his restaurant at 4:30 PM daily. Mr. Dorras provided the Mayor and Committee with his cell phone number.

Chief Zavinsky – Advised that he had brought in extra Police during the Nor’easter. He advised that OEM, the Fire Department and the Ambulance Corp. had been standing by if any resident was in need. He also advised that although he sometimes did not agree with the Township Committee’s decisions, when there is an emergency, they work together as a team. Zavinsky recognized Commander Ed Quinn for his service in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. He congratulated him on his retirement and thanked the Township Committee for their proclamation in recognition of Mr. Quinn’s 30 years of service.

Joy Reynes – 106 Becker Avenue – Asked if the downed wires around her home were live. Comm. Davidson advised that the wires had been certified dead by PSE&G.

Steve Vitez – 58 Oak Street – Provided the Township Committee with a petition against First Student Bus Company. Administrator De Maria accepted the petition. Mr. Vitez asked the Township Committee’s assistance regarding noise, pollution and over crowding of buses at this location.

Sandy Ross – 180 Chestnut Street – Asked the Township Committee if they had made any headway in joining a law suit regarding the flooding of the Saddle River. Comm. Davidson advised that he had just attended a meeting regarding this issue. The meeting with attended by Mayors and administrators from all municipalities bordering the Saddle River. Mayor Valenzuela advised that Rochelle Park would join in a “class action suit” if asked. Attorney Rotolo will be keep abreast of any information regarding this law suit.

Rachel Davis – 107 Becker Avenue – Asked if she should leave her home while they were working on the power lines and removing the trees. She was advised that she could safely stay in her home.

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

Mayor Valenzuela presented Commander Quinn a proclamation naming March 17, 2010 United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Day.

A motion was offered by Comm. Kovalcik 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

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on March 17, 2010 cont.