

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

Mayor David N. Connolly opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:33 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 Harold Galenkamp, Henry J. McNamara, Joseph B. Fiorenzo and Richard C. Alnor

**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 Fiorenzo 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.

**Township Committee Report:**

1. Committeeman McNamara reported that the Finance Committee met this evening to conclude their last review of municipal departmental budget requests with Department Managers. The municipality is still waiting on the State of New Jersey to implement the new law concerning budgeting and the new 4% tax levy limitation. Mr. McNamara indicated that the budget team has made progress and they are working to bring the budget in at a reasonable increase. It was noted that the Township of Wyckoff did not receive any additional revenues from the State of New Jersey and the State of New Jersey has not repealed its' double digit mandated increases it has forced on municipalities.
2. Committeeman Alnor reported that the Fire Department is in the process of preparing for the Annual Inspection Contest scheduled for Friday, March 16, 2007. The firefighters from each company work diligently in the months of January, February and March to "fine tune" their firematic skills and to maintain all the fire equipment and apparatus "spotless." A panel of five (5) judges from other fire departments inspect each fire company on their firematic knowledge and equipment. Mr. Alnor further reported that this is a contributing factor why Wyckoff is able to keep its' fire pumpers in service for thirty (30) years when most town do not. Mr. Alnor also reported that on Sunday, March 4, 2007 the Fire Department conducted an ice drill at Zabriskie Pond accompanied by members of the Northwest Bergen Mutual Aid Fire Departments.
3. Mayor David Connolly reported that he attended the Wyckoff Board of Health Meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

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

The Administrator reviewed the 8:00 P.M. Agenda and received the following additions to this evening's Agenda.

1. An apprentice firefighter application for Ryan Cascardo.
2. A recommendation from the Recreation Director to increase recreation fees. Committeeman Fiorenzo indicated that these fees have been reviewed by the Finance Committee with regard to the revenue and the expenditures to provide these programs.
3. An ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and further consideration concerning increasing the special meeting fee for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment from \$575.00 to \$1,000.00. The Township Committee agreed to place these items on this evening's Agenda.

**Policy Action Items:**

1. The Annual "Team Up to Tidy Up Day" sponsored by the Environmental Commission and the Township Commission will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
2. A verbal request was received from Alan Reiffe, Business Administrator for the Wyckoff K-8 Board of Education government requesting if the Board of Education could place steel on the vacant lot the Township owns at Main Street and Clinton Avenue for their Washington School construction project. The Township Committee discussed this and indicated they would be cooperative however, the governing body determined that a time line of four (4) months would be acceptable. The Administrator will contact Mr. Reiffe in this regard.
3. A staff recommendation was received to increase the park and ride permit fees at the Cornerstone Christian Church. The Finance Committee will review and provide a recommendation.
4. A bulletin from the New Jersey League of Municipalities indicated that the Township Committee may enact an ordinance to authorize a fee for the Mayor to perform marriage and/or civil union ceremonies to be deposited in the municipal general fund. In lieu of an ordinance, the Mayor may suggest the applicants make a financial contribution to a charity or non-profit organization. In the past, the Wyckoff Mayors have requested that individuals who have been married send a donation to the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department or the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp. The Township Committee discussed this at length and determined not to enact an ordinance but continue to suggest donations to these two (2) Wyckoff volunteer emergency organizations.
5. The Fire Department has requested to place banners on Fire Company #2 and Fire Company #3 celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007. The banner for Fire Company #1 would alternate between the firehouse and the front lawn at Town Hall. The Township Committee agreed.
6. Police Chief Ydo provided information regarding the public comments concerning the use of "jake brakes" to stop a truck. The information indicated that the NJDOT reports that engine braking is not prohibited under current law and states that engine braking is

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a legitimate engine and braking function for heavy trucks. Since it has a safety benefit, the Police Chief does not recommend prohibiting it. A draft reply was prepared by Chief Ydo and the governing body approved the draft but suggested the police perform additional enforcement monitoring throughout this area. The Administrator was instructed to request a monthly report from Chief Ydo.

7. The Municipal Court has made a request to change the scheduled court sessions from Thursday nights to Monday nights. The Township Committee discussed this at length and requested a recommendation from Police Chief Ydo in this regard.
8. The Environmental Commission and the Shade Tree Commission are in the process of organizing an Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2007. The Township Committee requested a public service announcement in this regard be issued.
9. Robert Shannon, the Township Administrator will attend this Saturday's full day course in order to have one (1) employee trained in the New Jersey Forestry CORE Course in order for the Township to qualify for the New Jersey Community Forestry Grant Program.
10. The Administrator reported that Scott Fisher, the DPW Manager has started the implementation of a GIS System.
11. A letter received from Senator McNamara advises that the Township has received a \$19,337.53 Clean Communities Grant.
12. The Administrator reported that as per Committeeman McNamara's suggestion, a letter was sent to Congressman Scott Garrett in response to the Congressman's request for any items of assistance the Congressman's may help the Township with. The Mayor's letter requests funds for sewer construction projects.

At 7:55 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting and traveled to the Court Room for the regularly scheduled Public Business Meeting.

At 8:21 p.m. the Township Committee reconvened the Work Session Meeting with the following vote:

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

At 8:22 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session via Resolution #07-C3 with the following vote:

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

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At 8:34 p.m. the Township Committee voted to remove themselves from Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session Meeting:

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

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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David N. Connolly  
Mayor

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Joyce C. Santimauro  
Municipal Clerk