

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, Rudolf E. Boonstra and John A. Carolan

Also Present: Township Attorney Robert Landel and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Absent: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr. and Township Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan

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 Boonstra.

1. Stanley Goodman, 691 Birchwood Drive came forward and asked whether the governing body will discuss the proposed Sicomac Avenue/Cedar Hill Avenue signalization project. Mayor Rooney responded to Mr. Goodman that there has been no additional information received from the County at this time.

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

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

Township Committee Reports:

Mayor Rooney:

1. Mayor Rooney attended the Ridgewood Water Litigation Trial today in Bergen County Superior Court which lasted approximately seven (7) hours. Representatives from the three (3) municipalities (Glen Rock, Midland Park & Wyckoff) were present at the hearing. One (1) witness testified and will return to the stand tomorrow. The Defense will then cross-examine the first witness before the second witness takes the stand. Unfortunately, the presiding judge will not be available until Monday, November 14, 2016. Mayor Rooney advised that the litigation process may take in excess of one (1) month prior to any resolution.
2. With regard to the Ridgewood Water litigation, the former Director of Ridgewood Water, Frank Moritz testified today and will give testimony regarding Ridgewood Water's reasons for charging budget operation expenses to the water rate payers of Wyckoff, Midland Park and Glen Rock.
3. On Wednesday, October 26, 2016 Mayor Rooney attended the American Automobile Association Award Luncheon at the Brownstone Restaurant. The Township of Wyckoff was recognized with the Award of Excellence

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that will be presented to the Wyckoff Police Department at the public business meeting.

4. Mayor Rooney received an e-mail today from a resident concerning his father-in-law, Kenneth Lockhart who recently passed. Staff Sgt. Kenneth Lockhart, a WWII POW and Purple Heart Recipient, was shot down in a bombing mission over Germany. Mr. Lockhart went on to live a wonderful life, working for the Campbell Soup Company for thirty-eight (38) years, retiring in Wyckoff. Mr. Serrat wished to extend an invitation to receive friends at an event at Vander Plaats Funeral Home on Friday, November 4, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Boonstra made comment that in 2013 Mr. Lockhart celebrated his 90th birthday and as mayor at that time, Mr. Boonstra was asked by the family to say a few words in honor of Mr. Lockhart.
5. The Tree Ordinance meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2016. Committeeman Carolan, Shade Tree Commission, Building Department and the Township Engineer are expected to attend.

John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan attended the Wyckoff Board of Education Meeting last week where the PARK Test results for grades 3 thru 8 were discussed. The results indicated that better than positive scores were achieved than from 2015.
2. The Wyckoff Board of Education released their audit results – nothing out of balance. Currently, 2,086 students are enrolled in the Wyckoff K-8 school system.
3. Significant projects have recently been completed by the DPW specifically, the resurfacing of the roller hockey rink and basketball courts and the Charles Avenue street connection. The DPW crews are also “gearing up” the snow plows for the impending snow events. Currently, the DPW Leaf Crews are in the throes of the 2016 Leaf Collection season working diligently in each district. Mayor Rooney confirmed the completion of the sandbox at the Pulis Field Recreation Complex and the execution of the new nine (9) year DPW Contract authorized at the public business meeting last week.

Thomas Madigan:

1. The Environmental Commission met two (2) weeks ago at the Wyckoff Public Library where members of the commission viewed the Smithsonian Exhibit “Exploring Human Origins” Exhibit prior to the meeting. The meeting was conducted thereafter. Mr. Madigan thanked the Wyckoff Library for hosting the meeting.
2. Mr. Madigan congratulated members of the Green Team and the Environmental Commission for achieving the Sustainable New Jersey Silver Award. Extensive work was performed to attain this significant award for Wyckoff. A special thank you to Bob Shannon, who was instrumental in the preparation of this application. The presentation of the Silver Award will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

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Rudy Boonstra:

1. The recent Planning Board Meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2016 heard testimony regarding the four (4) lot subdivision application on the corner of Smith Place and Frederick Court. There will be several special meetings with regard to this subdivision scheduled in the near future.
2. Rescue Truck #242 is out of town for repairs. Neighboring municipalities have been notified in case there is a need for a rescue apparatus.
3. The Zabriskie House Trustees will conduct a tour of this historic home on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from noon to 3:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
4. Mr. Boonstra also attended the Wyckoff K-8 Board of Education Meeting with Committeeman Madigan. He found the meeting to be an informative experience.
5. Mr. Boonstra informed the governing body that Mayor Rooney attended the Centenarian Celebration at the Christian Health Care Center on Friday, October 21, 2016. However, a lifelong resident of Wyckoff since 1938, Hilda Mann is celebrating her 100th birthday today. Ms. Mann still resides at her family home on Overlook Drive. Happy Birthday!!

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel provided a status report regarding the sanitary sewer extension project for the Toll Brothers housing development in Franklin Lakes. Due to the incorporation of affordable housing units at this location, the Township had no alternative but to approve this sewer extension project. Mr. Landel commended the Township Committee for their negotiation strategy by acquiring a check in excess of \$750,000 for administrative/connection fees. Committeeman Boonstra thanked Mr. Landel for his conscientious efforts and thorough preparation in this regard. Mayor Rooney emphasized that this accomplishment was a major team effort.
2. Mr. Landel referenced the lawsuit on the condominium litigation with respect to the COAH requirement. A closed session was requested by the Township Attorney for the business meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016.
3. On a personal note, Mr. Landel sadly announced that Robert Kane, an attorney and member of the Wyckoff Planning Board passed away last month. Mr. Kane was very active in the community; coach in the recreation programs, member of the Lincoln School Dads, etc. He will be truly missed in Wyckoff.

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

Kevin J. Rooney
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
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