

***APPROVED MINUTES*** of the Regular  
Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held in  
City Hall on February 13, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor  
ANDREW C. BALL  
MACK CUNNINGHAM  
PAULA J. GAMACHE  
CATHERINE F. PARKER (left at 10 P.M.)  
JOSEPH A. SACK  
Councilmembers

**ABSENT:**

GEORGE S. PRATT, Councilman

The Council convened at 7:19 P.M. Councilman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache and unanimously carried, to adjourn to Executive Session for a discussion with the Corporation Counsel concerning the Osborn Litigation and other pending litigation at 7:20 p.m. Councilman Ball made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Parker to close the Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. The Council reconvened at 8:12.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order and invited the Council to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Otis asked the City Clerk to call the roll; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

Announcements

Mayor Otis congratulated Councilwoman Parker on the birth of her son Aiden Walker “efficiently” born after the last meeting in January, thereby allowing his mother not to miss a City Council meeting! Aiden joins his sister Julia and is doing very well.

Mayor Otis also congratulated City Clerk Susan Morison on her retirement at the end of February. He thanked her for her years as Clerk, citing her many minutes, elections, parking renewals and a myriad of other things that take place behind the scenes. Mrs. Morison thanked the City of Rye for the opportunity to serve the community, noting that it had been quite a learning curve. She expressed her admiration for all the volunteers who serve the community and noted the professionalism and quality of the City Staff who keep the City running smoothly.

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She said it has been a privilege to work with all of them and noted that the City was in good hands. She said it had been a pleasure working with the Council and assured them she would stay until the end of the meeting to take her last set of notes!

3. Approval of the election of former Explorer Member of Rye Fire Department to full membership in the Rye Fire Department

Coordinator Joseph Banahan, creator of the Explorer's Club at the High School which introduces students to the possibilities of a firefighting career, announced that Christian Acevedo, a graduate of the program, had been elected to membership in the Poningoe Engine and Hose Company of the Rye Fire Department. Christian has been in the Explorer's program for two years, is well trained, has already been active (in a limited capacity) in fighting fires and has done an excellent job. Mr. Banahan introduced Tony Scarfone, a member of the Poningoe Engine and Hose Company, who officially welcomed Christian. Mayor Otis congratulated and thanked Christian and all the Explorers for their service to Rye, noting that it is a great program.

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ball and unanimously carried, to approve the election of Christian Acevedo to the Poningoe Engine and Hose Company by the Board of Fire Wardens at their January, 2008 meeting.

4. Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda

*Bernie Althoff, 34 Mendota* said Chas. Sells had presented a good report in October 2007 with a promise of an update and, especially in light of the close call with flooding today, he asked for an update on the Sells report and any Bowman Avenue plans. Mayor Otis responded as follows:

Upper Pond.

1) As of November 9th the City's application to SEMO for the Sluice Gate at the Bowman Avenue Dam has been submitted. We expect a final answer in March which would make a summer installation possible. The gate is partially designed and almost ready to be put out to bid so the progress should be quick.

2) Maximizing/resizing the upper pond. The next stage is to develop the geological study. The cost will be about \$350,000. We will be submitting a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant by February 29, 2008 as the next step.

3) Dredging is a massive next step. We are keeping the Army Corps of Engineers in the loop for this massive project.

Lower Pond – The City is working on alternatives and we expect a full report in early March showing options (for example, increasing gravity). We have also submitted some of these ideas to Congresswoman Nita Lowey's office.

County Initiatives – The Mayor sits on the Flood Action Committee which meets 2-3 times a month and is moving on many fronts as many hours in the day as they can. The Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to study seven watersheds including ours. We have already done the studies so they will use our data as a baseline and the fact that we done the studies puts us at the head of the line (we hope) for big dollars.

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*Greg MacKenzie, Mead Place*, asked if anyone up-stream was cooperating with Rye about flood mitigation. The Mayor said Rye Brook was helping with the Sells report: Harrison was concentrating on cooperation with Beaver Swamp Brook and, on the County level, the goal is to have all communities increase their retention plans. Mr. MacKenzie inquired about fixing the various walls and bridges. Full funding has been received for the Elm Place project. Bids will go out in March and we anticipate a bid award in June. After that we can begin to work on moving utility lines. Federal Highway funds have also been received for Central Avenue Bridge, requiring matching funds from the City. Mr. MacKenzie complained that nothing had physically been done since 1943. The Mayor replied that the City of Rye had, just in the last several years, purchased three parcels of land (Rye Nursery, Friends Meeting House, and the Anderson property) to enhance flood mitigation, but said it is not so easy to stop development upstream.

*Holly Kennedy, 105 Mendota* said the City has to do something as the level of urgency is excruciatingly high and people need to know they don't have to worry. Councilwoman Parker said she agreed with the anxiety level, but assured everyone the City is working really hard to make things happen and she is confident it will.

*Greg MacKenzie, Mead Place* mentioned that Con Edison is not filling in their pot holes and no one is following up. The Mayor reminded him permanent refills cannot be made until Spring, but he asked the City Manager's Office to follow up with DPW.

*John Carolin, 66 Milton Road*, spoke about the Rye Golf Club saying he has total respect for the Commission and is not accusing anyone of malfeasance, but he feels the spirit of the Club has been diverted from being a reasonable club for everyone to more of a country club and he urged the Council to authorize a study. He is concerned that the rates are too high and wonders if there is anyway to alleviate the costs for Seniors. He recognizes the need for higher-paying non residents, but says the new balance is changing the nature of the club. Councilman Sack, RGC liaison, clarified that Mr. Carolin's concerns have moved beyond Senior rates to broader issues and said they would work on it.

5. Public hearing on a local law amending Chapter 133, Noise, Sections 133-8(E) (Construction Work restricted to certain hours and days) and Section 133-9 (Penalties for offenses) of the Code of the City of Rye

Mayor Otis opened the public hearing to discuss amending Chapter 133, Noise, Section 133-8(E)(Construction Work restricted to certain hours and days) and Section 133-9(Penalties for offenses) of the Code of the City of Rye. He said the changes include increasing the fee for violations and imposing a 72 hour suspension of activity in hopes of increasing compliance. Councilwoman Gamache said the fines (\$500/750) were still too low to deter anyone; that maybe the 72 hour stop order would help, but who will enforce it. Councilman Cunningham urged that the list of holidays mentioned in Section 133-8 be increased to include all Federal holidays. *Greg Mackenzie (electrical contractor)* said the City has to make the rules clear (the rules are stamped on the permit) and it should be noted that the fine really ends up whatever the Judge decrees. *Joe Lorono, local contractor, Sonn Drive*, suggested the City go back and determine just how many infractions have occurred concerning construction noise, rock chipping, etc. as he is the only one rock chipping and he doesn't do it too early or on weekends.

Mayor Otis kept the public hearing open and requested information on what other communities are doing about this problem; whether it really is a problem (i.e. police reports); and a plan about how it will be enforced (is a ticket by the police enough).

6. Presentation by Temporary Trailways and Traffic Safety Committee

Doug French, Co-Chair of the Temporary Trailways and Traffic Safety Committee with Greg Howells, presented the Committee's prioritized recommendations, as requested by the Council at the end of their January 9, 2008 workshop. He recapped that the Committee focused on a pedestrian network that links points of destination with good signage; that there is a need for a trailway plan (outside groups [the County for example]) are designing plans to come through Rye; we need safer routes to school; our infrastructure is declining and our active population is growing; that now is the time to tap into outside grant funding, to leverage planned City capital projects and coordinate with outside initiatives. He said the mandate to the Committee was to study and develop a plan for pedestrian safety, school pedestrian and traffic safety, and trailway development in one comprehensive plan.

The Committee's top recommendations are as follows:

- 1) Implement school safety projects and apply for safe routes funding. Focus on: a) re-striping the Boston Post Road from Rye High School to Osborn Road; and b) create a sidewalk or trailway on the west side of the Boston Post road from Johnson Place to Hornridge Road.
- 2) Immediately redesign and repair areas with potential safety hazards (sidewalks along Oakland Beach Avenue up to Milton Road)
- 3) Leverage planned City Capital Projects (widen and re-stripe Forest Avenue from Martin Road to Manursing Way; improve the sidewalk along the west side of Theodore Fremd along train tracks)
- 4) Tie into County's Playland Parkway and Theodore Fremd Projects (re-stripe Midland Avenue to Damiano Recreation Center; fill major gaps on west side at North Street and along Theodore Fremd)
- 5) Take care of some of the simpler things, such as connecting minor sidewalk gaps.

The Call to Action from the Committee to the Council is to:

- 1) Endorse the top 3 to 4 priorities as outlined above
- 2) Designate a person to take the lead in getting key stakeholders (Schools, City, Neighborhood groups) together for feedback, action and role clarification.
- 3) Begin phase 2 assessment-planning to include costs, engineering and grants (including Safe Routes to School grant due April 1, and Federal Transportation Enhancement Funds, due June 1)

He thanked all the members of his Committee for putting in the time to enable them to be able to make these recommendations. He also thanked Scott Pickup and Councilman Cunningham for all their hard work. The Mayor echoed those sentiments. Discussion followed concerning the criteria required for the Safe Routes to School Grant. *Greg Howells, Director of the Rye YMCA* said it should provide more benefits to more children and encompass elements of the 5E's (Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement and Evaluation). *Bob Zahm,*

*School Board Member* said it was doubtful the schools can move fast enough to provide much help and he emphasized that getting people to walk requires a culture change over and above providing the sidewalks. *Brian Dempsey* said the Traffic and Transportation Committee favors re-striping the Boston Post Road with the “Diet” approach and it would be good if it could get into the grant. *Helen Gates, grantwriter*, urged homeowner involvement and having permits already in place in order to make the application competitive.

7. Presentation by Traffic Consultant on Central Avenue Bridge traffic impacts

*Brian Dempsey, Traffic Consultant*, presented the Central Avenue Bridge and Area Roadways study prepared by TRC Engineers, Inc. dated 1/24/2008. They studied the area from a traffic and safety vantage point without considering special flooding or cost issues. The end result of the study was to recommend that the bridge be rebuilt. Having the bridge redistributes traffic, improves pedestrian walkways and increases safety access for EMS/Fire, etc. He also pointed out that the study found that, contrary to neighbor reports, speeding down Central Avenue was not an issue. Mayor Otis said the report made good sense and the City is looking forward to recovering funds to help get the bridge rebuilt.

[Note: Councilwoman Parker left the meeting at this point.]

8. Presentation of proposed revisions to Chapter 173, Surface Water Erosion and Sediment Control

City Planner Christian Miller presented the revisions to Chapter 173, Surface Water Erosion and Sediment Control proposed by the City Engineer and the Water Runoff Working Group (Serge Nivelle, Jim Nash, Carolyn Cunningham, Hugh Greechan, Larry Lehman, Lewis Nash and Richard Filippi). The Committee looked at all stormwater issues and incorporated many ideas in the proposed revisions. It is recommended that they be reviewed by other Boards and Commissions as well as by staff and Corporation Counsel who should advise the City of its obligations under SEQRA and other State statutes.

Highlights of the changes include:

- 1) Reduce the size of property requiring a permit from 300 to 100 square feet.
- 2) Maximize on-site stormwater runoff retention (an aggressive but attainable recommendation).
- 3) Reduce Engineer’s discretion to waive and reduce requirements of the code.
- 4) Establish restrictions and requirements for connections to the City’s storm water systems. A homeowner’s obligation is to retain storm water rather than adding to the City’s drainage system.
- 5) Applicants must address increases in storm water run off resulting from changes in vegetation (i.e. forest to lawn).
- 6) The Appeals process should be made to the Planning Commission rather than to the City Council.

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Mayor Otis thanked everyone for the report and suggested the draft be circulated to the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Architectural Review and the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council as well as to the Corporation Counsel. He asked for responses by mid-March so a public hearing can be set and recommended that questions be sent to Mr. Miller in writing. *Bill Lawyer, Hillside Place*, said retrofitting on individual property was important but how does one analyze water retention on an individual basis. *Annie Gaillard, landscaper*, urged water conservation.

9. Discussion of possible change to Chapter 133, Noise, as it relates to leaf blowers

Councilman Cunningham opened a discussion considering possible changes to Chapter 133, Noise of the Code of the City of Rye as it relates to leaf blowers, noting that since our current laws were enacted things have changed, contractors use equipment to maximize profits and the noise and pollution levels have severely escalated. The current rule says no leaf blower can be operated simultaneously with another piece of equipment between 8 am and 8 pm on weekdays and between 10 am and 8 pm on weekends and holidays all year. He is proposing a ban on all leaf blowers between June 1 and Sept. 30 and that the ending time be moved back to 6 pm. The existing law exempts most public employees; the proposal would not exempt them except after a storm and in an emergency situation. He said many communities, including Larchmont and Mamaroneck, have already instituted the May-Sept ban.

*Ashley Craig, Johnson Place and Sarah Barringer, Martin Road* supported the idea of a leaf blower ban from an environmental point of view. At the October 3, 2007 meeting Ms. Barringer had presented a case for banning gasoline-powered leaf blowers during the summer months, saying hand or electric-powered blowers would produce better air quality and less noise, certainly improving the environment, be better for the plants; and also prevent the spread of asthma-producing flying debris. She cited an EPA California study supporting these findings. She said Westchester County has restricted professional landscapers from using gas blowers but this law exempts private homeowners and commercial enterprises. This evening she revised her recommendation to ask for a total ban on leaf blowers for homeowners and professionals, but hoped, if this was too much, that the Council would accept a seasonal ban as proposed by Councilman Cunningham. *Annie Gaillard, local landscaper* supports as much of a ban as possible, noting that blowing everything around during the summer in particular is bad for humans, the grass, and the birds. *Carolyn Cunningham, Soundview Avenue* said she was delighted at the thought of a total ban, as is Susannah Keith, Chair of the Midland Environmental Committee; *Joe Murphy, Chair of the CC/AC* and *Bill Lawyer, former director of the Greenburgh Nature Center*. Mr. Lawyer said we must promote a change of lifestyle for our children who suffer "nature deficit disorder" as it is not safe to let them go out and play, partially because of leaf blowing. *Ashley Craig* presented many emails in favor of a total ban. Councilman Sack asked to see copies of the scientific evidence supporting the total ban position.

Mayor Otis thanked everyone for their input and suggested the City take a look at the text of similar laws in neighboring communities; that a proposed amendment to the law be drafted and that the Council consider setting a public hearing. He also proposed that Councilmembers Parker and Pratt be brought up to speed on the conversation.

10. Discussion of LISWIC Storm Water District proposal

Mayor Otis reviewed for the Council that Rye had been a founding member of an organization known as LISWIC (Long Island Sound Watershed Intermunicipal Council) set up to deal with storm water issues in our area. As a member, Rye has participated in a study by Malcolm Pirnie to provide a Feasibility Evaluation of a Regional Stormwater Management District. There are 11 LISWIC communities; five have voted for the next stage to support the introduction of state legislation to establish the district. Communities would make the decision whether to join the district after the legislation passes. The goal is to provide better planning for water quality issues, help defray the cost of some bigger projects while at the same time contributing to some of Rye's sewer problems. Funding would be by a flat fee of \$35 per parcel. The Mayor said if Rye does not join LISWIC there is a chance the County would step in and provide a similar overlay which may or may not afford us the control over our own sewers proposed by LISWIC. The Council agreed to study the information further before making a decision about supporting the next step.

11. Two appointments to the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council for three-year terms expiring on January 1, 2011, by the Mayor with Council approval

Mayor Otis made a motion unanimously approved by the Council to reappoint Jim Nash and to appoint Ashley Craig to the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council for three year terms expiring January 1, 2011.

11A. Executive Meeting Decision regarding Bowman Avenue Article 78 challenge

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sack to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes the Corporation Counsel to file the necessary injunctive papers in the event that the voluntary stay currently in effect in the Bowman Ave. Article 78 proceedings (involving the City of Rye, et. al. vs. the Village of Rye Brook, et. al. and K&M Realty Group, Ltd.) is not extended.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, and Sack  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers Parker and Pratt

12. Bid Award for Police Uniforms

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The Police Department recommends that the low bid be accepted. The bid tab is as follows:

**BID #6-07**  
**POLICE UNIFORMS**

NAME OF BIDDER	New England Sportswear
SECURITY	Certified Check
ISSUE ITEM	PRICE
Blauer Style #8561P7 Trousers, Color Navy, Braid Navy	\$68.00
Blauer Style 8810 (Men's) – BDU pants	\$50.00
Blauer Style 8810W (Women's) – BDU pants	\$50.00
Long Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, French Blue Heather - Style #8900	\$41.00
Short Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, French Blue Heather - Style #8910	\$36.00
Long Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, French Blue Heather (Women's) - #8900W	\$41.00
Short Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, French Blue Heather (Women's) - #8910W	\$36.00
Long Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, White – Style #8900	\$41.00
Short Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, White - Style #8910	\$36.00
Black Turtlenecks, Elbeco #7702 with RPD Monogram	\$22.00
V-Neck Commando Sweater, Blauer #200 – Black	\$49.00
V-Neck Commando Sweater, Blauer #210XCR - Black, With Windstopper Liner	\$105.00
Cruiser Jacket, Blauer #9010Z	\$215.00
Lightweight Bomber Jacket, Blauer, Black & Orange	\$110.00
Raincoat & Raincap, Blauer Style #9690 with Stencil	\$210.00
Cap - Sentry #C1001 (Winter or Summer)	\$20.00
Tie, 2 1/4" x 1/4", 100% Wool Knit, NYSPD Style With Choke Proof Metal Clip	\$4.00
Cool Mesh T-Shirts – Color White	\$20.00
Gortex Trooper Style Winter Hat, Blauer #9111	\$20.00
First Choice Body Armor – Model MF8; Lev II – Male	\$530.00
First Choice Body Armor – Model MFF28; Lev II - Female	\$530.00
First Choice Quilted Winter Outer Shell Vest Cover	\$100.00
Ballistic Vest Cover	\$80.00
Uniform Dress Blouse/Formal Blouse as per Specifications on Page 3 of Bid Proposal	\$250.00
White Dress Gloves	\$3.00
Olympic New York Zip Sleeve Jacket - #ONY673 – Color Royal Blue	\$185.00
Olympic Cycling Pants - #OCP588 – Color Black	\$100.00
Olympic Cycling Pants with Liner - #OCP588 – Color Black	\$120.00
Olympic Ultraflex Shorts - #ULT189 – Color Black	\$75.00
Sam Browne Shoulder Strap	\$34.00
Sam Browne Gun Belt	\$60.00
Safariland SSIII Holster	\$118.00
Safariland Magazine Pouch – Double	\$28.00
Safariland Handcuff Case	\$27.00

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Safariland Night Stick Holder	\$6.00
Safariland Keepers	\$3.00
Safariland Key Ring	\$5.00
Safariland Mace Holder	\$28.00
Safariland Nylon Gun Belt	\$26.00
Safariland Nylon Holster	\$115.00
Safariland Nylon Cuff Case	\$12.00
Safariland Nylon Magazine Pouch – Double	\$22.00
Safariland Nylon Handcuff Case	<b>Duplicate-no bid</b>
Safariland Nylon Keepers	\$8.00
Collar Insignia, Silver R.P.D., 2 Pair per Officer, 3/8" Shirt, 1/2" Outer Garment	\$10.00
Collar Insignia, Gold, D.E.T., 1 Pair per Detective, 3/8" Shirt	\$10.00
Collar Insignia, Gold, R.P.D., 1/2" Outer Garment (2 Pair per Lt/Sgt/Det)	\$10.00
Collar Insignia, Gold Rank for Shirts (2 Pair per Lt/Sgt)	\$5.00
Personalized Name Plates:	
Gold	\$9.00
Silver	\$9.00
Sgt. Chevrons on Shirts and Outer Garments where Required	\$6.00
Hash Marks - All Officers as Required, Priced per Mark	
Blue/White on Black - P.O./Sgt	\$3.50
Gold/White for Lieuts., Shirts	\$1.00
Gold/Black for Lieuts., Outer Garments	\$1.00
Tailoring Cost per Garment for Chevrons/Hashmarks	<b>NO CHARGE</b>

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NAME OF BIDDER	New England Uniform
SECURITY	Certified check
ISSUE ITEM	PRICE
Blauer Style #8561P7 Trousers, Color Navy, Braid Navy	\$72.50
Blauer Style 8810 (Men's) – BDU pants	\$49.50
Blauer Style 8810W (Women's) – BDU pants	\$49.50
Long Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, French Blue Heather – Style #8900	\$44.00
Short Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, French Blue Heather – Style #8910	\$40.00
Long Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, French Blue Heather (Women's) - #8900W	\$44.00
Short Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, French Blue Heather (Women's) - #8910W	\$40.00
Long Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, White – Style #8900	\$44.00
Short Sleeve Shirt, Blauer, White - Style #8910	\$40.00
Black Turtlenecks, Elbeco #7702 with RPD Monogram	\$24.00
V-Neck Commando Sweater, Blauer #200 – Black	\$50.00
V-Neck Commando Sweater, Blauer #210XCR - Black, with Windstopper Liner	\$115.00

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Cruiser Jacket, Blauer #9010Z	\$235.00
Lightweight Bomber Jacket, Blauer, Black & Orange	\$115.00
Raincoat & Raincap, Blauer Style #9690 with Stencil	\$222.50
Cap - Sentry #C1001 (Winter or Summer)	\$22.00
Tie, 2 1/4" x 1/4", 100% Wool Knit, NYSPD Style with Choke Proof Metal Clip	\$5.00
Cool Mesh T-Shirts – Color White	\$23.00
Gortex Trooper Style Winter Hat, Blauer #9111	\$28.00
First Choice Body Armor – Model MF8; Lev II – Male	\$550.00
First Choice Body Armor – Model MFF28; Lev II - Female	\$550.00
First Choice Quilted Winter Outer Shell Vest Cover	\$125.00
Ballistic Vest Cover	\$80.00
Uniform Dress Blouse/Formal Blouse as per Specifications on Page 3 of Bid Proposal	\$250.00
White Dress Gloves	\$3.50
Olympic New York Zip Sleeve Jacket - #ONY673 – Color Royal Blue	\$260.00
Olympic Cycling Pants - #OCP588 – Color Black	\$120.00
Olympic Cycling Pants with Liner - #OCP588 – Color Black	\$150.00
Olympic Ultraflex Shorts - #ULT189 – Color Black	\$86.00
Sam Browne Shoulder Strap	\$35.00
Sam Browne Gun Belt	\$60.00
Safariland SSIII Holster	\$124.00
Safariland Magazine Pouch – Double	\$31.50
Safariland Handcuff Case	\$30.50
Safariland Night Stick Holder	\$9.00
Safariland Keepers	\$4.50
Safariland Key Ring	\$9.00
Safariland Mace Holder	\$29.00
Safariland Nylon Gun Belt	\$30.00
Safariland Nylon Holster	\$124.00
Safariland Nylon Cuff Case	\$16.00
Safariland Nylon Magazine Pouch – Double	\$25.00
Safariland Nylon Handcuff Case	Duplicate-no bid
Safariland Nylon Keepers	\$11.00
Collar Insignia, Silver R.P.D., 2 Pair per Officer, 3/8" Shirt, 1/2" Outer Garment	\$12.00 PER PAIR
Collar Insignia, Gold, D.E.T., 1 Pair per Detective, 3/8" Shirt	\$12.00 PER PAIR
Collar Insignia, Gold, R.P.D., 1/2" Outer Garment (2 Pair per Lt/Sgt/Det)	\$13.00 PER PAIR
Collar Insignia, Gold Rank for Shirts (2 Pair per Lt/Sgt)	\$9.00 PER PAIR
Personalized Name Plates:	
Gold	\$12.00
Silver	\$12.00
Sgt. Chevrons on Shirts and Outer Garments where Required	\$5.00

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Hash Marks - All Officers as Required, Priced per Mark	
Blue/White on Black - P.O./Sgt	\$1.00
Gold/White for Lieuts., Shirts	\$1.00
Gold/Black for Lieuts., Outer Garments	\$1.00
Tailoring Cost per Garment for Chevrons/Hashmarks	<b>NO CHARGE</b>

Councilman Ball made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sack, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that Bid #6-07, Police Uniforms be awarded to New England Sportswear of Armonk, New York, being the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amounts listed.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Gamache, and Sack

NAYS: Councilman Cunningham

ABSENT: Councilmembers Parker and Pratt

**13. Authorization of payment of the balance of the 2007/2008 Rye Neck Union Free School District taxes collected by the City to the School District**

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby authorizes payment of the balance of \$213,936.55 of unpaid Rye Neck U.F.S.D taxes on property within the City of Rye as of December 31, 2007 be made to the Treasurer of the Rye Neck UFSD.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmembers Ball, Cunningham, Gamache, and Sack

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Parker and Pratt

**14. Miscellaneous communications and reports**

Mayor Otis reported that he and two other Westchester County officials had attended a meeting on the proposed Long Island Sound tunnel where concerns had been voiced. He presented an overview; Valerie O'Keefe, Supervisor of Mamaroneck discussed the adverse impact on I-95 and Drew Fixell, Mayor of Tarrytown discussed the I-287 impact. He said the officials on Long Island are also worried, especially about the environmental impacts. Apparently, as homeowners, everyone owns the land below their homes all the way to the center of the earth so the Mayor suggested Rye could, if necessary, enact a law requiring a permit to excavate under our homes. He asked the Corporation Counsel to further investigate this possibility.

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Councilman Cunningham said there were lots of issues outstanding (steep slopes, the roundabout, etc) and he suggested that the Council set priorities. The Mayor agreed there were lots of projects outstanding, but thought the month of March would see great progress.

Councilman Cunningham asked for more information about cable deregulation. Mayor Otis said this was just one of the issues resulting from the entrance of a phone company into the cable business and the topic should be placed on a future agenda for full discussion.

15. Old Business

Councilman Cunningham reported that the Westchester Medical Group had proceeded with an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals to request an additional sign for their new building listed as being on Theodore Fremd, but in reality off the Playland Access Road and difficult to find.

16. New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

17. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 16, 2008

Mayor Otis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held January 16, 2008 as amended.

18. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Gamache and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Morison  
City Clerk