

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008**

Mayor Richard C. Alnor opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:35 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. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers."

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

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

Absent: Committeemen Joseph B. Fiorenzo and Rudy Boonstra

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

There was no public comment.

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

Township Committee Reports:

1. Committeeman Galenkamp reported that the leaf crews are in District 6 and plan on entering into District 7 on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. Due to the early snowfall, the 2007 Fall Leaf Collection was slowed. The storm that occurred on December 13 & 14, 2008 left three (3) inches of freezing ice. The forecasted nor'easter on December 15, 2008 left an additional icy crest of two (2) inches which encompassed the leaves. The leaf collection crews, after they cleared the ice from the roads and municipal sidewalks, continued with the leaf collection. The recent unseasonable warm weather has allowed the leaf crews to make great time collecting leaves. A notice was placed two (2) weeks ago for residents not to place any more leaves at the curb this winter. An expanded Spring leaf collection will be conducted.
2. Mayor Alnor advised that a letter was received from a resident on Birchwood Drive thanking the DPW for their efforts collecting the leaves.
3. Mayor Alnor reported that the Finance Committee has begun their budget review process and he indicated this year will be a tremendous challenge to control costs. Many additional costs have been incurred through State unfunded mandates. The Township will be in compliance with the 3.5% spending cap.

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Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator indicated that January 15, 2008 is a regular business meeting and that Agenda will include a public hearing and further consideration on an ordinance to establish 2008 Salaries for the DPW bargaining unit. This is the third year of a four (4) year contract and the employee increases range from 2% to 3.5 % depending on the specific position.
2. The January 15, 2008 Agenda will include the awarding of recreation equipment contracts. The municipality opened bids on January 3, 2008 for recreation equipment and the bid specification specifies 207 recreation equipment unit items utilized throughout the year. The Township had ten (10) bidders and nine (9) contracts based will be awarded for the lowest prices on individual unit prices only.
3. Additional information has been provided concerning background checks for Wyckoff Recreation Volunteer Coaches. The Recreation Director is investigating alternatives and their costs to have the background checks performed by the most thorough and cost effective way. Once this information is obtained and verified, the Recreation Director will submit a report to the Township Committee in this regard.
4. A request was received for the recreation baseball and softball games to be posted on the internet, similar to how the traveling booster programs post their own scores. A discussion resulted regarding the fact that the Recreation Department is staffed by 1½ persons and core responsibilities are prioritized.
5. The Administrator reported that on Friday, January 4, 2008 the Township received a communication from the New Jersey League of Municipalities requesting that the Township issue letters in opposition to Bill No. S-176 as a cost generative piece of legislation. Mayor Alnor sent letters in this regard to the Governor and various State legislators.
6. The Township received a notice from the New Jersey League of Municipalities that municipal homeland security aid would not be issued by the State until each municipality completes a State survey. The Chief Financial Officer has completed that survey.
7. The Administrator reported that one (1) of the affordable housing units located in the Barrister Farms complex is available to the next low and moderate income family.
8. A DPW crew started on January 7, 2008 collecting Christmas trees placed by residents at the curb. The crew is already in District 2 at the end of today. This program will be performed in addition to the leaf collection.

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Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel reported he had provided two (2) draft ordinances intended to limit the ability of residential property owners to expand their properties by encouraging proportionate development with respect to lot size. Mr. Landel would like the governing body to provide direction on these ordinances slated for introduction on January 15, 2008.
2. Mr. Landel has reviewed approximately one half of the Council Affordable Housing Third Round Rules concerning the administration and zoning of affordable housing. It appears the Township's quota on affordable housing units will be increased; the percentage of age restricted homes the Township can utilize will be decreasing, the bonus credits will decrease and rules require quotas to be based on projected growth not actual growth. Mr. Landel also pointed out there are procedures for vacant land adjustment and farmland exceptions. At this point, the rules appear cumbersome and onerous for the Township.

At this point, Mayor Alnor indicated that Committeeman Boonstra was excused from this evening's meeting where he is attending a function representing the Township Committee.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Richard C. Alnor
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk