

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 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.

Absent: Committeewoman Melissa D. Rubenstein

Mayor Scanlan congratulated Committeemen Madigan and Shanley on their re-election.

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 Boonstra.

Steven Joern, 363 Butternut Avenue began to read his request for a Township Committee resolution. The governing body determined to reflect his request in the meeting minutes without reading it. Committeeman Madigan inquired if this was a government issue. Mayor Scanlan advised that his understanding is that the public may speak on any issue of concern. Then, it is at the discretion of the governing body whether to discuss the request if it is determined to be a government issue of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff. The Township Attorney's opinion was requested and Mr. Landel suggested giving the public broad latitude. Committeeman Boonstra opined that Mr. Joern may provide any comments however, the governing body will determine whether to discuss his request.

Mr. Joern referenced the Township Committee's resolution regarding sanctuary cities as his belief that President Trump's action is a government issue of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff and therefore, it is appropriate to present it the Township Committee. Committeeman Madigan announced that he is not discouraging public comment but encourages public comments.

The Administrator advised that the language referenced on the agenda is the language that is derived from the law that was proposed by Former Governor Jim McGreevy. This language is different from the previous language on the agenda which existed before Former Governor McGreevy's new law.

Mr. Joern's draft resolution to read as follows:

To Call Out President D.J. Trump For His Unpatriotic Behavior Relative To The WW1 Armistice Day Commemoration At Aisne – Marne American Cemetery and Memorial on Nov. 10, 2018

Whereas, our Wyckoff Township Committee does periodically address issues of national importance, such as the recent sanctuary city issue, and;

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Whereas, our Wyckoff Township Committee supports the honoring of our veterans and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice at the annual Veteran's Memorial Service, and;

Whereas, our Wyckoff Township Committee honored those Wyckoff residents and others who have died by way of 9/11 terrorist attack on our country, and;
Whereas, our Wyckoff Township Committee representing all Wyckoff voters and residents recognizes first responders, scouts and others for bravery and good deeds, and;

Whereas, many Wyckoff residents are very displeased and disappointed at the President of the United State, D.J. Trump at the WW1 Armistice Day Commemoration at Aisne – Marne American Cemetery and Memorial in France on Nov. 10, 2018 for his unpatriotic behavior; his repudiation and dereliction of duty as our Commander – in – Chief; and his apparent disdain for the American tradition of honoring our fallen soldiers as demonstrated by his lack of attendance at the commemoration ceremony, and;

Whereas, most of the world leaders at the WW1 Armistice Day commemoration honored the WW1 fallen by traveling to the ceremony by auto. These leaders were, but not inclusive, President Macron of France, Chancellor Merkel of Germany, and Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada --- all our WW1 allies and allies today, and;

Whereas, it was said the President's Marine 1 helicopter could not fly even in slight rain or slight drizzle or mist just does not stand the test of common aeronautical sense, and;

Whereas, a Sikorski helicopter, manufacturer of Marine 1, expert stated President Trump has personally owned similar helicopters, and no one would purchase, spend that kind of money, for that type aircraft without it having the ability to fly in the rain, let alone a slight rain, and;

Whereas, the speechwriter for President G.W. Bush, Ben Rhodes, said all Bush's travel plans for 8 years had contingencies, such as for rain, and;

Whereas, President Obama's director of communication (and travel), David Frum, said there were always contingency plans for rain, and;

Whereas, President John Kennedy and French President Charles De Gaulle, stood shoulder to shoulder at the same cemetery in 1961 in the rain, and;

Whereas, Nickolas Soames, UK Member of Parliament and a grandson of Winston Churchill stated: "They died with their face to the foe and that apathic inadequate Trump couldn't even defy the weather to pay his respects to the Fallen," and;

Whereas, President Trump's Chief - of - Staff General Kelly, bare headed, and accompanied by General Dunford, stood at attention and laid a commemorative wreath at the cemetery to honor our WW1 fallen American soldier, having travelled to the ceremony comfortably by auto, and;

Whereas, if a football player kneeling during the national anthem is an act of disrespect to our military (to some), what is it when the president of the United States refuses to go to the cemetery to our fallen soldiers because of a little rain; and,

Whereas, any statement of a logistical problem being the rationale for President Trump not being driven to the Cemetery and Memorial does not stand the test of

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scrutiny given the fact other world leaders and General Kelly safely made the 60 to 90 - minute auto trip, and;

Whereas, President Trump had no other meetings, appointments schedule for that time since all other leaders were at the ceremony, and;
Whereas, President Trump even elected not to attend the scheduled ceremony to honor our fallen at the Arlington National Cemetery on Nov. 12, 2018; and;

Whereas, multiple pictures indicate other world leaders' actions on WW1 November 10, 2018 day and other indications of dealing with the rain.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Wyckoff Township Committee, representing itself, the voters and residents of Wyckoff, and as individuals publicly admonishes the President of the United States: for his lack of honoring our fallen in WW1 and not participating at the 100th anniversary commemoration in France on November 10, 2018; for his lack of a sense of American history; for his lack of American tradition; and for his lack of basic common sense relative to his duties as Commander – in – Chief.

It is further resolved, the Wyckoff Township Committee will convey these concerns and admonitions to our New Jersey US Senators and our 5th Congressional District Congressmen.

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

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

Presentation by Police Chief Murphy:

Mayor Scanlan asked Police Committee Liaison Boonstra to provide commentary upon the Wyckoff Police Department presenting the Township Committee with the American Automobile Association North Jersey Award of Excellence for community traffic safety.

Mr. Boonstra thanked Police Chief Murphy and his four (4) senior officers, who are in attendance, for their efforts in achieving this prestigious award. This is the 13th time in fifteen (15) years that the Township has been awarded the highest award from the American Automobile Association. Extended thanks to the Wyckoff Police Department for their efforts to keep Wyckoff safe.

Committeeman Madigan congratulated the entire Wyckoff Police Department for their hard work. Mayor Scanlan echoed those same comments as did Committeeman Shanley.

Police Chief Murphy thanked the governing body for providing his department with the “tools” to perform their job.

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

The Administrator wished the governing body and everyone in the audience a Happy Thanksgiving.

The 8:00 p.m. Agenda is as submitted on Friday, November 16, 2018. Please note: There are three (3) ordinances for public hearing. One of those ordinances addresses a zoning amendment and a recommendation from the Planning Board is included to adopt this ordinance.

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Review of Policy Action Items:

1. There was an e-mail request from a resident requesting the governing body post the election results on its website. The Township Clerk and the Administration does not recommend the Township posting election results since most people obtain their election news from the newspapers and news outlets. Secondly, the Bergen County Board of Elections and Bergen County Clerk are statutorily responsible for the election. The election results received from the pollworkers on election night are only the votes from the voting machines and deemed unofficial at this time. Absentee and Provisional Ballots are not included on Election Night. In the interest of being as accurate as possible, the function is best handled at the Bergen County Election Board. The Township Committee agreed.
2. Mayor Scanlan advised that he has not received the scaled down version of the resolution recommended by Harriet Shugarman with regard to her suggestion that the Township Committee adopt a resolution opposing the construction of the North Bergen Liberty Generating Gas Fired Power Plant.
3. The ordinances from Planner McKenzie have not been received to date. These are the ordinances which would include the affordable housing zoning and the overlays zoning district and regulations.
4. A recommendation was received regarding the vacancy on the Board of Health. Committeeman Madigan asked why this item is listed on the agenda. The Administrator replied that he was instructed to place it on the agenda. Committeeman Shanley stated that both he and Committeewoman Rubenstein will meet and as is the custom, interview the residents interested in volunteering on the Board of Health.
5. The Administrator provided an update on the status of the Police Committee's search for a successor police officer for the vacancy expected on December 31, 2018. An afternoon was devoted to interviewing the five (5) finalist candidates. The police department is conducting a thorough and complete background check during the month of November. The Police Committee will then provide in December a recommendation for the selection of one (1) officer to fill the vacancy. Please expect this action on an upcoming meeting.
6. A resignation was received from Ms. Connie Harper who currently serves on the Design Review Advisory Board.
7. A recommendation was received from the Township Engineer, Mark DiGennaro regarding a privately funded sewer extension to serve homes on Robert Court and Hummingbird Court. Six (6) residents have agreed to form such a project. Mr. DiGennaro's recommendation is thorough and complete and has been reviewed by the Township Attorney. In keeping with Township policy, this recommendation is provided to the governing body for their approval. After discussion, the Township Committee approved this privately funded sewer extension.
8. The Administrator and Township Attorney reviewed an update regarding a proposed sewer extension for a home on Morley Drive. Mr. Landel and Mr. DiGennaro have spoken to the property owner who is attempting to obtain a sewer easement from his adjacent neighbor which would allow a sewer to be constructed from Wild Duck Road through an existing sanitary sewer easement. This sewer extension could possibly allow sixty (60) homes in the area to connect to the sanitary sewer. Next, a cost estimate would be generated to determine if the municipality should

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extend a section of the sewer through a side-yard so that these homes could also connect to sewer. The Township Engineer advised he is awaiting a decision from the property owner if a sewer easement on their side yard will be provided. The governing body discussed this matter at length and authority was provided for the task to continue a pending final decision.

9. A question was asked by Mayor Scanlan regarding the ordinances that Planner McKenzie is preparing. Mr. Landel indicated that Judge Padavino will be overseeing the land use matters since Judge Toskos has retired. Mr. Landel reported that Planner McKenzie will be working over the weekend on the zoning ordinances. Mr. Landel has sent a letter to the judge requesting an extension to complete the process to February 28, 2019 with a final hearing expected in mid-March.
10. The project team of Mayor Scanlan and Committeeman Boonstra are working diligently on the selection of a successor planner since Planner McKenzie is retiring effective December 31, 2108. The process began with phone interviews of approximately eight (8) planners. Final interviews are scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2018.

Township Committee Reports:

Mayor Scanlan congratulated Tom Madigan and Tim Shanley on their reelection to the Township Committee.

Thomas Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan expressed his gratitude to the residents on his reelection and looks forward to serving the public.
2. The Police Committee continues to work diligently and have conducted final interviews on the selection of a police officer. A recommendation will be provided to the governing body as soon as the background checks are thoroughly completed.
3. The Environmental Commission met last evening and included numerous activities. One of the Junior Commissioners assisted the commission and also performed a project. The next meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 has been relocated to the Wyckoff Public Library.
4. Mr. Madigan inquired as to the status of the filming committee that was established seven (7) months ago. A sub-committee Committeeman Boonstra and Committeewoman Rubenstein was formed to examine the possibility of videotaping Township Committee and land use committee meetings. Approximately four (4) vendors have been identified for this purpose. Mr. Madigan asked if there is a timeline for a final report of which there was none. FYI, there was no reporter in the Court Room this evening.
5. Mr. Madigan asked if there was an update concerning 240 Demarest Avenue. Mr. Garlick will provide an update later this evening.

Timothy Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley thanked the voters of Wyckoff for his reelection and he is happy to serve the public for the next three (3) years.

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2. Mr. Shanley provided an update with regard to the latest Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. There is a rules issue under discussion regarding eighth graders who graduate but who take a year off to develop physically and stronger before entering into high school sports programs. The issue becomes which grade level do they play at – eighth grade or ninth grade? A recommendation is being addressed at that level.
3. The Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018 was cancelled due to the first snowstorm of the season. Eight (8) inches of snow fell in town reeking travel havoc everywhere. Thanks to Chairman Fry and Bob Shannon for the decision to cancel this meeting.
4. Mr. Shanley attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference last week and had the opportunity to participate in the products exposition. He was able to speak with representatives of field turf – various issues relating to this product and its possible application to the Memorial Field Complex. Although the fundraising efforts are not where it needs to be, but fundraising efforts continue to move forward. Mayor Scanlan asked if any bank statements have been provided. Mr. Shanley responded they have not provided bank statements to date.
5. Mr. Shanley had the pleasure of attending the 75th Anniversary Gala Event to celebrate the Wyckoff Family YMCA and their services in the Township of Wyckoff.
6. The U11 Girls Torpedo Soccer Team has captured the State of New Jersey Cup. Mr. Shanley has scheduled the team to come to the Township Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 to receive a proclamation. It is a phenomenal achievement to win a State Cup and the girls played a fantastic game.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra attended the November 14, 2018 Planning Board Meeting – an uneventful meeting. Ordinance #1865 was discussed and was recommended for adoption. Three (3) other applications were carried until December.
2. Mr. Boonstra also attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA 75th Anniversary Gala and described the event as very well done.
3. Mr. Boonstra and Mayor Scanlan met last evening with ten (10) owners of historic homes in Wyckoff. Additional information will be provided from that meeting.
4. The Wyckoff Police Department has been conducting more vehicle inspection assignments with the Division of Motor Vehicles. A recent inspection was conducted on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 which resulted in forty-three (43) summonses.
5. Mr. Boonstra reviewed the snow plowing event on Thursday, November 15, 2018. It was a very busy twenty-four (24) hours for the police department and DPW Crews. Salting began at 2:00 p.m. on municipal roads but unfortunately, the Bergen County Road Department never came to salt the county roads in Wyckoff. Therefore, the DPW salt crews had to leave their assigned routes to perform the plowing and salting on

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county roads. The governing body discussed this at length and in detail and a meeting with Bergen County will be scheduled.

6. Mr. Boonstra advised that Joe Perconti, Planning Board Attorney will attend the December Planning Board Meeting. The governing body wished Mr. Perconti well.

At 7:55 p.m. Committeewoman Rubenstein has entered the Open Work Session Meeting.

Mayor Scanlan:

1. Mayor Scanlan was unable to attend the Wyckoff Family YMCA Gala Event. As a long standing member of the YMCA, Mayor Scanlan said he appreciates the good work they do for the community.
2. No member of the press was in attendance this evening.
3. Mayor Scanlan attended a recent three (3) hour seminar regarding library training that he is responsible to acquire as a member of the Library Board.
4. On Monday, November 12, 2018 Mayor Scanlan visited the three (3) fire companies and to date there have been 634 calls for assistance from the fire department.
5. Mayor Scanlan travelled to the recent New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference where he attended numerous seminars including the usage of a charitable trust to address SALT deductions and the New Jersey Attorney General's program of assisting individuals with opioid addiction. Mayor Scanlan also attended a Joint Insurance Fund seminar that earned a \$250 credit for the municipality on its insurance premium.
6. On Saturday, November 17, 2018 Mayor Scanlan and his family conducted a memorial service for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dora Kauflin who was a Wyckoff resident since 1942. Mrs. Kauflin was 98 years old.
7. On Monday, November 19, 2018 Mayor Scanlan and Committeeman Boonstra conducted a meeting with the owners of historic homes.
8. Mayor Scanlan discussed with the governing body the fact that several governing body members have been contacted by residents in the Old Post Road area who are legitimately concerned and in opposition with the Borough of Franklin Lakes for locating a walking trail in very close proximity to their property lines that is adjacent to the former IBM property. A letter has been sent to the Mayor of Franklin Lakes which has not been replied to. Mayor Scanlan spoke with Mayor Frank Bivona and the borough has no interest in relocating the trail away from the rear yards of municipal homes. Mayor Scanlan suggested drafting a letter to the DEP as matter of record in opposition to the trail and requesting copies of the maps of the trail. Also, it was suggested that the governing body attend a Franklin Lakes Borough Council Meeting in the near future to discuss this matter in depth.
9. The Township should pay the Exceter Associates (the water rate expert) invoice in the same manner based on the percentage of the number of rate payers. The Township Committee agreed.

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At 8:02 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Meeting to conduct the Public Business Meeting.

At 8:35 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 Report:

1. The grant agreement has been executed with the Bergen County Open Space Division for a \$48,000 grant to improve the Russell Farms Community Park. The Bergen County Land Acquisition and the Bergen County Park Improvement Grant Applications from 2018 are still pending.
2. The Administrator provided a JIF Loss Control Report from the safety consultant regarding two (2) municipal playgrounds that passed inspection.
3. The Township received a very positive e-mail from a resident complimenting the Recreation Department on the experience their child had in the recreational sports programs.
4. The Municipal Clerk provided information regarding a request for information pertaining to the library construction project and the low bidder.
5. The Administrator reviewed a number of the requests and/or complaints received in Town Hall regarding trees located in the right-of-way. These matters are constant and not enough funding has been budgeted to keep pace with them. Next year, the Administrator will revisit the proposal to return the responsibility for trees in the right-of-way to the property owner or increasing the budget appropriation.
6. A \$5,500 grant for “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” has been applied to the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles. The police department applies for each one of these grants.
7. The Administrator extended an invitation to everyone to attend the Zabriskie House Open House on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
8. The Administrator reviewed the enhancement to the municipal website – the previous listing of bus pick-up locations on the webpage has been enhanced. Mr. Shannon thanked Mayor Scanlan for his assistance.
9. The report regarding the number of social media and e-news communication followers continues to increase.
10. At the next Township Committee meeting, there will be a recommendation to recommend towers for a one (1) year towing franchise on a rotating basis to tow vehicles that services vehicles which experience mechanical breakdowns or crashes on public roadways. The meeting will also include two (2) draft ordinances for PBA salaries and DPW salaries.

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11. A request was received from the Township Engineer to update the septic code to assist with various issues that arise regarding septic repairs and construction to be performed in accordance with best practices.
12. Mr. Shannon recognized Joyce Santimauro for the great execution with the 2018 General Election. Ms. Santimauro conducted the election duties throughout the extended day in a most professional manner.
13. Notification was received that the Township will receive a JIF dividend of \$15,584.41. This amount will be used to offset the 2019 insurance premium.
14. The Administrator and Staff are researching a subscription for a service from Social Media Archive. Since the municipality has to fulfill the OPRA Law, this service may be a beneficial asset when providing information from social media sites. The cost is approximately \$2,000 per year.
15. Last week, the Township replied to eight (8) requests from residents seeking information and/or service concerning various inquiries.
16. The Administrator was very proud to report on the recent achievement – the Wyckoff Police Department's Emergency Management Officers were able to obtain the State of New Jersey Attorney General's approval of their operations emergency management plan. This is a significant accomplishment and not easily attained.
17. The Administrator asked the governing body to each week review the listing of events in the Weekly Newsletter. This is the tool utilized to inform the governing body of all upcoming events.
18. Today, the Township completed its fourth safety meeting of the year. The Administrator also attended the JIF Executive Board Meeting where the JIF Board determined to increase member municipalities by 2% in 2019. That increase will include a new cyber security service and a property appraisal service.
19. Mr. Shannon was pleased to report that the 2019 Park & Ride Applications have been mailed and residents may now pay for the permits on-line. Thank you to the Staff members for their assistance with the new on-line program.
20. The Administrator wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Committeewoman Rubenstein reported that a number of decorative street lamps along Godwin Avenue by Boulder Run are dark and need to be replaced.

Township Attorney Report:

1. With regard to 240 Demarest Avenue, the Sheriff's Sale was scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2018, however, it was adjourned until February 8, 2019 the reason provided was provide notice that the property is subject to significant wetlands. This property has taken ten (10) years to reach Sheriff Sale and the approximate mortgage loan is \$440,000. The governing body discussed the various issues regarding the DEP and wetlands restrictions.

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

Brian D. Scanlan
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk