

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007**

Mayor David N. Connolly opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This regular 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. On December 12, 2007 a 48 Hour Notice and Agenda were provided to the *Ridgewood News*, *The Record* and the *North Jersey Herald and News* that stipulated the time of this meeting was changed to a 7:00 p.m. start . Also said 48 Hour Notice and Agenda were posted on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Clerk in Memorial Town Hall."

Present: Mayor David N. Connolly, Committeemen Harold Galenkamp, Joseph B. Fiorenzo and Richard C. Alnor

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

Absent: Committeeman Henry J. McNamara

Mayor Connolly opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period with a motion from Committeeman Galenkamp, seconded by Committeeman Alnor.

There was no public comment.

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

Mayor Connolly indicated the Finance Committee was reviewing and signing vouchers and asked for Township Committee reports.

Township Committee Report:

1. Committeeman Fiorenzo reported that the Police Committee was attempting to schedule another meeting with the PBA.
2. Committeeman Galenkamp reported the following:
"As you know, the warm Fall with unseasonably mild weather contributed to the leaves falling late in the season (late November) and the week of Thanksgiving. The residents, who raked the limited leaves which fell early, enjoyed four (4) collections. On Thursday, December 13, 2007, the leaf crews, which began at 7:00 a.m., stopped at 10:00 a.m. and switched into salting mode. A storm of approximately three (3) inches of freezing ice ended early Friday morning. On Saturday, December 15, 2007, the DPW continued with leaf collection. A Nor'easter storm was forecast for this weekend. On Saturday

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night around midnight a storm began as freezing rain, turned to snow and back to freezing rain, leaving an icy covering of approximately two (2) inches which temporarily suspended leaf collection efforts. The DPW on Monday and today removed ice from sidewalks in front of municipal property and the sidewalks on the three (3) overpasses at Route 208. The leaf collection will continue (weather permitting) on Wednesday, December 20, 2007.

3. Committeeman Alnor advised that the Township Committee will accept two (2) new members to the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department. One (1) member will be joining Company #1 and the other member will be joining Company #3.

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

1. The Township opened competitive bids for the annual shade tree maintenance and preservation work today at 11:00 a.m. The low bidder was Downes Tree Service, bidding \$18,884.00. Three (3) other bidders provided bids, the highest bid was \$33,011. An award recommendation is presented for the Township Committee to authorize a contract to the lowest bidder – Downes Tree Service. The Township has found through experience that it is economical to hold the tree request to once a year and advertise for competitive bids in winter months when tree companies have less work to stretch the tax dollar. The Township Committee approved.
2. There are two (2) award recommendations to award new five (5) year contracts for solid waste curbside collection and recyclable curbside collection. The solid waste collection is less than a 1% increase from 2007 – 2008 and the recyclable collection is a 38% reduction from 2007 cost. The 2008 recyclable collection schedule includes additional and establishes collection dates so that residents receive recyclables collected every other week at all homes.
3. Two (2) ordinances are scheduled for public hearing and further consideration this evening. These ordinances codify into Chapter 177 of the Township's Traffic Code, entrances to public parking places and prohibition of turns at driveway entrances and exits. These ordinances are recommended by Police Chief Ydo to bring the municipal traffic code up to date.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel provided two (2) ordinances for Township Committee consideration. The first ordinance limits impervious coverage on residential lots and the second ordinance limits the expansion of non-conforming structures. Both ordinances are designed to limit development and keep residential properties green.

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2. The Township Attorney distributed a resolution for Township Committee consideration which would permit regulating still photography, video taping and audio at public meetings and establishing reasonable restrictions.
3. Mr. Landel reported that the Council on Affordable Housing has published its' third round rules in response to the New Jersey Supreme Court which struck down their previous third round rules. Mr. Landel had the opportunity to provide a cursory review of the rules and opined that they are more stringent and burdensome upon municipalities. These rules will be onerous and will significantly affect undeveloped property in the Township. Mr. Landel will review the regulations and provide this information in the near future.

At this point, Mayor Connolly stated that the regular meeting this evening will not be adjourned but will be carried to the Sine Die Meeting on January 1, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in the Municipal Court Room to conduct any last minute business matters for 2007.

The Township Committee discussed the Reorganization Meeting and the business to be conducted on January 1, 2008. Mayor Connolly proposed starting the meeting at 11:15 a.m. to review the meeting, agenda and any business items prior to the ceremonial or action portion at 12:00 noon. The Township Committee agreed and instructed the Municipal Clerk to prepare the necessary notices.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

David N. Connolly
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk