

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 – 7:30 P.M.**

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

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

Mayor Boonstra 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 Carolan, seconded by Committeeman Scanlan.

There was no public comment.

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:

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan thanked Thomas Garlick from Rob Landel's Office for his diligent follow-up on the 240 Demarest Avenue matter.
2. It was brought to the property maintenance officer's attention that an abandoned house at 450 Carriage Lane was unsecured. Fred Depken completed a follow-up inspection and secured the abandoned structure.
3. Mr. Scanlan will meet with the Township Engineer tomorrow evening to review screening for the Ridgewood Water tank property on Lafayette Avenue. Ridgewood Water seeks to install a higher chain link fence. Area residents have a concern that the landscaping screening is not compromised during that process.

John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan complimented the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department as well as the police department, the emergency management planners and Police Chief Murphy for a wonderful event on Saturday, September 2, 2017. The fireworks fundraiser was "shoehorned in" before the rains began. Thanks to all for a spectacular job.

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2. On Thursday, September 7, 2017, Fire Company #1 is conducting their Annual Beach Party Fundraiser at the Wyckoff Family YMCA Lakehouse.
3. Schools opened today for the K-8 school district. Mr. Carolan reminded all motorists to slow down and drive safely. The regional high school opens on Thursday, September 7, 2017.
4. Mr. Carolan provided a status report on the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Trust Fund Grant Crescent Avenue road/drainage improvement project. Mr. Shannon and Scott Fisher were instrumental in the execution of this project.
5. Mr. Carolan was pleased to report that during this year's paving contract, the Township was able to pave approximately 15% more roads due to the additional competitive prices the Township obtained as compared to the cooperative system bid.

Tom Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan made mention that Marsha Stolz, reporter for the Suburban News is in the audience this evening.
2. Mr. Madigan attended the Zabriskie House Trustees Meeting last week where various public activities for the Fall and December were discussed.
3. The Ramapo/Indian Hills High Schools open on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

Tim Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley also attended the Zabriskie House Trustees Meeting and advised that the trustees will conduct open houses on Saturday, October 7, 2017 and Saturday, December 2, 2017. An historic home tour is being prepared and assembled for Saturday, December 16, 2017.
2. The Shade Tree Commission Meeting was conducted this evening where progress is moving forward.
3. Mr. Shanley spoke with the Township's attorney overseeing the Ridgewood Water matter. A motion for reconsideration was returnable to the judge last Friday, September 1, 2017 however the judge did not permit oral arguments and will review the matters based on the written motions submitted to the court.
4. The Wyckoff Football Boosters will conduct a fundraiser on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10 Neelen Drive, the home of Roger Schnorrbusch to raise funds for the construction of an artificial turf field at the Memorial Field Complex.
5. Mr. Shanley, a member of the Wyckoff Education Foundation that raises money for enhancements to the K-8 school district, will conduct their Annual Fall Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Arcola Country Club.
6. Mr. Shanley extended thanks to the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department for the wonderful fireworks display provided on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

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Mayor Boonstra:

1. The Police Committee met and in accordance with the ordinance regarding promotions, interviewed two (2) officers for the position of sergeant. Mayor Boonstra complimented Police Chief Murphy for adherence to the ordinance procedure. It is expected that a sergeant promotion will take place at the October 3, 2017 public business meeting.
2. A negotiation meeting was conducted with the PBA and although progress is moving forward there is nothing new to report at this time.
3. Mayor Boonstra attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dining patio at the Brickhouse Restaurant.
4. With regard to the petition the governing body received to study how the mayor in Wyckoff is selected, the Township Committee will announce who the members of the committee will be on September 19, 2017. At this point, the members have yet to be determined other than Committeeman Scanlan.
5. Mayor Boonstra attended the Annual Fireworks Fundraiser sponsored by the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department.
6. Mayor Boonstra complimented Township Attorney Robert Landel for his diligent work before the Superior Court concerning the Township's affordable housing plan and litigation. Many communities are experiencing problems and Mr. Landel is very artfully "side-stepping" these issues and bringing same to a conclusion.

Review by the Administrator:

The Administrator reviewed the 8:00 p.m. Agenda as follows:

1. The staff recommendation for the next New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund Grant is to include the paving of Lafayette Avenue from Ravine Avenue to the border of Hawthorne. The Administrator explained the type of roads which qualify for this competitive grant. Committeeman Scanlan inquired as to the status of Ravine Avenue. Mr. Shannon replied that previously, Ravine Avenue was submitted but the Township was denied a grant. However, because the Borough of Hawthorne intends to perform drainage work on Ravine Avenue from Hopper Avenue to Goffle Road and the Township would prefer to pave the road after the drainage improvements, the Staff discussed making a recommendation in next year's capital budget to attempt to improve the intersection at Ravine and Lafayette Avenues and paving down to Hopper Avenue. The recommendation from the Staff does not include Lafayette Avenue from Ravine to Wyckoff Avenue due to adequate road condition. A question was asked as to why Ravine Avenue was denied. The Administrator responded there are two (2) possible reasons; (1) New Jersey is a very competitive state to receive these grants and often times there are more roads in shoddier condition as the state evaluates each suggested road for limited funding. The Township Committee approved this application.
2. The Township received a letter from the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp requesting to utilize the bulk mail permit for their annual fund drive. The governing body approved the request.

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3. The agenda includes a request from the Football Boosters for temporary signs. The Municipal Clerk contacted the requester to explain the Township's policy and procedure.
4. A hold harmless form was requested for approval for a Fire Company #1 fundraiser to be held at the Wyckoff Family YMCA. The governing body approved.
5. Once a week trash/garbage collection has resumed effective Monday, September 4, 2017.
6. With regard to the Crescent Avenue Improvement Project, the only remaining work item is the striping of the road and the crosswalks. This was delayed due to the projection of rain but is scheduled soon as a few clear days are realized.
7. The Administrator is working with the Recreation Department, Police Department and the Wyckoff Library to provide numerous measures to ensure that there is ample parking for patrons at the library during the recreational football program.
8. The Building Department has posted notices of Ordinances #1839 & 1840, two (2) ordinances which provide for a sequence of fee permits depending on when an applicant applies. These ordinances have been posted on the website and the Building Department's bulletin board.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel provided an update with regard to an order that was received on Friday, September 1, 2017 from the Superior Court approving the modification to the affordable housing trust fund spending plan which allows for the use of affordable housing trust funds for the United Way of Bergen County project at 370 Clinton Avenue. This project will allow a residence for individuals with developmental disabilities. Mayor Boonstra again thanked Mr. Landel for his dedicated efforts in pursuing this matter to a successful conclusion.
2. Mr. Landel thanked Mayor Boonstra for the complimentary comments but conveyed that the Township has always had a "team effort" approach to these COAH challenges.

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Rudolf E. Boonstra
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk