

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018**

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MEETING
MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.**

1. 7:00 pm Work Session Meeting called to order by Mayor Brian D. Scanlan
2. Roll call of Township Committee
3. Reading of "Open Work Session" statement by Mrs. Santimauro
4. 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.
5. Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign documents
6.
 - a. Finance Committee to review and sign vouchers
 - b. Report of Township Committee
 - c. Report of Administrator
 - d. Report of Attorney
7. Recess Work Session Meeting to conduct 8:00 pm Business Meeting
8. Reconvene Work Session Meeting
9. Adjourn

**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

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1. Regular Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee called to order by Mayor Brian D. Scanlan
2. Flag Salute
3. Invocation given by Pastor Andy Kabazian from Wyckoff Reformed Church
4. Reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act" statement by Mrs. Santimauro
5. Roll call of the Township Committee
6. 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.
7. Approval of the following Township Committee meeting minutes: Regular Business Meeting and Regular Work Session Meeting minutes from February 20, 2018.

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND RUBENSTEIN
 BOONSTRA ABSTAIN MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES
 SHANLEY YES SCANLAN YES

8. **Resolution (Not on Consent Agenda)**

#18-127 Designate & Name Pulis Field #3 the Ben Landel Memorial Field

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND RUBENSTEIN
 BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES
 SHANLEY YES SCANLAN YES

9. **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. **Ordinance – Introduction**

#1850 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL CAP BANK

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

- #18-128 In Opposition to H.R. 38 & S-446-Concealed Carry Act
- #18-129 Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00008
Block 486 Lot 15 – 421 Kingston Street
- #18-130 Introduction of 2018 Municipal Budget
- #18-131 Award Contract for the Crescent Avenue Improvement Phase III
- #18-132 Payment of Bills
- #18-133 Return of Certain Overpaid Taxes, Escrows, etc.
- #18-134 Designate the Month of March as Alcohol Awareness Month
- #18-135 Authorize Tax Collector to Bill 2018 Sewer Service Charges
- #18-136 Close Roads for the Wyckoff Education Foundation Fun Run
- #18-137 Certificate of Compliance with U.S. Equal Opportunity
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- #18-C6 Closed Session - NJSA 10:4-12b(7) - Ridgewood Water Litigation

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#18-C7 Closed Session - NJSA 10:4-12b(7) – Contract Negotiations
with NBCUA

III Motion

a. Authorize Proclamation honoring Dorothy Voorman Fish

Following is the vote on the Consent Agenda:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND RUBENSEIN
BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES SHANLEY YES
SCANLAN YES

Resolution (Not on Consent Agenda)

#18-138 Requesting the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey to Widen
the Sidewalks on the George Washington Bridge

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND RUBENSEIN
BOONSTRA ABSTAIN MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES
SHANLEY YES SCANLAN YES

IV Adjourn

**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

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Meeting Called To Order

Mayor Brian D. Scanlan 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 Brian D. Scanlan.

Invocation

The Invocation was given by Pastor Andy Kabazian from Wyckoff Reformed Church.

Attendance

Township Committee Present: Mayor Brian D. Scanlan; Committee Present: Rudolf E. Boonstra, Thomas J. Madigan, Melissa D. Rubenstein and Timothy E. Shanley

Staff Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Joyce C. Santimauro, Municipal Clerk, Township Attorney Robert Landel and Thomas Garlick, Esq.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the "Open Public Meeting Act" Statement: "This regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is now in session. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to advise that notice of this meeting has been posted in the lower level of the Memorial Town Hall and that a copy of the schedule of meetings has also been filed with the Township Clerk, and copies of this agenda and the annual notice of meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the Ridgewood News, The Record, and The North Jersey Herald and News all papers with general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers."

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.

Ariella Dickson, 507 Sicomac Avenue. Ms. Dickson, who previously resided in South Florida said she was shocked with Orange & Rockland Electric's (O&R) poor service and response to the power outages caused by this week's storm. She said she has survived countless hurricanes with much more damage and has seen better service than O&R even attempted to provide. There was lack of communication from O&R, O&R's website was down, no one answered the O&R 800 phone number, she never received responses to text messages. Also, Ms. Dickson said she was appalled with O&R because they didn't even have a trucks in place for repairs when the snow was over and they should have been mobilized and ready to move in to work on the repairs. After the storm there were no O&R repair vehicles working in Wyckoff. Finally she used Twitter about the power being restored. Ms. Dickson asked why do we as residents have to call O&R to let them know our power is out? Why don't they know where the power is out? She asked about line clearing, trees are grown and entangled into the power lines, she said line clearing is done for storm preparation, perhaps it is not aesthetically pleasing, but certainly in her opinion it was efficient. Ms. Dickson asked what can we do about O&R? Ms. Dickson thanked and said the town officials did a great job communicating to the residents during and after the snow storm.

Mayor Scanlan said that complaints could be send to the New Jersey Board of Utilities, or if there is a hearing comments can be made during the course of the

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hearing. Committeeman Madigan referenced the power outage after Hurricane Sandy and said that O&R would drive around town at night to see where lights were on to determine if power had been restored or not.

Committeeman Madigan made a motion to close the public comment time of the regular business meeting; Seconded by Committeeman Shanley with an affirmative vote.

Approval of the following Township Committee meeting minutes:
Regular Business Meeting and Regular Work Session Meeting minutes from February 20, 2018.

MOTION: _____ SHANLEY _____ SECOND _____ RUBENSTEIN _____
BOONSTRA ABSTAIN MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES
SHANLEY YES SCANLAN YES

Resolution (Not on Consent Agenda)

#18-127 Designate & Name Pulis Field #3 the Ben Landel Memorial Field

WHEREAS, the Wyckoff Community recently suffered the unfortunate loss of a young man of such extraordinary promise and character, Benjamin Landel, on January 25, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Ben Landel loved to play lacrosse and soccer on the new artificial turf field at the Pulis Field Athletic Complex; and,

WHEREAS, Robert Landel, Ben’s father, was instrumental and a guiding force in the achievement of this field of dreams to become a reality for all the children of Wyckoff; and,

WHEREAS, Timothy E. Shanley proposed naming the field in memory of Ben who was known for his compassionate nature, his kind heart, his inspirational and courageous fight against a rare form of cancer and his love of athletics; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution #2018-81 adopted by the Township Committee on January 1, 2018 requires the Township Committee adopt a resolution with a 4/5 majority to name the field in honor and as a memorial to this extraordinary young man, Ben Landel; and,

WHEREAS, the Wyckoff Community and the Ramapo High School students, teachers and coaches were inspired by Ben’s character and compassion and his courageous fight against cancer and overwhelmingly demonstrated that by supporting Ben’s fight with the “Bolt for Ben”, “The Crossbar Challenge” and the thousands who paid their respects to Ben and the Landel family as we mourned the loss of Ben at services at Saint Elizabeth’s Church and the Candle Light Vigil at Ramapo High School; and,

WHEREAS, naming a soccer field at the Pulis Field Complex would honor such a fine young man that the community admired and loved and help keep his spirit in our hearts each time we visit Pulis Field.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that they do whole heartedly name and designate the first full size field closest to the parking lot at the Pulis Field Athletic Field Complex “The Ben Landel Memorial Field”.

MOTION: _____ SHANLEY _____ SECOND _____ RUBENSTEIN _____
BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES

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SHANLEY YES SCANLAN YES

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):

#18-128 In Opposition to H.R. 38 & S-446-Concealed Carry Act

WHEREAS, H.R. 38: Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, which passed the house on December 6, 2017, would force every state to recognize the concealed carry standards of every other state, regardless of the standards, or lack thereof, of that state; and

WHEREAS, the H.R. 38 is in en-route to the U.S. Senate, which is itself considering a similar bill, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017; and

WHEREAS, while every state allows concealed carry, each state has different requirements for who is permitted to carry, what requirements are appropriate, and what type of training should be required; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has some of the strictest firearm laws in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, private citizens in New Jersey must demonstrate a justifiable need in order to obtain a permit to carry a firearm in New Jersey pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 58-4(d)*, and a permit to carry a handgun may be issued only to applicant who is “ a person of good character who is not subject to any of the disabilities set forth in section 2C:58-3c., that he is thoroughly familiar with the safe handling and use of handguns, and that he has a justifiable need to carry a handgun”.; and

WHEREAS, currently, nonresidents in New Jersey must also apply for a permit to carry a firearm from the New Jersey State Police, following the same requirements as citizens of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, despite these stringent requirements, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (H.R. 38) and the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (S. 446) would force New Jersey to allow any individuals – people with no firearm safety training, people with violent misdemeanor records, convicted stalkers, teenagers, abusive boyfriends, and people with dangerous histories – to carry concealed handguns on the streets of its towns and cities; and,

WHEREAS, twelve states do not require any permit, training or criminal history check to carry a concealed firearm in public, including eight that have repealed their permit requirement in the past three years, and the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (H.R. 38) and the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (S. 446) would force all states to allow permitless carry by residents of these states; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 38 also would roll back the federal Gun-Free School Zones Act, allowing some people with no permit at all to carry a gun in a school zone; and

WHEREAS, both bills would override existing state and city laws and severely limit the city’s ability to prevent dangerous people from carrying loaded, hidden firearms in public; and

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WHEREAS, both bills represent huge federal government encroachment of state rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that they do hereby register their OPPOSITION to H.R. 38 and S.446, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 and the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall forward this resolution to; President Donald Trump, Senators Menendez and Booker, Congressman Gottheimer, Senator Corrado and Assemblymen Rooney and DePhillips.

#18-129 Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00008 Block 486 Lot 15-421 Kingston Street

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Wyckoff has previously determined that there was due and owing to the Township of Wyckoff outstanding tax and interest for tax year 2016 on Block 486/Lot 15, aka 421 Kingston Street, within the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; in the amount of \$2,760.98 and;

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of October 2017, the Township of Wyckoff executed a "Certificate of Sale of Unpaid Municipal Liens" numbered 17-00008, hereinafter referred to as a Tax Sale Certificate on the above-described property in the amount above-recited; and,

WHEREAS, said Tax Sale Certificate was purchased by Clemente Enterprises, P.O. Box 141, Wyckoff, NJ 07481; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent to the execution and filing of said Tax Sale Certificate and prior to the commencement of foreclosure proceedings against the property owner's right to redemption of said Tax Sale Certificate, the mortgagor has paid to the Tax Collector of the Township of Wyckoff any and all charges deemed due and owing on the above-described property and the property owner is therefore entitled to a redemption of said Tax Sale Certificate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-55.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, that the Tax Collector be, and the same is hereby authorized and directed to cancel and endorse Tax Sale Certificate 17-00008 for redemption and make refund in the amount of \$2,760.98 being lien amount of \$549.19, subsequent taxes, and interest in the amount of \$499.78 recording fees in the amount of \$12.00 and a premium of \$1,700.00 to Clemente Enterprises, and deliver said Tax Sale Certificate to the mortgagor for cancellation with the County Clerk in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-55.

#18-130 Introduction of 2018 Municipal Budget

#18-131 Award Contract for the Crescent Avenue Improvement - Phase III

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is the recipient of a New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Trust Fund Grant of \$165,627 to improve Crescent Avenue;

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WHEREAS, the Township Committee approved the specifications and authorized advertised, sealed competitive bidding; and,

WHEREAS, a legal advertisement soliciting bids was published in the February 2, 2018 issue of the Ridgewood News; and,

WHEREAS, a copy of the legal advertisement soliciting bids was posted on the Township's website at the Jobs and Bids Quick-link easily accessed for the Homepage; and,

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2018 at 11:00am the following bids were received, opened and their contents read aloud:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt.1</u>
D&L Paving 675 Franklin Ave Nutley, NJ 07110	\$150,867.85	\$53,711.50
D.L.S. Contracting, Inc. 271 Highway 46 Fairfield, NJ 07004	\$148,525.00	\$57,525.00
4 Clean-Up, Inc. P.O. Box 5098 North Bergen, NJ 07047	\$164,266.00	\$63,975.25
American Asphalt & Milling Service 96 Midland Ave Kearney, NJ 07032	\$161,484.35	\$60,354.25
J.A. Alexander Inc. 130-158 JFK Dr. N Bloomfield, NJ 07003	\$169,377.41	\$57,185.25
Paving Materials Contracting 150 Central Ave Rochelle Park, NJ 07045	\$179,627.50	\$65,845.00
Frank A. Macchione 141 Central Avenue Rochelle Park, NJ 07662	\$162,152.85	\$57,605.00
Rockborn Trucking 17 Taylor Road Wharton, NJ 07885	\$176,077.60	\$61,300.00
Marini Brothers Construction 9 Lafayette Street Hackensack, NJ 07601	\$169,366.00	\$62,259.00

WHEREAS, the bids received have been reviewed by the Township's Consulting Engineer and in the attached report (attached as is set forth at length) he recommends a contract award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney and Township Administrator have reviewed the procurement and concur with the recommendations; and,

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WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has issued a certificate of availability of funds in account# C-04-56-917-000 and account# C-04-55-932.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that they do hereby award a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder D&L Paving Contractors, 675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 for a total contract of \$204,579.35 subject to the concurrence of the NJDOT and in accordance with the bid specifications and drawings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Township's Consulting Engineer, Public Works Manager, Township Engineer and Accounts Payable Control Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township's Consulting Engineer shall immediately provide a copy of this resolution to the NJDOT.

#18-132 Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff is a municipality in the State of New Jersey operating under the authority from NJSA 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 be 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. 16849 – 16872 Payroll A/C, Direct Deposit Vouchers no. 9073 - 9127, Voided Payroll check no. 16864, Library Payroll check nos. 1378 & 1379, Library Direct Deposit Vouchers no. 3585 - 3619, Claims Wire nos. 180301, 180302 & 180303, Claims check nos. 078333 - 078411 and Voided Claims check no. 078332.

#18-133 Return of Certain Overpaid Taxes, Escrows, etc.

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:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Michael Caprio, 161 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Return of Escrow – Block 293/Lot 9.01 - \$495.06

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CLERK'S OFFICE:

Greek Orthodox Community of Bergen County, 467 Grandview Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 Refund for overpayment of Raffle License #17-19 - \$160.00

TAX REFUND:

Kevin & Denise Post, 365 Hil-Ray Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – State Tax Court Judgement – Block 498/Lot 57 - \$1,047.42

#18-134 Designate the Month of March as Alcohol Awareness Month

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young person's ages 10-21; and,

WHEREAS, almost 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicide; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 15 million current drinkers in the United States are dependent on alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, adolescents use alcohol more than tobacco or illicit drugs; and,

WHEREAS, young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age; and,

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and,

WHEREAS, alcohol is involved in fifty percent of criminal assault, traffic, theft, fraud, vandalism and sex crime cases in the juvenile justice system. Older friends and siblings are the primary source by which underage youth obtain alcohol. Providing alcohol to minors is against the law, and that together we should work to keep it out of their hands; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we join with others in advancing efforts to strengthen the enforcement of our underage drinking laws, and build partnerships among local agencies, elected officials, law enforcement, businesses, schools, and communities to prevent underage drinking and alcoholism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that we, the Wyckoff Township Committee join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc, (NCADD) and The New Jersey Division of Alcohol Beverage Control and do hereby proclaim that April 2018 is Alcohol Awareness Month in Wyckoff, New Jersey.

#18-135 Authorize Tax Collector to Bill 2018 Sewer Service Charges

WHEREAS, Ordinance #1796 was adopted in 2017 establishing sewer service charges; and,

WHEREAS, the sewer service charges have not changed for 2018; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution is proposed to provide authority to bill 2018 sewer service charges established for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the current

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sewer service annual charges established by the adoption of Ordinance #1796 shall serve as the authority to bill and collect sewer service charges for 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector and the Sewer Operating Clerk.

#18-136 Close Roads for the Wyckoff Education Foundation Fun Run

WHEREAS, the Wyckoff Education Foundation (WEF) conducts an annual fundraiser each year known as the Fun Run & 5K Race; and

WHEREAS, the Wyckoff Police Department recommends the closing of certain roads utilized for the event for the reasons of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the event will be conducted on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8:00am until 1:00pm which the WPD recommends the closing of the following roads;

Calvin Court Cedar Hill Avenue (between James Way and
Wyckoff Ave.)

James Way Wyckoff Avenue (between Cedar Hill Ave. and
Meer Place)

Meer Avenue Paine Road
George Place Ellis Place
Barbara Avenue Florence Avenue
Victor Way

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that they approve the road closures as recommended by the Wyckoff Police Department to allow the Wyckoff Education Foundation to conduct its Annual 5K Run and Fun Run.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Police Chief and Department of Public Works Manager

**#18-137 Certificate of Compliance with U.S. Equal Opportunity
Employment Commission**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, hereby states that they have complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby

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directs the Municipal Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

#18-C6 Closed Session – NJSA 10:4-12b(7) – Ridgewood Water Litigation

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is subject to certain requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the “Open Public Meetings Act”, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, it was necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

NJSA 10:4-12b(7) Ridgewood Water Litigation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey assembled in public session on March 6, 2018, hereby authorize, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be conducted on March 6, 2018, in the Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the said closed session will be made public when the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff determines the reason for the minutes to remain closed no longer exists and the Municipal Clerk shall attach to this resolution when completed the Closed Session Meeting Minutes related to the specific items designated above.

#18-C7 Closed Session - NJSA 10:4-12b(7) – Contract Negotiations with NBCUA

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is subject to certain requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the “Open Public Meetings Act”, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, it was necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

NJSA 10:4-12b(7) Contract Negotiations with NBCUA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey assembled in public session on March 6, 2018, hereby authorize, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be conducted on March 6, 2018, in the Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the said closed session will be made public when the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff

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determines the reason for the minutes to remain closed no longer exists and the Municipal Clerk shall attach to this resolution when completed the Closed Session Meeting Minutes related to the specific items designated above.

III Motion

a. Authorize Proclamation honoring Dorothy Voorman Fish

Following is the vote on the Consent Agenda:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND RUBENSEIN
BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES SHANLEY YES
SCANLAN YES

Resolution (Not on Consent Agenda)

**#18-138 Requesting the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey to
Widen the Sidewalks on the George Washington Bridge**

WHEREAS, the George Washington Bridge’s sidewalks are the only connection across the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey for pedestrians, runners, and bicyclists; and,

WHEREAS, the paths are heavily used, with an average of 1,700 cyclists and 900 pedestrians crossing each day; and,

WHEREAS, the sidewalks are ten feet wide except where the bridge’s suspender ropes pass through, where they are less than seven feet wide; and,

WHEREAS, according to Federal Highway Administration guidelines, shared-use paths should be at least ten feet wide and up to fourteen feet wide if they are heavily used; and,

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is planning an extensive renovation that will replace all of the bridge’s suspender ropes beginning in 2017 and lasting until 2024; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the project, the sidewalks will be replaced and new ramps that will provide access to the sidewalks will be constructed, but the sidewalks will not be widened; and,

WHEREAS, New York City has made efforts in recent years to make its roadways safer and more convenient for pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly through the Vision Zero street safety initiative and the expansion of the bicycle lane network; and,

WHEREAS, The Port Authority’s own Bicycle Policy states that its goals are to integrate “improved bicycle access” and “safe bicycle lanes,” and to “promote the safe co-existence of motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians” at its facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the width of the bridge’s sidewalks do not meet federal standards for high-use pedestrian and bicycle paths, and,

WHEREAS, the planned renovation project presents a unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would be able to safely and comfortably accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the bridge in the decades to come.

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