

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 – 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 Haakon C. Jepsen, Brian D. Scanlan, 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.

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 Jepsen 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.

Discussion with Orange & Rockland Utilities Representative Regarding Their Application Before the NJBPU

The Mayor said that the Township Committee received notification on August 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm of a public meeting that had been scheduled by Orange & Rockland Electric (O&R) for September 9, 2015 in Mahwah with representatives from Bergen County municipalities, the purpose of the meeting is for O&R to discuss O&R's proposed advanced meter installation or smart meter project application to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU). The impetus of the public meeting in Mahwah on September 9th is for O&R to make a presentation and explain their application to the public. The Mayor and Township Committee upon notification of the September 9th O&R meeting in Mahwah scheduled this evening's presentation.

Mayor Rooney asked Mr. Scerbo a representative from Orange & Rockland Election to begin the scheduled presentation.

Mr. Keith Scerbo, Director AMI, Orange & Rockland Electric (O&R) said he was here to speak to the Township Committee about O&R's proposed advanced metering/smart meter installation project in the O&R service area which includes sections of Wyckoff. There was a question and answer discussion between O&R and the Township Committee about: meter upgrade installation, rate changes, and storm solutions & strengthening of the O&R infrastructure, identifying pockets of electrical outages, customer management of usage, circuit upgrades, security of the advanced metering project & privacy policy, notification to residents about meter installation, meter pan inspection & installation, lifecycle of meter & efficiencies.

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The Township Committee voted unanimously to open the meeting for public comment.

Mrs. Susan Winton, 80 Logan Lane. Mrs. Winton said she would like the public to be notified about O&R's proposal so they can comment on the O&R smart meter installation & electromagnetic radiation.

Mr. Timothy Buckman, 430 Meer Avenue. Mr. Buckman was concerned with energy load shedding during the day for HVAC, the privacy policy associated with the smart meter installation and exemptions that may be in place for legal process.

Jim Savage, 448B Bromley Place. Mr. Savage does not endorse the advanced meter installation project proposed by O&R. He said the time of use meter function to shed load electricity will impact senior citizens who are home during the day who will get a higher day time electrical rate. Mr. Savage said that representatives from Spring Meadow Condominiums will attend the September 21, 2015 Township Committee to put statements on the record in opposition to this proposal by O&R.

The Township Committee voted unanimously to close the public portion of the meeting.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kevin J. Rooney
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk