

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

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1. Regular Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee called to order by Mayor Thomas J. Madigan
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:
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES
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 if you wish to make a comment.

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

Request motion to close the Public Comment Period:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

7. Approval of the September 5, 2023 Work Session & Business meeting minutes:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND FISHER
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

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):**

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| #23-260 | Endorsing Hope Christian Bergen County Community Development Grant – Therapy Services Suite |
| #23-261 | Release Maintenance Cash Surety – 525 Terhune Terrace |

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| #23-262 | Release Maintenance Cash Surety – 357 West Shore Drive |
| #23-263 | Release Landscape Bond – 69 Edgewood Avenue |
| #23-264 | Authorization of Vouchers and Payment of Bills |
| #23-265 | Chapter 159 – St. Elizabeth SLEO III Agreement |
| #23-266 | National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month |
| #23-267 | Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Grant – Christian Health – Drainage & Paving Improvements at Evergreen Court |
| #23-268 | Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Grant – Christian Health – Exterior Stairs at Evergreen Court Annex |

II Ordinances – Introduction

NONE

III Motions

- A. Affirm date change for live music at the Barn. Live music was previously approved by motion at the August 15, 2023 Township Committee meeting and was to be held on Tuesday, September 19th. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the live music will now take place on Tuesday, September 26th from 5-8:30 pm.
- B. Authorize Maryellen Tafrate from the Clerk's Office to post pink ribbons from October 1, 2023 to November 1, 2023 on the trees and lamp posts surrounding Town Hall in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

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: BOONSTRA SECOND MELCHIONNE
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

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: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS MAY BE PAID AT ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
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REGULAR MEETINGS

FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN DURING THIS MEETING

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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, September 19, 2023 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 at the Quick Link for "Minutes & Agendas" on Friday, September 15, 2023. Please select "Township Committee" and locate the date of the meeting to view documents, such as resolutions and ordinances which are made available.

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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 as a "NEWS" item immediately prior to the commencement of the meeting at approximately, 6:55 pm on September 19, 2023.

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Nancy A. Brown
Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Thomas J. Madigan opened the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the second-floor municipal court room.

Nancy A. Brown, Municipal Clerk read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This Open Public Work Session Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and e-mailed to said newspapers. The Agenda with the resolutions and ordinances to be considered was posted on the Township's website at "Minutes & Agendas" on the Friday prior to this evening's meeting."

Present: Mayor Thomas J. Madigan, Township Committee Rudolf E. Boonstra, Scott A. Fisher, Peter J. Melchionne and Timothy E. Shanley
Also Present: Township Administrator Matthew A. Cavallo, Municipal Clerk Nancy A. Brown and Township Attorney David Becker

It was confirmed that the Finance Committee has reviewed and signed vouchers, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk have signed any necessary documents.

Mayor Madigan opened the meeting for the ten (10) 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 call 201-891-7000, ext. 2220 if you wish to make a public comment at this time. Motion from Committeeman Shanley, seconded by Committeeman Fisher, all voting yes to open the ten (10) minute public comment period.

There was no public comment.

Committeeman Shanley motioned to close the public comment period, seconded by Committeeman Boonstra with an affirmative voice vote.

Administrator's Review of the 8:00 p.m. Agenda:

1. There are several resolutions provided for the Township Committee's endorsement of three (3) Bergen County Community Development Block Grants. Resolution #23-260 endorses Hope Christian for a Therapy Services Suite. Resolution #23-267 endorses the Community Development Block Grant at Christian Health for drainage and paving improvements at Evergreen Court. Resolution #23-268 endorses the Community Development Block Grant at Christian Health for exterior stairs at the Evergreen Court Annex.
2. Resolution #23-265 authorizes the municipal budget insertion for revenue for Chapter 159 – Agreement with St. Elizabeth's School for the SLEO III's Services.
3. Resolution #23-266 recognizes National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.
4. Two (2) motions will be read into the record this evening.

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Administrator's Report:

1. An issue was brought to the Administrator's attention several weeks ago regarding the condition of the fences along Route 208. The Zoning Enforcement Officer has initiated the issuance of violation notices to the homeowners to repair or replace these fences.
2. Ridgewood Water will begin the water main replacement project on Woodland Avenue this week. This replacement will impact residents at 274 – 285 Voorhis Avenue and 244, 247, & 269 Woodland Avenue. Water service will be interrupted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Notices have been delivered to each of these referenced homes. The project should take approximately three (3) weeks and should alleviate the chronic brown water discoloration that has plagued the library for over a decade.
3. A pre-construction meeting will be conducted next week to discuss the Flexi-pave Walkway at the Russell Farms Community Park. The DPW has recently repaired several drainage issues prior to the start of this project.
4. The Wyckoff Police Department will release a hiring announcement by the end of this week with a closure date of October 6, 2023. A Wyckoff Police Officer is retiring the end of the year.
5. The road resurfacing improvement program for 2023 is now complete. Mr. Cavallo sincerely thanked Len DeBlock, DPW Foreman who supervised this entire project from start to finish.
6. Several ordinance amendments are proceeding through department review and will be forwarded to the governing body for consideration and adoption.
7. Weather permitting, the Wyckoff Fireworks Display will be conducted on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Cavallo thanked Larry Inserra, Inserra Supermarkets and Thomas Shara, Lakeland Bank for their generous sponsorship again this year.

Committeeman Fisher expressed his concern with regard to the new fencing installations by the NJDOT contractor on Route 208. Mr. Fisher reported that gates must be reinstalled on the fences located near all fire hydrants on James Way and William Way. The area along James Way on Route 208 North has never had fencing material, only a guardrail. Consequently, the fire department and all emergency services must have access to Route 208 from these two (2) referenced municipal roads. Mr. Cavallo will communicate this request to the NJDOT.

Township Committee Reports:

Timothy Shanley:

1. The Recreation Advisory Board met on Monday, September 11, 2023. Registration for Travel Basketball, Travel Baseball and Travel Softball are now in progress. The Recreation Football Program is underway.
2. The Wyckoff Fireworks Display will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

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3. In an attempt to schedule the football teams and cheerleading squads photo opportunity at Memorial Field, the venue was changed to Eisenhower Middle School due to the Memorial Field security shutdown for the fireworks event.

Scott Fisher:

1. Mr. Fisher is working on the Spring Meadow crosswalk issue. The residents of the Spring Meadow Condominiums have contacted Bergen County for guidance as well. Both Mr. Fisher and Committeeman Boonstra will reach out to both the County and the Wyckoff Traffic Safety Officer next week in this regard.
2. Mr. Fisher attended the Shade Tree Meeting this evening where a discussion focused on the Tree Farm at the Russell Farms Community Park. Assessments will be performed on the existing trees during the Winter to determine which trees may be removed in the Spring. Spring is the best time to pull out the type of trees located at the tree farm with the possibility of replanting at one of the local schools and/or on local streets with shade tree concerns.
3. Mr. Fisher was in attendance at the Wyckoff Board of Education Meeting last evening. The topic of conversation concentrated on how the new SLEO III's Officers are blending in at the elementary schools by interacting with the students and teachers.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. The Historic Preservation Commission met on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 where Chair Swenson and the Commission discussed examining an additional list of approximately 12-14 additional structures that could potentially be considered historic. At a subsequent meeting, this list may be reduced however, Mr. Boonstra will advise the governing body on any determination reached.
2. The Historic Preservation Commission is also rather concerned with regard to the status of the old stone home structure on Lake Avenue in Midland Park that is slated for demolition. The Commission will reach out to Midland Park to inquire if a resolution can be reached to save this attractive historic structure.
3. The Planning Board met and approved one memorializing resolution for the property on Eugene Way.
4. The Wyckoff Board of Health met on Thursday, September 14, 2023 where a discussion regarding the unresolved inspection of grease traps arose. The Wyckoff Board of Health and the Bergen County Board of Health are no longer inspecting the grease traps. Mr. Boonstra advised Mr. Cavallo that both he and Board of Health President Steve Clarke should meet to discuss this ongoing matter. Mr. Cavallo advised that both he and the Municipal Clerk are in possession of several ordinances, one of which is the Grease Trap Ordinance which is being circulated through the necessary departments for consideration.
5. Mr. Boonstra thanked everyone involved with implementing the new SLEO III's Officers at the elementary schools. This initiative was a very positive move.

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6. The Township received a request for the removal of a portion of the sidewalk at the corner of Wyckoff Avenue and Atwood Place. This request will be referred to the Traffic Safety Officer for a pedestrian/vehicular safety evaluation/recommendation.
7. Mr. Boonstra attended the Beach Party at the Wyckoff Family YMCA and commented it was a great fundraising event.

Peter Melchionne:

1. The Wyckoff Environmental Commission met last evening however, Mr. Melchionne was unable to attend due to a fundraiser commitment.
2. The Shredfest & Styrofoam Collection Event was conducted on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the Wyckoff Community Park. Approximately 300 cars participated where a full dumpster of Styrofoam was recycled. Mr. Melchionne stated the event was a great success and thanked the members of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission, Junior Commissioner and the Green Team Volunteers who donated their time at the event. A special thanks to the DPW for assisting with the set-up and clean-up at the Shredfest.
3. The Wyckoff PTO Economy Shop has made a determination to abandon their project plans due to associated logistics. Mr. Melchionne and Mayor Madigan visited the shop today to celebrate their grand opening. Volunteers are working diligently at the shop and Eagle Scout Jonathan Choi completed a project on Labor Day. Eagle Scout Choi painted a bench and trim on the building and rebuilt a storage unit for garbage receptacle storage. Mr. Melchionne mentioned he was able to purchase a VHS set of "Jaws One" with 75 Bonus Minutes for \$4.00 for his bookcase. A great find at the Economy Shop!! Mr. Melchionne also encouraged everyone to visit the Economy Shop – they have donated \$75,000 to the elementary schools last year.
4. The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department has responded to 473 calls for assistance year to date. Mr. Melchionne attended the Beach Party Fundraiser at the Wyckoff Family YMCA which was a great success.
5. Fire Company #2 is having their Poker Night Fundraiser on Saturday, September 30, 2023.
6. Fire Prevention Week begins Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 pm. at Fire Company #1.
7. The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Festival begins on Friday, September 22, 2023.
8. Wyckoff Day and the Fireworks Display are scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023 as well. Mr. Melchionne asked to "keep our fingers crossed for some good weather."

Mayor Thomas Madigan:

1. Mayor Madigan attended the Beach Party Fundraiser on Thursday, September 7th – great food and great people at the event. Madigan stated: "Hats off to our firefighters who do so much for us."

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2. Mayor Madigan attended the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony which was held in the firehouse garage bays due to weather conditions. Several dignitaries provided remarks paying their respects to the eleven (11) residents that were lost on that fateful day. It was a somber reminder of that tragic event on September 11th.
3. Mayor Madigan attended the Police Committee Meeting where the implementation status of the SLEO III's Officers at the elementary schools was discussed. Numerous positive comments have been received by Mayor Madigan from parents of the students stating they are so appreciative for the police presence at the schools.
4. Mayor Madigan attended the Senior Luncheon at the Larkin House and stated he "survived" the event!!
5. The annual road resurfacing program has been completed. Special thanks to Len DeBlock and Joe Vander Plaats for a job well done.
6. Mayor Madigan reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce Meeting this morning. Three (3) open houses have been scheduled for local businesses for next month.
7. Several events are planned for this weekend; a) the Greek Festival at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church beginning Friday, September 22nd; b) Wyckoff Day on Saturday, September 23rd and the Fireworks Display Fundraiser on Saturday evening, September 23rd.
8. October is National Suicide Prevention Month – Mayor Madigan lost a dear friend to suicide over twenty (20) years ago.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Becker reported that there are a number of residents in Franklin Lakes that wish to connect to the Township of Wyckoff sanitary sewer system. The sewer connection would be attainable however, an agreement with the Borough of Franklin Lakes and the Township of Wyckoff would be required. Mr. Becker has communicated this requirement to the attorney for Franklin Lakes and will await his response.

Mayor Madigan asked for a motion to close the Work Session:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND MELCHIONNE
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

With an affirmative vote, the motion is approved.

Adjourn the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:35 p.m.



Thomas J. Madigan
Mayor



Nancy A. Brown
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Thomas J. Madigan called the regular meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee in the Municipal Court Room to order at 8:00 pm.

Flag Salute

The Township Committee proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Thomas J. Madigan.

Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Rabbi Joshua Waxman, Temple Beth Rishon.

RE: Township Committee Meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Work Session and 8:00 p.m. Business Meetings will be livestreamed, and public comments will be available telephonically.

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Attendance

Township Committee Present: Mayor Thomas J. Madigan; Committee Present: Rudolf E. Boonstra, Scott A. Fisher; Peter J. Melchionne, and Timothy E. Shanley.

Staff Present: Township Administrator Matthew A. Cavallo, Municipal Clerk Nancy Brown and Township Attorney David Becker.

Meeting Open for Public Comment

Committeeman Shanley made a motion to open the meeting for Public Comment; Seconded by Committeeman Boonstra. All voted in favor.

Janet Tuomey:

"At the last meeting, I gave the Clerk some information on Tree of Heaven and Lantern Flies, and I know that she has shared it with all of you. This tree is considered a very dangerous tree, and it causes terrible things for other trees and the entire area. The person who gave me this information and who did the work on creating a survey of the trees around Spring Meadow is very experienced in landscaping and knows about plants and things like that. As you may have seen he cites 36 of these trees.

Included in the information is a list of the 36 trees. There are large trees on DPW property, the YMCA property and in the Pulis Field park area, around the soccer fields and playground. I thought that this resident creating this inventory list was amazing and hopefully you will find it helpful. If you need any more information, I would be happy to find it out for you. If you have any questions that you want me to bring to my expert, I would be happy to do that. Thank you very much."

Committeeman Shanley made a motion to close the meeting for Public Comment; Seconded by Committeeman Boonstra. All voted in favor.

With an affirmative vote, the motion is approved.

Approval of the September 5, 2023 Work Session & Business meeting minutes:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND FISHER
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

With an affirmative vote, the motion is approved.

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):

#260 Endorsing Hope Christian Bergen County Community

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Grant of \$199,000 has been proposed by the Hope Christian Services for a Therapy Services Suite in the municipality of Wyckoff; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the local governing body; and

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WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Wyckoff, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite the expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that they confirm their endorsement of the aforesaid project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

#23-261 Release Maintenance Cash Surety – 525 Terhune Terrace

WHEREAS, Girard Cipriano, Cipriano Enterprises, Inc. dba RFC Excavating & Landscape Construction, 72 Ethel Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 deposited the following for a road opening related to a sewer extension project at 525 Terhune Terrace, Block 379, Lot 22:

Cipriano Enterprises, Inc.	Performance Bond	\$9,000.00
Cipriano Enterprises, Inc.	Maintenance Guarantee	\$1,000.00

WHEREAS, Girard Cipriano, Cipriano Enterprises, Inc. dba RFC Excavating & Landscape Construction, in an email to the Township Engineer requested the release of the Maintenance Guarantee for the sewer extension project at 525 Terhune Terrace; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Mark DiGennaro in an email dated August 30, 2023 confirmed his approval and recommended the \$1,000.00 Maintenance Guarantee be refunded; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, Diana McLeod, has verified the funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that they hereby concur with the recommendation of the Township Engineer to return the \$1,000.00 Maintenance Cash Surety to Girard Cipriano, Cipriano Enterprises, Inc. dba RFC Excavating & Landscape Construction, 72 Ethel Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Township Engineer and to Cipriano Enterprises, Inc.

#23-262 Release Maintenance Cash Surety – 357 West Shore Drive

WHEREAS, Girard Cipriano, Cipriano Enterprises, Inc. dba RFC Excavating & Landscape Construction, 72 Ethel Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 deposited the following for a road opening related to a sewer extension project at 357 West Shore Drive, Block 318, Lot 5:

Cipriano Enterprises, Inc.	Performance Bond	\$9,000.00
Cipriano Enterprises, Inc.	Performance Cash Surety	\$1,000.00

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WHEREAS, Girard Cipriano, Cipriano Enterprises, Inc. Dba RFC Excavating & Landscape Construction, in an email to the Township Engineer requested the release of the Performance Bond and the Performance Cash Surety for the sewer extension project at 357 West Shore Drive; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Mark DiGennaro in an email dated August 30, 2023 confirmed his approval and recommended the \$9,000.00 Performance Bond and the \$1,000.00 Performance Cash Surety be refunded; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, Diana McLeod, has verified the funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that they hereby concur with the recommendation of the Township Engineer to return the \$9,000.00 Performance Bond and the \$1,000.00 Performance Cash Surety to Girard Cipriano, Cipriano Enterprises, Inc. dba RFC Excavating & Landscape Construction, 72 Ethel Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Township Engineer and to Cipriano Enterprises, Inc.

#23-263 Release Landscape Bond – 69 Edgewood Avenue

WHEREAS, Daniel & Theresa Hwilka, homeowners at 69 Edgewood Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481, in an email to Township Engineer, Mark DiGennaro, have requested the release of a \$1,500 Performance Cash Surety for landscaping work performed at 69 Edgewood Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, Daniel & Theresa Hwilka, homeowners at 69 Edgewood Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 posted the following with the Municipal Clerk on June 13, 2023, for site improvements/landscaping improvements:

Performance Cash Surety	\$1,500.00
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WHEREAS, the Township's Engineer, Mr. Mark Di Gennaro, in an email dated September 7, 2023, states that the Engineering inspection has taken place and the work is complete and satisfactory and the balance of \$1,500.00 being held as Performance Cash Surety is approved to be released; and

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 \$1,500.00 Performance Cash Surety to Daniel & Theresa Hwilka, 69 Edgewood Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481.

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 Daniel & Theresa Hwilka, 69 Edgewood Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481.

#23-264 Authorization of Vouchers and Payment of Bills

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,

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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. 20921 – 20938 Payroll A/C, Direct Deposit Vouchers no. 19413 – 19490, Library Payroll check nos. 1760 – 1763, Library Direct Deposit Vouchers no. 8021 – 8043, Claims Wire nos. 230904 – 230907, Claims check nos. 090938 – 091061, AHDF – #1024 and Voided Claims check no. 090904.

#23-265 Chapter 159 – St. Elizabeth SLEO 111 Agreement

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of \$36,684.20 which is now available from the St. Elizabeth School SLEO Shared Service Agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$36,684.20 is hereby appropriated under the caption St. Elizabeth School SLEO Shared Service Agreement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from the Wyckoff Board of Education SLEO Shared Service Agreement in the amount of \$36,684.20.

#23-266 National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

WHEREAS; September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and,

WHEREAS; Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and,

WHEREAS; Approximately more than 45,000 people die annually by suicide; and,

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WHEARAS; Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among young people age 10-14 and is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the US; and,

WHEREAS; Wyckoff, New Jersey is no different than any other community in the country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and,

WHEREAS; organizations like The Ganley Foundation, Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and,

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and,

WHEREAS, we encourage all Wyckoff residents to take the time to inquire as to the well-being of their family, friends, and neighbors to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wyckoff Township Committee, Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023, as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the Township of Wyckoff.

**#23-267 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Grant –
Christian Health – Drainage & Paving Improvements at
Evergreen Court**

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of One Hundred Thousand dollars and no cents (\$100,000.00) has been proposed by Christian Health for drainage and paving improvements at Evergreen Court in the municipality of Wyckoff; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Wyckoff; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of The Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

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#23-268 Confirm Endorsement of Community Development Grant –
Christian Health – Exterior Stairs at Evergreen Court Annex

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of Forty Thousand dollars and no cents (\$40,000.00) has been proposed by Christian Health for the installation of an exterior stair at Evergreen Court Annex in the municipality of Wyckoff; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Wyckoff; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of The Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

II Ordinances – Introduction

NONE

III Motions

A. Affirm date change for live music at the Barn. Live music was previously approved by motion at the August 15, 2023 Township Committee meeting and was to be held on Tuesday, September 19th. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the live music will now take place on Tuesday, September 26th from 5-8:30 pm.

B. Authorize Maryellen Tafrate from the Clerk's Office to post pink ribbons from October 1, 2023 to November 1, 2023 on the trees and lamp posts surrounding Town Hall in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

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: BOONSTRA SECOND MELCHIONNE
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

With an affirmative vote, the motion is approved.

Ordinances – Public Hearing / Further Consideration:

NONE

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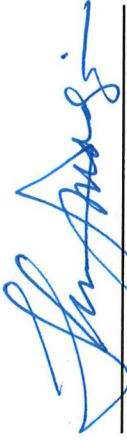
Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

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

MOTION: SHANLEY _____ SECOND _____ MELCHIONNE _____
BOONSTRA YES FISHER YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES MADIGAN YES

With an affirmative vote, the motion is approved.

During the course of this live meeting there were between one and two concurrent viewers watching on YouTube.

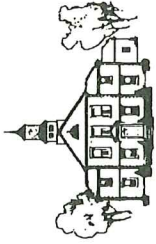


Mayor Thomas J. Madigan



Nancy A. Brown, Municipal Clerk

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MEMORIAL TOWN HALL - 340 FRANKLIN AVENUE
WYCKOFF, NEW JERSEY 07481-1907
TEL: 201-891-7000 FAX: 201-891-9359

MEMO

TO: Township Committee
FROM: Maryellen Tafrate
DATE: September 19, 2023
SUBJECT: Pink Ribbons for October "Breast Cancer Awareness" Month
Committee Members:

I would again like to request permission to place my pink ribbons on the trees and lamp posts around Town Hall. I will incur all costs for the purchase of the ribbons. As always, nothing overdone, but tasteful to provide "Breast Cancer Awareness" during the month of October. The ribbons will be removed on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Your consideration is much appreciated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maryellen", written in a light blue or green ink.

/mt

cc: Matthew A. Cavallo, Township Administrator
Nancy A. Brown, Municipal Clerk

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

Mr. Thomas J. Madigan &
Wyckoff Township Committee Members
340 Franklin Ave
Wyckoff, NJ 07481
8/29/2023

Re: Permission request to vacate sidewalk and replace with grass

Dear Mr. Mayor & Township Committee Members,

This letter is to respectfully request your permission to vacate the sidewalk adjacent to our property by removing it and replacing it with grass since it leads nowhere and poses a safety issue for those who use it. It starts on Atwood Pl and Wyckoff Ave and ends where our property ends shortly after starting. There is no continuing sidewalk after ours ends.

The reason that motivates this request is mainly related to pedestrian and cyclist safety. As mentioned earlier, this sidewalk leads to nowhere, so pedestrians that are coming from either Atwood place turning left onto Wyckoff Ave into our sidewalk, as well as pedestrians coming from the sidewalk on the same side of the street on Wyckoff Ave after crossing Atwood Pl, have no choice but to turn back (which we have yet to see someone that does), cross Wyckoff Ave in the middle of the road, or continue walking on the street heading towards Cedar Hill Ave. We find the latter two situations very concerning and endangering for them, and these two are the options chosen by almost every one of the very few of those who go on it.

Repairing our sidewalk would result in less expense than vacating it and replacing it with grass, yet we think it is more beneficial and safer, to all the children, adult and elderly pedestrians as well children and adults who ride their bikes along Wyckoff Ave to not have the option to go onto a sidewalk that leads them nowhere and stops in the middle of the road facilitating unsafe decisions.

Feel free to reach out to us via email (yelisae@gmail.com) or by phone (203-513-1549) should you need further information or have any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request.

Yours Sincerely,

Yelisa Rojas Alvarez,
Juan Carlos Ravell
392 Atwood Pl
Wyckoff, NJ 07481

An image of an aerial view of the property and the Survey are attached.

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