

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008**

Mayor Richard C. Alnor opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 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, Joseph B. Fiorenzo, David N. Connolly and Rudy Boonstra

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

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

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

Township Committee Reports:

1. Committeeman Galenkamp reported that the leaf crews finished District 8, the last district in the sequence of eight (8) districts completing leaf collection. As previously reported, on December 13, 2007 the leaf collection was temporarily suspended due to an ice and snow storm which left three (3) inches of ice. Then on December 15, 2007 an ice storm left two (2) inches of ice which encapsulated the leaves in ice. The DPW has been working since clearing the roads of snow and has completed the seventh round of leaf collection. Mr. Galenkamp explained that last year the leaf collection in the Township ran especially smoothly due to the nearly perfect weather conditions resulting in the entire leaf collection program completed by the middle of December. This year the weather conditions have proven less than ideal decelerating the leaf collection efforts of the DPW. An exceptionally warm autumn that caused the leaves to remain on the trees well into December, along with several ice storms slowed the leaf collection process.

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2. Committeeman Galenkamp also noted that the DPW has been collecting Christmas trees at the curb and as of today have completed District 4.
3. Committeeman Boonstra reported he attended a Board of Health Meeting last week and the Board of Health recommends the Township again contracts with the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission for Health Officer and health provider services as well as Sanitarian services.
4. Committeeman Connolly reported that the Budget Committee completed another work session this evening. The process continues and the Township is working to craft a budget despite unfunded State mandates and uncontrollable expenses like pension costs and utilities.
5. Committeeman Fiorenzo reported the Police Committee met with the PBA and conducted another negotiation session. Additionally, Mr. Fiorenzo advised that at the Board of Recreation Meeting, the Board of Recreation recommended the Township fund and perform background checks on new volunteer coaches. A report was received this evening from the Recreation Director which essentially updates this information and addresses the financial implications for background checks of new volunteer coaches. Although the Township Committee agreed in principle and a consensus appears to be in place, the financial cost will drive that decision prior to an approval.
6. Mayor Alnor reported that the two (2) hour budget meeting this evening included discussions with the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. Mr. Alnor indicated that 2008 will be another challenging year due to uncontrollable increases and State mandates.

Township Attorney Reports:

1. Mr. Landel requested two (2) ordinances be added to this evening's Agenda for introduction. One (1) ordinance establishes impervious coverage restriction and the second ordinance prevents vertical additions to non-conforming structures. Mr. Fiorenzo reported that the purpose of the ordinance is to provide legislative clarity for the Building Department staff and Engineering staff on how to address vertical expansions of non-conforming structures. These two (2) ordinances are the result of discussions and review with the Township Engineer and Building Department Staff.

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

1. The Administrator indicated this evening's Agenda is as presented and points out that the recommendation to award contracts for the recreation equipment is based on the lowest price on each and every unit item.
2. The ordinance to establish salaries for the DPW employees is the fourth year of a five year collective bargaining agreement and the salaries reflected in the ordinance are between 2% and 3.5% based on the specific position in the salary scale.

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3. The two (2) ordinances previously discussed by the Township Attorney and reviewed by the governing body and building staff will be added to the Agenda for introduction.
4. The Wyckoff YMCA has requested a governing body member to administer the "Oath of Office" to the YMCA Board Members at their annual meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.
5. The Administrator reported that there is a Closed Session on the Agenda for discussion of the current status of the PBA negotiations.

At 7:55 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session.

Resolution: (Adoption of the following):

#08-C1 – PBA Negotiations

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is subject to certain requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act", N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, 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 is 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:

PBA Negotiations

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 15, 2008, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on January 15, 2008, in the 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.

INTRODUCED: **FIorenzo:** **SECOND:** **GALENKAMP**
GALENKAMP: yes **CONNOLLY:** yes **FIorenzo:** yes **BOONSTRA:** yes
ALNOR: yes

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At 8:02 p.m. the Township Committee re-enters the Work Session Meeting with the following vote:

INTRODUCED: _____ FIORENZO: _____ SECOND: _____ GALENKAMP _____
GALENKAMP: yes CONNOLLY: yes FIORENZO: yes BOONSTRA: yes
ALNOR: yes

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Richard C. Alnor
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk