

**MAYOR & COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockaway, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, was held in the Community Center, 21-25 Union Street, Rockaway, N.J. with Mayor Russell Greuter presiding. Mayor Greuter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Greuter read the following statement: In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws, 1975, be advised that notice of this meeting was made by posting on the Bulletin Board, Town Hall, and sending to the officially designated newspapers, a notice indicating that the meeting would take place at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. on December 19, 2011. Mayor Greuter announced the location of the fire exits.

Councilmembers Present

Joyce Kanigel
Joseph Vicente
John Willer
Melissa Burnside - Council President

Councilmembers Absent

Thomas Donofrio
Thomas Mulligan

Everyone present participated in the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Greuter opened the meeting to the public. There being no comments, Mayor Greuter closed the meeting to the public.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Ted Wilson and Ms. Sarita Wilson, volunteers from the American Red Cross, presented information regarding personal preparedness for disasters, shelters, and warming centers.

Items that should be in a personal disaster (emergency preparedness) kit include water, canned food, a manual can opener, medications and telephone number listing. The Red Cross recommends that everyone create and practice an evacuation and communication plan. Citizens should take steps to be informed regarding when and what type of disaster may occur.

The Red Cross functions include sheltering, feeding, disaster assessment, communication to the public and fundraising.

Shelters require services for 24 hours such as restrooms, kitchen and shower facilities, food, sleeping arrangements (cots and blankets), security, and a medical professional. Warming centers require tables, chairs, beverages and snacks.

The first step is to identify where the shelters could be; i.e., a school, government or church building. The Red Cross will survey the building and compare the services to its checklist of requirements. The Community Center could be a warming center, but it does not meet the requirements for a shelter. When identifying potential shelter locations, consideration should be given to the type of disaster that might impact the area (flood, earthquake, snowstorm); where the disaster might occur (a flooded area would be more limited than an area that would experience a heavy snowstorm); and the type of area that would be impacted (commercial area vs. residential areas would have different shelter requirements).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Approved: As Submitted

Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

Date: January 12, 2012