

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 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 Carolan, seconded by Committeeman Scanlan.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Township Committee Reports:

Thomas Madigan

1. Mr. Madigan and Committeeman Boonstra will meet tomorrow with the Zabriskie House Trustees to review their upcoming activities and fundraising plans.
2. The Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional High School Board of Education is working on the completion of their operating budget for 2016. The average homeowner will realize a \$177 tax decrease due to the implementation of the revaluation last year. Also, the school district is a regional district consisting of Wyckoff, Franklin Lakes and Oakland.
3. Mr. Madigan is pleased to see a resolution on the Agenda this evening to promote Wyckoff as a "Stigma Free Zone." Mr. Madigan has just returned from a Ganley Foundation Fundraiser, a foundation named after a young man from Wyckoff who passed away due to suicide. This foundation works with young individuals to combat depression. Comments will be provided later in the meeting.

Brian Scanlan:

1. On Thursday, April 14, 2016 the Wyckoff Board of Health conducted its April Meeting where two (2) representatives from the Ridgewood Water Company attended and provided information regarding the water quality of Ridgewood Water. Present were David Scheibner, Ridgewood Village Water Business Manager and Jose Martinez, Water Treatment Manager.

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Mr. Scanlan noted that recently Ridgewood Water participated in an open public forum in the Borough of Glen Rock and suggested to Committeeman Madigan, the Township Committee Liaison to the Environmental Commission, that the Board of Health and the Environmental Commission could possibly “team up” and conduct a similar open forum with Ridgewood Water in Wyckoff. Mr. Scanlan noted that a forum would allow the public to have an opportunity to hear the Ridgewood Water presentation. Three (3) members of the Environmental Commission attended this Board of Health Meeting also.

2. Mr. Scanlan reported that both he and Mrs. Scanlan attended the Oasis Fundraiser on Friday, April 15, 2016. This is an annual fundraiser and many Wyckoff residents support Oasis.
3. Mr. Scanlan participated in the Annual Team Up to Tidy Up Event on Saturday, April 16, 2016 and volunteered at the annual “Shredfest” at the Recycling Center on April 16th as well. Both events were very successful and pleasant weather prevailed.
4. On Monday, April 18, 2016 the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board conducted its monthly meeting where it considered a revised “Code of Conduct” protocol and reviewed the Coach and Parental Sportsmanship Pledge. Input was gathered from the board members to be considered. Mr. Scanlan, Mr. Wingfield and the Administrator have been working on the re-write of this information and once appropriately vetted will be submitted to the governing body for approval.
5. Mr. Scanlan reported that Mayor Kevin Rooney will throw out the first pitch on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Wyckoff Community Park as is the tradition to begin the baseball/softball season in Wyckoff.
6. The Wyckoff Recreation Department conducted the annual “Pitch, Hit & Run” event on Saturday, April 16, 2016 where approximately 250 Wyckoff children attended sponsored by the Wyckoff Baseball/Softball Boosters Association.
7. Mr. Scanlan received two (2) resident complaints regarding the impact of the new FCC mandated airplane flight pattern which has established flying routes following Route 17 but more of a direction closer to Wyckoff.

John Carolan:

1. On Tuesday, April 12, 2016 Mr. Carolan attended a Shade Tree Commission Meeting where business was discussed and outstanding work is being monitored. The Shade Tree Commission is prepared for the Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pulis Field Recreational Complex. With regard to a request from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, the Shade Tree Commission will participate in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture Program or it will place one (1) trap on a tree in the Wyckoff Community Park to combat the Emerald Ash Beetle.
2. Mr. Carolan has been in contact with the Public Works Manager and progress continues at the Pulis Field Recreation Complex. The concession stand is on schedule to be completed in May.

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3. The Annual Curbside Leaf Collection was completed – two (2) full rounds of curbside leaf collection were performed. Information pertaining to this program was placed in the Spring Newsletter and posted on the Township's social media accounts thereby allowing all residents to participate in this popular service.
4. Mr. Carolan also attended the Team Up to Tidy Up Event and volunteered at the "Shredfest" event and described both programs as well attended and popular activities.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Last Wednesday, April 13, 2016 Mr. Boonstra and Mayor Rooney attended the April Planning Board Meeting. At this meeting, an application for a major subdivision at the corner of Yale Avenue and Albright Street was reviewed. A major subdivision was denied, however, a minor subdivision was approved. The significance of this decision is that the Planning Board rejected a motion of creating a vacant zoning deficient lot. Also listed on the Agenda was a fence application for a home with two (2) front yards on Wyckoff Avenue near Pinewood Drive.
2. Mr. Boonstra advised that as usual in the Spring, the Zoning Board of Adjustment's Agenda is becoming rather full. Currently, eight (8) applications are scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016.
3. Mr. Boonstra reported to the governing body that the work required to arrive at a consensus for the purchase of a fire pumper to replace the current thirty-three (33) year old fire pumper, #236 at Sicomac Engine Company #3 is complete. Mr. Boonstra thanked the Budget Committee, Committeeman Carolan, the Fire Truck Committee including Fire Chief Graglia, Joseph Vander Plaat and Bruce Peters. The effort of approximately four (4) months began with a \$630,000 fire pumper which due to hard work and "thinking outside the box" was able to be decreased to approximately \$575,000. Mr. Boonstra also thanked the members of Volunteer Fire Company #3 who performed private fundraising and contributed funds towards the purchase of the fire truck. Mayor Rooney advised that the last fire truck purchased several years ago cost \$585,000. Originally, that vehicle was \$645,000 without a trade-in value. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Boonstra for his hard work.

Mayor Rooney:

1. On Saturday, April 9, 2016 Mayor Rooney the Northwest Bergen Mayors Association Meeting was conducted in Wyckoff. Of the thirteen (13) Northwest Bergen Municipalities, nine (9) attended. The focus of the discussion centered on grant opportunities specifically, grants that are intended to address stigma free issues, combating depression and alcoholism and drug addiction. Township Administrator Shannon was present and a grant company was interviewed regarding a potential federal grant of \$625,000 received over five (5) years. Efforts will continue to secure this and other similar grants. The Township Committee approved.
2. Mayor Rooney reported that on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 he attended the Mayor's Wellness Challenge in Franklin Lakes. This was a regional effort encompassing Wyckoff, Oakland and Franklin Lakes. Committeeman Scanlan is participating in the Wellness Challenge Event which resulted in

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150 attendees present. This is a ten (10) week challenge. Mayor Rooney thanked Wendy Coffey and local businesses such as the Wyckoff Family YMCA and CoCo Fitness for participating.

3. Mayor Rooney made comment on the April 13, 2016 Planning Board Meeting that he attended with Committeeman Boonstra. Additional information was provided concerning the application at the corner of Yale Avenue and Albright Street. The Planning Board chose not to create a zoning deficient lot and suggested property owners could annex additional land as opposed to creating a second deficient lot.
4. On Thursday, April 14, 2016 Mayor Rooney met with the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department, the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp. and a local church for the purpose of discussing a fundraiser. The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department will be raising funds for additional extra enhancements they desire on the new fire pumper.
5. Mayor Rooney attended the Team Up to Tidy Up Event on Saturday, April 16, 2016 and also volunteered at the “Shredfest” at the Recycling Center. Also on April 16th, the Wyckoff Free Public Library sponsored a “Relay for Life” where students from Indian Hills High School prepared healthy meals to raise funds for cancer research.
6. This past weekend, as a fundraiser for the Wyckoff Parks and Recreation Foundation, Mayor Rooney cooked for fourteen (14) residents at Aldo’s and described the event as very enjoyable and productive which raised funds for the enhancement of recreational facilities in Wyckoff for our kids.
7. Today, Mayor Rooney attended a meeting at the Christian Health Care Center regarding the Vista Project where work is anticipated to begin sometime in July.
8. Mayor Rooney and Committeeman Carolan have been monitoring the work progress at the Pulis Field Recreation Complex. The DPW has poured the front concrete pads for the open air pavilion and the LED energy efficient lightbulb fixtures required for the parking lot lighting are on backorder. The playground materials were delivered today and the installation of the playground materials by an approved playground installer is scheduled for the week of May 1st. Trees donated by local landscapers are scheduled for planting at the Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 30, 2016. It is hoped that these trees will provide the much needed shade for all patrons visiting the complex.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator advised that relative to the 8:00 p.m. Agenda several additions that were not completed by Friday are suggested:
 - a.) the revised “Stigma Fee” resolution prepared and recommended by the Wyckoff Board of Health.
 - b.) a resolution to enter into Closed Session discussion this evening regarding personnel. A rice notice was sent and acknowledged by Chief Fox.
 - c.) a resolution to purchase a sixth police car camera from State contract pricing.
2. A recommendation has been received from the Township’s Consulting Engineer that the site improvements at the Deep Brook Road residential subdivision are complete. The last step is for the Township to accept the

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public roadway by ordinance. The Township Attorney was instructed to prepare a draft ordinance in this regard for the next meeting.

3. The Administrator discussed the memo which resulted from a meeting he and Scott Fisher had with representatives from the Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority regarding potential sewerage. The Township Committee did not see a need to fund engineering services at this time. Any questions, please contact the Administrator.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel reported that with regard to the sewer agreement with Toll Brothers concerning the golf course in adjacent Franklin Lakes, a communication was received that Franklin Lakes will cooperate with Wyckoff if a situation arises of non-payment of sewer service charges. Franklin Lakes advised they will participate with Wyckoff in the collection of any delinquent charges. However, Franklin Lakes made a notation that they desire to be reimbursed for any of their costs that may occur in such a situation. Since those costs are unknown, Mr. Landel reviewed such a scenario thoroughly and after discussion with the Chief Financial Officer and the Administrator was able to obtain Toll Brothers agreement that in such a situation Toll Brothers and/or the successor condominium homeowner's association would reimburse the Township for any of Franklin Lakes costs to collect unpaid sewer fees. That commitment from Toll Brothers or its successor has been memorialized in an additional agreement. Mr. Landel requested governing body approval and authorization for the Municipal Clerk and the Mayor to sign the agreement.
Mayor Rooney indicated that he was approached at the Wellness Challenge event by the Franklin Lakes Mayor in this regard and suggested that Mr. Landel supervise same appropriately. The Township Committee authorized completion of the agreement in this regard.
2. Mr. Landel advised that although he cannot discuss in detail due to pending litigation, he requested an additional \$2,000 to be contributed to the consortium of municipalities which are performing a shared service to utilize the same consultant regarding the New Jersey Supreme Court Decision regarding affordable housing. As way of summary, the New Jersey Supreme Court has taken responsibility for compliance plans out of the responsibility of the Council on Affordable Housing and has assigned such responsibility to a Superior Court Judge in each of the twenty-one (21) counties. Mayor Rooney asked if this additional contribution would suffice through the end of the process as it relates to the completion of the reports that benefit all municipalities by establishing more realistic housing quotas than the NJ Builders Association's expert's quotas. Mr. Landel replied that it would suffice. Therefore, the Township Committee approved this expenditure.

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk

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