

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

Mayor David N. Connolly opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:40 p.m. in the second floor west wing 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 David N. Connolly, Committeemen Richard C. Alnor, Harold Galenkamp, Henry J. McNamara and Joseph B. Fiorenza

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

Mayor Connolly opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period. There was no public comment at this time.

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

Mayor Connolly indicated the Finance Committee was reviewing and signing vouchers and requested Township Committee Reports.

**Township Committee Reports:**

1. Committeeman McNamara reported that the Finance Committee continues to work on the formulation for the 2007 Municipal Budget. The fifth budget review session was held this evening. The Township Committee has been informed today that the New Jersey State Legislature has adopted a law establishing a 4% tax levy cap limitation. The Township must now wait for additional information from the State of New Jersey specifically, whether the State has exempted its' own cost generative actions which drives up the municipal budget.

Mr. McNamara advised that an "Op-Ed" article in today's Record written by the East Rutherford Mayor which indicated that the State has not considered that the property tax problem is not caused by local officials but by the State's cost generative actions and budgetary proposals such as shifting the police and fire retirement systems costs and the public employee retirement systems costs back to the municipalities.

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2. Committeeman Fiorenzo reported he reviewed the 127 page Appellate Court opinion which struck down the Council on Affordable Housing's (COAH) rules and regulations. This is significant for the Township of Wyckoff and other smaller municipalities. COAH had previously promulgated a third round methodology based on the growth share model. The Township Committee relied on these COAH rules and contemplated a reduction of sites zoned for affordable housing. Based on this court action, in all probability, the Township of Wyckoff will not be able to remove sites from affordable housing zoning. Additionally, the mission from the Governor's Office stipulates that more affordable housing units are to be built in the State of New Jersey. If this is true, the Township may have to pursue other sites in the municipality for affordable housing.  
  
Mr. Fiorenzo expressed frustration because the governing body presented its' third round petition which was a sound application based on the rules and regulations promulgated by COAH. The courts have given COAH six (6) months to design new rules and regulations; subsequently the Township must then hire planners and expend funds again to develop a plan that will meet the new COAH regulations. Mr. Fiorenzo indicated that this is another example of the State of New Jersey or a court taking away a municipality's ability to determine its' own destiny.
3. Committeeman Rick Alnor reported that on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 The Township's Office of Emergency Management participated in a county wide functional emergency management exercise. The Township tested its' new computer system. The equipment that was installed for emergency management functioned properly.  
  
Mr. Alnor also reported that from January 1, 2007 to today's date the Fire Department has responded to fifty-five (55) calls; nine (9) calls since Friday, February 2, 2007 when the area experienced tremendously cold weather. The Fire Department also assisted Franklin Lakes when a medivac helicopter was called for a vehicle accident.
4. Mayor Connolly reported that at the last Board of Health Meeting, the Board has begun the process to have the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission (the Township's Health Officer) charge Medicare patients for their flu vaccinations beginning in October 2007.

**Policy Action Items:**

1. The 8:00 p.m. Agenda is scheduled as presented with the exception of an additional resolution for pending litigation. There is a public hearing and further consideration scheduled for an ordinance to allow increased membership to the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department (to address the shortage of volunteer firefighters) and the Ramapo High School Girls Varsity Soccer State Champion Team to receive proclamations for their accomplishment.
2. Mayor Connolly advised the Administrator that the Risk Manager's contract required by the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) bylaws can be processed because the fee is a JIF mandate.
3. The Administrator requested approval of the proposal from Boswell Engineering to establish a center line on Madison Avenue to implement streetscape improvements. The Township Committee approved.

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4. Ridgewood Water experienced its' second water main break on Grandview Avenue in the last year. Grandview Avenue is scheduled for paving this Summer with a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation therefore, Ridgewood Water was instructed to examine its' existing water lines on Grandview Avenue before the 7/07 paving of Grandview Avenue.
5. The Administrator received a letter from Ridgewood Water advising that Ridgewood Water will be constructing a pipe line in Wyckoff at the Wyckoff/Franklin Lakes border, along Franklin Avenue down to approximately Overlook Drive. This line will allow for an interconnection with United Water System.
6. The Administrator provided an update from the New Jersey League of Municipalities advising that the State passed the "Lazy Bidder Law" which prohibits municipalities and counties from accepting bids on a Monday or any day connected with a holiday. Subsequently, there will be only 196 days in a year to accept bids.
7. The Township Attorney is scheduling a meeting for next week with the Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority, the Building Department and the Administrator to review the newly mandated NBCUA connection fee and process.
8. The Administrator requested confirmation from the governing body to the appointment of Thomas Gensheimer, Building Inspector as Acting Construction Code Official for sixty (60) days. The Township Committee approved.
9. Committeeman McNamara advised the governing body that during the budget committee review there may be a donation of a four wheel drive vehicle from Hawthorne Chevrolet. The Township Committee shall determine which department this vehicle is assigned to.

At 7:56 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session via Resolution #07-C2 with the following vote:

**MOTION:           FIorenzo                SECOND:           ALNOR            
GALENKAMP: yes    FIorenzo: yes    MC NAMARA: yes    ALNOR: yes    CONNOLLY: yes**

At 8:01 p.m. the Township Committee voted to remove themselves from Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session Meeting:

**MOTION:           FIorenzo                SECOND:           ALNOR            
GALENKAMP: yes    FIorenzo: yes    MC NAMARA: yes    ALNOR: yes    CONNOLLY: yes**

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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David N. Connolly  
Mayor

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Joyce C. Santimauro  
Municipal Clerk