

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 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.

There was no public comment.

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

Mayor Rooney advised that the Police Committee has approved a recommendation to appoint Kenneth J. Marcoux, Jr. as a probationary police officer to the Wyckoff Police Department. Mr. Marcoux has completed Police Chief Fox's rigorous application process and all vetting's and appropriate verifications have been performed.

Vote to appoint Kenneth J. Marcoux, Jr. as a Probationary Police Officer:

MOTION: ROONEY SECOND BOONSTRA
BOONSTRA YES CAROLAN YES MADIGAN YES SCANLAN YES
ROONEY YES

Previously, Committeeman Madigan raised the question on how the chairperson of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission is appointed. Mayor Rooney stated that the law that creates environmental commissions was reviewed and the chair is appointed by the Mayor. Mayor Rooney had asked the Environmental Commission to express their preference of the current membership to serve as chairperson. The Wyckoff Environmental Commission has recommended Peter Weiderhold as Chairperson. Therefore, with Mayor Rooney in agreement with this recommendation, Mr. Weiderhold will be the Chairperson of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission for 2016.

Mayor Rooney reported that under the "Motions" section this evening, the Township Committee is waiving the fee for a fire permit at the Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church. Mayor Rooney suggested the same fee be waived for the Faith Community Reformed Church on Sicomac Avenue because of a reciprocal arrangement for the Township to receive free use for the church facilities as a polling location. The Township Committee agreed.

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

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Township Committee Reports:

John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan attended the first K-8 Board of Education Meeting of 2016. He congratulated the new board members and the President Robert Francin. Mr. Carolan complimented the Board of Education for spending the time to explain student learning and teacher profession development initiatives for 2016. Also, on Friday, January 29, 2016 a national organization will visit Eisenhower School to perform an evaluation for the honor of being designated as “A School to Watch.” This is a national/regional honor. Mr. Carolan stated that the enrollment of 2,200 students at Eisenhower School has remained stable for the past several years.
2. The Wyckoff Board of Education discussed their future plans for a one to one initiative for computers and a science technology lab.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. On Wednesday, January 6, 2016 Mr. Boonstra and Committeeman Carolan participated in a tour and review of Fire Company #1 apparatus and then a visit to the Borough of River Edge regarding a new fire apparatus they recently took delivery of a week ago.
2. Mr. Boonstra attended the Wyckoff Free Rabies Prevention Program on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the DPW Garage. Kudos are extended to Joyce Santimauro and her staff for a well-organized event. 214 dogs and 23 cats were vaccinated at the clinic.
3. Mr. Boonstra participated in a full day mediation session on Friday, January 8, 2016 before a court appointed mediator concerning the Ridgewood Water Overcharging Litigation.

Thomas Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan was out of town on Saturday, January 9, 2016 therefore, missed the Free Rabies Prevention Program.
2. Mr. Madigan attended the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional District Board of Education Meeting where Christine Becker was appointed to fulfill his unexpired term as a school board member for the Township of Wyckoff. The Board of Education is preparing for the negotiations for the current teachers’ contract which is expiring on June 30, 2016.

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan attended the seminar on Monday, January 4, 2016 in Town Hall provided by the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund. Each member of the governing body who attended achieved a \$250 discount for the Township on its insurance cost.
2. Mr. Scanlan thanked all involved at the Free Rabies Prevention Program on Saturday, January 9, 2016, the Clerk’s Office, CERT’S and the Wyckoff Board of Health. It was a smooth execution for the two (2) hour event.

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3. At last evening's Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, a discussion encompassed in what capacity could the Township enhance the use of the Russell Farms Community Park. One suggestion was the possible use of a dog park but due to the adjacent residential homes, this idea was not moved forward. However, a playground specifically for smaller children was discussed. Mr. Scanlan will research whether such a use is permitted by the deed restriction imposed by Bergen County.
4. Mr. Scanlan made comment on the communication from West Bergen Mental Health regarding their proposal for services in 2016. The Administrator indicated that prior to the end of 2015, West Bergen Mental Health was advised that a contract will not be automatically extended but a proposal could be forwarded for consideration. Mr. Shannon was requested to obtain clarification on their proposal.

Mayor Rooney:

1. Mayor Rooney thanked all for the smooth execution of the Reorganization Meeting.
2. Mayor Rooney attended the Allendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps. annual dinner as a guest of Mrs. Rooney. Speaking with the members of the Allendale group, Mayor Rooney was informed that their call volume is approximately 40% greater than the call volume for the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
3. Mayor Rooney attended the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund's Elected Official Training Seminar on Monday, January 4, 2016 and earned a \$250 deduction for the Township's insurance program.
4. Last Friday, January 8, 2016 Mayor Rooney, Committeeman Boonstra and Administrator Shannon attended the Mediation Session before Retired Judge Peter Doyne in the Ridgewood Water Rate Overcharging Litigation. Prior to the session, Judge Doyne requested all parties have representation from governing body members. Unfortunately, the Village of Ridgewood did not send a member of their town council to the mediation session as requested.
5. Mayor Rooney attended the Northwest Bergen Mayor's Association Meeting on Saturday, January 9, 2016. One of the major topics discussed was drug awareness and this topic will continue to be discussed at length in 2016. Governor Christie, in his State of the State remarks today, prioritized the heroin and drug addiction problem and measures to combat this epidemic.
6. The Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Mayor Rooney administered the Oath of Office to the new ambulance corps members.
7. Mayor Rooney volunteered at the Annual Free Rabies Prevention Program on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the DPW Garage.
8. A Public Policy Subcommittee Meeting was conducted on Monday, January 11, 2016 with Mayor Rooney, Committeeman Boonstra, Township Attorney Landel and Administrator Shannon. Mayor Rooney commented on the following two (2) items: 1) Mr. Landel is preparing a draft tree ordinance which will be distributed to governing body members for comments and suggestions. 2) The commuter parking at the Wyckoff Community Park – currently, 335 permits have been issued and there is

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no waiting list. At this point, Police Chief Fox has recommended the continuance to issue park and ride permits up to 350 due to the observations conducted in the past several weeks which have indicated a pattern of empty parking spaces. The Township Committee approved to extend the sale of the 2016 Park & Ride Permits to 350. The governing body discussed the current use of the park and ride facility namely the vacant parking spaces but all are confident the facility can accommodate 350 permits.

9. Mayor Rooney attended the Bergen County Mayor's Association Breakfast Meeting this morning with Administrator Shannon. The meeting provided useful and timely information. A representative of Cablevision spoke as well as the Executive Director and Chief Counsel for the New Jersey League of Municipalities. It was mentioned at the meeting that a Dutch company is in the process of purchasing Cablevision.

Report of the Administrator:

1. The 2015 JIF Safety Program has been completed. The meeting minutes have been distributed to the governing body and the Township completed year 2015 without any injuries, accidents or lost work time.
2. The Administrator completed the requirement from JIF to perform a "claims sweep" for public official's liability. A significant effort was required to provide the additional information requested by the insurance carrier. Mr. Shannon thanked Mr. Landel for his expert assistance.
3. The resolutions adopted at the Reorganization Meeting regarding re-establishing mutual aid agreements in 2016 have been issued.
4. An anonymous e-mail was received from the Township's website, "request a service" feature indicating there was a non-functioning link on the recycling page. The Township made the change however, a thank you response to the resident could not be sent.
5. The Administrator provided the governing body with a copy of the assistance rendered to the Zabriskie House Board of Trustees regarding a grant application.
6. A request has been received from a young man, Scott Roman, who will be earning his Eagle Scout from Troop 89. A congratulatory letter will be mailed.
7. The Administrator provided an update to the governing body concerning the many transparency efforts that are performed everyday by the Township Staff. This information was provided as a supplement to the opinion article published in the New Jersey League of Municipalities January Magazine.
8. On Friday, January 8, 2016 the DPW completed the first week of the two (2) week Curbside Christmas Tree Collection Program. 1,297 trees were collected this first week. The second round began today with completion on Friday.
9. With regard to the letter from the resident at 252 Mabel Place in Franklin Lakes who requested the Township "simply" deed over to her the Township owned property known as Block 337.02/Lot 1. The Administrator, as per instruction from the Public Policy Subcommittee, responded in writing that the Township cannot "simply" give property

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away. However, this individual should advise the Township whether she is interested in purchasing the referenced property by submitting a competent appraisal to establish the purchase price.

- 10. After the successful and well attended Free Rabies Prevention Program last Saturday, notice has been posted on Wyckoff's website and social media that residents who were not available to attend the rabies clinic can visit any of the free rabies clinics provided throughout the year from Bergen County Department of Health Services.
- 11. Rockland Electric Company has finished and infrastructure upgrade, storm hardening project on Crescent Avenue between Godwin Avenue and Franklin Avenue.

Township Attorney Report:

- 1. At the Public Policy Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016, Mr. Landel described the draft of the tree ordinance and stated that he recently met with the Township Engineer and Construction Code Official to obtain input regarding tree protection measures during construction and/or building permits. Once that information has been compiled, the draft ordinance will be circulated to governing body members.
- 2. Mr. Landel met with the Township Engineer who provided pertinent information to finalize the revisions on the Toll Brothers Project in Franklin Lakes which contemplates a sewer extension into the Wyckoff Sanitary Sewer System. Once this is completed Toll Brothers will then speak with Franklin Lakes to achieve a tri-party agreement.
- 3. Mayor Rooney asked that the governing body respond back to Mr. Landel regarding any comments on the tree preservation ordinance.

At 8:00 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Open Public Work Session Meeting to conduct the Public Business Meeting.

At 8:30 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Public Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

MOTION: _____ CAROLAN _____ SECOND _____ SCANLAN _____
BOONSTRA YES CAROLAN YES MADIGAN YES SCANLAN YES
ROONEY YES

At 8:30 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Public Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session discussion via Resolution #16-C1.

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At 9:12 p.m. the Township Committee exits the Closed Session discussion and reconvenes the Open Public Work Session Meeting via the following vote:

MOTION: _____ SCANLAN _____ SECOND _____ BOONSTRA _____
BOONSTRA YES CAROLAN YES MADIGAN YES SCANLAN YES
ROONEY YES

The members of the Township Committee wished Mayor Rooney a very Happy Birthday!!

The Open Public Work Session Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Kevin J. Rooney
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk