

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 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 Records 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, Henry J. McNamara 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 Galenkamp motioned to close the public comment period, seconded by Committeeman Alnor with an affirmative voice vote.

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

The Administrator provided the following items for Township Committee consideration for inclusion on this evening's Agenda.

1. The Fire Department has requested to administer the Oath of Office to three (3) new volunteer firefighters; Michael Arthur Amerman, Thomas James Laird and Paul Kasabian. The Township Committee agreed to have the Municipal Clerk administer the Oath of Office.
2. An additional resolution was presented regarding the FAA re-designed flight patterns concerning airplanes and noise. The resolution objects to any change in flight patterns which does not reduce airplane noise from airplanes flying over the Township of Wyckoff.
3. An ordinance to increase the general minimum/maximum penalty for violations of the Code of the Township of Wyckoff where a violation amount is not already provided for. This increase would amend the up to \$1,200 penalty and replace it with an up to \$2,000 penalty to be determined by the Municipal Judge.
4. An ordinance was presented to amend the commuter park and ride fee schedule at the commuter park and ride facility at the Cornerstone Christian Church. Additional improvements have been achieved at the commuter park and ride facility including nineteen (19) new spaces in the Church lot and safety lighting at the adjacent overflow parking area.

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The Township Committee reviewed these items and approved these additions to the Agenda.

Township Committee Reports:

1. Committeeman McNamara, Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Township just received certification from the County Board of Taxation for the five (5) tax rates on the annual tax bill. These tax rates include the municipal tax rate, the K-8 school system tax rate, the regional high school system tax rate, the County of Bergen tax rate and the Open Space tax rate. The State of New Jersey mandates that the municipal government must serve the other units of local government as a billing and collection agent for taxes. The issuance of tax bills has been delayed by the State of New Jersey.
2. Committeeman Galenkamp reported that Bergen County has been milling Cedar Hill Avenue, Wyckoff Avenue and the section of Wyckoff Avenue that was recently improved between Main Street and Greenwood Avenue. Paving will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week.
3. Committeeman Alnor, Fire Department Liaison reported that the Fire Department Exposition Day celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department was a great success. Since that day, the fire department has four (4) potential applicants interested in serving as volunteer firefighters. Mr. Alnor also reported that the previous record that was set in 2006 was just exceeded. As of July 9, 2006 the fire department responded to 235 fire calls. As of July 9, 2007, the fire department has responded to 301 fire calls. There were several significant fire calls; a gas leak on Grandview Avenue caused by Ridgewood Water construction which resulted in the evacuation of twelve (12) homes. The Fire Department also responded to a gas leak on Lawrence Court and a major house fire in a construction trailer at Eisenhower Middle School last week. As part of Wyckoff's Mutual Aid responsibility, the fire department participated in a major fire in Franklin Lakes. Mr. Alnor indicated that the Fire Department 100th Anniversary Parade is scheduled for September 1, 2007.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Bergen County/Township of Wyckoff Joint Road Improvement and Traffic Management Project, which will create a left turn lane and a thru lane on Wyckoff Avenue between Main Street and Greenwood Avenue, will be completed on Friday, July 13, 2007 and the road striping is scheduled to be performed the following Tuesday.

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2. The final requirement of the SHARE Grant Application was submitted on Thursday, July 5, 2007 to New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. On Tuesday, July 3, 2007 the Township received a request for proposals to conduct a feasibility study. No contract has been awarded as the Township is waiting for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to advise if a grant will be awarded for the study.
3. The Administrator reported on the bid opening to purchase a fire department high pressure air filling station to service the Fire Department's self contained breathing apparatus. The Township Committee requested a resolution to award a contract to purchase the system.
4. The Administrator discussed the request from Boswell Engineering concerning the Manchester Way culvert project. The governing body considers the project complete as bid.
5. CVS Pharmacy submitted a request to park a mobile trailer unit in their parking lot on August 2 & 3, 2007 to perform health screenings. The Township Committee reviewed and approved the request as long as no on-site parking is significantly affected.

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

David N. Connolly
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk

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