

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brian D. Scanlan opened the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:00 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 Brian D. Scanlan, Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan, Rudolf E. Boonstra, Timothy E. Shanley and Melissa D. Rubenstein

Also Present: Township Attorney Robert Landel, Thomas Garlick, Esq. and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Absent: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon

Mayor Scanlan reviewed the items on the Agenda to be discussed this evening.

1. The issues at hand with regard to the Memorial Day Parade specifically, serving beer after the parade at Fire Co. #1 and the approval of an air cannon/simulated firing vehicle after the parade.
2. The proclamation to be presented to Dylan Hartigan for his performance on "The Voice."
3. A discussion concerning the request from a young resident to place a temporary book depository on her residential front lawn.
4. The fire department's request to approve the shared service agreement for the purchase of fire boats from Bergen County.
5. The use of the Township's E-blast for the Relay for Life at Eisenhower School on Friday, May 4, 2018.
6. The design review of several concepts for the signage at the Ben Landel Memorial Field.

Mayor Scanlan opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period, two (2) minutes per speaker for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff, with a motion from Committeeman Shanley, seconded by Committeeman Madigan.

1. Connie Piccirillo, 532 Miller Road stated she was speaking on behalf of her five (5) year old daughter to request approval of the temporary book depository already placed on their front lawn. Ms. Piccirillo had contacted the Building Department and was informed the structure was not permitted without Township zoning approval. The governing body viewed pictures of the structure and asked Ms. Piccirillo a number of questions before making a determination. The Zoning Enforcement Officer will review the documentation presented and reach a decision based on the municipal zoning code.
2. Timothy Buchman, 430 Meer Avenue wished to comment on information he read with regard to the zoning "aspect" of this structure. The definition of a structure is extremely "loose" and it is not necessary for a

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structure to have a foundation in Wyckoff. Mr. Buchman stated that a structure is prohibited fifteen (15) feet from the property line.

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

Policy Action Items:

1. Mayor Scanlan discussed the request from Principal Iasiello from Eisenhower School to utilize the Township’s E-blast for their “Relay for Life” Food Truck Fundraiser on Friday, May 4, 2018. Administrator Shannon reviewed this request comparing it to the Township’s policy and recommended the governing body do not promote or approve the request. A discussion ensued with the emphasis to concur with the Administrator’s recommendation and deny the request. Ms. Santimauro will inform the Principal in this regard.

2. The Township Committee considered the request for the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department to enter into a shared service agreement with Bergen County for the storage and/or use of a fire boat to be housed at Fire Company #1. One of the advantages of acquiring the boats would be the training opportunity by the County of Bergen at no expense to members of the fire department. Committeeman Boonstra also made mention that there are numerous bodies of water located in Wyckoff to utilize as “drill” sites for training. Fire Chief Brock has recommended the approval of this shared service agreement. After further discussion and consideration the governing body determined to meet with Fire Chief Brock at the next meeting. The Township Attorney was asked to contact the County for clarification with the language of the contract agreement.

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

Township Committee Reports:

Timothy Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley is working with the Recreation Director to determine the placement of the recently designed recognition sign/banner for the Ben Landel Memorial Field. The conceptual designs are presented for viewing and consideration this evening. One of the display areas discussed is located near the fence behind the soccer goal. The proposed date to unveil the signage is Saturday, June 16, 2018. All governing body members voted unanimously to approve the sign and expenditure.

At 7:57 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Meeting to conduct the Public Business Meeting.

At 9:10 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND RUBENSTEIN
BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES
SCANLAN YES SHANLEY YES

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Melissa Rubenstein:

1. Ms. Rubenstein attended the Wyckoff Board of Education K-8 Meeting where the 2018 School Budget was reviewed. The total budget for 2018 is \$40 million dollars with three quarters of said amount is personnel related costs. The average tax increase per household is approximately \$87.00.
The Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional High School District budget for 2018 is \$49 million dollars. Committeeman Madigan inquired as to the student population whether it has increased or decreased for 2018. Ms. Rubenstein replied that the elementary schools (K-5) are increasing their enrollment but has not received any feedback from the high schools.
2. The Wyckoff Board of Health did not meet last month but will conduct their meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018.
3. The next Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor conference room.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra attended the Wyckoff Education Foundation (WEF) Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser on Saturday, April 21, 2018.
2. A Police Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2018 discussed two (2) students from the Eastern Christian Middle School went missing from classes on Monday, April 16, 2018. Both girls were found safely early the next morning.
3. On Thursday, April 18, 2018, Wyckoff Police encountered a “barricade” situation of a resident of Martom Road. With the assistance of the Bergen County SWAT Team, the resident was subdued and transported for evaluation.
4. Numerous events (Team Up to Tidy Up, Personal Paper Shredding, Arbor Day Celebration, Annual History Day and the First Pitch for the 2018 Baseball/Softball Season) were conducted on “Super” Saturday, April 28, 2018. Mayor Scanlan tossed out the first pitch at Wyckoff Community Park and threw two (2) strikes across home plate (one with a baseball, one with a softball).
5. Several e-mails were received from the Bergen County Road Department to advise the governing body that restoration of the county roads (damage incurred to county roads by winter storms) would begin on Monday, April 23, 2018. No one from the Bergen County Road Department started any road work that entire week. Then on Friday, April 27, 2018 a county crew was seen repairing potholes on Sicomac Avenue. Mr. Boonstra intercepted this crew and inquired when they would begin storm restoration. The supervisor responded that a crew would begin work the next day, which was Saturday. Mr. Boonstra questioned the weekend start date but again, he was told the work would commence on Saturday. No crews were present on that Saturday in Wyckoff and thus far, there has been no restoration work performed by the Bergen County Road Department. Mayor Scanlan advised he will be in contact with the Bergen County Executive in the regard.
6. The DPW has completed the Special Storm Debris Curbside Branch Collection on time on April 21, 2018. Over 200 roll-off dumpsters of branch material were collected for chipping.

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7. Mr. Boonstra and Mayor Scanlan attended the 7th Annual Breakfast and Program for Veterans at the Wyckoff Family YMCA on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. The Keynote Speaker, E.J. Foley III, 1stLt., USMC (Ret.) delivered a wonderful speech.
8. Both Mr. Boonstra and Committeeman Madigan visited the three (3) fire companies on the previous two (2) Mondays to “muster” additional support for the Annual Fire Department Golf Outing Fundraiser.
9. The Township Committee determined to approve a second round of leaf collection beginning on Monday, May 7, 2018.

Thomas Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan also attended the Wyckoff Education Foundation 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, April 21, 2018.
2. The Team Up to Tidy Up Event on Saturday, April 28, 2018 was well attended by a very large and enthusiastic crowd.
3. The Personal Paper Shredfest was so well attended that the line for depositing documents extended to Wyckoff Avenue.
4. The First Pitch to begin the 2018 Baseball/Softball Season took place on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Mr. Madigan suggested that the governing body consider creating a banner contest to engage more participation on this opening day program.
5. Mr. Madigan attended an Eagle Scout Induction Ceremony on Sunday, April 29, 2018 for Will Rice.

Timothy Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley was out of town this weekend participating in a Cub Scout event with his son at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco in Hardwick, New Jersey.
2. The Shade Tree Commission conducted their meeting this evening and announced that four (4) Maple Trees were planted on Arbor Day, April 28, 2018 at the Wyckoff Community Park (WCP). Kudos to Scott Fisher and the DPW Staff who superbly completed the project to beautify the Wyckoff Community Park for the Arbor Day Ceremony as well as preparing the ballfields for the opening day of the baseball/softball season. The trees were removed from the Russell Farms Community Park Tree Farm and replanted at the Wyckoff Community Park.
3. Mr. Shanley attended the Board of Adjustment Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The Christian Health Care Center (CHCC) has submitted a revision to their site plan approval after the County of Bergen required the CHCC to modify their entrance way for a traffic signal at the intersection of Sicomac Avenue and Cedar Hill Avenue. Both roads are county roads.
4. Mr. Shanley and the Administrator met with Rich Calbi, Director of Ridgewood Water and representatives from Midland Park and Glen Rock on Friday, April 27, 2018 to discuss the 2018 water rates.
5. Mr. Shanley and Mayor Scanlan will meet with representatives of Orange and Rockland Utilities on Monday, May 14, 2018.

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Mayor Scanlan:

1. Mayor Scanlan noted there was no reporter in attendance this evening.
2. On Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Mayor Scanlan, Committeeman Boonstra, Bob Shannon, Scott Fisher met with Mr. Fitzpatrick at the corner of Ravine and Lafayette Avenues. The meeting was very productive in terms of proposed safety improvements to the intersection. Currently, there is no pedestrian access at that location.
3. The Library Board met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 to discuss routine business.
4. On Friday, April 20, 2018 there was a student demonstration conducted after school at Indian Hills High School Oakland for common sense gun laws. Mayor Scanlan had the opportunity to speak at the demonstration when he mentioned the Township of Wyckoff adopted a resolution opposing “concealed carry reciprocity”. A law was passed in the House of Representatives and is awaiting Senate approval concerning concealed carry legislation.
5. The Cetta Boutique located in the Wyckoff Shopping Center held a Grand Opening Ceremony on Saturday, April 21, 2018.
6. Mayor Scanlan concurred with Committeeman Madigan with regard to the Opening Day Ceremony for the 2018 Baseball/Softball Season.
7. The Zabriskie House participated in the 8th Annual History Day on Saturday, April 28, 2018 sponsored by the Northwest Bergen History Coalition. Mayor Scanlan commented he was pleased to see two (2) new docents at the event.
8. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new “Midtown Authentic” Store adjacent to the Wyckoff Shopping Center was conducted on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The store sells used “high end” shoes and handbags.
9. The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new United Way of Bergen County Special Needs Housing at 370 Clinton Avenue will be conducted on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Brian D. Scanlan
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk