

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET
ROCHELLE PARK, NJ 07662**



**MINUTES REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 3, 2010**

Call to order 12:23

Open Public Meetings Act – (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6)

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of January 3, 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 5, 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

Pledge of Allegiance led by former Committeeman Wilbur Lotz

Invocation – Rev. Kevin Coffey

Kathleen Donovan administered the Oath of Office to the newly Re-Elected Committee Member Phyllis Strohmeyer while Deputy Clerk Liz Kroll held the bible.

Municipal Clerk Virginia De Maria administered the Oath of Office to newly Elected Committee Member Robert Davidson as his wife, Diane held the Bible while the oath was administered.

Roll Call – Comm. Robert Davidson
Comm. K. Jay Kovalcik
Comm. Joseph Scarpa
Comm. Phyllis Strohmeyer
Comm. Frank Valenzuela

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

Resolution #2010 – 1

A Resolution Adopting the Bylaws of the Township of Rochelle Park

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park adopted bylaws and amendments thereto effective January 1, 2010; and

Whereas, the Township Committee deems it advisable to review these bylaws on an annual basis.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, after review of the bylaws by the Township Attorney that the existing bylaws are hereby adopted effective immediately.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Nominations and Election of Chairperson – Municipal Clerk called for nominations for Chairperson of the Committee, aka Mayor. Comm. Kovalcik nominated Comm. Valenzuela, Comm. Scarpa seconded the nomination. Municipal Clerk called for any additional nominations. None made. Nominations closed.

Comm. Strohmeyer nominated Comm. Valenzuela as Chairman, aka Mayor of the Township Committee for 2010 and Comm. Kovalcik seconded the nomination. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

Judge Joseph Rotolo Administered the Oath of Office to Comm. Valenzuela, now Mayor Valenzuela. Davia, wife of Mayor Valenzuela surrounded by his children held the bible while the oath was administered.

Municipal Clerk called for nominations for vice chairperson. Comm. Scarpa nominated Comm. Kovalcik, Mayor Valenzuela seconded nomination. Municipal Clerk called for any additional nominations. None made. Nominations closed.

Comm. Scarpa nominated Comm. Kovalcik as Vice Chairperson to the 2010 Township Committee and Mayor Valenzuela seconded the nomination. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

Mayor Valenzuela acknowledged many Local, County and former Officials. Fredrick Oberkehr, newly hired Superintendent of Midland School was introduced.

Fredrik Oberkehr – Superintendent of Midland School – Thanked the Township Committee for the opportunity to be recognized. His mission for Midland School is to keep moving forward making this the best school district possible.

Appointment of Professionals:

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Strohmeyer seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and read:

Resolution #2010 - 2

Appointment of Professional Services - Attorney – The Law Firm of Joseph Rotolo, Esq.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the legal services of a Municipal Attorney; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the legal services with compensation in accordance with the 2010 salary ordinance; and

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Joseph J. Rotolo, Esq. for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 - 3

Appointment of Professional Services – Engineer – Kenneth Job, PE

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the legal services of a Municipal Engineer; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Job & Job Consulting Engineers has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide engineering services with compensation in accordance with the contract maintained by the Municipal Clerk.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Resolution #2010 – 3 (cont.)

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Job & Job Consulting Engineers for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 4

Appointment of Professional Services – Auditor – Di Maria & Di Maria LLP

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the auditing services of Di Maria & Di Maria LLP; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Di Maria & Di Maria LLP has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the auditing services.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Di Maria & Di Maria LLP for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 5

Appointment of Professional Services – Prosecutor – Brian Giblin, Esq.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need for a prosecutor; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Brian Giblin Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the legal services with compensation in accordance with the 2010 salary ordinance.

Whereas, should the need arise, Michael Gannaio, Esq. shall serve as alternate prosecutor; and

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints a prosecutor for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 6

Appointment of Professional Services – Public Defender – Joseph Di Maria, Esq.,
Alternate Melissa DeBartolo

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the legal services of a Public Defender; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Joseph Di Maria, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the legal services with compensation in accordance with the 2010 salary ordinance; and

Whereas, Melissa H. DeBartolo, Esq. has submitted a proposal indicating the she will provide the legal services as Alternate Public Defender, and

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Joseph Di Maria, Esq. as Public Defender and Melissa H. DeBartolo, Esq as Alternate Public Defender for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 7

Appointment of Professional Services – Bond Counsel- Steven Rogut, Esq.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a Bond Attorney; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Rogut McCarthy LLC has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide bonding attorney services.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Rogut McCarthy LLC as Bond Counsel for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 8

Appointment of Professional Services – Planner – Banish Associates

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a municipal planner and COAH advisor; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Resolution #2010 – 8 (cont.)

Whereas, Banisch Associates has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide professional planning services.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Banisch Associates for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 9

Appointment of Professional Services – Special Tax Attorney – Skoloff & Wolfe, PC

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a tax attorney; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Skoloff & Wolfe, P.C. have submitted a proposal indicating that they will provide legal services.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Skoloff & Wolfe, P.C for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 10

Appointment of Professional Services – Architect – The Bilow Group

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the architectural services of The Bilow Group; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, The Bilow Group has submitted a proposal indicating that they will provide the architectural services.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints The Bilow Group for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 11

A Resolution of Professional Services - Appraisers

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire appraisal services; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Appraisal Systems, Inc. and McNerney & Associates, Inc. has submitted a proposal indicating that he will provide the appraisal services.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park has certified that the funds necessary to facilitate this contract are available in the 2010 municipal budget; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Appraisal Systems, Inc. and McNerney & Associates for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2008; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Appointment of Various Officials, Boards and Agencies:

The following resolutions were offered by Mayor Valenzuela seconded by Comm. Strohmeyer and read:

Resolution#2010 – 12

A Resolution Appointing Lead Laborer – DPW – James Schmunk

Whereas, the Township Administrator has recommended the assignment of certain duties and responsibilities to an employee of the Department of Public Works which would result in that employee acting in a position of “Lead Laborer”; and

Whereas, the Township Administrator, in consultation with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has developed a criteria for the selection of the individual to hold these additional responsibilities; and

Whereas, the need exists for the assignment of these additional responsibilities to an employee within that department and, in order to determine the individual to whom the assignment should be made, the Township Administrator and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works reviewed the existing employees within the department and made recommendations to the Township Committee; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has determined that James Schmunk is the most qualified person for these additional duties and shall be reappointed for the year 2010; and

Whereas, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works has recommended the assignment of these duties to James Schmunk.

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. James Schmunk of Rochelle Park, New Jersey be and is hereby assigned the additional duties and responsibilities for the position of “Lead Man” within the Department of Public Works.
2. This assignment shall take place immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution and shall extend until the end of the current calendar year, December 31, 2010.
3. Commencing on or about January 1, 2010, these duties shall be assigned on an annual basis by the Township Committee after consultation with the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Township Administrator.
4. These shall be a \$3,250.00 stipend paid per year for these additional duties which, for 2010, shall commence as of the date of assignment and which shall be apportioned accordingly.

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

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Resolution #2010 – 12 (cont.)

Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, the Personnel Department, Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park, and James Schmunk.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 13

A Resolution Appointing Planning Board Class III Member – Phyllis Strohmeyer

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that Phyllis Strohmeyer of 139 Forest Place, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662, is hereby appointed as a member of the Planning Board under the Class III designation for a term of one year, effective January 1, 2010.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 14

A Resolution to Appoint a Police Matron – Bertha Sneyer

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the following be and they hereby appointed police Matron upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, without salary unless placed on duty under the instructions of the Police Department and then at a salary as provided in the Salary ordinance of the Township of Rochelle Park, effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Bertha Sneyer
53 Oldis Street
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 15

A Resolution to Appoint Court Officers – Roland Jacobsen, Patrick Izzo, 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 court officers at the pleasure of the Township Committee effective January 1, 2010. Salary shall be in accordance with the Salary Ordinance.

Roland Jacobsen
46 Oak Street
Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662

Patrick Izzo
14 East Fairmount Avenue
Maywood, NJ 08707

Williams Jone III
6 Church Street
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 16

A Resolution Appointing Fire Official – Darryl De Mott and Inspectors

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen that Darryl DeMott be appointed as Fire Official for a term of one year commencing January 1, 2010; and

Be it further resolved that the following be appointed Fire Inspectors for the year 2010:

Scott Osback
23-13 Cambridge Road
Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410
Robert Lewisohn
A26 Harvey Avenue
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
Steven Cassiello
29 Blueridge Road
Lodi, NJ 07644

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2020 – 17

A Resolution Appointing Police Dispatcher – Michael LaFalce

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:

Michael LaFalce
508 Oak Street
Ridgefield, N.J. 07657

Starting Salary: \$29,422.00 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 January 1, 2010; 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, Michael LaFalce and the Township Attorney.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 18

A Resolution Designating LOSAP Officers for Fire and Ambulance

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park the following persons shall be designated as LOSAP Officers for the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps for the year 2010.

Fire Department – Michael Stearns
21 Bennett Avenue
Rochelle Park, NJ

Ambulance Corps – Roland Jacobsen
46 Oak Street
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 33

A Resolution Appointing Registrar and Deputy Registrar – Katherine Baccala and Marcelle Allos

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Katherine Baccala of 38 Meakin Avenue, Rochelle Park 07662 be and is hereby appointed to a three (3) year terms a Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Township of Rochelle Park commencing January 1, 2010 thru January 1, 2013. Salary shall be accordance with the salary ordinance.

Be it further resolved that Marcelle Allos, shall serve as Deputy Registrar.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 - 34

A Resolution Appointing Secretary to Board of Health – Elizabeth Kroll

Be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Elizabeth Kroll of 2 E. Forest Place, Rochelle Park 07662 be and is hereby appointed to a three (3) year term as Secretary to the Board of Health for the Township of Rochelle Park commencing January 1, 2010 thru January 1, 2013.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Contracts:

The following resolutions were offered by Mayor Valenzuela seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and read:

Resolution#2010 – 19

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Risk Management Consultant’s Agreement

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a Risk manager; and

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

Whereas, the anticipated term of this contract is two years; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. has submitted a proposal indicating that they will provide risk management services with compensation in accordance with the contract maintained by the Municipal Clerk.

Whereas, this contract may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a contract for professional services and, therefore, is exempt from competitive bidding process pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. for the Township of Rochelle Park for 2010; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution shall be published as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2009 – 20

A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Producers Consultant Agreement

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park has a need to acquire the services of a Producer Consultant: and,

Whereas, the Township Committee has also determined, and has resolved, to make this, and other professional appointments, pursuant to the “Fair and Open Process” in accordance with “New Jersey Local Unite Pay to Play” law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

Whereas, requests for qualifications were published and provided in accordance with the aforementioned law; and

Whereas, the anticipated term of this contract is one year; and

Whereas, PIA Security Programs, Inc. has submitted a proposal indicating it will provide the legal services and compensated in accordance with the proposal maintained by the Municipal Clerk; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park authorizes PIA Security Programs, Inc. of 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 to enter into a contract with Township of Rochelle Park as described herein; and,

Be it further resolved that the Mayor be authorized to sign said agreement; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be published as required by law within ten days of its passage.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 21

A Resolution Authorizing a 2010 Contract with Bergen County Animal Center – Animal Control

Whereas, exists a need for the Township of Rochelle Park to provide State mandated Dog and Animal Control Services of a technical and professional natures; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services can provide duly qualified personnel to carry out these public Animal Control Services and has agreed to beginning with January 1, 2010 and

Whereas, the contract amount shall be \$8,623.68, as indicated in the terms of the agreement and funds will be made available for this purpose and it has been certified that this meets the statutes and regulations concerning the awarding of said contract;

Resolution #2010 – 21 (cont.)

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that, the Mayor and Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Service to perform said services of a professional nature for the period of January 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010 as per the attached contract.

This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2).

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 22

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract w/Township of Washington – Public Health

Whereas, the Township of Rochelle Park determined that the need exists for the provision of State mandated public health services of a technical and professional nature; and

Whereas, the Township has determined that it would be in the best interests of the municipality to authorize an Interlocal Services Agreement between the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township of Washington; and

Whereas, this Agreement may be entered without the necessity of competitive bidding since it is a Professional Services Agreement and is also considered an Interlocal Services Agreement pursuant to the provisions of New Jersey State Law;

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. An Interlocal Services Agreement with the Township of Washington be and is hereby authorized for providing State mandated public health services;
2. The term of this Agreement shall be deemed to have commenced on January 1, 2010 and shall end on December 31, 2010;
3. The cost for said Agreement shall not exceed \$39,950.00 annually which shall pro-rated for the term during which actual services are provided;
4. The award of this Resolution is contingent upon certification by the Chief Financial Officer that sufficient exists for this purpose;
5. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Township, an Interlocal Health Services Agreement in the form attached to 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 Township of Washington, the Bergen County Department of Health Services and the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 23

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract w/County of Bergen – Blood Borne Pathogens Compliance Program - 2010

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

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services can assure compliance in accordance with P.E.O.S.H.A. as follows: Exposure Control Plan Development; Policies and Procedures; and Record/Report Generation and Retention and billing support documentation; and

Whereas, the Bergen County Department of Health Services has agreed to provide public health services through a contract for the calendar year 2010; and

Whereas, the fee is to be an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for training and purchase of the vaccine under State Contract based on \$46.00 per vaccination 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 Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park as follows:

1. That Frank Valenzuela, Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health Services to perform public health services of a professional nature for the Blood Borne Pathogens Program for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 for training and purchase \$46.00 per vaccination; and

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- 2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(2)L and
Be it further resolved that the Chief Financial Office has certified, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 5:30 14.5 that sufficient legally appropriated funds will be available for this purpose subject to appropriation of fund in the 2010 temporary and/or adopted budget.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Annual Business:

The following resolutions were offered by Mayor Valenzuela seconded by Comm. Kovalcik and read:

Resolution#2010 – 24

A Resolution Authorizing Participation in Volunteer Tuition Credit Program – Fire Department

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park in the County of Bergen, deems it appropriate to enhance the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the Township of Rochelle Park; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 1998, c. 145 which permits municipal governments to allow their firefighting and emergency medical volunteers to take advantage of the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program at no cost to the municipal government.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park in the County of Bergen that the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program as set forth in P.L. 1998, c. 145 is herewith adopted for the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical volunteers in the municipality; and

Be it further resolved, that Roy Riggitano, Acting Chief Financial Officer is herewith delegated the responsibility to administer the program and is authorized to enter into all agreements and to maintain files of all documents as may be required under the P.L. 1998, c. 145, a copy of which is herewith made part of this resolution.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution #2010 – 25

A Resolution Establishing Meeting Dates for 2009

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the regular meetings of the Township Committee for the year 2009 be held as follows:

January	20	Wednesday	July	21	Wednesday
February	17	Wednesday	August	18	Wednesday
March	17	Wednesday	September	15	Wednesday
April	21	Wednesday	October	20	Wednesday
May	19	Wednesday	November	11	Wednesday
June	16	Wednesday	December	15	Wednesday

Board of Health Meeting – February 17, 2010 – 7:30 PM

Reorganization – Sunday, January 2, 2011 – 12:00 Noon

Be it further resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that the Work Session will be held as follows:

January	13	Wednesday	July	14	Wednesday
February	10	Wednesday	August	11	Wednesday
March	10	Wednesday	September	8	Wednesday
April	14	Wednesday	October	13	Wednesday
May	12	Wednesday	November	3	Wednesday
June	9	Wednesday	December	8	Wednesday

Now, be it further resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park that Budget Meetings will be held as follows:

January	27	Wednesday	February	24	Wednesday
February	3	Wednesday			

All Public Meetings will begin at 7:30 P.M., Work Sessions and Budget Meetings. All meetings will be held at 151 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park. Formal Action may be taken at any Public Meeting, Work Session, Budget Meeting or Special Meeting.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 26

A Resolution Authorizing Signatures for the Township of Rochelle Park

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, that the following Township Officials are hereby authorized to sign check's or withdrawal slips where a combination of two principal signatures are required:

Mayor
Chief Financial Officer
Township Clerk

Be it further resolved, that signature cards with the signatures of the person's authorized to sign be forwarded to all Township Depositories.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 27

A Resolution Authorizing Official Newspapers

Be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the following newspapers be designated as the Township's Official Newspaper's for advertising for 2010.

Our Town	-	Maywood
The Record	-	Hackensack
North Jersey Herald	-	Passaic

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 28

A Resolution Naming Official Depositories for the Funds of the Township of Rochelle Park

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates that the governing body of a municipal corporation shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository for its monies a bank or trust company having its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, on the 1st day of January, 2010 by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that:

1. TD Bank – Paramus
2. Valley National Bank – Rochelle Park
3. Columbia Savings & Loan – Paramus
4. Boiling Springs – Rochelle Park
5. Hudson United Bank - Maywood
6. Lakeland Bank – Rochelle Park

Be and are hereby designated as depositories for the Township of Rochelle Park.

Prior to the deposit of any municipal funds in the above mentioned depositories said bank shall file with the Chief Financial Officer a statement indicating that the bank is covered under the Government Units Deposit Protection Act (R.S. 17:0-41).

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 29

A Resolution Authorizing Investment of Idle Funds and Fund Transfers

Whereas, it is desirable that idle funds of the Township of Rochelle Park be invested in legal investment vehicles at all times, and

Whereas, it is occasionally necessary to transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current Township expenses or for the purpose of effecting investments,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that it does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to request bids and to place orders for the investment of idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles, such investments to the investing institution, and

Be it further resolved, that the above named Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to transfer funds by wire solely for the following purposes and subject to all pertinent regulations:

1. To or from Township checking or savings accounts to other Township accounts.
2. To or from Township checking or savings accounts to or from accounts specified by banks or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Funds solely for the purpose of investing for the account of the Township of Rochelle Park

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 30

A Resolution Establishing a Cash Management Plan

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the Township of Rochelle Park to earn additional revenue through the investment and prudent management of its cash receipts, and

Whereas, P.L. 1983, chapter 8, approved January 18, 1983, is an act concerning the Local Fiscal Affairs Law and amends N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 and N.J.S.A.40A:5-15, and

Whereas, this law requires that each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the following shall constitute the Cash Management Plan for the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township of Rochelle Park shall deposit and manage its funds pursuant to this plan:

Definitions

1. Treasurer shall mean the Treasurer of the Township of Rochelle Park
2. Fiscal Year shall mean the twelve-month period ending December thirty-one.
3. Cash Management Plan shall mean that plan as approved by resolution.

Designation of Depositories

1. At least one each fiscal year the governing body shall by resolution designate the depositories for the Township of Rochelle Park in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A:5-4.

Authority to Invest

1. The governing body shall pass a resolution at its first meeting of the fiscal year designating the Township office (s) who shall make and be responsible for municipal deposits and investments.

Investment Instruments

1. The Treasurer shall invest at his discretion in any investment instruments as approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services and in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:5-15.1.

Records and Reports

1. The Treasurer shall report all investments in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:5-15.2.
2. At a minimum the Treasurer shall:
 - a. Keep a record of all investments
 - b. Keep a cash position record, which reveals, on a daily basis, the status of the Township's cash in its bank accounts.
 - c. Report monthly to the governing body as to the status of cash balances in bank accounts, interest rates and interest earned.

Cash Flow

1. The Treasurer shall ensure that the Township's accounting system provide regular information concerning the Township's cash position and investment performance.
2. All monies shall be turned over to the Treasurer and deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:5-15.
3. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to invest surplus funds of the Township of Rochelle Park as the availability of the funds permit. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to minimize the possibility of idle cash by depositing the Township's monies in interest bearing accounts wherever practical and in the best interest of the Township of Rochelle Park.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 31

Resolution to Establish the Interest Rate Charged on Delinquent Taxes

Whereas, R.S. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

Whereas, R.S. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00;

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

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after the due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00

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- becoming delinquent after the due date, subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law.
2. Effective January 1, 2010, there will be a grace period for quarterly tax payments made by check or money order shall have a ten-(10) day grace period. After the 10th day, interest is retroactive from the original due date.
 3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this resolution shall be charged interest from the due date, as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.
 4. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in the Our Town.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

Resolution#2010 – 32

2010 Temporary Budget (See Attached)

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2010 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

Whereas, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2009 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund in the said 2010 Budget.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the following appropriations be effective January 1, 2010, be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Township Chief Financial Officer for his records.

Attest: Virginia De Maria

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

Recognition & Presentations:

Mayor Valenzuela presented the following fire fighters with plaques in recognition of their years of dedication and service to the residents of Rochelle Park.

25 Years of Service

Salvatore Antista
David A. Brown
John Kantakevicius
Richard Reinhardt

Thank You

American Legion Post #170
Knights of Columbus

The Township Committee prepared plaques in recognition of the generosity of both of these organizations, thanking them for purchasing the signage at Carlock Field.

Years of Service

Johanna Parker – Comm. Strohmeier presented Johanna (Johnnie) Parker with a plaque in appreciation of her 40 years volunteering in the Rochelle Park library. Library Director Judith Sands also thanked Johanna for her many years as a volunteer and as an employee. Mrs. Parker stated it was not just a job, but a pleasure.

Wilbur Lotz

The entire Township Committee thanked long time Committee Member Lotz for his dedication and hard work for the residents of Rochelle Park. At a retirement dinner held on October 28th, 2009, a proclamation was presented to Comm. Lotz declaring October 28th, 2009 Wilbur J. Lotz Day. A plaque was presented with a copy of the proclamation attached.

CERT Members

Thomas C. Lauerma
Michael Rohwohl

Pete Donatello – Wished the Township Committee and residents a happy and healthy new year. The OEM Coordinator recognized their newest CERT members. If anyone is interested in joining the next CERT class, please contact any current CERT members for the dates. Mr. Donatello honored all CERT members attending the meeting.

Mayor's appointments:

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| Planning Board | - Chief Zavinsky – 1 year appointment
- Margaret Collins – 4 year appointment
- Marlene Den Bleyker
- Michael Kazmir – Alternate #1 |
| Recreation | - Regina Reczkowski
- Steve Every
- Frank Ulloa
- William Sanchez - Alternate
- Edna Hobbs - Alternate |
| Historian | - Bill Lotz |

Committee Members' Liaison Department

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| Comm. Davidson | DPW
Police Department
Veterans Affairs |
| Comm. Kovalcik | Ambulance
Court
Health |
| Comm. Scarpa | Community Development
Finance/Administration
Recreation
Senior Citizens |
| Comm. Strohmeier | Buildings & Grounds
Civil Rights
Insurance
Library
OEM |
| Comm. Valenzuela | Board of Education
Fire Department |

The oaths of office - Officers of the Rochelle Park Ambulance Corps:

Comm. Kovalcik

The oaths of office – Officers of the Rochelle Park Ambulance Corps.:

Deputy Mayor Kovalcik swore in the following Ambulance Corp. members while George Dansen held the bible.

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| Captain: | - | Roland Jacobsen |
| 1 st Lieutenant | - | Michael Sudol |
| 2 nd Lieutenant | - | Ben Vargese |

The oaths of office - Officers of the Rochelle Park Volunteer Fire Department:

Comm. Valenzuela

The oaths of office – Officers of the Rochelle Park Volunteer Fire Department:

Mayor Valenzuela swore in the members of the Volunteer Fire Department while former Fire Chief Salvatore Antista held the bible.

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| Chief | - Theodore Reighard |
| Assistant Chief | - Alfred Carroll |
| Battalion Chief | - Dave Brown |
| Battalion Chief | - Michael Stearns |
| Captain | - Peter Donatello III |
| Lieutenant | - Bob Holzmann |
| Lieutenant | - Doug Stearns Jr. |
| Chaplain | - Reverend Kevin Coffey |
| Fire Official | - Darryl DeMott |

Committee's/Administrator's/Clerk's Reports:

Comm. Kovalcik – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. He looks forward to being Deputy Mayor in 2010.

Ambulance Corp. Yearly Report – 1000 Calls. Kovalcik stated that it was a great experience working with the Ambulance Corp. members. He thanked the outgoing officers and wished the newly elected members, Roland, Mike and Ben good luck for the upcoming year.

The Board of Health - Rabies Clinic held in 2009 vaccinated 62 dogs and 10 cats. The 2010 Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 16th between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM at the Fire House on Lotz Lane. The township will be holding a

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blood screening in April. The date will be announced and advertised in the Our Town and on the Township's web-site. Health Consultations are still being held on the third Wednesday of each month between the hours of 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM.

Kovalcik stated he was elated to be named liaison to the municipal court.

The Ken Kovalcik Annual Summerfest Concert held in August 2009 was a great success with the Mahoney Brothers performing. The continuing sponsor of this event remains Park Avenue BMW/Acura. Details of the 2010 concert will be announced when they become available. He wished Comm. Lotz all the best and noted how he enjoyed working with him. Kovalcik thanked his family and friends for their continued support and again wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Comm. Scarpa – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. He congratulated Comm. Lotz on his retirement and noted that Bill Lotz was Mayor when Comm. Scarpa and his family moved to town in 1971. He thanked him for his years of service. He welcomed newly elected Bob Davidson. Comm. Davidson was in the Rochelle Park Police Department for 32 years and is a tremendous hard worker. He congratulated Comm. Strohmeier on her re-election. Scarpa expressed his pleasure serving as liaison to the Recreation Committee for the past four years. They are responsible for the Rochelle Park Day, Rag-A-Muffin Parade and the Annual Tree Lighting to name a few. They are a hard working group dedicated to the residents of Rochelle Park.

Regarding his appointment as liaison to the Finance Department, he advised that it would be a difficult task with the poor fiscal condition of the state which strongly impacts local towns throughout the state. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Comm. Davidson – Thanked Comm. Lotz for his dedicated service to the Township Committee these past years. He looks forward to working with the Township Committee. Davidson thanked the Rochelle Park Republican Organization for their confidence and support. He thanked all who voted in the past election. He stated that within the community of Rochelle Park is a wonderful feeling of volunteerism which makes the Township a better place to live. Davidson recognized residents who had served in the armed forces. He then thanked his wife of 40 years and his family for their support.

Comm. Strohmeier – Advised that the Rochelle Park library would be marking their 50th anniversary in 2010. The Library Board would be planning activities to celebrate this occasion. Strohmeier spoke of retired volunteer Johnnie Parker and thanked her again for her service. She thanked Library Director Judy Sands for keeping the volunteers engaged in their work, which results in a tremendous cost savings for all taxpayers. Strohmeier thanked Judy and the entire staff of the library and noted the passing of dedicated Library Board member, Susan Elmer. She was an avid library patron and she will be missed.

Building Department - Comm. Strohmeier thanked Construction Code Official Richard Bolan for reducing his operating budget by over 10%. The Building Department is realizing the same amount of revenue as it did the previous year despite the loss of a full time employee.

Strohmeier is looking forward to working closely with the Office of Emergency Management as their liaison.

Strohmeier thanked long time running mate Bill Lotz for being an inspiration showing us the valuable contributions to local government that can be made by seniors. She wished Comm. Lotz and his family and all the resident's good things in 2010.

Mayor Valenzuela – Began by thanking his colleagues on the Township Committee for his reelection as Mayor for 2010. He congratulated Comm. Strohmeier on her re-election and thanked her for 19 years of service. He then congratulated Robert Davidson on his election to the Township Committee. He advised that Bob Davidson had previously served on the Township's police department for 30+ years. He will be an asset and wished him well. He congratulated Comm. Kovalcik on being selected as Deputy Mayor. Valenzuela advised that today marks the 20th year of service on the Township Committee by Comm. Scarpa. He will be nominating him to the New Jersey League of Municipalities Elected Official's Hall of Fame. This special honor is reserved for individuals who have served their communities for over 20 years. He then thanked Judge Joseph Rotolo for swearing him in. He also thanked Acting Administrator/Municipal Clerk Virginia De Maria, Deputy Clerk Liz Kroll and Deputy Tax Collector for their hard work and dedication as public servants. Valenzuela congratulated all those who were appointed.

Fire Department Year to Date Report – 207 Calls Mayor Valenzuela heralded the efforts of the volunteers of the Fire Department, as their commissioner Valenzuela witnessed first hand their hard work and dedication to the community.

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As liaison to the Board of Education Valenzuela feels that the lines of communication between the Board of Education and the Township Committee have been opened, working together to make Midland School the best it can be. He then spoke of the difficult year grappling with the downturn in the economy, cuts to municipal aid and the loss of net valuation of Rochelle Park's tax base of over 28 million dollars due to tax appeals. The budget process this year will be challenging. The Township Committee will continue to maximize participation utilizing shared services with other local municipalities. Mayor Valenzuela advised that the addition to the field house at Carlock Field had been completed. The Recreation Committee worked hard to bring this project to completion and he thanked them for their hard work. The Township received grant money from the Department of Transportation for the repaving of West Oldis Street. This project will begin in the Spring. The Mayor explained that monies will be used at the intersection of Rochelle Avenue and Terrace Avenue, making this a safer intersection for the crossing of children going to school. Lastly, he thanked his friends and family for their continued support and wished everyone a healthy and happy new year.

Acting Administrator/Municipal Clerk De Maria – Wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

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

A motion was offered by Comm. Scarpa 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