

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF**  
**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff shall conduct its 7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 24, 2022 Work Session meeting in the second floor court room at Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 and the meeting will also be live-streamed via the Township of Wyckoff's YouTube channel and members of the public may attend the meeting to provide public comment or call 201-891-7000, ext. #2220 should they wish to provide public comment during the public comment period.

These measures are implemented to allow members of the public to observe the Township Committee meeting in person and via live streaming and to provide the public the ability to comment telephonically during the period for public comment, which appears on the agenda for the meeting.

This notice and agenda have been posted on the Township's home page [Wyckoff-nj.com](http://Wyckoff-nj.com) at the Quick Link for "Minutes & Agendas" on Friday, May 20, 2022. Please select "Township Committee" and locate the date of the meeting to view documents, such as resolutions and ordinances which are made available.

General instructions regarding access to the meeting will be posted on the Wyckoff web site's home page at [www.wyckoff-nj.com](http://www.wyckoff-nj.com) as a "News" item on Friday, May 20, 2022, by 4:30 pm.

To view the Township Committee meeting via livestream, please access the YouTube link which will be posted on the Wyckoff web site's home page at [www.wyckoff-nj.com](http://www.wyckoff-nj.com) as a "NEWS" item immediately prior to the commencement of the meeting at approximately, 6:55 pm on May 24, 2022.

To be notified of all future live streamed Township meetings, please create a YouTube account and subscribe to our YouTube channel, "Township of Wyckoff".

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

As a member of the public, participating in this public meeting, your participation will be recorded. By participating in the meeting, it is assumed your consent is given for your voice, name, address, comments, and image to be broadcast and recorded.

There may be situations when, due to technical difficulties, live streaming or the recording of a meeting may not be available. A recording of the meeting will be available immediately after the meeting concludes on the Township's YouTube channel, "Township of Wyckoff". The Township shall not be responsible for and accepts no liability if the recording technology or live video streaming technology of the meeting is unavailable.

Nancy A. Brown  
Municipal Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.**

*PAUSE – Municipal Clerk will post the link to the live meeting on our website's homepage.*

1. **7:00 pm Work Session Meeting called to order by Rudolf E. Boonstra**

2. **Roll call of Township Committee**

MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Reading of "Open Work Session" statement by Municipal Clerk, Nancy A. Brown**

4. **Confirm Finance Committee have reviewed, and signed vouchers and that Mayor and Municipal Clerk have signed any necessary documents.**

5. **Motion to open the Ten (10) Minute Public Comment period:**

Ten Minute public comment period, two (2) minutes per speaker for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff.

Please step forward to the microphone or call 201-891-7000, ext. #2220 if you wish to make a comment.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

Motion to close the Public Comment period:

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Presentation of Proclamation honoring long time resident, Frances Marangi as she celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

7. **Review of 8:00 p.m. Business Meeting Agenda – Administrator**

8. **Review of Policy Action Items – Administrator**

9. **Reports of Township Committee Members**

10. **Report of Township Attorney**

(Items 11 through 15 will only be utilized if the business of the Township conducted at this meeting requires them to be utilized. They are added to the agenda as placeholders should their use be required.)

11. **Motion to adopt resolution #22-CXX and enter a Closed Session Discussion:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Motion to Exit the Closed Session Discussion and to re-enter the Open Work Session:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Motion to Recess the Open Work Session to Conduct the Business Meeting:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

14. **Motion to Reconvene the Open Work Session and adopt resolution #22-CXX and enter a Closed Session Discussion:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

15. **Motion to Exit the Closed Session Discussion and to re-enter the Open Work Session:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

16. **Adjourn**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS MAY BE PAID AT ALL WORK SESSION MEETINGS AND  
ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETINGS  
FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS WORK SESSION**

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 - 8:00 PM**

1. **Regular Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee called to order by Mayor Rudolf E. Boonstra**
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act" statement by Municipal Clerk, Nancy A. Brown**

5. **Roll Call of the Township Committee Members Present:**

MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Request motion to open the Public Comment Period:**

Public Comment period, five (5) minutes per speaker for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff.

Please step forward to the microphone or call 201-891-7000, ext. #2220 if you wish to make a comment.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

**Request motion to close the Public Comment Period:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Approval of the May 10, 2022, Township Committee Work Session and Regular Business meeting minutes:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Consent Agenda:** All matters listed below are considered by the Township Committee to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Township Committee, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:

**I Resolutions (Adoption of the following):**

- #22-184 Confirm Closing of Certain Roads for the Memorial Day Parade
- #22-185 Preparation of 2022 Estimated Tax Bills
- #22-186 Release Performance Bond 518 Helena Avenue, Blk. 314, Lot 67
- #22-187 In Support of OPRA Reform
- #22-188 Authorization of Vouchers & Payment of Bills
- #22-189 Return of Certain Overpaid Taxes, Fees, etc.

**II Ordinances – Introduction**

**NONE**

**III Motions**

A. Approve and memorialize extension of the YMCA K-4 Summer Camp for one two-year extension as provided for in Resolution #20-137, with \$85/week paid by the Township of Wyckoff in 2022 and 2023.

B. Approve and memorialize effective May 24, 2022, the application of Michael S. Ridkes as a Firefighter with Fire Company #3.

C. Approve and memorialize the posting of 2' x 4' sandwich board open house signs by The Vista at the Sicomac Avenue entrance on Fridays from 8am to 4pm during the period of June 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Clerk: May I have a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda?

**The Following vote is the vote on the Consent Agenda:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
 MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Ordinances – Public Hearing / Further Consideration:**

**NONE**

**10. Adjourn**

Chair: May I have a motion to and a second to adjourn the Business Meeting?

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_  
MADIGAN \_\_\_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_\_\_  
SHANLEY \_\_\_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS MAY BE PAID AT ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORK  
SESSION MEETINGS AND ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETINGS**

**FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN DURING THIS MEETING**

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #22-184**

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**INTRODUCED:**

**SECONDED:**

**MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022**

**REFERENCE: Confirm Closing of Certain  
Roads for the Memorial Day Parade**

**VOTE: MADIGAN \_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_ SHANLEY \_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_**  
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**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wyckoff conducts the annual Memorial Day Parade to honor our nation's war dead: and,

**WHEREAS**, this year's parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the marchers will assemble at the Cornerstone Christian Church (495 Wyckoff Ave.) and march left out of the church parking lot onto Wyckoff Avenue, proceed up Wyckoff Avenue and make a right on Main Street, march to the end of Main Street, make a right onto Franklin Avenue and left into Scott Plaza at Town Hall. The parade ends behind Town Hall at Fire Company #1; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of safety and convenience for motorists and pedestrians, the following roadways will be closed for a limited time during the course of the parade – a portion of Wyckoff Avenue from the Cornerstone Church to Main Street, Main Street and Franklin Avenue in front of Town Hall; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bergen County was contacted for the closing of the Bergen County roads in the parade route and the Township was instructed to include the Bergen County roads in the Township road closing resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey authorizes the closing of the above mentioned municipal and county roads on Monday, May 30, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk will forward a copy of this resolution to the Police Chief for his use in traffic control/detours and coordinating the parade process safely and to Scott Fisher, Department of Public Works Manager for use in setting up the road closures.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, NANCY A. BROWN, MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON MAY 24, 2022.

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NANCY A. BROWN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #22-185**

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**INTRODUCED:**

**SECONDED:**

**MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022**

**REFERENCE: Preparation of 2022  
Estimated Tax Bills**

**VOTE: MADIGAN \_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_ SHANLEY \_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_**  
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**WHEREAS**, delays by the Bergen County Board of Taxation in certifying the 2022 Tax Rate will cause delays in regular billing of 2022 taxes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has determined that there will be insufficient cash flow to support operations in late July 2022 unless third quarter revenue is received on time; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54: 4-66.3.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes that:

1. The Tax Collector is directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Township of Wyckoff for the third quarter 2022, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 et seq.
2. The entire estimated annual tax levy for 2022 is hereby set at \$88,649,137.00.
3. The Tax Collector takes any additional steps necessary to immediately implement this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, NANCY A. BROWN, MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON MAY 24, 2022.

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NANCY A. BROWN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK



CERTIFICATION OF OF 2021 ESTIMATED TAX BILLS PER NISA 54:4-66.3

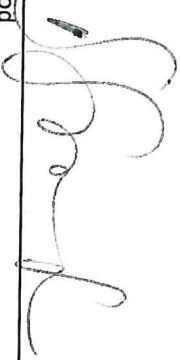
2022 Net Valuation: 4,773,523,800

|                                    | <u>MUNICIPAL</u> | <u>MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE</u> | <u>PUBLIC LIBRARY</u> | <u>LOCAL SCHOOL</u> | <u>REGIONAL SCHOOL</u> | <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>COUNTY OPEN SPACE</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <u>2021 Apportionment of Taxes</u> | 12,461,875       | 238,590                     | 1,586,818             | 40,627,285          | 21,456,363             | 11,575,769    | 480,558                  | 88,427,258   |

Calculation of Allowable Levy Range

|                                |        |                   |                |                  |                   |                   |                   |                |                   |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Lower Amount                   | -0.05% | 11,838,781        | 226,661        | 1,507,477        | 38,595,921        | 20,383,545        | 10,996,981        | 456,530        | 84,005,895        |
| Higher Amount                  | +0.05% | 13,084,969        | 250,520        | 1,666,159        | 42,658,649        | 22,529,181        | 12,154,557        | 504,586        | 92,848,621        |
| <b>2022 Estimated Tax Levy</b> |        | <b>12,566,049</b> | <b>238,676</b> | <b>1,606,990</b> | <b>40,949,440</b> | <b>20,976,112</b> | <b>11,807,284</b> | <b>504,586</b> | <b>88,649,137</b> |
| % Increase over 2020           |        | 0.84%             | 0.04%          | 1.27%            | 0.79%             | -2.24%            | 2.00%             | 5.00%          | 0.25%             |
| <b>2022 Estimated Tax Rate</b> |        | <b>0.2632</b>     | <b>0.0050</b>  | <b>0.0337</b>    | <b>0.8578</b>     | <b>0.4394</b>     | <b>0.2473</b>     | <b>0.0106</b>  | <b>1.8571</b>     |
| <i>2021 Actual</i>             |        | <i>0.2610</i>     | <i>0.0050</i>  | <i>0.0330</i>    | <i>0.8520</i>     | <i>0.4490</i>     | <i>0.2430</i>     | <i>0.0110</i>  | <i>1.8540</i>     |
| <i>Change</i>                  |        | <i>0.0022</i>     | <i>0.0000</i>  | <i>0.0007</i>    | <i>0.0058</i>     | <i>-0.0096</i>    | <i>0.0043</i>     | <i>-0.0004</i> | <i>0.0031</i>     |

Rate 1.8571 88,649,137.39

  
 Diana E McLeod  
 Chief Financial Officer  
 Tax Collector  
 Lic# N0328  
 Lic# T8007

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #22-186**

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**INTRODUCED:**

**SECONDED:**

**MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022**

**REFERENCE: Release  
Performance Bond –  
518 Helena Avenue, Block 314, Lot 67**

**VOTE: MADIGAN \_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_ SHANLEY \_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_**  
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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Douglas Meyer, Principle of D.S. Meyer, 2 North Street, Suite 2A, Waldwick New Jersey 07463, in an email dated May 13, 2022, has requested the release of a \$98,255 Performance Bond for sewer extension work at 518 Helena Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township issued a road opening permit for sewer extension work to Mr. Douglas Meyer, Principle of D.S. Meyer, 2 North Street, Suite 2A, Waldwick New Jersey 07463 for work to be completed at 518 Helena Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Engineer, Mr. Mark Di Gennaro, states that the \$98,255 Surety Bond issued by United State Fire Insurance Company and being held as Performance Bond is approved to be released; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Douglas Meyer, Principle of D.S. Meyer, 2 North Street, Suite 2A, Waldwick New Jersey 07463 posted the following with the Municipal Clerk on February 7, 2022, for sewer extension/road opening permit:

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Performance Cash Surety | \$10,917.00 |
| Performance Bond        | \$98,255.00 |

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that they hereby accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer, Mr. Mark Di Gennaro to release the \$98,255.00 Performance Bond to Mr. Douglas Meyer, Principle of D.S. Meyer, 2 North Street, Suite 2A, Waldwick New Jersey 07463.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk will forward a copy of this resolution to the Township Engineer, Mr. Mark Di Gennaro and to Mr. Douglas Meyer, Principle of D.S. Meyer, 2 North Street, Suite 2A, Waldwick New Jersey 07463.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, NANCY A. BROWN, MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON MAY 24, 2022.

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NANCY A. BROWN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #22-187

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INTRODUCED:

SECONDED:

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022

REFERENCE: Calling for Review and Reform of OPRA

VOTE: MADIGAN \_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_ SHANLEY \_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., enacted in 2002, has been in effect long enough to review the impact on Municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the position of the Bergen County League of Municipalities (BCLOM), which represents all 70 municipalities in Bergen County, that OPRA can and must be improved upon to make it less onerous on municipalities and protect the safety and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal staff and budgets are increasingly utilized to accommodate the requestors and commercial entities who bombard municipalities with public records requests to the extent that in some instances, additional personnel are hired primarily to handle such requests; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are already required by state law to post and provide certain information and documentation on their municipal websites, including but not limited to, annual budgets, annual financial statements, annual audits, public meeting notices and meeting minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, under existing law, OPRA fees are woefully inadequate for the amount of time and effort needed to search for documents; it takes valuable time away from staff — not only in the Clerk’s office — but also among other departments that may be involved in the same request; and

**WHEREAS**, OPRA has become broadly construed in favor of access and the requestor and, a requestor who prevails in any proceeding in appealing a denial of access is permitted to collect exorbitant attorney’s fees; **conversely, however, the resources and guidance available to record custodians and municipal counsel tasked with responding to such requests has narrowed drastically in the ever-changing OPRA arena, muddled by subsequent, voluminous and often-conflicting court decisions that contradict the original intent of the law and will continue to do so in the absence of necessary legislative reform;** and

**WHEREAS**, OPRA law allows outside businesses, and activist groups to utilize municipal time and services for marketing leads or private commercial gain, and for litigants to use OPRA as a method of discovery; and

**WHEREAS**, a clear distinction needs to be made between individual and commercial and discovery requests; and

**WHEREAS**, serious concerns about breaches or misuse of personal information exist along with the potential for OPRA to be exploited and abused by requestors, as a threat, harassment, or retaliatory measure to bury local governments in hundreds of requests, not necessarily because the requested records are of any particular interest, but merely because they can and have been emboldened by the courts to do so, to the significant detriment of all other municipal business; and

**WHEREAS**, most importantly, OPRA must be reformed to enable municipalities, their respective record custodians and legal counsels to **protect the safety and welfare of the general public**; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, court decisions have chipped away at the reasonable expectation of privacy provision of the law, thus allowing the law to be molded and wielded as a tool that severs any sensible balance of transparency, and instead, **now perpetuates rampant and dangerous degrees of for-profit data-mining, unsolicited marketing and uncontrolled publications of records on internet search engines specifically designed to circumvent and bypass what few protective measures currently exist under OPRA**, and all while allowing the requestor to remain cloaked in **anonymity**, should they choose to exercise that option; and

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic has resulted in a startling and exponential rise in fraud and identity theft, crimes that were already notoriously difficult to investigate, track and prosecute; OPRA, left unchecked and unreformed, continues to add fuel to this already dangerous fire; and

**WHEREAS**, in a most reprehensible instance in the midst of the pandemic, the unthinkable happened when the young son of a U.S. District Court Judge was senselessly killed by an individual who had managed to compile a dossier of personal information about the Judge including a home address, ushering in the passage of Daniel's Law; and

**WHEREAS**, while this law as intentioned provides for necessary strides and long overdue amendments to OPRA, the scope of protection provided is critically deficient, the implementation creates challenges for custodians and municipal officials that remain unaddressed by law, with limited channels for guidance, while the vast remainder of the Open Public Records Act continues to be left recklessly unreformed, potentially leaving any officials not covered under Daniel's Law or even, the general public at-large exposed to the whim of any nefarious OPRA requestor lurking in the shadows of those demanding transparency at any cost; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill No. 4894, introduced January 17, 2019, calling for the creation of a study commission to review OPRA, to-date, has been left negligently stagnant and, to-date the legislative approach to addressing the dangers of OPRA have been fragmented, haphazard and contradictory at best, leading to a dire need for streamlined overhaul and reform, which, at a minimum should include the following:

- **Immediate creation of a study commission on OPRA.**
- **Uniformity under the law: municipalities shall not be subject to any provision under OPRA that the legislature or other state agencies are, by contrast, exempt from.**
- **Provide a universal platform for clear and concise guidance for records custodians. Such guidance should be in place prior to any laws that impact OPRA going into effect.**
- Require that official OPRA Request forms be used in order to be considered valid, including certifications by the requestor of (1) non-conviction of an indictable offense and (2) that information obtained will not be used for profit, solicitation, marketing or commercial gain, or published as part of a separate internet database or search engine.
- Prohibit OPRA requestors from remaining anonymous.
- Require that requestors provide a State of New Jersey address in order to be valid (OPRA should not apply to out-of-state requests).
- Prohibit requests for commercial purposes.

- Exempt email addresses (also serves as a deterrent to spoofing, phishing and other cyber scams and crimes).
- Exempt information maintained for emergency notification purposes.
- Exempt any information related to minor individuals, disabled persons, and senior citizens as well as classes of citizens who are vulnerable to exploitation of their information.
- Exempt personal identifying information from Motor Vehicle Accident Reports, including driver's license numbers, dates of birth (DOBs), home addresses, VINs and registration/plate numbers, unless the requestor is a subject of the record, or their designated legal or insurance representative.
- Exempt pet license information to a need-to-know basis only (health department, police department, veterinarian of record, hospital, bite victim) to deter rising pet thefts and potential for targeted thefts of non-large-breed dog owners.
- Reaffirm exemption of unlisted telephone numbers, including personal cell phones.
- Exempt property owner names, CAMA Data and reaffirm the exemption of property record cards.
- Protections afforded under Daniel's Law should be afforded to all government officials, employees, volunteers, and members of the general public as the threats from the disclosure of personal information is not unique to those rightfully protected under Daniel's Law.
- Provide a carve out for fee-shifting where a municipality in good faith and without clear guidance through Statute or case law denies a request or redacts information which could reasonably be interpreted as not subject to disclosure.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the BCLOM finds it imperative that the New Jersey Senate and Assembly review and reform the New Jersey Open Public Records Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution are sent to all New Jersey State Legislators, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Municipal Clerks' Association, the Bergen County Municipal Clerks' Association, the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and the Bergen County Police Chiefs' Association.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, NANCY A. BROWN, MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, CERTIFY THE ABOVE TO BE A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON MAY 24, 2022.

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NANCY A. BROWN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION #22-188**

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**INTRODUCED:**

**SECONDED:**

**MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022**

**REFERENCE: Approval of Vouchers and  
Authorization to Pay Bills**

**VOTE: MADIGAN \_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_ SHANLEY \_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_**  
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**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wyckoff is a municipality in the State of New Jersey operating under the authority from N.J.S.A. 40A:63-1 et seq; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Wyckoff has received vouchers in claim for payment of materials supplied and/or services rendered; and,

**WHEREAS**, the said vouchers have been reviewed and the amount indicated on each voucher has been determined to be due and owing; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has a practice of each Township Committee member participating in the reviewing and signing of vouchers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the vouchers which comprise this bill list have been reviewed and signed by two (2) Township Committee members and they have found them to in order; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available for payment of said vouchers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that the action of the said Finance Committee be approved; and, that the payments of these bills are hereby authorized and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to issue checks for their payments as listed on the bill list attached to this date's meeting minutes and covered by checks no. Payroll A/C, Direct Deposit Vouchers no., Library Payroll check nos., Library Direct Deposit Vouchers no., Claims Wire nos., check no. Accutrack A/C, Claims check nos. and Voided Claims checks no..

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #22-189

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INTRODUCED:

SECONDED:

MEETING DATE: May 24, 2022

REFERENCE: Return of certain overpaid taxes,  
escrow monies, recreation fees, etc.

VOTE: MADIGAN \_\_\_ MELCHIONNE \_\_\_ RUBENSTEIN \_\_\_ SHANLEY \_\_\_ BOONSTRA \_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to return certain monies as follows:

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Core States Construction Services, Inc., 3039 Premiere Parkway, Ste. 700, Duluth, GA 30097 –  
Return of Escrow – Block 218/Lot 17.01 – 292 Godwin Avenue - \$1,429.24

Andrew Young, 59 Colgate Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Return of Escrow – Block 489/Lot  
1.01 - \$831.50

**TAX REFUND:**

Sohi & Stephen Jang, 668 Quackenbush Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Refund of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Tax Overpayment – Block 224/Lot 1.01 - \$2,664.20