

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007**

Mayor David N. Connolly opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:35 p.m. in the second floor west wing conference room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This Special Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is now in session. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to advise that the 48 Hour Notice with regard to this meeting has been posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board since March 14, 2007 and the 48 Hour Notice was faxed on March 16, 2007 to the official newspapers. The Agenda for this meeting has been posted on the Municipal Clerk's bulletin board on March 14 & 23, 2007, respectively. Copies of this 48 Hour Notice and Agenda were forwarded to the Ridgewood News, The Record, and The North Jersey Herald and News, all papers with general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff."

**Present:** Mayor David N. Connolly, Committeemen Harold Galenkamp, Richard C. Alnor, Henry J. McNamara and Joseph B. Fiorenzo

**Also Present:** Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector Diana McLeod.

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.

**Township Committee Reports:**

1. Committeeman Fiorenzo reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week with the PBA to begin the labor negotiation process.
2. Committeeman Alnor reported that the Fire Department completed their Annual Inspection Process last week. A panel of five (5) judges from surrounding municipalities and the New York City Fire Department conducted a fair and equitable inspection process. Fire Company #1 won the Annual Inspection Contest. As of today's date, the fire department has responded to 147 calls for assistance.
3. Mayor Connolly agreed with Committeeman Alnor that the fire department inspection process was outstanding and advised that Mr. Alnor and Robert Shannon, Jr., Township Administrator/Firefighter were presented with the Wyckoff Fire Department's highest honor, the Dana Hannon Distinguished Service Award. It was presented to them for the development of the Apprentice Firefighter Program which is now being utilized by the New Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund as a model throughout the state.
4. Mayor Connolly reported he attended the West Bergen Mental Health Ceremony that honored resident Michael Chagares for his many civic contributions. Mr. Connolly also attended an all day course for land use training.

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

1. This evening's Agenda is as presented including a budget cap ordinance to establish the 2007 cap bank.
2. The 2007 Municipal Budget will be introduced this evening.
3. Two (2) public hearings are scheduled;
  - a) an ordinance to increase the sewer usage fees for 2007 which reflect a 3% increase and
  - b) an ordinance to allow and regulate PODS (portable on site storage units) on residential property.

**Policy Action Items:**

1. The Township's Annual "Team Up to Tidy Up Day" will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the annual event funded by the New Jersey Clean Communities Grant Program.
2. The Arbor Day Planting Ceremony is slated for Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in front of Fire Company #1 behind Town Hall.
3. The Township Committee does not have to consider an action on the shift exchange grievance submitted by the PBA because the PBA has rescinded the grievance.
4. The Administrator received a letter from the Municipal Court Office requesting to shift scheduled court sessions from Thursday to Monday evenings. The Township Committee expressed concerns as the 2007 Municipal Calendar establishes Thursday evenings for court sessions. Therefore, this request will be reconsidered in the Fall for 2008.
5. The Council on Affordable Housing Development Fee Ordinance Report was prepared and mailed.
6. The Chief Financial Officer reported that the Bond Rating Firm, Standard and Poors has affirmed the Township of Wyckoff's AA+ Municipal Bond Rating.
7. The Chief Financial Officer has completed and mailed an application for the credit for federal telephone excise tax paid.
8. Municipal Clerk Santimauro attended the Community Development Meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007 and reported the Committee has recommended a grant of \$86,600 for the Town Hall Front Barrier Free Access Ramp. Many communities did not receive any grant funds.
9. Committeeman Fiorenzo reported that a meeting was conducted last week with himself, Committeeman Galenkamp, Township Attorney Robert Landel and Thomas Gensheimer, Building Inspector and the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Officials, Howard Horowitz, Executive Director and Doug Bern, Association Counsel. The meeting was requested by the Township of Wyckoff to explore ways the Authority could mitigate the effect on residents for the new sewer connection fee. The Township feels

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this fee disproportionately affects Wyckoff because approximately 50% of the homes are sewered. A suggestion was proposed to the Authority to assist Wyckoff residents either in whole or part with funding the sewer main extension costs. The Authority Officials will review this suggestion and advise the Township.

10. The Township Attorney suggested the Township consider a growth shared ordinance in addition to the development fee ordinance. Mr. Landel offered to prepare a draft in this regard.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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David N. Connolly  
Mayor

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Joyce C. Santimauro  
Municipal Clerk