



**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
151 WEST PASSAIC STREET
ROCHELLE PARK, N.J. 07662
MINUTES – WORK SESSION/PUBLIC MEETING - 7:00 PM
JULY 28, 2021**

Call to order 7:04PM

According to the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting of July 28, 2021 was sent to the “Our Town” and “The Record” and published on January 7, 2021, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on Rochelle Park’s web-site and Facebook page and has remained continuously posted as the required notice under the Statute and is being video-recorded. 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. L. Boniface
Comm. S. Iacobucci
Comm. N. LiBassi – Absent
Comm. P. Mosca
Mayor G. Artola

Mayor Artola led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for First Responders and those serving our country here and around the world.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was offered by Comm. Boniface and seconded by Comm. Iacobucci to amend the agenda by adding the Billboard and non-contractual salary for discussion. Motion carried on a voice vote – all voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Iacobucci and second by Comm. Boniface to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held June 23, 2021 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held July 14, 2021.

Public Portion (Agenda Items Only)

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

No members of the public spoke

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

Presentation – NJ State Police Office of Emergency Management

Rochelle Park CERT Team

Pete Donatello the OEM Coordinator presented the Rochelle Park Cert Team with certification of recognition by the New Jersey State Police and Office of Emergency Management for their efforts during Covid 19 Pandemic. Chief Pinto gave a brief speech and thanked the OEM Coordinator for an amazing team. Mr. Donatello continued to express his gratitude towards everyone’s participation and it eager to continue adding new members to the CERT Team.

Discussion:

Engineers – Boswell Engineering – Update – Removed from the Agenda.

Rochelle Park's 150th Anniversary – Mayor Artola gave a brief update in regards the 150th Anniversary. She mentioned they are going to wrap up some things for the anniversary and stated the residents will be able to see a small preview on national night out. There will be banners and some backpacks given. The Mayor mentioned the Recreation Department will continue to plan out this event and provide the proper details and date soon.

Police Department Update – Chief Pinto gave brief update in regards on the Police Department. The Chief also mentioned “National Night Out” event they are hosting it is being held on August 3rd from 6pm - 9pm at the Midland School parking lot. He urged everyone to come out with their families and enjoy the night, he also mentioned residents being able to meet the police department.

Parking Issues – Overlook Avenue/Legion Place – The Chief mentioned sending all details to the Township Committee for review and this matter was resolved. Rotolo mentioned drafting an ordinance to introduce for the following meeting. Administrator mentioned having the money in the Capitol account for this matter as well.

BCUA – Tier II Industrial User Fee for Sewer – Administrator Davidson mentioned the Tax collector being in contact with the BCUA pertaining to the Tier 2. He continued to briefly explain all details of collection of payments. Also Mr. Davidson mentioned Alaris Health is one of the facilities that came up on the reviews and doing the numbers with the tax collector and BCUA the usage charge is for \$49,8889.50, even though that facility pays taxes of \$11,467.50 he stated they are not looking to double tax them and he mentioned they came up with a number of \$ 38,422.00 to charge them for sewer usage. Township Committee agreed and a resolution will be made for the following meeting.

Cannabis – Special Counsel - Comm. Iacobucci discussed the reasoning of looking into this matter to have an ordinance in place to cover all areas of what they are looking for, also to protect the Town. She made several suggestions to make the proper decision on the special counsel to move forward. Comm. Iacobucci and Comm. Boniface had a lengthy discussion in regards to hiring a proper attorney to represent the Township. A motion was made by Comm. Iacobucci and second by Comm. Mosca to hiring the proper attorney for the Cannabis. Comm. Iacobucci and Comm. Boniface will get together to discuss points on selecting the proper attorney.

Billboard – Comm. Boniface mentioned receiving an email from the Bergen County Food Security, she stated they asked if they can use the billboard again for September 17th and 18th. Township Committee supported the usage of the billboard.

Salary Ordinance – Administrator Davidson provided the Township Committee with a revised copy of the Salary ordinance; he mentioned the whole budget is running a bit late due to the issues that has transpired. He also mentioned the proper advertisement will be made as well. Township Committee agreed keeping their salary as is, administrator also stated he did not take a increase as well. The Salary ordinance was introduced but the Township Committee to be adopted on the following meeting.

Attorney – Joseph Rotolo – No report.

Correspondence:

- a) Bergen County Freeholders re: Ord. #21-08 To Amend the Bergen County Parks Department Fee Schedule; Ord. 21-09 amending Ord. 19-02 Establishing the Salaries of the County Executive, County Department Directors, County Administrator, setting Range for County Administrator; Ord. #21-10 To Amend Ord. #19-24 Establishing Film & Television Permitting Process and Fees; Ord. #21-11 Small Cell Wireless Ord.; Resolution 527-21 – Resolution in Recognition of Caribbean-American Heritage Month; 528-21 - Resolution Recognizing June 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month; 529-21 – Resolution in Recognition of Juneteenth; Resolution Recognition of Parks and Recreation Month
- b) RP Planning Board re: Block 102 Lot 7.01 340 W. Passaic Street (2); Site Plan Approval 29 E. Passaic Street – Invictus Pharmacy

- c) RP Zoning Board re: Block 46.02 Lot 170
- d) State of NJ DEP re: Block 18.01 Lot 1; Block 19.02 Lot 1
- e) Resolution – Leonia – Condemning the Rise of Anti-Semitism
- f) BCUA re: 2021 BCUA Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant – Midland School #1
- g) State of NJ DOT re: Oldis Street
- h) PIA – Employee Prescription Program – Rebate Check \$2,281.12
- i) Saddle Brook – Ordinance #1707-21 – Amending Chapter 206 of the Township Code Regulating the Operation of Specific Classes of Cannabis Businesses within its Geographical Boundaries
- j) County of Bergen Division of Community Transportation re: Virtual Hearing Thursday, August 12, 2021
- k) Matrix Newworld re: Application for a Wetlands Letter of Interpretation – 149-151 Maywood Avenue Block 17.02 Lot 1 Grove Street Rochelle Park
- l) PVSC Newark Gas Plant Resolution

Old Business:

New Business:

See Below

At the Special Meeting held on July 14, 2021 the following resolutions were adopted:

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. LiBassi and seconded by Comm. Mosca and reads:

Resolution #2021 – 107

A Resolution - Appointing DPW Superintendent – Dave Brown

WHEREAS, JAMES SCHMUNK has served in the position of Superintendent of the Department of Public Works for a substantial period of time; and

WHEREAS, recently JAMES SCHMUNK retired from that position; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforesaid retirement, the Township Committee must appoint a replacement to that position in accordance with the requirements of New Jersey law as well as Chapter 31 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park; and

WHEREAS, DAVID BROWN of Rochelle Park has been employed by the Township of Rochelle Park in the Department of Public Works for many years and has served, with distinction, throughout his period of employment; and

WHEREAS, DAVID BROWN has been acting Superintendent of the Department of Public Works in the absence of JAMES SCHMUNK; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has recommended that DAVID BROWN be appointed to the position of Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed this recommendation and is in agreement with this recommendation.

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. David Brown of Rochelle Park, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed Superintendent of the Department of Public Works for the Township of Rochelle Park.
2. This appointment shall be deemed effective as of July 14, 2021, the date on which he assumed the responsibilities of this position.
3. The terms, conditions and obligations of this employment shall be determined pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey, Chapter 31 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park and a written Contract to be drafted and approved by the Township Committee and Township Administrator.
4. The starting salary for this position shall be \$90, 430.00 per year in accordance with the applicable salary ordinance together with the following stipends:
\$2,000.00 per year as Stormwater Coordinator; and
\$2,000.00 per year as Assistant Recycling Coordinator
5. The Township attorney is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the aforesaid Contract which shall provide, *inter alia*, for the following:
Service in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 31 of the Township Code
Securing the required certificate as Public Works Manager in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.6(g) within the time period set forth in that statute.
The Superintendent shall be entitled to overtime payment in the event that he is performing services outside of his supervisory position as a result of declaration of a local, county, state or federal state of emergency.

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 David

Brown of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, the Personnel Department, Township Auditor and the Township Attorney.

Attest:

Elisa Caporale

Municipal Clerk

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

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Iacobucci and seconded by Comm. Boniface and reads:

Resolution #2021 – 108

A Resolution – Conditional Offer of Employment – Municipal Clerk – Elisa Caporale

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KROLL has served in the position of Township Clerk for the Township of Rochelle Park for approximately twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH KROLL recently retired from that position; and

WHEREAS, as a result of that retirement, the Township Committee commenced the process for a search for a replacement in that position; and

WHEREAS, numerous applicants submitted applications for this position and the Township Committee conducted personal interviews with selected candidates; and

WHEREAS, one such candidate was ELISA CAPORALE of Totowa, New Jersey who possesses the qualifications and credentials for this position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommended the hiring of this individual and the Township Committee agreed that ELISA CAPORALE is a qualified and preferred candidate.

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. The conditional offer of employment is hereby extended to Elisa Caporale of Totowa, New Jersey.
2. The position being offered is the position of Township Clerk in accordance with the provisions of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park as well as applicable state law.
3. This conditional offer of employment is subject to satisfactory completion of the background check in accordance with the provisions of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park.
4. The effective date for this appointment and hiring shall be August 2, 2021 subject to completion of the aforementioned background check.
5. The starting salary for this position will be \$70,000.00 and shall also be in accordance with the applicable salary ordinance.
6. In addition to the position of Township Clerk, Elisa Caporale is also appointed to the position of Deputy Registrar for an additional payment in the amount of \$500.00 per year in accordance with the applicable salary ordinance.
7. The appointments set forth herein are further conditioned upon confirmation that all proper licenses, certifications and other requirements of the aforesaid position have been satisfied or will be secured within the period pursuant to the provisions of law.

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 Elisa Caporale of Totowa, New Jersey, the Personnel Department for the Township, the Township Attorney, the Township Auditor and the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services.

Attest:

Elisa Caporale

Municipal Clerk

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

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Mosca and seconded by Comm. LiBassi and reads:

Resolution #2021 – 109

A Resolution – Conditional Offer of Employment – DPW Laborer – Andrew Vitale

WHEREAS, as a result of recent retirements and other demands within the department, the Department of Public Works requires additional staff in order to fulfill the obligations of that department; and

WHEREAS, upon a review of the department, the Acting Superintendent, together with the Township Administrator have recommended that two (2) additional laborers be appointed; and

WHEREAS, as a result of having made that determination, the Township Administrator and Township Committee conducted a search, reviewed qualifications and conducted interviews for filling these positions; and

WHEREAS, one such candidate for the position is ANDREW VITALE of Rochelle Park, New Jersey who possesses the qualifications and skills necessary to fulfill the obligations of the position of laborer for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommended offering employment to ANDREW VITALE and the Township Committee has approved that recommendation.

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. A conditional offer of employment is hereby provided to Andrew Vitale of Rochelle Park, New Jersey.
2. The position to which this the subject of this offer is the position of laborer in the Department of Public Works.
3. This conditional offer of employment is subject to satisfactory completion of the required background check and physical examination as well as confirmation that all necessary licenses are possessed by this employee.
4. The effective date of this hiring shall be August 9, 2021 subject to conditions described above with a starting salary, in accordance with the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement, of \$34,449.42.

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 Andrew Vitale of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, the Personnel Department for the Township and the Township Auditor.

Attest:

Elisa Caporale
Municipal Clerk

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

The following resolutions were offered by Comm. Mosca and seconded by Comm. Iacobucci and reads:

Resolution #2021 – 110

A Resolution – Conditional Offer of Employment – DPW Laborer – Sean Parisi

WHEREAS, as a result of recent retirements and other demands within the department, the Department of Public Works requires additional staff in order to fulfill the obligations of that department; and

WHEREAS, upon a review of the department, the Acting Superintendent, together with the Township Administrator have recommended that two (2) additional laborers be appointed; and

WHEREAS, as a result of having made that determination, the Township Administrator and Township Committee conducted a search, reviewed qualifications and conducted interviews for filling these positions; and

WHEREAS, one such candidate for the position is SEAN PARISI of Paramus, New Jersey who possesses the qualifications and skills necessary to fulfill the obligations of the position of laborer for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator recommended offering employment to SEAN PARISI and the Township Committee has approved that recommendation.

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. A conditional offer of employment is hereby provided to Andrew Vitale of Paramus, New Jersey.
2. The position to which this the subject of this offer is the position of laborer in the Department of Public Works.
3. This conditional offer of employment is subject to satisfactory completion of the required background check and physical examination as well as confirmation that all necessary licenses are possessed by this employee.
4. The effective date of this hiring shall be August 9, 2021 subject to conditions described above with a starting salary, in accordance with the applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement, of \$34,449.42.

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 Andrew Vitale of Rochelle Park, New Jersey, the Personnel Department for the Township and the Township Auditor.

Attest:

Elisa Caporale
Municipal Clerk

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

The Consent Agenda was offered by Comm. Boniface and seconded by Comm. Iacobucci and reads:

Resolution#2021 – 111

A Resolution – Payment of Bills – July

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.

DOG ACCOUNT

CK 266	NJ Dept. of Health	\$9.00	
	CK 267	Amazon	\$171.19

CURRENT, TRUST AND GENERAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Current Fund	\$2,179,615.02
Capital Fund	\$ 152,182.94
Trust Fund	\$ 6,197.71

See attached back-up.
Attest: Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

Resolution#2021 – 112

A Resolution – Approving Retirement Agreement with Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk, Elizabeth Kroll, has retired to be effective as of July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Kroll has been employed as Municipal Clerk by the Township of Rochelle Park since January 14, 2002; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her years of service Ms. Kroll has become entitled to certain payments and other benefits upon retirement in accordance with the terms, conditions and obligations of State law and Local ordinance as well as the Personnel Policy for the Township of Rochelle Park; and

WHEREAS, the payments and other benefits to which she is entitled are set forth on the enclosed Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney and Township Administrator have reviewed this Agreement and have confirmed the entitlement set forth therein; and

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. The Mayor and the Township Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Township of Rochelle Park, the attached Agreement which sets forth the full and complete Agreement between the Township and Elizabeth Kroll regarding any payments or other benefits to be received upon her retirement and thereafter.

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 Elizabeth Kroll, the Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Rochelle Park and the Township Auditor.

Attest:
Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

Resolution#2021 – 113

A Resolution – Authorization to Make Annual LOSAP Payments

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 2020 appropriation reserve, totaling \$11,400.00 including Volunteer Fire Department, and has further audited the documents submitted by the Fire Department and has determined that the documents meet the intent of the 2020 audit requirements.

Attest:

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

Resolution#2021 – 114

A Resolution – Authorizing Appointment of Municipal

Representatives to Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Rochelle Park has entered into a three-year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that the Municipal Council to appoint a representative and alternate and that the mayor appoint a representative and alternate for the FY 2021-2022 term starting July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby appoints Robert Davidson as its representative and Lisa Caporale as its alternate and that the mayor hereby appoints as his/her alternate to serve on the Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2021-2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an original, certified copy of this resolution be immediately e-mailed and sent via postage to Robert G. Esposito, Director, Bergen County Division of Community Development; One Bergen County Plaza, Fourth Floor; Hackensack, New Jersey 07601 resposito@co.bergen.nj.us as soon as possible and no later than Friday, July 30, 2021.

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

Resolution#2021 – 115 –

Resolution – Rescinding Resolution #2021-86 In Partial

Whereas, certain General Capital Improvement Authorization Balances remain available for projects now completed and:

Whereas, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to General Capital Fund Balance.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, that the following unexpended balances of General Capital Improvement Authorizations be canceled:

Ord. No.	Description	Balance
Cancelled		
1028-11	Resurface High Street	\$8,388.00 – Not
Cancelling		
1054-12	Improvements to Carlock Field	\$12.00
1061-13	Various Public Improvements – 2013 Road Program	\$126.00
1061-13	Various Public Improvements -Sweeper/Sign Board	\$7,129.00
1075-14	Improvements to Carlock Field	\$6,951.00
1098-16	Various Public Improvements – 2016 Road Program	\$12.00
1108-17	Various Public Improvements – ADA Access Carlock Field	\$12,687.00
1108-17	Various Public Improvements – 2017 Road Program	\$267.00
1108-17	Various Public Improvements – Equipment OEM	\$2,743.00
Total		\$29.927.00

Attest:

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

Resolution#2021 – 120

A Resolution – Authorizing Release of Closed Session Minutes – July 14, 2021

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 aversive 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 July 14, 2021 to the extent that said information can be disclosed without adversely affecting the Township or the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that the attached closed session minutes may be released to the public in accordance with the requirements of New Jersey State Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any minutes which have not been released pursuant to this Resolution shall be reviewed periodically by the Township Attorney and further recommendation shall be made for the release of additional minutes as the release of same is deemed to be proper.

Attest:

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES JULY 14, 2021

Interviews – The Committee interviewed candidates for the Municipal Clerk’s position

Interviews – The Committee interviewed professionals for legal representation regarding the retail aspect of Cannabis

DPW Superintendent – Due to the resignation of the DPW Superintendent a vacancy was created. The Committee discussed replacement for this position

Interviews – The Committee interviewed candidates for DPW Laborer.

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

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Boniface and seconded by Comm. Iacobucci and reads:

Resolution#2021 - 116

A Resolution – Introduction Capital Ord. 1178 – 21 – Authorizing Installation of Above Ground Fuel Storage Tanks – DPW - \$300,000

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF ABOVE GROUND FUEL STORAGE TANKS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS YARD IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$300,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S RESERVE FROM SALE OF MUNICIPAL ASSETS “ be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on August 25, 2021 at 7:00 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.

Township Committee

Attest: _____

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

A motion was offered by Comm. Mosca and seconded by Comm. Iacobucci to approve the above resolution with minor changes. Motion carried on a roll call vote – “Ayes”

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Boniface and seconded by Comm. Mosca and reads:

Resolution#2021 - 117

A Resolution – Introduction Capital Ord. 1179 – 21 – Berdan Street Sewer Project (Phase II) - \$288,000

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF THE BERDAN STREET SEWER PROJECT (PHASE II) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$288,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 AND FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S RESERVE FROM SALE OF MUNICIPAL ASSETS “ be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on August 25, 2021 at 7:00 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.

Township Committee

Attest: _____

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

Attest: Elizabeth Kroll – Municipal Clerk

A motion was offered by Comm. Mosca and seconded by Comm. Iacobucci to approve the above resolution with minor changes. Motion carried on a roll call vote – “Ayes”

This Resolution was removed for the following meeting. 8/25/21

Resolution#2021 – 118

A Resolution – Introduction Ord. 1180 – 21 - 2021 Salary Ordinance – Non-Contractual

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE SALARY OR RATE OF COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK AND TO ESTABLISH A METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEAR 2021“ be and it is hereby introduced and passed on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on August 25, 2021 at 7:00 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.

Township Committee

Attest: _____

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Comm. Boniface and seconded by Comm. Mosca and reads:

Resolution#2021 – 119

A Resolution – Hearing & Adoption Ord. 1177-21 – Amendment Air BnB

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 150A OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK ENTITLED “PROPERTY, RENTAL” 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.

Township Committee

Attest: _____

Elizabeth Kroll
Municipal Clerk

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

No member of the public spoke

A motion was offered by Comm. LiBassi and seconded by Comm. Mosca to close the hearing to the public. Motion carried on a roll call vote – all voting “Aye”.

A motion was offered by Comm. Mosca and seconded by Comm. Iacobucci to approve the above resolution with minor changes. Motion carried on a roll call vote – “Ayes”

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

Administrator Davidson – Administrator Davidson discussed the FEMA grants; he stated the grant they applied for was not approved. He expressed his feelings on the matter and how the town met the qualifications but yet was not approved. He stated being a small town of 5600 people and for them not to spend 900,000 on this project they felt it was not feasible. Mr. Davidson expressed that they do not care about small towns.

Comm. Boniface – Thanked everyone for attending to the Public Meeting, she gave a brief report in regards to the Court Office, the report month June 2021 New tickets issued: Parking 40, Moving 508, DWI 2. New Complaints issued, summons 13 Warrant 5 Special 6, weekly court session 2 virtual court sessions, Total Money Collected for the month \$20,283.87, Money Disbursed to the State \$5,888.53, Money Disbursed to the County \$4,473.24, Miscellaneous Disbursement \$130.58 , Money Disbursed to Town \$9,791.52. Comm. Boniface also mentioned upcoming events, she mentioned to the public to take advantage of the Bergen County Parks Events such as movies and concerts.

Comm. Iacobucci – Mentioned attending the suicide prevention event at the American Legion in memory of a young teenager named Katelyn Mary Rose, she mentioned that this event was sponsored by Mission 22 which is for veterans 22 vets a day. She mentioned Mission 22 making it an annual event, she stated it being worthwhile. Comm. Iacobucci also attended the flood awareness program that the Office of Emergency Management conducted last week with the Police, Fire and all emergencies. She stated it was very informative and helpful for the everyone and residents. This program helps prepare for flood responses, she mentioned this being new to her and it is amazing what the OEM does. Comm. Iacobucci mentioned the library not having a meeting this week, but they are resuming their module every Monday at 1030am in the Senior Center. Comm Iacobucci mentioned the Rochelle Park Swim Club water aerobics. Every Tuesday at 2pm, anyone can join. Comm. Iacobucci also mentioned anyone needing assistance at the library they are welcomed to stop by, also call (201) 843-1859 for more information.

Comm. Mosca – Announced all of Julys Veterans birthdays

Dennis Duddie July 11

Bruce Amundson July 23

Christina Juliano July 22

Avery Walker July 21

Kevin Doughty July 27

John Roka July 31

Joe Connors July 31

Todd Grimes July 23

Joseph Spiotta July 6

Joseph Ford July 5

Mayor Artola – read her report; Committee Reports
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Recreation

Thank you to the Recreation Committee for a successful movie night last month (Sunday June 27th). The movie was Disney's "Coco". The families enjoyed the movie and ice cream at Carlock Field.

Thanks also to Recreation for cheering on the Police Department vs. Volunteer Fire Department Softball Game on the morning of that same day.

Recreation adult softball will start up again in the fall. Thanks to all who participated in the spring.

Zumba classes

Kids classes Mondays 4 to 11 years old 5:30 - 6:30 Houghton Hall

Adult classes continue on Mondays and Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:00

We are planning a Swim Night, a Teen Swim Night and a Senior Swim at the Rochelle Park Swim Club. Stay tuned for details.

We are in need of basketball coaches. Please contact recreation or let me know if you are interested.

Senior Citizens

Congratulations to our Rochelle Park Senior Citizens who met for the first time on July 8th since the lockdown. There were over 80 people in attendance. It was so nice to see your smiling faces, but they were more than just smiles. You were all beaming with joy. It's great to have you back.

Two weeks later the seniors were back for a special meeting hosted by the police. Thank you, Chief Pinto for providing important information about grandparent scams. Also special thanks to Sergeant Arendacs, Sergeant Bermudez, Lieutenant Kukalski, Detective Cobb and Detective Gallina for their assistance. For days afterward the seniors who I saw at the pool and at church were still talking about it. You really made an impact.

Police officer for a day

I would also like to thank Chief Pinto and Lieutenant Kukalski for my police ride-along. My day started with putting on a vest and getting a radio. I saw how tasers are tested and I learned the basics of patrolling. I even got to witness an answer to a call. I toured the range, vehicles and equipment. We discussed streets in town that are prone to traffic issues. Thank you for allowing me to walk in your shoes for a day. I've always appreciated you, but I have even greater respect after being by your side. Please stay safe out there.

National Night Out

Next Tuesday August 3rd is the Police Department's National Night Out. It's going to be a night of fun. Come to Midland School at 6:00 and spread the word.

Rochelle Park Swim Club

Congratulations to the Rochelle Park Swim Club Sharks Swim Team. Many of these kids are first time swimmers. There was a Pep Rally the night before their first home meet. To get them into the spirit, they all got to race the mayor with their stroke of choice and a head start. The families and coaches cheered them on. The parents were thankful to me for the event.

State of emergency

Yesterday there was a state of emergency at Midland School. Carbon monoxide was detected as a result of a floor cleaning solvent being used by a contractor on the first floor. An evacuation was conducted upon the recommendation of the Rochelle Park Office of Emergency Management. Approximately 140 students and 20 staff were transitioned to the Knights of Columbus building. When I arrived at the school, the students were already moved and the building was cleared of carbon monoxide with readings of 0.

In a letter from Superintendent Sue DeNobile about the emergency evacuation, she thanked the Rochelle Park and Maywood Fire Departments, Rochelle Park Police Department, Rochelle Park Office of Emergency Management, Mayor, and Board of Education. She also added a special note of thanks to the Knights of Columbus for opening their doors to our community. I also extend my thanks to everyone involved. I got to see firsthand how everyone comes together in an emergency. I am also grateful to the Knights of Columbus for providing a place for the students to go in such short notice.

Sadly, last week Robert Spagnuolo passed away. Mr. Spagnuolo served on the Township Committee from 1988 to 1990. He was the father of six children. We offer our condolences to

his children, grandchildren, other family members and friends. Thank you for your service to Rochelle Park.

Public Portion

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

Resident of 235 W. Passaic St. – resident referred his question to affordable housing, he asked if there will be any apartments set aside for veterans. Township Committee mentioned they will research this matter but they stated that this question has to do with the Affordable housing themselves.

Resident – 28 Crescent St. – the resident mentioned emailing the mayor in regards to her concerns with the loud noise coming from the American Legion Place. Dennis the commander of this location asked the resident more questions as to time of noise and they will resolve this matter together for any future event.

Dianne Verhasselt – 24 Forest Pl. – Mrs. Verhasselt questioned if the hours of property maintenance can be increased. Administrator explained the reasoning of his hours also mentioned he is limited on hours he could work. Verhasselt commented on concerns in regards to several properties not being properly maintained and questioned if there’s a way to have these residents clean it up, she continued to express her concerns. Administrator stated property maintenance gives out warning and summons when residents does not comply, he also asked Mrs. Verhasselt to give a list of the areas she sees there being an issue.

Lynn Houghton – West Oldis St. - Mrs. Houghton questioned why is the recreation building being used for activities. Mrs. Houghton asked if the zoomba activity is being sponsored by recreation and it was stated that it is paid out of pocket from the participant directly to the instructor. Mrs. Houghton has several questions in regards to other on going events, she also mentioned that when will the ambulance be up for sale. Mrs. Houghton also mentioned to the Township Committee to make the right choices for town in regards to the Cannabis sales. She encouraged to get all the policies that is needed that will protect and benefit the town.

Bob Kazimir – thanked the police department for the program devoted to seniors.

Mrs. Graziano – Peek Street. – questioned the Township Committee in regards to the plans of 120 Passaic St. BBQ, the Township committee mentioned it is to review the pond reveal and if any residents had any questions they can answer at that event.

Sean Smyth 115 Thiem Ave – stated if someone gets hurt by the zoomba class, who covers it, Mr. Davidson stated, the Township covers it.

Frank Valenzuela – 123 Becker Ave. – Mr. Valenzuela wanted to clarify his previous question; he questioned the votes of new hires on special meeting. Attorney Rotolo stated the resolution is not completed being that it was in a close session and it will be prepared for the following meeting. Mr. Valenzuela questioned what is the status on cleaning the front the building, Mr. Davidson mentioned it will be handled by David Brown.

Michael Kazimir – 701 Franklin Lakes NJ – Mr. Kazimir mentioned the audio feed on the internet sounding bad. Mr. Kazimir mentioned wanting to clarify a comment that was made earlier in the meeting in regards to the ambulance sells. He stated that an offer was made on the ambulance and the equipment sell but was unable to go through as it was organized. He asked Attorney Rotolo and Administrator Davidson for clarification on that statement. Rotolo stated that someone gave a proposal but an outright sale was unable to be done by the order of the auction. Mentioned there being some indication for the sale and Mr. Davidson asked if he has the approval to move forward to auction the ambulance and equipment. Rotolo mentioned creating a resolution to prepare for the auction.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer D. Martinez
Deputy Clerk