

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

Deputy Mayor Harold Galenkamp opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor west wing conference room.

Deputy Mayor Galenkamp led the Salute to the Flag.

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: Deputy Mayor Harold Galenkamp, Committeemen David N. Connolly and Rudolf E. Boonstra

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

Absent: Mayor Richard C. Alnor, Committeeman Joseph B. Fiorenzo and Township Attorney Robert Landel

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

There was no public comment.

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

Township Committee Reports:

1. Committeeman Connolly reported that he attended the Library Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.
2. Municipal Clerk Santimauro reported the 2008 Memorial Day Parade Committee will conduct their first meeting next week at Fire Co. #1.

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

The Administrator reported the Agenda is as submitted.

1. Three (3) ordinances are scheduled for public hearing and further consideration. Two (2) ordinances pertain to land use matters which were referred to the Planning Board and recommended to the Township Committee for adoption. The intent of these ordinances is to limit residential construction by expanding lot coverage restrictions and limiting vertical expansions. The third ordinance appropriates \$150,000 grant for improvements to Park Avenue. This will be performed as a regionalized shared service between Midland Park and Wyckoff.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Wyckoff Environmental Commission's Annual "Team Up to Tidy Up" will be conducted on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
2. On Saturday, April 19, 2008 the Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission will sponsor their Second Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony at the corner of High Street and Voorhis Avenue.
3. The Administrator reported that as part of the budget formulation, the State of New Jersey has mandated that municipalities budget and raise through taxation an amount to pay the State a new tax. The State of new Jersey has mandated a \$3.00 per ton tax for solid waste deposited at a solid waste facility called a recycling tax. This will be a new expense in the 2008 Municipal Budget.
4. The Shared Services letters and discussions initiated by the Township has resulted in at least one (1) community, Midland Park expressing an interest to discuss sharing services as a cost savings measure. The Township is pursuing those discussions which may include employees and facilities.
5. The Chief Financial Officer attended a seminar regarding the implementation of the new State mandated 4% tax levy cap limitation, a general formula used for all 566 municipalities. This mandate will impact smaller municipalities that have been frugal with less to cut more than larger municipalities with larger budgets. The State has also indicated that local government should no longer expect increases in aid from the State and that the State has developed this formula to encourage municipalities to reduce their operating budgets.

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6. The Administrator reported that the Township of Wyckoff conducted its' first quarter safety seminar on Friday, February 15, 2008. The new Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) Safety Consultant attended the seminar and provided his expertise.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Harold Galenkamp
Deputy Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk