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48 HOUR NOTICE**

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 will hold a special public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the second floor Court Room in Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481.

The purpose of the meeting is to enable the Township Committee to immediately adopt a resolution authorizing a closed session discussion for Township Committee interviews and may take formal action on this matter only, and then adjourn. Discussion of any other matters shall not be considered.

Nancy A. Brown, RMC
Township Clerk

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1. 5:30 pm Special Meeting called to order by Mayor Peter J. Melchionne
2. Roll call of Township Committee
MADIGAN YES SHANLEY YES BOONSTRA YES
MELCHIONNE YES
3. Reading of "Special Meeting" statement by Municipal Clerk, Nancy A. Brown
4. Motion to open the Ten (10) Minute Public Comment period:
Ten 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.
MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND MADIGAN
MADIGAN YES SHANLEY YES BOONSTRA YES
MELCHIONNE YES
Motion to close the Public Comment period:
MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
MADIGAN YES SHANLEY YES BOONSTRA YES
MELCHIONNE YES
5. Interviews
Conduct interviews with nominees to fill the vacancy on the Wyckoff Township Committee created by the resignation of Scott A. Fisher.
6. Motion to adopt resolution #24-C1 and enter a closed session discussion to evaluate the candidates.
MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
MADIGAN YES SHANLEY YES BOONSTRA YES
MELCHIONNE YES
7. Motion to exit closed session and re-enter the open meeting.
MOTION: BOONSTRA SECOND SHANLEY
MADIGAN YES SHANLEY YES BOONSTRA YES
MELCHIONNE YES
8. Adjourn
MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
MADIGAN YES SHANLEY YES BOONSTRA YES
MELCHIONNE YES

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Special Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Peter J. Melchionne called the special meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee to order in the Municipal Court Room at 5:33 pm.

Attendance

Township Committee Present: Mayor Peter J. Melchionne; Committee Present: Rudolf E. Boonstra, Thomas J. Madigan, and Timothy E. Shanley.

Staff Present: Township Administrator Matthew A. Cavallo, Municipal Clerk Nancy Brown and Township Attorney David Becker.

Township Clerk, Nancy Brown read the Open Public Meetings Act statement:

"The notice requirements of the open public meetings act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting. Specifically, advance written notice of at least 48 hours, giving the time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda for this meeting and whether formal action will be taken was posted in the municipal building by the township clerk's office, and sent to at least two newspapers, including the official newspaper of the township, the Ridgewood News. Notice was also posted on the township's website in accordance with the open public meetings act."

Committeeman Shanley made a motion to open the public comment period, Seconded by Mr. Madigan. All voted in favor. With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved.

Drita McNamara stepped forward to make a comment:

"Good afternoon. I just want to say Happy New Year to all. Unfortunately, I missed the January 1 annual meeting because I was sick as a dog. I've always come to that meeting, and I so appreciate what you guys do for us as a community. First, as the Republican Municipal Chair of Wyckoff, I've had several years of living in our town and volunteering. I just want to say that the process to fill a vacancy is long, with several candidates. I know this is a Special Meeting and I wanted to come and say good luck to all the candidates. I know they come one by one to be interviewed. Also, I want to reiterate that the process was long to get to this point and we did it correctly. At this point in time, it's coming back to you. We appreciate what you do every day. I just want to thank my county committee as well because they worked long hours on this. I'm also going to just say this to you, and I think I have shared this before. I love our library, because let me tell you, we had our meetings in the library, and they were wonderful to us. I cherish that about Wyckoff, as well. Thank you."

Seeing and hearing no one else, Committeeman Shanley made a motion to close the public comment period, Seconded by Mr. Madigan. All voted in favor. With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved.

Mayor Melchionne made an announcement that the meeting would now be moved to the Ladderback Conference room in order to provide a more informal environment for the conduct of interviews to fill the vacancy on the Township Committee. Those gathered in the audience and on the dais left the court room and moved over to the Ladderback conference room at 5:37 pm.

The Township Committee conducted interviews with three candidates put forward by the Wyckoff Republican Club: David Connelly, John Carolan, and Roger Lane. Each candidate was asked a series of questions by each committeeman in turn.

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Once the interviews had been completed, the crowd moved back into the court room with the Township Committee again seated on the dais.

Mayor Melchionne asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #24-C1 and enter a closed executive session.

Motion to enter a Closed Session Discussion in accordance with Resolution #24-C1 at 6:19 pm:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES

With an affirmative vote, the motion is approved.

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is subject to certain requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act", N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the "Open Public Meetings Act", N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, it was necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

**N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8) – Consideration Process for Candidates
for Township Committee Vacancy**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey assembled in public session on January 16, 2024 meeting, hereby authorize, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be conducted on January 16, 2024, in the Municipal Court Room at Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the said closed session will be made public when the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff determines the reason for the minutes to remain closed no longer exists and the Municipal Clerk shall attach to this resolution when completed the Closed Session Meeting Minutes related to the specific items designated above.

Motion to Exit Closed Session and Re-enter the Open Special Meeting at 6:38 pm:

MOTION: BOONSTRA SECOND SHANLEY
BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES

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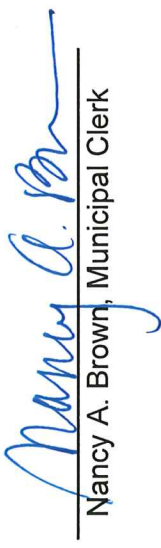
Motion to Adjourn:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES MELCHIONNE YES
SHANLEY YES

Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm



Peter J. Melchionne, Mayor



Nancy A. Brown, Municipal Clerk