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48 HOUR NOTICE**

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FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Joyce C. Santimauro
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Mayor Rudolf E. Boonstra opened the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor municipal court room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the 48 Hour Notice statement: "The purpose of this Notice is to comply with the Open Public Meetings Act and advise the public that the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff shall cancel its Tuesday, September 19, 2017 regularly scheduled 7:30 p.m. Work Session Meeting and the 8:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting. In its place the Township Committee shall conduct its 7:30 p.m. Work Session Meeting and the 8:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017. The meetings are conducted in the second floor Court Room in Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481.

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Present: Mayor Rudolf E. Boonstra, Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan, Brian D. Scanlan, John A. Carolan and Timothy E. Shanley

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

Absent: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr.

Mayor Boonstra opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period, two (2) minutes per speaker for public comment on any governmental

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issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff. The Mayor also announced that there would be another opportunity for the public to place comments on the record during the 8:00 pm Regular Business Meeting; a motion was made by Committeeman Scanlan, seconded by Committeeman Carolan.

1. Vincent Tortorelli, 39 Princeton Avenue requested an update with regard to the petition that was presented to the governing body to look into alternative methods of selecting Wyckoff's mayor. Mayor Boonstra responded that he would make a statement with regard to subcommittee appointments, as requested in the petition, regarding selecting a mayor and that the Township Committee would act on this item. This discussion will be conducted at the public business meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Township Committee Reports:

Tim Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley attended the Parks and Recreation "Beach Party" Fundraiser on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10 Neelen Drive. The fundraiser was very well attended and it was a successful fundraiser.
2. The 911 Memorial Service was conducted on Monday, September 11, 2017 at Fire Company #1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Shanley described the service as well attended and a moving tribute to the victims lost on September 11th 16 years ago.
3. Mr. Shanley attended the rather lengthy (11:45 p.m.) Zoning Board Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Numerous applications were presented, a lot of neighbors voiced their opinions on the applications and the board discussed the applications in detail.

Tom Madigan:

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1. The opening day for the Ramapo/Indian Hills High School students was Thursday, September 7, 2017 everything went smoothly and the students are glad to be back in school.
2. Also on Thursday, September 7, 2017 Mr. Madigan joined the festivities at the Wyckoff Family YMCA for the Annual Fire Company #1 "Beach Night" Fundraiser. It was a well-attended event and he wishes the Volunteer Fire Department his best with their fund raising efforts.
3. Mr. Madigan also attended the 911 Memorial Service at Fire Company #1 and described the service as a fitting and solemn memorial to all who lost their lives on 911. The service not only gave us a reason to remember our losses, but it reminded us never to forget.
4. Mr. Madigan attended the Planning Board Meeting, conducted on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. All items on the Planning Board agenda were carried to the October 11, 2017 Planning Board meeting.
5. The Environmental Committee Meeting is being conducted this evening. Mr. Madigan anticipates attending after the conclusion of the Township Committee public business meeting.
6. Mr. Madigan reminded everyone that the Shred Fest will be held on October 7th at the DPW building on 475 West Main Street from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan attended the Library Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 and advised that the multitude of Summer programs offered to both children and adults were attended by thousands of residents.
2. Also on September 6, 2017, Mr. Scanlan met with the Township Engineer, Mark DiGennaro, to review the plans for the Ridgewood Water Improvement Project at their facility on Lafayette Avenue. A number of residents have security concerns, specifically, the height and location of the fence. Significant screening will be planted, which includes additional arborvitae plants. Mr. Scanlan and the Township Engineer have reviewed this landscape plan in addition to approved Planning Board plan.

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3. Mr. Scanlan concurred that the Annual Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department "Beach Party" Fundraiser was a well-attended successful event.
4. The Wyckoff Parks and Recreation Fundraiser at the Schnorrbusch residence was remarkably well organized from the food service to the beach decorations.
5. Mr. Scanlan attended the Fire Company #2 Picnic where he had the opportunity watch the "matured" firemen play the young firefighters in a horse shoe match, which is a lost art.
6. Mr. Scanlan commented that the 911 Memorial Service was a very moving ceremony.
7. At the Board of Health Meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2017 it was to continue its policy to advertise the restaurants receiving "conditional" inspections. Mr. Scanlan said that a local restaurant owner complained about the advertisement listing "conditional" inspections. The listing on NorthJersey.com where conditional inspections are advertised are then deleted when the specific condition has been rectified. The Board of Health felt that this posting served as an incentive to ensure that restaurants would pass any and all future inspections.
8. The Wyckoff Recreation Advisory Board is conducting its meeting this evening. Mr. Scanlan met with the Recreation Director to discuss the recent developments concerning the movement of the Fun Run to the Spring and the Team Up to Tidy Up Event to the second Saturday in April. Mr. Wingfield was concerned that the two (2) best weekends for baseball play are now occupied. Also, earlier in the month, there is a conflict with school holidays. A discussion ensued with governing body members to determine the best course of action for any future event scheduling changes.
9. Prior to this evening's meeting, Mr. Scanlan had the opportunity to meet with Phil Murphy, one of the Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates for Governor. Mr. Scanlan expressed the Township's interest in maintaining the 2% arbitration awards. At this time, Mr. Murphy is non-committal.
10. Mr. Scanlan asked the Clerk to put on the record that there is no reporter in the audience this evening.

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John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan also attended the 911 Memorial Service and said it was both a moving and well attended event and that he noted an increase in resident attendance.
2. It was a great day for the Fire Company #2 Picnic on Saturday, September 9, 2017 where Stacey & Chris Joachim won the horse shoe championship.
3. Mr. Carolan was pleased to report that all 400 park & ride permits for 2017 have been sold.
4. As way of reminder, the final Rose Garden Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2017. Mr. Carolan said all sessions have been very informative.
5. Mr. Carolan will attend an after action report meeting on the fireworks tomorrow evening. Thanks to the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department, the Police Department, the Ambulance Corp and the DPW for their time and effort. Mr. Carolan did also note the additional security at the fireworks this year. Everyone did a very good job!

Mayor Boonstra:

1. Mayor Boonstra attended the Fire Company #1 fundraiser at the Wyckoff Family YMCA on Thursday, September 7, 2017. It was a well-attended, outstanding and well organized event.
2. The Picnic at Fire Company #2 on Saturday, September 9, 2017 was very enjoyable.
3. On Saturday afternoon, September 9, 2017 Mayor Boonstra attended the Wyckoff Parks and Recreation Foundation "Beach Party" Barbeque. The food was amazing and so organized which raised a significant amount of money.
4. Mayor Boonstra attended the 911 Memorial Service at Fire Company #1 which was a very good service that was very well attended.

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5. Thanks to the efforts of Glen Sietsma, Shade Tree Commission and Mark DiGennaro, Township Engineer, who performed a final inspection on the subdivision on Smith Place prior to any tree removal; they determined trees on that property were improperly marked for removal were not removed.
6. Under Motion Item IIc of this evening's Consent Agenda, a request was submitted to appoint a subcommittee of two (2) non-partisan Township Committee members to look into the lawful alternatives available to allow the voters of Wyckoff a voice regarding the selection of Wyckoff's Mayor, including direct election by the voters of Wyckoff. The governing body discussed this at length and has now made a decision in lieu of waiting until a future date to select two (2) members for the subcommittee; Committeeman Thomas Madigan, elected as an undeclared independent candidate and Committeeman Brian Scanlan as the lone democrat elected to the Township Committee. Mayor Boonstra asked the Clerk to add the subcommittee names of Committeeman Brian Scanlan and Committeeman Thomas Madigan to the agenda in the motion section with reference to the subcommittee appointment.

Mr. Madigan commented that it was clear that many residents were interested in a subcommittee to look into the Township Committee Mayor selection process. Clearly there was also some confusion. Wyckoff has a tradition and is acknowledged for being a town well run. I am willing to participate in the subcommittee and report back to the full Township Committee by the end of the year. I pledge to be focused, open minded and report back in a non-partisan manner.

7. Mayor Boonstra discussed the deplorable condition of the infield on Route 208 South at the exit ramp to Russell Avenue. The State is performing a dredging operation further south on Route 208 and are depositing the silt in the infield area. The Bergen County Board of Health has been contacted in this regard but to date, no response.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel received comments from Planner McKenzie on the two (2) ordinances concerning affordable housing. The required revisions to these ordinances will be forthcoming. Mr. Landel also reported that the United Way project should be commencing shortly. Mayor Boonstra thanked Mr. Landel for his work on these projects.

Thomas Garlick, Esq. Report:

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Mr. Garlick reported that on September 5, 2017, he spoke with Chris Kelleher, Esq. from McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, the law firm that has been appointed the in-state representative to manage the care and maintenance of the property located at 240 Demarest Avenue, which is currently the subject of foreclosure litigation. Mr. Kelleher contacted me after receiving our letter dated August 17, 2017 (30-Day Notice to Cure) to discuss the Township's maintenance concerns and specifically address the property's freshwater wetlands protective status. I advised Mr. Kelleher that apart from general upkeep and maintenance of the property during the foreclosure proceeding, the Township wants assurance that such maintenance will not affect the freshwater wetlands on and surrounding the property. I informed Mr. Kelleher that the last time a maintenance crew was present at the property, they improperly left behind personal garbage and vegetative refuse strewn about the property. Mr. Kelleher confirmed that his office, along with a third party, Rushmore Loan Management Services, were establishing a plan for general upkeep and maintenance and would be mindful of the freshwater wetlands.

Our 30-Day Notice to Cure letter was received by McCabe, Weisberg & Conway on August 21, 2017 according to USPS tracking information. Accordingly, the violations in our Notice must be abated by September 20, 2017.

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

Rudolf E. Boonstra
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk