

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Thomas Garlick, Esq. and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

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 Rubenstein.

Tim Buchman, 430 Meer Avenue expressed his appreciation to the governing body for their dedication and efforts to hold Ridgewood Water accountable for their actions. Mr. Buchman made comment on a news report regarding Ridgewood Water wells that are out of service and their failure to spend ratepayer's money to convert those wells to functioning producing wells. He also advised the governing body that when the electric companies "welcomed" deregulation, a consequence of that deregulation was that those electric companies had a lighter regulatory compliance restriction. Mr. Buchman cautioned the governing body that implementing same to a water company may make it easier for them to continue along the same path they have been operating.

Mr. Buchman commented on the illegal dumping at the Ames Well on Hartung Drive. Mayor Scanlan advised that the violation was quickly discovered by an observant Ridgewood Water Employee and were able to track down the license plate of the perpetrator and company that performed the illegal dumping. Committeeman Shanley commented that the "dumper" was apprehended and the action to address the dumped soil was also completed promptly. The soil was removed.

Harriet Shugarman, 205 Zachary Court disclosed the following:

"I wanted to share some information with you that you may choose to act on. I am preparing talking points for a BPU hearing this coming Thursday, and I realize that some of this information is clearly relevant and an opportunity for Wyckoff to stand out as a leader and be counted. We could join the 10 Bergen county towns so far, including neighboring Glen Rock that are standing up to Governor Murphy and opposing the construction of the proposed Liberty Generating Power Plant. This is a project of a Los Angeles based Corp, which is a subsidiary of Mitsubishi.

The power plant proposed site is in North Bergen, in the Meadowlands and Hudson County. As of now, Governor Murphy's DEP has approved several of the required building permits but not all, and there is still time to stop this before it begins in earnest.

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I'm asking you all to consider supporting a resolution stating our opposition to this power plant. I have been told that Hoboken and Jersey City have resolutions before their governing councils that will also be considered this week and next.

So, First I think a really relevant and crucial point to be made is regarding the public need or not for this proposed gas-fired plant. The company has said that this plant will replace energy from the closing of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, and that it will provide electric energy to New York City, and NYC only. In regard to perceived need, NYC's grid operator, NYISO, has concluded that NYC does not need any electricity from this proposed Meadowlands plant and that just last week, the NY State Public Service Commission rejected the power plant company's request for a waiver of a full needs assessment for the plant. I wonder why the company asked for a waiver...?

So the residents of Hudson and Bergen Counties and the rest of New Jersey will not receive any energy from this plant, but will incur the health and health care costs and environmental degradation caused by the plant during construction and operation.

The location of the plant is in the Meadowlands, which as we know, serves many beneficial functions including a natural filtration system, purifying sources of state drinking water and preserving biodiversity for NJ native plant and animal species. It also plays a crucial role in flood mitigation by absorbing storm waters, protecting urban and residential communities in nearby flood zones. The rehabilitation of the Meadowlands has been a triumph for so many local groups that have worked hard to recover this area and this would be squandered in order to provide unneeded power to New York City residents.

This construction of this plant should matter to us in Wyckoff, not least of because it shows our support of other towns in our county and nearby Hudson county who would be impacted worst and first by the health impacts of this plant, which is approximately one mile from an existing gas-fired electric plant operated by PSE&G that is already one of the largest sources of air pollution in New Jersey.

As you may or may not be aware, the American Lung Association in its "State of the Air 2018" report, stated that the counties of Bergen and Hudson have significant populations, in some cases the largest populations in New Jersey with pediatric and adult asthma, COPD, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. These conditions will be exacerbated by additional volumes of air pollution from this power plant. Bergen and Hudson Counties already receive grades of 'F' from the American Lung Association for ozone air pollution. The new plant will increase the concentration of ground ozone, increase the health hazards and risks from this pollutant and make it even more difficult to reduce the levels of ground level ozone, while at the same time increasing the negative effects health care costs to the state and to us as individuals as well.

So let me stop here, to see if you have any questions and to thank you for listening to me. I hope you will consider having Wyckoff join other local and regional towns in opposition to this proposed plant. I will leave some relevant materials and a draft resolution that I can also send electronically."

** The 9 other towns are: Ridgefield, Fort Lee, Rutherford, Bergenfield, Hasbrouck Heights, Westwood, Tenafly, Little Ferry and Saddle Brook.**

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

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

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Review of the 8:00 p.m. Agenda:

The agenda is as presented this evening with a request for two (2) additions.

1. On Friday, September 28, 2018 notice was received from the Bergen County Open Space Program that the Township has been awarded a 2017 Bergen County Open Space park Improvement Grant. This grant totaling \$48,000 will improve the Russell Farms Community Park. The application consisted of the construction of a sensory garden, purchase and installation of concrete tables and benches with inlaid chess boards, an irrigation system and the purchase of ten (10) mature deciduous trees. The Township must return the grant agreement within thirty (30) days and this resolution allows for the acceptance of the grant and permits the Administrator to complete that task.
2. An ordinance was drafted on Saturday, September 29, 2018 to appropriate the \$48,000 under the Local Fiscal Affairs Law so the funds may be placed in the proper format to be expended to achieve the improvement.
3. Resolution #18-278 authorizes a decrease in the contract price and Resolution #18-279 is a Title 59 Plan & Design defense resolution that provides the Township with greater protection as it relates to the improvements of Crescent Avenue.

Mayor Scanlan asked the members of the Township Committee if the meeting minutes from September 4th and September 17th were acceptable to all. All members approved both sets of meeting minutes. Mayor Scanlan thanked Clerk Santimauro for her extra effort with the requested clarifications.

Review of the Policy Action Items:

1. In accordance with governing body direction from last meeting, the Administrator has provided a report that ranks in preference order, dates that the Bergen County Clerks Satellite Office could be provided for three (3) days in Town Hall for the convenience of Wyckoff residents. The governing body discussed these dates at length and attempted to determine which dates would be most beneficial from a resident's perspective. The governing body determined to request the available dates from the Bergen County Clerk for September and October 2019. If those dates are not feasible, the Administrator will request dates for November and December 2019.
2. Mr. Shannon submitted a letter from Attorney Randy Pierce on behalf of the residents of 470 Glendale Road requesting that the Township clean out the pond on their property where a drainage easement is superimposed on top. Mr. Shannon spoke with the police department, the Township Engineer, the Municipal Clerk and the DPW. A request from the property owner had not been received prior to the first and only communication the Township received from the attorney. The letter was received the day after the last Township Committee Meeting and Mr. Shannon's recommendation is to form a project team to address this resident request. Mr. Landel contacted the attorney for the property owner to discuss this matter. The Township Committee approved this approach.

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3. The Township Committee has an appointment on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to present its Bergen County Open Space Application to the fifteen (15) member Bergen County Open Space Advisory Board at the Bergen County Administration Building. Mr. Shannon will bring the projector and laptop. This is the governing body's opportunity to present their application to the Advisory Board via a power point presentation. Mr. Shannon thanked Mayor Scanlan for his work on his power point presentation. Mr. Shannon has provided a number of memos regarding a "game plan" for the meeting. Mayor Scanlan will present the application and the governing body will contribute key critical points. During Mr. Shannon's recent conversation with the Director of the program, the Director inquired why the Township did not apply for Green Acres funding? The Administrator advised that a Green Acres funding round is not available or accepting applications. A number of different factors exist, specifically, the Township sends \$464,000 annually to Bergen County for taxes. Wyckoff pays the seventh highest amount of taxes to Bergen County and our taxpayers pay the third largest tax amounts from the thirteen (13) Northwest Bergen Municipalities. The Township Committee discussed the application and the presentation and the fact that for the first time the Bergen County Staff stated there are more applications than funding amounts this year.
4. A draft ordinance to modify Chapter 183 which regulates water emergencies and a ban on watering lawns and shrubs was provided for review. At last meeting, governing body instructed the Township Attorney draft an amendment which would remove the reference that Ridgewood Water Company has the ability to turn off service of any Wyckoff water payer. Mr. Landel reported that the water shut off language was removed and the governing body has a decision as to whether they wish to have a court appearance for a violation or establish a set amount to allow any violations to be paid through the Violations Bureau. The Township Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding their recollection of last meeting with a focus to essentially remove the shut off provision. A second discussion ensued as to whom would enforce this ordinance. It was determined that the police department would enforce the ordinance. Mr. Landel was given direction to present a second draft ordinance amendment at the next meeting.
5. An ordinance which modifies a previously adopted ordinance based on comments from the Administrative Office of the Court for ease of police officer ability to issue summonses is on this evening's agenda. The ordinance clarifies the citation for summonses for which prohibit No Right Turns while travelling on Wyckoff Avenue onto Franklin Avenue. A discussion resulted regarding signs that have posted. Committeeman Boonstra will touch base with the DPW Manager to ascertain whether additional signage should be posted.
6. The Township Committee's experiment of selling the 32 gallon blue recycling barrels with lids was successful. The Township sold out of the initial 500 barrel order in record time (3 half days)!! The municipality has received requests from residents who were unable to purchase a barrel from the initial sale. The governing body has authorized the purchase of 500 more recycling barrels as a way to assist Wyckoff residents. The cost of the barrels is the municipality's cost of \$20 per barrel. The Township has received many positive comments in this regard. The Administrator recognized Maryellen Tafrate and Elaine Booth for their outstanding work on this project.

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7. One of the items placed on the PAI's this evening does not require a discussion however, a contact from a realtor, a former Midland Park Council Member, inquiring about the purchase of a municipally owned lot when in fact it was a municipally owned road. Roads may not be sold they can only be vacated.
8. Committeewoman Rubenstein made a point that the Wyckoff Board of Health has been working diligently to bring the Bergen County Health Officer to attend a Board of Health Meeting to answer a number of questions including mosquito control. This information may be helpful with regard to the 470 Glendale Project Team. The Administrator offered to provide assistance.

Township Committee Reports:

Melissa Rubenstein:

1. Ms. Rubenstein attended the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat Country Fair on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Memorial Field Complex. The day was greeted with favorable weather and proceeds from the fair will fund transportation for the patients of the Children's Retreat.
2. On the same day, Ms. Rubenstein attended the 5K Run at Eisenhower School for "Never End the Fight" charity in support of mental health and addiction issues.
3. At last meeting, the Wyckoff Board of Health thanked past President Carol Hertenstein for her contributions to the board especially in the field of mental illness issues and stigma free awareness. The Township Committee will send a letter to Mrs. Hertenstein.
4. The Wyckoff Board of Health provided flu vaccines to forty-six (46) first responders on Monday, September 24, 2018.
5. The next Access for All Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:30 pm.
6. The Wyckoff K-8 Board of Education District will conduct a Stakeholders Meeting on Saturday, October 20, 2018 requesting input on a new mission statement.
7. The FLOW Leadership Meeting, requested by High School Superintendent McKay, was conducted last week. Committeewoman Rubenstein did not attend the meeting however, she was able to obtain an update regarding the meeting whereby the district's director of security went through their crisis playbook and spoke about safety.
8. The Township's Safety Committee conducted a meeting in September where the theme was "Zero Tolerance for Workplace Harassment."
9. Ms. Rubenstein attended and completed Mr. Landel's course regarding the JIF Land Use Liability Training.
10. Last week was Safety Week at Lincoln School where Officer Kaitlyn visited the children and spoke to them about safety.

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Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra provided the governing body with an update with regard to the police process to hire a replacement officer due to a police sergeant who recently retired. Fourteen (14) officers who are academy trained took the written test administered by the New Jersey Chiefs of Police Association. The process continues.
2. The Wyckoff Police Department participated in the McDonald's Restaurant National Program entitled "Coffee with a Cop Day" at the McDonald's in the Boulder Run Shopping Center.
3. The ordinance for introduction this evening, Ordinance #1862 will be of assistance to police officers to enforce the provision to prohibit right hand turns onto Franklin Avenue from Wyckoff Avenue.
4. As part of the improvements to Lafayette Avenue, funded by a \$215,000 New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant, the inadequate existing sidewalk on Ravine Avenue has been completed. This improvement of a code compliant sidewalk will be permanent.
5. The DPW will work with the Partners in Pride to hang their holiday wreaths on the decorative street lamps throughout the business district in anticipation of the upcoming holiday season.
6. Mr. Boonstra spoke with the Township's Consulting Sewer Engineer, Peter TenKate who advised that the sewer extension project on Wyckoff Avenue is on schedule to begin soon.
7. Mr. Boonstra attended the annual St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Festival on September 22 & 23, 2018.
8. Mr. Boonstra attended the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat Country Fair on Saturday, September 29, 2018 and had the honor of providing the welcoming remarks at Mayor Scanlan's request.
9. Mr. Boonstra will meet with Committeewoman Rubenstein regarding the project team to explore filming of Township Committee meetings on Thursday, October 11, 2018.

Thomas Madigan:

1. At last meeting, the governing body adopted a resolution establishing the month of September as "Suicide Prevention Month." Sadly, a young college man from Ramsey took his life recently.
2. The Ganley Foundation which provides programs to high school students concerning suicide prevention, is currently providing programs in the Northwest Bergen County area.
3. The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Mr. Madigan thanked Maryellen Tafrate for placing the "Pink Ribbons" around Town Hall.
4. On Thursday, September 27, 2018 Mr. Madigan attended along with Committeeman Shanley and Administrator Shannon the Community Leaders Meeting at the Ramapo/Indian Hills High School District Board Office. Police chiefs from the three (3) FLOW communities attended and the district's director of safety provided a presentation regarding security.

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5. Mr. Madigan also attended the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat Country Fair on Saturday, September 29, 2018 to enjoy the beautiful Fall weather and festivities.
6. The Wyckoff Police Department has completed reviewing, inventorying and posting the signs around the roads leading to the public schools where certain areas restrict parking and/or obstruct students who may ride their bikes or walk to school.
7. The Environmental Commission determined to fully support the Township Committee's policy to purchase recycling barrels. Mr. Madigan suggested purchasing a recycling barrel is a gift that continues to help the environment through recycling.

Timothy Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley attended the Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018 where one (1) application for 434 Caldwell Drive has resulted in a number of OPRA submissions. An investor has purchased the property to demolish the existing structure and construct a new home. The property only required one (1) variance due to its size and was approved by the Zoning Board.
2. Mr. Shanley attended the FLOW Leaders Meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2108 where the security at all FLOW schools and police presence was unanimously supported.
3. Mr. Shanley visited Town Hall early one morning last week to sign vouchers and while driving on Van Houten Avenue noticed a sparking electric wire that was damaged by a branch. Mr. Shanley called the police and the fire department immediately responded. The Administrator was contacted who then called Orange & Rockland Utilities to remove the wire from the tree. Unfortunately, Orange & Rockland just removed the branch that caused the damage to the electric wire but did not survey the entire area for tree maintenance. Mr. Shanley then sent a letter to the Orange & Rockland Vice-President for public relations and requested a response in this regard. An unacceptable reply was received to indicate this tree maintenance work was already completed on this area. A suggestion to contact the Board of Public Utilities was communicated.
4. Mr. Shanley and Mayor Scanlan will implement a conference call tomorrow with the Tri-town lawyer regarding the Ridgewood Water excessive rate payer charges litigation. Numerous calls from residents have expressed their discontent with the water bills they recently received. Mr. Shanley contacted the Ridgewood Water Director who advised that those bills were based on volume only and the existing rates, not any new rates.
5. Mr. Shanley also attended the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat Country Fair.
6. Mr. Shanley provided a reminder to all that Friday, October 12, 2018 is the Wyckoff Education Foundation (WEF) Gala Fundraising Event at the Brownstone. This volunteer organization provides supplemental funding for the K-8 School District to enhance the students' curriculum.

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7. Mr. Shanley had the privilege to observe one of his colleague's relatives, Staff Sergeant Ronald J. Shurer II receive the Congressional Medal of Honor and who was admitted to the Pentagon Hall of Fame. This is a citizen who attempted to join the U.S. Navy and was rejected. After 911, he joined the U. S Army, became a Green Beret and was a medic. He saved many soldiers' lives while dodging bullets and transporting them to safety. Mr. Shore is currently battling cancer and risked his life to save his fellow soldiers.

Mayor Scanlan:

1. Mayor Scanlan congratulated Bob Shannon and his team for applying for the Cyber Crime Reimbursement Policy. Currently, the Township's policy deductible is \$10,000 however the Administrator and CFO have been able to decrease the deductible, based on their risk management work to \$2,500. Wyckoff is one of only thirty-eight (38) members in the JIF to be certified. Mayor Scanlan thanked Bob and Diana for saving taxpayer dollars through their proactive work.
2. A Fire Truck Committee Meeting was conducted last evening with Mayor Scanlan, Committeeman Madigan, Administrator Shannon and the leadership of the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Co. #2 has a thirty-two (32) year old vehicle which has reached its useful life. The specifications are being analyzed by three (3) vendors for price quotations. A vehicle purchase will be part of the 2019 Municipal Budget for a 2020 delivery.
3. Mayor Scanlan was able to communicate with Volunteer Firefighter Joe Alvarez, also a career firefighter in Maplewood. Mr. Alvarez was part of special team from New Jersey that travelled to North Carolina during Hurricane Florence. Mr. Alvarez participated in 150 rescues.
4. The Buddy Walk conducted at the Wyckoff Family YMCA is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2018. Mayor Scanlan was notified that Marine Corp Toys for Tots Campaign will be conducted on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. on Main Street.

At 8:15 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Meeting to conduct the Public Business Meeting.

At 8:20 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

Administrator Update:

1. Due to the diligence of Traffic Safety Officer Sargent Zivkovich, two (2) street lamps, one at the intersection of Lafayette and Ravine Avenues and one at the end of Glendale Road were replaced. These street lamps were damaged from the Spring storms.
2. Saturday, October 13, 2018 is the Wyckoff Historical Society's Walking Tour and Mr. Shannon and his wife Jody will attend the 12:30 p.m. walk.

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3. On Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Ridgewood Water Utility is conducting an Open House for questions and answers at the Library. The purpose of this session is to comply with requirements of the Clean Water Act.
4. Last week, Mayor Scanlan provided the Administrator with a copy of a public notice from the newspaper that indicated the State has published the Wyckoff Board of Health, the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department and the Wyckoff Exempt Fireman's Association as having unclaimed property. That information was forwarded to both groups.
5. The Wyckoff Chamber of Commerce Safe Trick or Treating Event will be held at the Boulder Run Shopping Center on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
6. During the month of October, the Wyckoff Police Department accepts applications from towing service vendors who wish to be on the Township's towing rotation list.
7. Monday, October 15, 2018 is a Special Meeting of the Planning Board to address the Fair Share Plan and Housing Element related to the court approved affordable housing plan and court settlement.
8. The Administrator complimented Mr. Landel for the masterful job in providing the JIF Land Use Liability Training. Mr. Shannon thanked the governing body for attending the training and the attendees have been reported to JIF.
9. The DPW recently repaired a defective saddle at the West Wing steps to Town Hall identified by the Township Engineer.
10. A UCC fine was issued by the Building Inspector of \$2,000 for work without a permit at 415 Meer Avenue.
11. Last week, the Tax Collector billed the 2018 tax bills – estimated bills were prepared and mailed in June for the August 1st payment. The State of New Jersey again, could not advise municipalities of the State aid by the statutory date to mail tax bills. Rather than change the statutory date, the State essentially forces municipalities to spend additional monies (in Wyckoff's case approximately \$5,000) to perform and complete the estimated tax bill process.
12. The Administrator drafted a reply to Joe DeVita, ex-captain of the Wyckoff Ambulance Corp who questioned the workers compensation coverage provided by JIF for volunteer ambulance corp members. In the State of New Jersey, a law exists that volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance corp members who cover a municipality are considered employees for workers compensation.
13. The Hawthorne Press published an article regarding the ever changing rules and regulations in the recycling market. Mr. Shannon spoke with a representative of the Covanta Waste to Energy Facility in Newark who advised that Wyckoff's special recycling newsletter was distributed at the Essex County Recycling Coordinators meeting and discussed as a best practice and an effective way to address these global actions on local recycling procedures. Four (4) other municipalities have requested the Township's special recycling newsletter.
14. The JIF's Employment Practices Liability coverage has been updated and revisions made to the employee handbook. There is a project team

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working on the requirement for the supervisor's manual. The Fire Department will provide an event for families next Monday night.

15. The month of October is Fire Prevention Month and the Township will issue social media posting bulletins for residents to practice home fire prevention.
16. The Township is in the process of issuing weekly environmental best practices.
17. Denise Capparelli has reported that 760 residents are utilizing the new recycling coach app.
18. Safewise has advised that Wyckoff is the 48th safest town out of the 566 towns in New Jersey or within the top 9%.
19. The Administrator reviewed his memo of his actions taken last Friday afternoon to help an 80 year old resident with a problem obtaining Altice Cable re-connecting his phone. The problem was resolved that afternoon.
20. An email was received by a representative of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) stating in response to the township's opinion that their answer to two (2) questions on their FAQ website were wrong. The representative replied that the NJDOE cannot verify the information on their website is accurate.
21. The number of residents who continue to follow the township on social media is expanding each month.
22. Fall leaf collection starts on Monday, October 15, 2018.
23. The Fall free shred fest is on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 475 West Main Street from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

Recess open work session meeting to conduct the 8:00 pm agenda at 8:12 pm.
Reconvene open work session meeting at 8:20 pm.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel reported that he spoke to the attorney who sent the letter on behalf of the residents at 470 Glendale Avenue.
2. He reported that we already discussed the water emergency ordinance and he will make the requested revisions.
3. Mr. Landel requested to speak to the mayor after the meeting to obtain his signature on the discharge of the sewer extension agreement. Mr. Landel said all improvements have been performed and inspected and accepted and the maintenance period has expired.
4. Mr. Landel reported that he completed the second night of the JIF Land Use Liability training sessions.
5. Mr. Landel reported regarding Mr. Shanley's instruction he and Mr. Garlick have been researching the possibility of changing the water company. Unfortunately, these decisions were made many years ago and these ordinances date back to the 1930's; Title 48 in the New Jersey Statutes deal with water franchises and how municipalities back then initially granted these franchises and how the New Jersey Board of Public

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Utility approves the franchises with conditions. Mr. Landel indicated that he is in the process of obtaining the Board of Public Utilities approval of the franchise to learn if there are any conditions and to see if any options exist. It is a long and laborious process, however, if a company was to substitute itself for Ridgewood Water they would have to purchase the infrastructure from Ridgewood Water and the Board of Public Utility's would have to agree to it. It was mentioned that water franchise approvals are in perpetuity and they don't have an expiration date.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm by Timothy Shanley; Seconded Melissa Rubenstein. All voted in favor.

Mayor Brian Scanlan

Joyce C. Santimauro,
Municipal Clerk