

**December 8, 2012**

A Special Meeting for the purpose of recognizing the many volunteers who provided assistance to those affected by Hurricane Sandy was held by the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury on December 8, 2012 at Eisenhower Middle School located at 47 Eyland Avenue in Succasunna, New Jersey at 3:00PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT**

Adequate notice of this Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was published in the Daily Record, posted on the township website, faxed to the Daily Record, the Newark Star Ledger, the Roxbury Register, and was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on November 27, 2012.

Adequate notice of the time change of this Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was published in the Daily Record on Wednesday, December 5, 2012. Notice was also posted on the township website, faxed to the Daily Record, the Newark Star Ledger, the Roxbury Register, and was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 3, 2012.

**ROLL CALL (Present):** Councilman Mark Crowley, Deputy Mayor Kathryn DeFillippo, Councilman Jim Rilee, Councilman Martin Schmidt, Councilman Richard Zoschak, Mayor Fred Hall

**Absent:** Councilman Gary Behrens

**Also Present:** Christopher Rath, Township Manager/Deputy Clerk, Anthony M. Bucco, Township Attorney, Kathleen Florio, Administrative Aide

**Staff:** several employees, including staff members from the following departments: Engineering, Planning & Zoning, OEM, Construction, Finance, Fire Prevention, Health, Recreation, DPW, IT, Clerk, Manager, Water and Sewer, Police, Library, as well as fire chiefs and volunteer firefighters and first aiders, were in attendance

**Other:** Hurricane Sandy Recognition Committee Members: Sandie DiDomenico, Tina Karnitsky, Robyn Lance, Lynn Mahoney, Ameerah Palacios, Dave Stierli, Dee Tardive, Valarie Wyble and Dr. Patrick Tierney

**Public:** approximately three hundred (300) members of the public and school staff were in attendance, including Thomas Mastrangelo, Morris County Freeholder and Pastor Joe Monahan, Roxbury Clergy Council

**PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, ETC**

**Hurricane Sandy Recognition**

Several individuals and businesses were recognized for their contributions and assistance during Hurricane Sandy; attached is a reproduction of the program.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**PUBLIC PORTION**

None

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES, COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Reports of Council Liaison Representatives and Council Committees – none**

**B. New Business/Old Business – none**

**MATTERS REQUESTED/REFERRED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS,  
MANAGER, ATTORNEY OR CLERK**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

None

**HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

None

**INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

None

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC PORTION**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:20PM, Councilman Zoschak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Schmidt seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: All in Favor – Yes

Motion carried unanimously, 6 to 0.

Submitted By:

  
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Amy E. Rhead  
Township Clerk

**MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL:**

**DATE:** June 23, 2015

**ROLL CALL:** Deputy Mayor Behrens - Abstain  
Councilman Crowley - Yes  
Councilman DeFillippo - Abstain  
Councilman Schmidt - Yes  
Councilman Zoschak - Yes  
Mayor Rilee - Yes



*Special Meeting of the*  
**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
*of the Township of Roxbury*  
*together with the*  
*Roxbury Public School*  
*District*

*Recognition ceremony for the many individuals who evidenced  
extraordinary resilience in providing assistance  
to those affected by Hurricane Sandy.*

Saturday, December 8, 2012



## **Houses of Worship**

**Hillside Lutheran Brethren Church**, guided by Pastor Bruce Hillman and Pastor Brad Hoganson, provided a shelter from 9am to 9pm with Wi-Fi, charging stations, hot showers, food, beverages and dinner every evening at 6pm. The volunteers were warm and gracious, and tended to everyone's needs. *Recognized by: Larry Millus, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Kelly*

**Succasunna United Methodist Church**, guided by Pastor Joe Monahan, coordinated efforts through the Roxbury Clergy Council for the township's houses of worship to reach out and help all residents during the loss of power. In addition, Succasunna UMC was a support congregation for the shelter at Hillside Lutheran Church and the Senior Center.

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**, led by Pastor Tom Kildea, **First Presbyterian Church Succasunna**, led by Pastor Diane Curtis, **Lower Berkshire Valley UMC** led by Pastor Nancy Robinson, and **Ledgewood Baptist Church**, led by Pastor David Holwick, stepped up to support the shelters at Hillside Lutheran Church and the Senior Center.

**St. Therese' families** volunteered to cook and provide hot food, which was a welcome treat to those without power. All leftovers were donated to the Senior Center, which was an overnight shelter. Father Marc Mancini leads St. Therese. *Recognized by: Jackie Vitiello*

**Times Square Church**, with Andie Monteleone, was open 7am - 9pm as a warming and charging center. Coffee and lunch were served. Volunteers gave out coffee by Fran's Wicker to those waiting in the gas lines for the Hess Station.

**Temple Shalom**, under the leadership of Rabbi David Levy and Cantor Kathy Barr, was open as a warming and charging center with WiFi and food. They also supported the shelter at Hillside Lutheran Church.

**Family Life Church**, now in Randolph but whose roots are in Roxbury, welcomed people 9am to 5pm as a warming center with WiFi. They also served coffee to those waiting in long gas lines and supported the shelter at Hillside Lutheran Church. Family Life Church is led by Pastor Dan Stauffer.

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church** opened its doors as a warming and charging center and supported the shelters at Hillside Lutheran Church and the Senior Center. St. Dunstan's is led by the Reverend Ginny Dinsmore.

## **Township of Roxbury**

The **Office of Emergency Management**, led by Bobby Hackett, prepared for the storm days in advance, and continued to work around the clock looking out for everyone who needed assistance. They provided guidance, shelter information, communications, and assistance to the residents of Roxbury. Their work has been appreciated by hundreds of residents! The volunteers for OEM are: Bob Gilfillan, Jeffrey Friedman, Bruce Lordi, Ed Donnelly, Patrick Donnelly, Dan Gruber, Steve Adell, Tom Magarelli, Tony Spina, Jim Zelasny, Kimberly Armstrong and Tracy Yung.

All **Roxbury Fire Houses** stayed open as hygiene centers with potable water. The following is a list of the members who stood by and responded to calls during the hurricane: Mike Pellek, Micah Almendinger, Adam Alberti, Mike Blewett, Scott Blewett, Tyler Blewett, Carl Bonafede, Michael Brooks, Joe Estwin, Jerry Filipow, Ryan Fischlein, Marianne Frustol, Robert Guido, John Hayowyk Sr., Matt Jasiacki, Devin

Karkovice (junior), Shannon Karkovice (junior), Pam Karkovice, Thomas Karkovice, Brad Keyes, Michael Kovach, Jackie LeSeur, Karen Mattes, Amanda Montrose, Greg Montrose, Marty Osterhoudt, Cindy Reuther, Robert Ribnick, Brett Rossi, Thomas Ryan, Timothy Ryan, Frank Schmitt, Susan Scribner, Robert Sullivan, Gerald Wyhopen, Alyssa Weickert, William Ward III, David Ward Sr., Samuel Manganella, Matthew Snyder, Dan Craig, Andy Cavo, Chris Karnacewicz, Mike McColligan, Gary Zeek, Dennis O'Hara, Reno Amadori, Brian Bitetto, Terrence Cavanagh, James Compano, Andrew Garcia, Ben Griffin, Shay Hamilton, Dave Herrmann, Kevin Inglis, Kirk Keyes, Joseph Perfetti, Rose Persad, JR Rademacher, Thomas Reed, Johnathan Romeo, Tony Rosado, Chris Rosado, Bob Rossi, Gary Santaniello, and Tom Valiante.

The following members went above and beyond and stayed at the firehouse for several days: Carl Bonafede, Robert Guido, Matt Jasiiecki, and Michael Blewett. The following members were on the special assignment to Seaside Heights to assist with firefighting operations: Michael Brooks, Nicholas Cesaro, Ryan Fischlein, Timothy Ryan, Gerald Wyhopen and Keith Journey. In Firehouse #2, Service Dog Roxy was a warm and fuzzy comfort to the visiting residents.

Thanks to the people who make up the Township of Roxbury departments, whose assistance during the hurricane was greatly appreciated:

**Office of Emergency  
Fire & EMS Companies  
Roxbury Fire Prevention  
Roxbury Department of Public Works  
Roxbury Division of Public Utilities, Water and Sewer  
Roxbury Police Department  
Roxbury Administrative Staff**

*We appreciate and thank all of those listed above, and recognize anyone who is not listed.*

**Roxbury Library:** To the Circulation and Reference departments go the greatest thanks. With cold, tired people waiting at the door, the members of those departments arrived early, hurried through their daily preparations, and got the coffee percolating so that we could open the library early every morning for the two weeks following the storm. **Sue Unger, Betty Corydon, Faye Herzich, Jan Perrier, Valerie Smith,** and **Joan Cholish** went above and beyond every day to provide comfort, support, and service to the residents of Roxbury. Thanks, too, to the library's Administrative Assistant, **Ching Loo**, who braved traffic and long lines at the few stores that had power—often on her own time—to ensure that we did not run out of food, hot drinks, or supplies. Finally, thanks to the library's **Board of Trustees.** A disaster of the magnitude of this storm often requires some breaks with everyday policy to get through. The trustees were uniformly supportive of our decision to suspend the library's usual restrictions on food and drink while we sought to provide comfort and shelter to residents of the town. *Recognized by: Will Porter*

### **Roxbury School District**

**John Eschmann** and the **Building and Grounds** staff, along with **Tommy Cunningham, Transportation Director**, are recognized by going above and beyond during this time of crisis. John Eschmann would like to recognize the following associates for outstanding service: **Sue Crater, School Security; Denise Masterson, Food Services; Matt Hofgesang, Mechanic; Ray Mainiero; Michael D'Amico; Jeff Gottsleben; Lou Chuddley; Joe Pinto; Nicky Pinto; Don Sherer; John Kearns; Steve Izzo,** and **Will Smith.** The **Aramark** members went above and beyond during the days prior and after the storm by staffing the warming center at the high school, while they had no power at their homes.

The **high school maintenance staff** was fantastic, keeping the coffee and snacks replenished, and providing extended hours, and kindness to all. *Recognized by: Jackie Vitiello*

**Nicole Barbato** tirelessly volunteered at the local Hopatcong Red Cross shelter, and also assisted me personally by getting me much needed gas by driving to Pennsylvania. *Recognized by: Laura Hyde*

**John Eschmann**, for going above and beyond during the loss of power. *Recognized by: Chris Rath*

**Dr. Patrick Tierney**, the Roxbury Schools Superintendent, provided leadership during a crisis. His considerations for the community, availability to public officials and his generosity to other districts were admirable. *Recognized by: Loretta Radulic*

### **Organizations**

**Elk's Lodge** was open as a warming and charging center, with dinner included. **West Morris YMCA** stayed open as a warming and charging center. Showers were also available.

**Red Cross** ran a regional shelter in Hopatcong, which included two meals a day.

### **Roxbury Businesses**

**ShopRite of Succasunna's** ownership, store management and employees kept store open and stocked with ice, batteries and food when many other food markets were closed. It was comforting to know they were there. The store even had generators available! *Recognized by: Mark R. Bresky*

**Ashley Farms** stayed open, had ice which was a much needed commodity, and helped residents as best they could, plus didn't take advantage by raising prices. *Recognized by: Mark R. Bresky*

**Roxbury Diner** had no power but still provided food, while dropping prices on some of the menu items. They had a charging station. They had a couple come in that had run out of gas. The owner took gas cans out of his trunk and gave them gas. Customers came to the Diner offering gas to keep the generators going so the diner could stay open. *Recognized by: Lynn Mahoney*

**Roxbury Bagels** owner Todd Bortel provided bagels to the police department, Emergency Management and Roxbury's warming shelter every day. *Recognized by Dave Stierli and John Eschmann*

**Home Depot** worked hard securing supplies on a daily basis, especially much-needed generators. *Recognized by: Kathy DeFillippo*

**Tree King** came out the first day after the storm to Franklin School to take care of a downed tree. *Recognized by: John Eschmann*, Tree King also provided split wood to St. Therese' RCC, which six of my siblings and their families needed as they lost power and heat during the storm. Thank you, thank you, thank you for helping me keep my family warm. *Recognized by: Mary L., Plainville, CT*

**Hair 2 Please** in Succasunna offered free shampoos to anyone without power, and offered free coffee to people who were waiting in gas lines. *Recognized by: Tina DiMillio and her three daughters*

**Station Hardware** owner Mark Feldman and son Jeff were open 24/7 with generator power helping all of the residents in the Landing/Port Morris area with problems, parts, propane, batteries, and other supplies. They ordered supplies for overnight delivery, and went to pick up supplies from out-of-state. They also accepted IOUs, since their credit card system was down, and residents didn't always have cash.

*Recognized by: Rich Zoschak and Mike DiDomenico*

**The Endean Academy of Irish Dance**, led by Emily Endean, provided entertainment to the residents taking shelter at 72 Eyland Avenue's Senior Center on a few evenings.

*Recognized by: Kathy DeFillippo*

**The New Jersey Martial Arts Academy** opened their doors as a warming station. Students and families of the school volunteered their time, talents, equipment, gas and WiFi to keep the place welcoming to those in need. Gourmet Burger and Paneras of Rockaway donated food for this station. *Recognized by: Kelly and Marvin Carmona*

**Panera Bread**, namely Assistant Managers Jimmy Dowd and Ann Marie Howell, were incredibly kind when a customer was struggling to cope. She cares for two permanently disabled parents, and while without power, watched her parents suffer with the cold and loss of power. These two managers made her feel tremendously cared for when they listened to her story, then filled a huge box and bag with ice, bread, food, and pastries, and a hug too! *Recognized by: Dana, Adele and Mike Aguanno*

**Hearth and Home**, specifically Merideth and Ben Earle, came to my assistance after a tree damaged my chimney. *Recognized by: Laura Hyde*

**K-Ric Construction**, helped protect my damaged home with a tarp.

*Recognized by: Laura Hyde*

**Joe Tree**, who promptly got the trees off of my house and then later cut them up to movable pieces. *Recognized by: Laura Hyde*

**Bryan's Luncheonettes's** staff worked each day to feed what seemed like the whole town, even though they didn't have power in their own homes. *Recognized by: Shannon Crowley*

### **Citizen Recognition**

**Joe Mahoney** made sure to help his neighbors by alerting them of an uprooted, leaning tree which put their home in jeopardy. He helped to cut down the tree, plus other neighbors' trees which had fallen. *Recognized by: Rosemarie Padron*

**Janet Spencer, Bob Baker and Don Thompson** were at the Hillside Lutheran Church every day cooking food for almost 250 people every night. They planned, shopped, cooked, and served all these people; they were 'head of the group'. *Recognized by: Shawn Adamo*

**Shawn Adamo**, along with Janet, Bob and Don (above), made up a team which provided amazing hot meals for literally hundreds each night, as well as breakfast and lunch for those who came by to warm up. We are also thankful for the other houses of worship in Roxbury that joined us in this opportunity to serve others. *Recognized by: Pastor Bruce Hillman and Pastor Brad Hoganson.* Mr. Adamo also went to Pennsylvania every day and brought gas back for neighbors. He cleared Emmans Road and neighbors' driveways from fallen trees, plus cooked at Hillside Lutheran Shelter from 9am to 8pm almost every day to help feed people. *Recognized by: Jason Adamo*

**Bob Williams** pleasantly surprised the planners of the Halloween Event at the Roxbury High School by coming and DJing the event, making it extra fun! *Recognized by: Dave Stierli and Sandie DiDomenico*

**Neal & Angela Ferrara** took in a widow and her daughter for 12 days, and provided warmth, meals, and friendship. *Recognized by: Anne Colucci*

**Lisa Millus** organized a shelter for individuals without power, and created numerous committees staffed by volunteers from different organizations. *Recognized by: Larry Millus*

**Bob Schultz** posted over 40 Facebook posts updating daily which roads were closed, open and passable, which gas stations were open, what areas were being worked on for power restoration, and where to get shelter. He also took people into his house and had NY friend bring gas & batteries for those in need.

*Recognized by: Amanda Denis, Laura Torpin, Madeline Solano*

**Kayla, Hannah and Jacob Bedel-Franklin**, 13 yr-old triplets, offered their home to all their friends and their families, and volunteered to help out the community of Ocean Beach West. *Recognized by: Rosemarie Franklin*

**Jeff Fulton** helped clear Emmans Road and his neighbors' driveways from the fallen trees. *Recognized by: Jason Adamo and Doreen Fulton*

**Carol & Scott Haegele's** hospitality was heartwarming; even though they were running on a generator themselves, they invited two families into their home and made meals, did laundry and were very welcoming. *Recognized by: Maureen Facchini*

**Manuel Sanchez** assisted six families in hooking up their generators. He also helped cut down trees that had fallen in our neighbor's driveway. *Recognized by: Janine Sanchez*

**Veronica Stroessenreuther** opened her home every day to friends and family without power, and cooked dinner for as many as 30 people. She offered use of showers and laundry facilities; and hosted a family of four the entire time the power was out at their home. *Recognized by: Christine Law*

**Andy and Anna Lange** provided food, heat, warm showers and friendship for families in need. Their friendship was strengthened through their generosity. *Recognized by: Nickie Walinski and Nidia Grenot*

**Mike and Lisa Otto** provided food, heat and warm showers for many friends and their families without power. They are irreplaceable! *Recognized by: Nickie Walinski and Nidia Grenot*

**Chris Herrmann** helped his dad, a Roxbury EMS Captain, prepare the firehouse for the storm by stocking the firehouse with water and food, and gave up his Saturday and Sunday to volunteer. Chris is 14 years old. *Recognized by: Dave Herrmann, EMS Captain, Co. 2*

**Victor Schepisi** volunteered his time to clear fallen trees at the Black River Park, allowing it to be open for residents to enjoy. *Recognized by: Dave Stierli and Sandie DiDomenico*

**Harry Triantis**, of VRI on Mooney Mountain, volunteered his and his staff's time to clear the massive fallen trees off of the trail system at Veterans Park. He made sure that the trails were clear for residents to enjoy over the Thanksgiving weekend. *Recognized by: Dave Stierli and Sandie DiDomenico*



**Michelle Napoliello**, who had no power of her own, took in our third grade daughter for four days and fed her, bathed her, washed her clothes and got her to school while we reconciled our shore house. *Recognized by: Brenda Parr*

**John Shannon and Greg Matthews** both went above and beyond in assisting Mike Pellek, Fire Official/Safety Officer, with receiving donations of generators, valued at \$62,000, for the Township by notification and help with delivery. Without the aid of Greg's truck, the donation could not be received. *Recognized by Mike Pellek*

My mom, **Connie LaManna**, invited friends, neighbors and coworkers to our home offering warmth, food, water, and electricity, and sent food to those who didn't come and sleep over. She gave our generator and gas to a friend, plus flashlights and batteries. *Recognized by: Ashleigh LaManna*

**Gloria and Bob Reitmeyer** shared power with an elderly neighbor, brought neighbors hot drinks and soup, and helped others in setting up their generators, plus invited people over for showers and to warm up. *Recognized by: Jean Potters*

My daughter, **Alyssa Abrusci**, a senior in Roxbury, has been spending her Sundays helping families in Union Beach by cleaning out their houses; to date, she has cleaned out four homes of complete strangers. *Recognized by: Tammy Abrusci*

**Jeff Stone** led volunteers in our neighborhood going house to house, cutting down fallen trees and bringing them out to the street. It was a group effort, with mother, fathers and children working together. *Recognized by: Suzanne Schisler*

**April Van Ness** helped six families during the storm, doing laundry, offering showers, serving soup, all while she was not feeling well. She is a wonderful person!  
*Recognized by: Linda Ortega*

**Denise Bowles** hosted many families for meals, even though she was running on a generator for thirteen days. *Recognized by: Linda Ortega*

**Stacy and Kurt Condon** opened their home for the twelve days which their neighbors had no power. They prepared food and hosted people, brought food to neighbors, charged electronics, welcomed use of refrigerator and freezer, and drove people places, and shared use of their generator-powered home. *Recognized by: Mrs. Volero, Ryan Donnelly, Sig & Irene Schlinwein, Dana Heines*

**Carl Bonafede and Rob Guido**, both of the Rescue Squad, went to the home of two seniors (one bedridden), to check on them. Since the home had no power, these men arranged transportation to for them to stay with family in Blirstown.  
*Recognized by: Mrs. Nichols*

**Bob and Michael Remshifski** worked from dawn on the morning after the storm for a week helping neighbors and friends across town removing fallen trees. My family had 24 fallen trees, and they spent several hours helping me. *Recognized by: Jim and Carol Stoltz*

An unnamed resident of Landing assisted the Road Department in clearing trees from utility wires to provide access to homes blocked by trees and wires. *Recognized by: Rick Blood*

**George and Lois Fenske** set up and served at the Senior Center for several days.  
*Recognized by: Fred Hall*

**Jeff Poissant**, owner of Succasunna Service Center, who supplied fuel to volunteer service personnel. *Recognized by: Chris Rath*

Thanks to **Jill Scalera, Bud Mulderig, Nicole Barbato, Julie Bohrer, Meg Fagan, Jane Feret, Christine Sheldon, Stacy, Peter and Gwen Salmon and John Young**, who all chipped in to contribute gas, food, gift certificates, organizing lesson plans, water, security, friendship, and comfort, to help me through during the three weeks it took to recover from two trees falling on my home, and losing power and water usage. Words cannot express my gratitude. *Recognized by: Laura Hyde*

**Electrician Mike Fehsal** helped many friends and neighbors during the storm by hooking their generators to their heating systems, and also went back to these homes and disconnected the generators once power was restored. He is a hero in my book and many others in Roxbury! *Recognized by: Michelle Henches*

**Chris Hqo**, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, stepped up and provided outstanding service to the Township. *Recognized by: Chris Raths*

**John Crimi**, owner of County Concrete, provided the township forty five hundred gallons of diesel fuel which allowed the township sewer plant to operate without interruption. *Recognized by: Chris Raths*

### **Hurricane Relief Donations Event**

**Michele Reid-Pasion**, along with her children, **Kirsten, Nicholas, Kyle, Rilee and Dominick**, planned an event to gather food and other necessities for those in need. She would like to thank the following, since with their help, they needed five additional cars, besides the original U-Hall truck!

- **Detective Dean Adone**, who publicized event through Facebook pages and helped organize
- **Bob Suker**, owner **Ledgewood Autobody**, who lent the U-Haul truck for free
- **Red Cross**, who donated 'Clean-Up Kits'
- **Officers Tom Gaboda and Mike Fournier**, who helped out with the entire event
- **Dollar Deals** in Roxbury Mall, who donated supplies
- **Bagels on the Hill and Roxbury Bagels** who donated bagels
- **Java Joe's**, who donated coffee

All **First Responders** were great, but these four: Robert Guido, Tyler Blewitt, Mike Blewitt and Carl Bonafede arrived on October 27th before the storm hit and set up, and stayed until November 6th, for around-the-clock coverage. *Recognized by: anonymous*

**Town Hall** was open as a warming and charging center. Thanks to the Township website, residents were kept posted on the shelters and warming stations; people from other towns did not receive this information. *Recognized by: Jackie Vitiello*

**Senior Center** was open 24/7 as a warming, charging shelter with meals. Kim Armstrong, President of Friends of the Library, coordinated volunteers; she also covered the dinner and night shifts. Carol Loff and Irene Byrne, two Roxbury seniors, stayed overnight and took over kitchen duties; serving, cleaning, coffee and hostessing for those in need. *Recognized by: Kim Armstrong, Jackie Vitiello*

**Janet Wald of Social Services** came to my home with groceries right before the storm; she is the greatest person! *Recognized by: Stacy Brown*. Janet also came out on Friday and Saturday to empty a truck filled with needed items at the Rec Building, and also recruited her friends and family to help with the project. *Recognized by: Marcellene Thompson*

The **Roxbury Police and First Aid/Ambulance Crew** came out to transport my mom, who is on oxygen support, to the hospital in the middle of the storm after we lost power. They were wonderful! *Recognized by: Maria Holz*

The **Sewer Plant** did an outstanding job, and went above and beyond during the chaos, keeping operations on-line and continuous. They are still dealing with some remnants and will be for some time. *Recognized by: Todd Vanderhoof*

The **Road Department**, assisted by personnel from the Parks and Buildings Departments, worked every day while their families were in the dark to re-open roadways blocked by downed trees. *Recognized by: Rick Blood*

The **Equipment Repair Department** made repeated trips to keep the Township generators working, even when parts were scarce. *Recognized by: Rick Blood*

**Debra Maines**, who did not miss a single day of work, in spite of her family not having electricity or running water, to answer calls from residents. *Recognized by: Rick Blood*

**Officers Silvio Valdes and Gerald Hardiman**, for giving a woman in gas line \$20 each, after she waited in line with a credit card.

**Roxbury Library** was a beacon of light; it stayed open as a warming and charging center for Roxbury and surrounding towns. A special thanks for those tending to coffee and snacks! Director Will Porter along with Valerie Smith and Jan Perrier did an excellent job keeping all informed of emergency information, and got the internet back up so residents could surf the web. Joan Cholish opened the library 45 minutes early to let cold families in to warm up. *Recognized by: Sonia Haggerty, Jacqueline Vitiello*

Thank you to the many people who brought in donations of coffee, cocoa, cookies, and other snacks to the **Roxbury Library**. Without their generosity, we would not have been able to provide what comforts we did. *Recognized by: Will Porter*

Thanks to the **Roxbury Rotary** for donating funds, the **Chamber of Commerce** for donating cider, and **Cliff's Ice Cream** and **Clearview Cinemas** for donating gift cards for prizes for the special Halloween event at the High School. Thank you to the **Fire Company** for bringing a truck and handing out glow sticks and thanks to the residents who came out to donate candy, and set up tables for an enjoyable event for the hundreds of children celebrating Halloween. *Recognized by: Kathy DeFillippo*

A very special thanks to Mayor Fred Hall, along with Deputy Mayor Kathy DeFillippo, Town Councilmen Mark Crowley, Jim Rilee, Richard Zoschak, Gary Behrens, Martin Schmidt and Township Manager Christopher Rath for their around-the-clock perseverance.

Thanks to **Michael Grant** for his emotionally moving video and song used during this presentation.

## **No Hurricane Can Stop a Gael!**



We have  
two hands.  
*One to help ourselves,  
the second  
to help others.*