

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007**

Mayor David N. Connolly opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor 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, Joseph B. Fiorenzo and Richard C. Alnor

Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Police Chief John Ydo and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Absent: Committeeman Henry J. McNamara

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 asked Police Subcommittee members, Committeemen Joseph B. Fiorenzo and Harold Galenkamp to provide a recommendation. Mr. Fiorenzo indicated that for the last six (6) months the Police Committee has been interviewing candidates for the position of sergeant and is prepared to make a recommendation for the promotion of two (2) police officers to the positions of sergeant. Due to the retirements of two (2) police sergeants, two (2) sergeant positions are currently vacant. Both candidates were interviewed with other police officers several months ago. The recommendation is to appoint Officer Dale Winters and Detective Dan Kellogg to the position of sergeant. Committeeman Fiorenzo made a motion to approve the recommendation. Committeeman Galenkamp seconded the motion with all governing body members present voting yes.

At this point, Officer Dale Winters was administered the Oath of Office to the position of Police Sergeant by Municipal Clerk Santimauro. Mayor Connolly remarked on Officer Winters experience and expertise during his career with the Wyckoff Police Department. Committeeman Fiorenzo indicated that Sgt. Winters had the integrity, character and commitment to Wyckoff in the service that he has provided to assist Police Chief Ydo to lead the police department.

At this time, Detective Dan Kellogg was administered the Oath of Office to the position of Police Sergeant by Municipal Clerk Santimauro. Deputy Mayor Alnor commented on Sgt. Kellogg's experience and expertise in the Wyckoff Police Department. Mr. Alnor indicated Sgt. Kellogg is loyal to his job and to the Township of Wyckoff.

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

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Township Committee Reports:

1. Deputy Mayor Alnor advised that on Saturday, June 23, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. is the Fire Department's Exposition Day celebrating 100 years of volunteer firefighter service to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff. Mr. Alnor indicated that the purpose of the day is to provide fire safety and fire prevention information and displays regarding Wyckoff firefighting over the past 100 years.
2. Committeeman Galenkamp indicated that the Bergen County Engineer has advised that the Bergen County roads in Wyckoff will be resurfaced the week of July 9, 2007 specifically, the area of Cedar Hill Avenue between Wyckoff Avenue and Cedar Court which was excavated last fall for a sewer main extension and the area of Wyckoff Avenue from Cedar Hill Avenue to Frances Place where PSE&G installed a gas main replacement. The project area on Wyckoff Avenue between Main Street and Greenwood Avenue will also be resurfaced.
3. Committeeman Fiorenzo indicated that the Township Committee will consider and discuss the concept of a floor area ratio. Mayor Connolly and Committeeman Fiorenzo will serve on the sub-committee to study this topic with a report to follow.
4. Committeeman Fiorenzo indicated a draft letter addressing the grievance from the PBA was provided for review. The draft letter affirms Police Chief Ydo's decision. All governing body members approved the letter.
5. Committeeman Fiorenzo indicated that the Police Committee previously discussed with Police Chief Ydo joining the Bergen County Reverse 911 Community notification program. This recommendation will avoid a \$330 per month charge with a 2007 calendar year savings of \$1,980 and a savings of \$3, 960 for 2008. The Township Committee approved.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator reported on the status of the Bergen County Road Improvement Project on Wyckoff Avenue between Main Street and Greenwood Avenue. Beginning Wednesday, June 13, 2007 for approximately four (4) days the contractor will be removing the railroad siding and reconstructing the road where the siding was removed. The project has been delayed one (1) day due to Cablevision's absence to relocate their lines to the three (3) new utility poles. The change in the traffic pattern due to this work has been posted on the web and e-mailed to all site registrants who have registered their e-mail address on www.wyckoff-nj.com, site registration.
2. The Administrator reviewed a suggestion that the Madison Avenue Streetscape Improvement from Clinton Avenue to Franklin Avenue include brick paver sidewalks on one (1) side and the six (6) existing mature trees on the opposite side remain with new curbing installed. A governing body consensus existed to agree with this suggestion.

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3. The Administrator requested approval of specifications and authorize bidding for the radio repair maintenance contract and the purchase a fire department breathing air system. The Township Committee approved.
4. The Municipal Clerk received a Notice of Claim to the municipality from an adult men's softball player who fell over a first base bag in the Wyckoff Recreation Men's Softball League. The Township has requested the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) Safety Consultant inspect the bases. The Township has no control over what individual players from other teams may say to other players.
5. A letter was received from the resident at 526 Carlton Road requesting to connect to the sanitary sewer main by means of a force main and on-site grinder pump. The Township Committee agreed based on this specific situation of septic failure and compliance with the usual and customary conditions that are required by the municipality.
6. The Fire Department has requested permission for three (3) temporary signs; one (1) at Town Hall, one (1) at Fire Co. #2 at 180 Wyckoff Avenue and one (1) at the former Buis gas station to provide further notice of the fire department exposition day on Saturday, June 23, 2007. The governing body agreed.
7. The public business meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 will include further consideration of the growth share ordinance and the introduction of an ordinance authorizing the Township to accept the \$86,600 Community Development Block Grant to construct and enhance ADA access in the front of Town Hall.
8. The Administrator reported that in 1985 or 1986 the Township, as a joint venture with Midland Park, paved Park Avenue, which is half in Wyckoff and half in Midland Park, with the award of a New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Trust Fund Grant. The Administrator requested permission for that road to be the focus of the 2008 competitive grant application. The Township Committee agreed.
9. The Administrator is preparing the bid specifications for the next five (5) year curbside garbage and recycling collection. A resolution will be drafted to establish a five (5) year contract with Damato Paper Stock for a five (5) year recyclable market contract. It is important and cost effective to secure a recyclable market in close proximity to the municipality before the bid specifications are finalized. The governing body agreed.
10. The Administrator is in the process of preparing the final requirements for the municipality's SHARE Grant. This is the grant application to study efficiencies in Wyckoff and Midland Park Police Department jointly. The State has changed their guidelines as it relates to this grant specifically, the State requires a request for proposal procurement and a consultant proposal to be in place before they determine to approve a grant application. This is contrary to how bidding is to be performed however, the State requires this procedure therefore, once proposals are received the contract will not be awarded but prices will be held in abeyance for sixty (60) days in anticipation of a positive decision from the State to award this grant.

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11. The Administrator received a letter from residents on Lyons Avenue requesting sewer connection. This information will be forwarded to the Township Engineer for further review.
12. With regard to the Growth Share Ordinance for the Township's Affordable Housing Program, the Township Attorney reported that ordinance is scheduled for further consideration next Tuesday..
13. A question was asked concerning the status of the Northwest Bergen County Sewer Utilities Authority reply and their willingness to assist Wyckoff residents extend sewer mains as requested by the Township Committee. It was reported that Northwest Bergen appears to be ready to contract with Boswell Engineering to conduct a study of an area of Wyckoff that would address this question. The governing body recommended the Knolls Section due to the large number of homes geographically in a smaller area.
14. The Township Attorney has been studying a question regarding forfeited property resulting from a police department investigation which resulted in a successful conviction. Specifically, the process when a municipality would receive a vehicle or vehicles and cash assets to be utilized to purchase police department equipment.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

David N. Connolly
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk