

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007 - 8:00 PM**

Deputy Mayor Richard C. Alnor called the regular meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee in the Municipal Court Room to order at 8:00 p.m.

Reverend Wesley Kenyon gave the Invocation.

Clerk Santimauro read the "Open Public Meetings Act" Statement: "This regular 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 notice of this meeting has been posted in the lower level of the Memorial Town Hall and that copy of the annual schedule of meetings has also been filed with the Township Clerk, and that copies of this agenda and annual notice of meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the Ridgewood News, The Record, and The North Jersey Herald and News all papers with general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff."

She noted those present: Deputy Mayor Alnor, Committeemen McNamara and Fiorenzo.

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

Absent: Mayor Connolly and Committeeman Galenkamp

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the following Township Committee minutes:

Township Committee Regular and Work Session Meeting from
April 24, 2007:

MOTION: Fiorenzo **SECOND:** McNamara GALENKAMP Absent
ALNOR Yes MC NAMARA Yes FIorenZO Yes CONNOLLY Absent

MEETING OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Township Committee voted unanimously to open the public portion of the meeting.

Brian Scanlan, 51 Ravine Avenue came forward to address the Deputy Mayor and Township Committee. Mr. Scanlan began by referencing the James McFaul Wildlife Center and noted that green acres monies were obtained to purchase this 81 acre parcel of open space.

Mr. Scanlan asked Committeeman McNamara "will there be an Open Space Advisory Committee set up in Wyckoff like in other towns to make recommendations to the Township on how the trust fund should be set up?" Committeeman McNamara and Committeeman Fiorenzo responded by answering this question as they have on numerous other occasions, that the responsibility of an Open Space selection is the responsibility of the Township Committee; and, if this important issue needs to be delegated it will be given to the Planning Board and this is in accordance with the law. Committeemen McNamara and Fiorenzo added that recommendations from the public would be welcome in this regard.

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Mr. Scanlan also asked if the Township Committee would be doing an inventory of open space in the Township and possible acquisition opportunities. Committeeman McNamara said that there have been several meetings where the Township's inventory of open space that presently exists has been presented to the community. Committeeman Fiorenzo went on to say that Candidate Sobin several weeks ago asked the same question with regard to an Open Space Advisory Committee and the response from Committeeman Fiorenzo was that to form such a committee would be an abdication of the Township Committee's responsibility.

Mr. Scanlan said that the meeting was being video taped so the tax payers would no longer have to request copies of audio cassette tapes and have to pay for them.

Michael Brienza, 458 Russell Avenue came forward to speak to the Mayor and Township Committee about the Ridgewood Water meeting with a subcommittee of the Township Committee that was referenced earlier in the evening by Committeeman Alnor.

Mr. Brienza stated that the Township's own Master Plan states that the Township cannot count the Bergen County Wildlife Center in its' inventory of Open Space.

Mr. Brienza discussed the audio cassettes of the Township Committee meetings, he questioned the destruction of public records and the quote he received to purchase copies audio cassettes.

Doug Dietz, 464 Hartung Drive presented a petition to the Township Committee signed by residents regarding pedestrian safety in the Township of Wyckoff and police enforcement and support in this regard. The Township Committee will convey his pedestrian safety concerns to the Police Chief.

Martin Costello, 78 Colgate Avenue came forward to speak Committeeman McNamara on the status of the Tree Ordinance. Mr. McNamara said a Tree Ordinance was introduced, there was a public hearing, and due to legitimate concerns from the public and Township Committee the ordinance was not approved. Mr. McNamara went on to say that the re-draft of the Tree Ordinance is ongoing and expects a revised Tree Ordinance will be introduced.

The Township Committee voted unanimously to close the public portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Santimauro read the following Consent Agenda into the record: "All matters listed below are considered by the Township Committee to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Township Committee, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately":

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I Resolutions

#07-129 Appoint Construction Code Official and Building Subcode Official

WHEREAS, Wyckoff Construction Code Official and Building Subcode Official, Lawrence Edler, has retired as of a April 30, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff desires to appoint Mr. Thomas Gensheimer to the positions of Construction Code Official and Building Subcode Official effective May 1, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official position and the Building Subcode Official position are both positions with four (4) year terms; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gensheimer possess both the New Jersey Licenses issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to serve as a Construction Code Official and a Building Subcode Official.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey that Mr. Thomas Gensheimer is hereby appointed to the positions of Construction Code Official and Building Subcode Official effective May 1, 2007 for the Township of Wyckoff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and Mr. Gensheimer.

#07-130 Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, the two Committeemen acting as the Finance Committee have approved and signed vouchers, also recommending payment; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available for payment of said vouchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that the action of the said Finance Committee be approved; and, that the proper officers of the Township be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw checks against the funds of the Township of Wyckoff in payment of such vouchers covered by checks no. 63131 - 63223 Payroll A/C, checks no. 048703 - 048763 Claims A/C and checks no. 2016 – 2019 Accutrack A/C.

Listing of said checks is attached to the official minutes.

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#07-C5 Closed Session – PBA Negotiations

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is subject to certain requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the “Open Public Meetings Act”, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to

the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

PBA Negotiations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey assembled in public session on May 1, 2007, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on May 1, 2007, in the Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the said closed session will be made public when the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff determines the reason for the minutes to remain closed no longer exists.

Following is the vote on the Consent Agenda:

MOTION : McNamara **SECOND:** Fiorenzo **GALENKAMP**
Absent ALNOR Yes MC NAMARA Yes FIORENZO Yes
CONNOLLY Absent

This meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

David N. Connolly
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk