

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 and Harold Galenkamp

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

**Absent:** Committeemen Henry J. McNamara and Joseph B. Fiorenzo

Mayor Connolly opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period with a motion from Committeeman Galenkamp, seconded by Committeeman Alnor.

There was no public comment.

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

**Township Committee Reports:**

1. Committeeman Galenkamp reported that leaf collection began on Monday, October 15, 2007 in District One. The Administrator advised that the leaf crews are in District Three today. He further reported that the Annual Fall Resident Newsletter was mailed and delivered to homes in preparation of the Fall Leaf Collection. Public Service Announcements were also provided to the local newspapers and posted on the Township news section on Wyckoff on the Web. The majority of the leaves still remain green and have not begun to fall. The unseasonably warm weather generally tends to mean the leaves will fall late making the end of Fall and beginning of Winter the busiest period for leaf collection. During an average Autumn leaf fall, the Township collects more than 35,000 cubic yards of leaves. In order to visualize the volume of leaves, picture enough leaves to cover an entire football field, goal post to goal post and sideline to sideline, with a blanket of leaves nearly twenty (20) feet deep. The Township will also comply with the State mandated regulations from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that prohibits placing leaves in the roadway more than ten (10) feet from a storm sewer drain. The DEP mandated these regulations to ensure compliance with the federal Clean Water Act. These regulations require that leaves and debris be prevented from entering the storm sewers which lead to public waterways. Weekly leaf collection updates will be posted at Township news on the Wyckoff web site and sent to the two (2) local newspapers, the Villadom Times and the Suburban News as public service announcements. These weekly updates assist both new and existing residents by providing timely information as to when leaves can be placed at the curb in each designated district.
2. Committeeman Alnor reported that last week was Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Alnor conducted five (5) presentations concerning fire prevention at elementary schools and pre-schools. The Wyckoff Fire Department conducted presentations to day care centers also. As of today, the Fire Department has responded to 451 calls for assistance. Last week, a fire on Ullman Avenue was due to a contractor refinishing wood floors in a home without proper outside ventilation. Also, two (2) separate elevator rescues were performed last week by the fire department. Mr. Alnor advised that at the next public meeting, three (3) new firefighters will be presented by Fire Chief Murphy to administer the Oath of Office. The Fire Department also participated in the Buddy Walk and the YMCA Health Fair on Sunday, October 14, 2007.

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3. Committeeman Galenkamp reported that the Annual Flu Clinic at the Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2007 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
4. Mayor Connolly reported he provided a presentation to the Activities Unlimited Club and attended a regional mayors meeting in Mahwah on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Mr. Connolly also participated in the Wyckoff Education Fun-Run.

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

The following items were reviewed:

1. An award of contract for construction of a new tennis court surface.
2. An award of contract for the regrading and leveling of tennis court sub-base and installation of asphalt base course and asphalt final top course.
3. A resolution to reject bids for the purchase of an all season usage DPW Dump Truck with Plow and to authorize re-bidding.
4. A request to remove Closed Session for a PBA Negotiation strategy discussion.
5. A public hearing and further consideration of Ordinance #1571, an ordinance to amend Chapter 186 of the Code of the Township of Wyckoff regarding fences and retaining walls and to clarify that Planning Board approval is required in business and industrial zones is scheduled for tonight. A report has been received by the Planning Board recommending adoption and a report from the Zoning Enforcement Officer recommends same.

**Policy Action Items:**

1. The Administrator reported that the Township has received notice from the American Automobile Association that a Pedestrian Safety Award will be presented to the Township of Wyckoff on Thursday, October 25, 2007 for its' efforts in pedestrian and traffic safety.
2. The Administrator reported that a State of New Jersey Auditor, checking compliance with affirmative action requirements and publicly bid contracts, visited the Township on Wednesday, October 15, 2007. The Township received a rating of compliance.
3. The Township was also visited by a New Jersey Stormwater Management Act Inspector who at the conclusion of his review advised that the Township is in compliance with the requirements of the Stormwater Management Act.
4. The Administrator reported that Ridgewood Water has responded to the Township's questions as to when the Franklin Avenue water main project, currently being performed by the Village of Ridgewood, would be completed. Ridgewood Water has indicated the project will be completed by November 10, 2007.
5. The Shade Tree Commission has completed the planting of eleven (11) new trees at the Township's 9/11/01 Remembrance Memorial at the Wyckoff Community Park honoring the eleven (11) Township residents that were lost in the terrorist attack at the World Trade Center.
6. Mayor Connolly has made a request for approval to plant another tree at the Wyckoff Community Park with donations from his players after coaching a baseball team this past Spring. (Mayor Connolly requests that parents of the teams he coaches not give him a coach's gift as is customary for volunteer coaches, but to plant a tree in the Wyckoff Community Park) The Township Committee approved his request to plant another tree at the Wyckoff Community Park.

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7. Mayor Connolly inquired as to the status of the Northwest Bergen Sewer Authority's study concerning possible sewerage homes in Wyckoff. The Township Attorney replied that Northwest Bergen Sewer Utility Board has contracted with Boswell Engineering to perform research on the feasibility of sewerage the Knolls section of Wyckoff.

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

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David N. Connolly  
Mayor

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Joyce C. Santimauro  
Municipal Clerk