

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008**

Mayor Richard C. Alnor opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor west wing conference room.

Mayor Alnor 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: Mayor Richard C. Alnor, Committeemen Harold Galenkamp, Joseph B. Fiorenzo and Rudolf E. Boonstra

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

Absent: Committeeman David N. Connolly to attend the Library Board Meeting

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

Two (2) residents, Frank Mutterer, 425 Drury Lane and Bob Rapport, 415 Drury Lane came forward and asked the governing body questions regarding the emergency access road from Drury Lane to the rear of Eisenhower School. The residents reported that the Wyckoff Board of Education explained to them that the Wyckoff Fire Department has required certain changes from high pressured fire hydrants to wider roads to curb cuts for fire truck access before the Board of Education receives Certificate of Occupancy. Mayor Alnor, who previously served as Wyckoff Fire Chief explained that there is no such thing as a high pressured water hydrant. Previous to the school expansion project, the fire department did not have a chance to review the plans because the Board of Education does not have to submit its' plans to the local planning board and the Board of Education chose not to submit its' plan to the Planning Board. The plans are submitted to the Department of Education. Once construction on the school began, the fire department asked the school to establish, in accordance with fire department policy, a looped hydrant water system on school premises so that adequate water pressure would be available to fight a fire. Previous to the construction, there was only one (1) fire hydrant dead ending at the front of the school. Mayor Alnor reviewed the firematic reasons and value of having a looped hydrant water system to adequately battle a fire at the school building. Mayor Alnor explained that prior to the curb installation when the fire department observed the placement of forms for the concrete curbs, the fire department advised the Board of Education of certain requirements to allow a fire truck access to the rear of Eisenhower School for both rescue and fire suppression. Mr. Rapport asked if the school was required to complete this work before it received a certificate of occupancy. Mayor Alnor responded the school had a certificate of occupancy for quite some time and these were suggestions of the fire department.

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Jerry Goetting, 629 Lawlins Road, advised the governing body he did not get a response from Police Chief Ydo regarding his requests concerning traffic safety. He also sent a letter to the Administrator that was referred to the Chief of Police. Mr. Goetting felt the Administrator should have responded to his letter instead of referring the letter to Chief Ydo. The Administrator advised that traffic safety decisions are determined by the police department and they are not routed from one (1) Township entity to the next searching for the sought after answer. A discussion ensued with Mr. Goetting concerning the fact that Captain Fox has spoken with him regarding truck traffic on Lawlins Road. Across from his home is 681 Lawlins Road which is zoned industrial use. Chief Ydo has sent a letter and although Mr. Goetting may not be happy with the conclusions, he did receive replies.

Township Committee Reports:

1. Mayor Alnor reported that the access ramp that is being funded by an \$86,600 Bergen County Community Development Grant at the front of Towns Hall has begun. Construction is expected to take approximately thirty (30) working days, weather permitting.
2. Mayor Alnor reported he had the honor to participate in the Annual Team Up to Tidy Up Day on Saturday, April 5, 2008. Twenty (20) public sites were cleaned of debris with volunteers collecting 71 bags of garbage, 36 bags of recyclables, a couple of ropes and several bats and balls. A large number of Wyckoff youths participated and "Wyckoff Pride" was very evident. Additionally, the Wyckoff Environmental Commission and the Wyckoff Chamber of Commerce awarded the logo contest winners Chamber of Commerce Gift Certificates donated by the Chamber of Commerce.
3. Mayor Alnor advised the Annual Baseball/Softball Parade is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Later that evening is the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the P.T.O. Economy Shop.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator advised that the Spring enhanced leaf collection began on Monday, April 7, 2008 in District 1. At the conclusion of leaf collection in all eight (8) districts, the DPW crews will commence a second round.
2. The Administrator reported that Bergen County has sent its' park improvement component of its' Open Space Grant applications and requested any suggestions from the Township Committee.
3. The Northwest Bergen Pricing Consortium will advertise for competitive bids on Friday, April 11, 2008 the electric aggregation project which includes fifteen (15) municipalities which Wyckoff is one.

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4. A complaint was received that a residential home was conducting a furniture business at 411 Carlton Road. The Building Inspector checked into the complaint. Upon the return of the Zoning Enforcement Officer tomorrow, a further inspection will follow.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Richard C. Alnor
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk