TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Kevin J. Rooney opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor municipal court room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro 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 and 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 mailed to said newspapers."

Present: Mayor Kevin J. Rooney, Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan, Brian D. Scanlan, Rudolf E. Boonstra and John A. Carolan **Also Present:** Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Mayor Rooney opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute total public comment period for any item on or off the Agenda, two (2) minutes per speaker, with a motion from Committeeman Scanlan, seconded by Committeeman Boonstra.

John Unglert, 360 Cornell Street, expressed good wishes for a positive meeting this evening. Mr. Unglert thanked the Township Committee.

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

Mayor Rooney advised that the Finance Committee has reviewed and signed vouchers.

Township Committee Reports:

Thomas Madigan:

- 1. Today, Mr. Madigan attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA's Veteran Recognition Breakfast. It has been fifteen (15) years since the 911 terrorist attacks on the United States and the YMCA recognizes these 911 heroes. The keynote speaker was a New York Fire Department Fire Chief who survived the collapse of the North Tower in a pocket if air in the fourth floor. Mr. Madigan described his remarks as stirring and thanked all firefighters for what they do every day for the citizens.
- 2. Mr. Madigan attended the recent Library Board Meeting where the Makers Space Grant was again discussed. The Makers Space Grant will be located in the lower level of the library.
- Mr. Madigan also attended the Friends of the Wyckoff Library
 Appreciation Luncheon provided each year to honor the staff of the library.
- 4. Mr. Madigan and Committeeman Boonstra visited the Zabriskie House Trustees and reviewed with them their current plans for improvements and maintenance of the Zabriskie House Museum and also the plans to convert the garage to a functional and useful meeting place. The Zabriskie House Trustees are in the process of obtaining information from the New Jersey Historical Commission. Mr. Madigan reminded all that the Zabriskie House Trustees will be conducting a fundraiser on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 where residents may visit historic homes in

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Wyckoff including the Zabriskie House Museum and enjoy the historical architecture and furnishings if the Early American period that remained in Wyckoff.

Brian Scanlan:

- On Saturday, April 23, 2016 Mr. Scanlan attended opening day of the baseball/softball season. Mayor Rooney the out the first pitch at the Wyckoff Community Park and described the event as enjoyed by all. Mr. Scanlan thanked John Unglert for taking pictures.
- 2. Mr. Scanlan attended Lacrosse Day on Monday, April 25, 2016 at the Pulis Field Recreation Complex. The event was well attended and all lacrosse players were able to experience and enjoy the new artificial turf playing surface.
- 3. Mr. Scanlan questioned whether ice cream trucks were permitted on municipal property or simply permitted on public roadways. The Administrator advised that ice cream trucks are required to obtain an annual permit as well as an annual safety check from the police department. There is an annual food handler's permit which must be submitted to the Board of Health.
- 4. Mr. Scanlan and Committeeman Boonstra attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony for Ethan Bell. Ethan's community service project included the placement of identifiers on fire hydrants so the fire department responders can locate a fire hydrant during the winter months when snow covered.
- 5. On Monday, April 25, 2016 Mr. Scanlan attended a CERTS Meeting. The purpose of the meeting comprised of plans for future events including traffic direction in the parking lot at the veteran's breakfast, Memorial Day Parade and other permitted events. The new Emergency Management Coordinator of the CERT Program is Sgt. Brian Zivkovich.
- 6. Mr. Scanlan attended a session where the Wyckoff Family YMCA recognized its key donors and provided information on the YMCA programs. Mr. Scanlan described the Wyckoff Family YMCA as a very vibrant organization.
- 7. Mr. Scanlan advised all of two (2) upcoming programs; on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at the Wyckoff Library in the Shotmeyer Room, the Wyckoff Board of Health and the Environmental Commission will be co-hosting a forum with Ridgewood Water regarding water quality. Additionally, on Thursday, June 30, 2016 the Wyckoff Board of Health will be providing a heroin addiction forum at Ramapo High School for its students.

John Carolan:

- 1. Mr. Carolan met with the Superintendent of the K-8 Wyckoff School District whereby an agreement has been developed between the K-8 School District and the Police Department to have police officers, during their routine normal patrols will include stops at the schools as well as walking inside the school corridors. This is part of a routine patrol and information in this regard was sent to parents.
- 2. The K-8 School District is soliciting applications for a new curriculum director.

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- 3. The Wyckoff Board of Education is working on selecting an appropriate date to conduct a townwide celebration to mark the award of excellence received by the K-8 School District which has identified the Eisenhower Middle School as a "School to Watch." Mr. Carolan will provide additional information when a celebration date has been selected in June.
- 4. The K-8 School District has completed a contract with the Wyckoff Family YMCA to provide after care at its schools. Mr. Carolan described this agreement as a significant and splendid convenience for working Wyckoff parents.
- 5. The Wyckoff Board of Education members will be sponsoring a table at Wyckoff Day and will be available should residents have any questions or wish to chat with them.
- 6. Mr. Carolan extended thanks to Thomas Gensheimer, Building Inspector and Township Administrator Shannon for their assistance regarding the new shed at the Board of Education's Crescent Avenue Maintenance Facility.
- 7. Mr. Carolan recognized the K-8 Board of Education for the great job performed to improve the Lincoln and Eisenhower School fields.
- 8. Mr. Carolan, Liaison to the Shade Tree Commission, indicated that Saturday, April 30, 2016 was Arbor Day. Both he, Mayor Rooney, Committeeman Boonstra and volunteer members of the Shade Tree Commission planted four (4) maple trees at the Pulis Recreation Complex in the area of the playground. It is intended that these maple trees will achieve significant height to provide shade for all who visit the new playground facility.
- 9. Mr. Carolan attended Baseball/Softball Opening Day Ceremony at the Wyckoff Community Park where Mayor Rooney threw out the first pitch. Mr. Carolan complimented the DPW for their expert attention to detail preparing the park for opening day. Mayor Rooney also extended thanks to Recreation Director Andy Wingfield who scheduled and managed the event effectively.
- 10. Mayor Rooney inquired as to the status of the removal of the stumps that currently comprise a pending list to be completed. A discussion ensued and more information will be forthcoming.

Rudy Boonstra:

- 1. On Thursday, April 21, 2016 Mr. Boonstra attended the Board of Adjustment Determination Hearing for the application at the corner of Morse and Clinton Avenue for the proposed by the United Way of Bergen County to construct a facility for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Zoning Board of Adjustment determined that that use is a permitted use under the Wyckoff Zoning Code and that the application is properly reviewed before the Planning Board.
- 2. Mr. Boonstra thanked the governing body for their support with the hard work that transpired to introduce an ordinance this evening to authorize bonding to purchase a successor fire pumper to be assigned to Sicomac Engine Fire Co. #3 to replace the current thirty-three (33) year old fire pumper.

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Mayor Rooney:

- 1. On April 20 & 21, 2016 Mayor Rooney attended an event at the Christian Health Care Center where the Vista facilities were initiated. Mayor Rooney was pleased to learn that many of the folks that are interested in purchasing those homes are existing Wyckoff residents who wish to remain in Wyckoff but wish to downsize their residences. In speaking with these residents, they describe the many fine features of the Township of Wyckoff including the availability of the Wyckoff Family YMCA, the Township's brand new Wyckoff Free Public Library and the outstanding Wyckoff Parks which accommodate not only active recreation but passive recreation which many seniors enjoy.
- 2. Mayor Rooney participated in a meeting on Friday, April 22, 2016 where Wendy Coffey, Chair of the Municipal Alliance, the Recreation Director and the Administrator. Ms. Coffey is preparing a video which will be utilized for the Recreation Department when parents register their children for recreational programs. The video will address the issue of drugs and further underscore the parental awareness of the heroin epidemic.
- On Wednesday, April 27, 2016 Mayor Rooney, Committeeman Boonstra, Lt. Charlie VanDyk and Lt. Dave Murphy met with the newest police officers where a very positive discussion transpired.
- 4. Also on April 27, 2016 Mayor Rooney attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA's Planning Meeting for Wyckoff Day scheduled for Saturday, June 4, 2016. Wyckoff Day will be a fun day celebrating all things that are Wyckoff.
- 5. At the opening day of the baseball/softball season, Mayor Rooney spoke with John Unglert regarding a question about the dispatch process and from that, Mayor Rooney conducted a meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2016 with members of the police and fire departments at the Dispatch Center in Mahwah. The dispatch leadership is working to address questions that have been raised by Wyckoff and its emergency units relative to the new computer aided dispatch program.
- 6. Mayor Rooney had the honor of attended Troop 28 Silver Award Ceremony at the Wyckoff Free Public Library. Fifteen (15) girls received their Silver Award a very positive event.
- 7. On Monday, May 2, 2016 Mayor Rooney attended a meeting with a local church who is working on a fundraiser to benefit and support the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department and the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
- 8. Today, Mayor Rooney attended the Veterans Recognition Breakfast at the Wyckoff Family YMCA where Committeeman Madigan, Township Attorney Landel and Administrator Shannon also attended. Mayor Rooney commented that this was the fifth year the YMCA has honored veterans in the Northwest Bergen area.

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Administrator Report:

- 1. The Administrator reviewed the 8:00 p.m. Business Agenda which includes anumber of the following additions:
 - a. A resolution to authorize engineering services to perform the \$155,500 New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant to improve a portion of Crescent Avenue.
 - b. Three (3) ordinances are scheduled for introduction this evening.
- 2. The ever popular vegetative waste/branch curbside collection is set to begin on Thursday and Friday of this week and will continue on an every other week schedule through the end of October. This information has been provided on the Township's social media sites and website. A special stand-alone e-mail blast will be issued tomorrow.
- 3. A policy action item discussion has continued for the theme for the 2017 Municipal Calendar. The Township's In House Project Team should soon begin on this process the staff has recommended a pictorial theme for 2017 entitled "Aerial Views of Wyckoff." The past four (4) municipal calendar themes have been "heavy content" and it is recommended that a pictorial calendar may be appropriate. The Administrator provided the list of calendar themes since 1984. Committeeman Madigan asked about other potential themes. Mr. Shannon advised that additional themes suggested were volunteerism in Wyckoff and community spirit in Wyckoff. However, those themes have been utilized in the past. Mr. Madigan suggested modifying the theme to "Views of Wyckoff" not necessarily aerial views of Wyckoff. A discussion resulted and Mayor Rooney asked the governing body members to finalize their decision at the next business meeting.

Township Attorney Report:

- 1. Mr. Landel reported that the agreement with Toll Brothers relative to the sewer extension has been signed and completed. The requirement for the receipt of the payment to the Township has begun.
- 2. Mr. Landel recognized Joyce Santimauro for her diligent work related to the many OPRA requests recently received and the limited timeframe a Clerk is mandated to respond to these OPRA requests.
- 3. Mr. Landel will next focus on the COAH Litigation and will attempt to schedule a meeting with the Township Planner and the Court Appointed Master Planner in an effort reach a resolution to the developer challenges to the town's affordable housing plan.
- 4. The tree ordinance remains circulated.
- 5. On Sunday, May 7, 2016 Mr. Landel attended the Lacrosse Program at the new Pulis Artificial Turf Soccer Field and described the playing surface as surprisingly safe after the numerous rain events. Mayor Rooney thanked Mr. Landel for his comments and observations and indicated that the current rain has delayed the playground installation but the project is moving forward.

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Committeeman Boonstra congratulated and recognized Mayor Rooney for his plans to lead the 40th Legislative District.

Committeeman Madigan asked Committeeman Carolan if additional information regarding his report on the police visits to the schools would become available. Mr. Carolan will provide information

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.	
Kevin J. Rooney Mayor	Joyce C. Santimauro Municipal Clerk