

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007**

Mayor David N. Connolly opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 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, 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.

Mayor Connolly indicated the Finance Committee was reviewing and signing vouchers and asked for Township Committee reports.

Township Committee Reports:

1. Committeeman McNamara advised that at 8:00 p.m. the governing body will conduct a public hearing and further consider the 2007 Municipal Budget.
2. Mayor Connolly reported that he attended the Northwest Bergen Mayors Association Meeting on Saturday, April 21, 2007.
3. Committeeman Alnor reported that the 2007 K – 8 District School Budget was defeated by the Wyckoff voters. Mr. Alnor and Committeeman Fiorenzo will serve as a sub-committee to review the school budget information and meetings will be scheduled with the Wyckoff Board of Education. The Township Committee must complete its' review and adopt a resolution by May 18, 2007.
4. Committeeman Alnor also reported that on Friday, April 20, 2007 the fire department closed Route 208 North from approximately 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. due to a New Jersey Transit bus fire at the exit of Russell Avenue. As of today, the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department has responded to 172 calls for assistance.

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5. Committeeman Fiorenzo stated that with regard to the defeated school budget the Township Committee, by statute is provided with thirty (30) days to review and consider the K- 8 District's School Board Budget. The Township Committee will approach this responsibility diligently and professionally to determine if any appropriation areas exist to reduce the budget without jeopardizing a thorough and efficient education. A public meeting will be scheduled with the Wyckoff Board of Education to obtain public input and only then will a decision be made.

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

The Administrator reviewed the following items:

1. The 2007 Municipal Budget is scheduled for public hearing and further consideration this evening.
2. The governing body is required by statute to adopt a resolution annually endorsing a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection recycling tonnage grant application report. Each municipality must provide a thorough and detailed report of the amount of recyclables recycled in its' municipality by both residential and commercial property owners. This resolution will authorize the submission of this report by on or before May 1, 2007.
3. A motion is requested to consider adding the approval of the specifications and authorize competitive bidding for the Grandview Avenue resurfacing project funded by a New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Grant. This will be the tenth road improvement achieved in Wyckoff from a NJDOT Grant.
4. The Agenda lists four (4) capital ordinances; these ordinances do not authorize any new debt. The New Jersey Fiscal Affairs procedure requires funds appropriated in a capital improvement fund section of the municipal budget to be established through a capital ordinance before the projects can be undertaken.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. behind Town Hall at the corner of Voorhis and High Street in Scott Plaza across from Fire Company #1.

The DPW and Boy Scout Troop 89 planted tree seedlings at the Larkin House Park last week as part of the Arbor Day activities. The tree seedlings; one (1) to two (2) feet tall were planted at the Larkin House Park to allow the tree seedlings to grow without the risk of damage from pedestrians and to protect them during their growth. Once these seedlings grow into young trees, they can be re-planted on other Township property. (The Larkin House is a five (5) acre parcel of Open Space which the Township Committee accepted as a free donation from Mrs. Helen Larkin in 1999. The property

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consists of woods, gardens and the Larkin House is utilized by the Wyckoff Senior Citizens and Wyckoff Adult Groups as a meeting facility).

2. The Wyckoff Family YMCA William Boye Humanitarian of the Year Award will be presented to four (4) individuals on May 3, 2007. Mayor Connolly advised he will attend the ceremony.
3. The new Township Engineer will start on May 21, 2007.
4. The DPW crews completed the two (2) Township Spring leaf collection pickups.
5. The Wyckoff Board of Health is sponsoring a "Stroke Screening" on Thursday, April 26, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Larkin House.
6. The twice a week curbside garbage and trash collections resume on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 and once a week grass recycling collections start also.
7. A DPW crew restored the wooden simulated antique directional signs in the Wyckoff Community Park (WCP). If you have a chance, stop by the Wyckoff Community Park; the forsythias relocated by the DPW from the State's Route 208 center median project and replanted at the Wyckoff Community Park years ago are in full yellow bloom.

Township Attorney Report:

1. The Township Attorney indicated that the growth share ordinance is presently being redrafted with a copy to follow shortly.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

David N. Connolly
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk