

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Richard C. Alnor, Harold Galenkamp, Henry J. McNamara and Joseph B. Fiorenzo.

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 with a motion from Committeeman Galenkamp, seconded by Committeeman Fiorenzo. There was no public comment.

Committeeman Fiorenzo motioned to close the public comment period, seconded by Committeeman Galenkamp with an affirmative voice vote.

Township Committee Reports:

1. Committeeman Galenkamp reported that the grounds around Town Hall, the Memorial Field Complex and Wyckoff Community Park look great. Mr. Galenkamp complimented the DPW on a great effort to make our fields and grounds sparkle. Mr. Galenkamp further stated that he has five (5) grandchildren who live in Wyckoff and play in the various sports leagues. He frequents sports fields in Wyckoff and other Northwest Bergen Towns to watch his grandchildren play and the upkeep on Wyckoff fields is superior to many sports fields in other towns.
2. Mayor Connolly reported that the Township Tennis Court reconstruction project is underway.
3. Committeeman Fiorenzo reported that the Township had attempted to schedule a meeting on September 21, 2007 with the PBA however, the meeting was cancelled due to a representation issue.
4. Mayor Connolly complimented Traffic Safety Officer Captain Ben Fox for handling a complaint regarding traffic and drivers following the detour on Franklin Avenue and access to Abma's Farm due to the Ridgewood Water water main construction.

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5. Mayor Connolly advised the meeting of the Northwest Bergen Mayor's Association held at Wyckoff Town Hall on Saturday, September 8, 2007 was deemed productive. The Mayors discussed many items of common interest. Mayor Connolly specifically thanked Elaine Booth for coming into the office on a Saturday to assemble the setup preparations.

Review of the 8:00 Business Agenda:

The Administrator reviewed the following additions:

1. Two (2) resolutions to endorse Community Development Block Grant Applications were presented. One (1) application endorses the Township's application for an ADA access ramp to the Wyckoff Ambulance Corp. building and an elevator to the second floor. The second resolution endorses the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat grant application. Bergen County Community Development rules require any non-profit organization which applies for a Community Development Grant to obtain a resolution from the municipality in which the non-profit organization is located.
2. A resolution to authorize change order #1 and finalize the Grandview Avenue milling and resurfacing project funded by a New Jersey Department of Transportation Grant.
3. A report was received from Police Chief Ydo recommending Brian Zivkovich and Kevin Kasak for regular patrolman status after the officers successfully completed the two (2) year probationary period. The Township Committee approved.
4. The Township Attorney requested an addition to the 8:00 p.m. Agenda, essentially, a resolution allowing AT&T to use Verizon conduit and access poles. The Township Committee agreed.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator reported that last evening the Township participated in an arbitration matter initiated by a police officer. The Arbitrator determined to group like complaints together and to provide a period for both parties to resolve the issues. The Township will continue to participate to resolve any issues through the Police Committee.
2. The Administrator received a reply to his requests to the State to obtain the Green Community's Grant contract. The Township was advised that the grant contract will be sent this week.
3. The Administrator reported that the Building Inspector has issued fines to two (2) residential properties for failure to obtain building permits specifically 239 Cottage Road and 197 Wyckoff Avenue. It was also indicated that property owners performing home improvements without construction permits is one of the primary reasons municipalities

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are ordered by the County to perform revaluation because, over time, the value of the home increases greater than the market appreciation causing a greater disparity among assessments. If there is a large disparity between assessments and true value, the tax burden is unfairly shifted onto the taxpayers, forcing them to pay higher tax bills and effectively subsidize those illegal improvements. Additionally, the entire town is forced to incur the cost of the resultant revaluation (In 2005 the cost of the revaluation was \$483,950.00).

4. The Administrator received a request from the Spring Meadow Condominium Association President, Mike Martini, for information on the condominium services law. The requirements of the law were briefly discussed and the Administrator will forward the information to Mr. Martini.
5. The Administrator reported that he along with the project team have been working to complete the bid specifications for curbside garbage collection, curbside recycling collection and requested approval of the bid specifications and authorization for public bidding. The Township Committee approved.
6. The Municipal Fall Resident Newsletter was mailed and delivered last week. This edition features a safe driving effort entitled "Drive with Care, one moments' distraction can lead to a lifetime of regret." A special letter was prepared by Police Chief Ydo and distributed to parents in the Wyckoff K-8 School District through the schools Friday Folder Program. Chief Ydo's letter urges parents, grandparents and guardians to slow down and drive with care especially in school zones. The safety message also highlights the role of school crossing guards funded by the Township and a new law which requires motorists to obey instructions of school crossing guards and establishing monetary penalties for motorists who disregard instructions from a school crossing guard. The Newsletter also reminds residents of the 10/1/07 annual switch back to once a week garbage collection schedules and the start of the October 15th Leaf Collection Program.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

David N. Connolly
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk