

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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: Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan and Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr.

Mayor Rooney advised that the Finance Committee has reviewed and signed vouchers. He said that there were representatives from the Christian Health Care Center and Boswell McClave Engineering in the audience to discuss signalization of the Cedar Hill Avenue/Sicomac Avenue Intersection.

Cedar Hill Avenue/Sicomac Avenue Intersection Signalization

Mayor Rooney said there would be a discussion this evening about the signalization of the Cedar Hill Avenue/Sicomac Avenue intersection and that he along with Township Attorney Robert Landel and Police Chief David Murphy met with the Bergen County Department of Planning and Engineering relative to the improvement and signalization of the intersection. Mayor Rooney said that this proposed signalization project is an effort to promote safety. A letter dated August 6, 2016 and October 13, 2016 was sent to the Township from Michael Varner, Principal Planner at the Bergen County Department of Planning and Engineering that requests the township to formally state its position, in writing, regarding the improvement and signalization of the Cedar Hill/Sicomac Avenue intersection.

Mr. Peter TenKate, the Township's Consulting Engineer from Boswell/McClave Engineering stepped forward to address the Township Committee. Mr. TenKate said the township received letters from the Police Chief and the County Department of Planning and Engineering both in favor of signalizing the Cedar Hill/Sicomac Avenue intersection. The intersection needs to be signalized and improved with widening and curbing, the intersection currently meets two of the warrants for signalization according to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and the existing volumes of traffic satisfy Warrant 1, Eight-Hour Vehicular Volume and Warrant 2, four-Hour Vehicular Volume, which are the warrants checked to determine if a traffic signal is necessary at an intersection. Mr. TenKate said he is familiar with the history of signalizing the intersection in conjunction with the Christian Health Care (CHCC) Vista application and prior township investigations into signalizing the site.

Mr. Jerry Vogel, Attorney for the Christian Health Care Center Vista application that has been approved by the Wyckoff Zoning Board and is currently before the Bergen County Planning Board addressed the Township Committee. Mr. Vogel gave a history about the Cedar Hill Avenue/Sicomac Avenue intersection and the CHCC Vista application. Mr. Vogel said the CHCC took the position during the Vista application to the Zoning Board that they wanted a new driveway at the intersection of Cedar Hill and Sicomac Avenues that would service the Vista

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development and the CHCC was willing to pay for the installation of a traffic signal and all road improvements at the intersection, but the Wyckoff Zoning Board approval of the CHCC Vista application eliminated the driveway and approved traffic for the Vista development ingress and egress to the CHCC and Vista through the existing driveways of the CHCC complex.

Mr. Vogel expressed concern about the signalization project being discussed this evening at Cedar Hill and Sicomac Avenues in that it might delay the Bergen County Planning Board's decision on the proposed CHCC Vista project. Mr. Vogel said that the CHCC would assist the Township by donating land toward the intersection improvement versus the land being condemned. The land donation would be a contribution to public safety.

Committeeman Madigan said he was not aware of the traffic signalization proposal discussion for this evening and thanked Mr. Vogel for his accurate summary of the CHCC Vista application.

Committeeman Boonstra said he has had concerns about traffic congestion in the shopping center parking lot, perhaps the inability to make a left hand turn out of the parking lot and the cost to the municipality.

Committeeman Carolan questioned the existing egress on the property of the Lukoil Station, the impact of traffic going onto Mountain Avenue due to the proposed traffic signal and the impact of the proposed improvement on the shopping center and its owners.

Mayor Rooney said he would like both the Township Engineer, Mark DiGennaro and the Township's Consulting Engineer to review the current county plan for the Cedar Hill Avenue/Sicomac Avenue signalization project. Mayor Rooney wants to be certain that this project will have a positive impact on the CHCC, Occhi's Lukoil Station, Sicomac Pharmacy, Market Basket and Abbie's Diner. This topic will be discussed again during the Township Committee's November 1, 2016 meeting, afterwards the township will make a formal opinion to the county on the proposed signalization project.

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 Boonstra, seconded by Committeeman Carolan. Affirmative vote.

Stanley Goodman, 691 Birchwood Drive. Mr. Goodman said he attended all Zoning Board hearings relative to the CHCC Vista project along with 80 to 100 other residents. He said there are other residents in town who would be opposed to this proposed Cedar Hill/Sicomac Avenue intersection signalization. He said the intersection as is currently works, even though there are occasional accidents and he is concerned with only being able to make left or right turns when exiting the shopping center.

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

8:10 pm - Committeeman Boonstra made a motion to go into closed session #16-C13; Seconded Committeeman Carolan; affirmative vote.

9:15 pm - Committeeman Boonstra made a motion to go back into the open work session; Seconded Committeeman Carolan; affirmative vote.

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Department of Public Works Contract

Committeeman Boonstra made a motion to approve the Township of Wyckoff and Wyckoff Road Department Employee Association Collective Bargaining Agreement for Years 2017 through 2025; Seconded Committeeman Carolan

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

Township Committee Reports

Committeeman Boonstra said he would report back to the Township Committee after the November Fire Department officers meeting regarding Robert Decker's request to limit or eliminate the township's fire sirens.

Committeeman Carolan reported that a second attendant was hired for the recycling center and the refurbishing of the hockey and basketball courts are complete.

9:31 pm - Committeeman Boonstra made a motion to adjourn the open work session; Seconded Committeeman Carolan; affirmative vote.

Kevin J. Rooney, Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk