

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
WORK SESSION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

Mayor Richard C. Alnor 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: Deputy Mayor Richard C. Alnor, Committeemen Harold Galenkamp, Henry J. McNamara and Joseph B. Fiorenzo

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

Absent: Mayor David N. Connolly

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

Township Committee Reports:

1. Committeeman Galenkamp indicated that the leaf collections crews were working in District 5 today in the third round of collections. Mr. Galenkamp reported that a majority of the leaves on the trees are still green and have not fallen due in part to the unseasonably warm weather and lack of rain.
2. Committeeman McNamara indicated that the requested information from the Chief Financial Officer indicates that the State of New Jersey is not crediting the 4% levy cap to the local property tax rebate. The State is sending out the rebate similar to rebates in past years.
3. Committeeman Fiorenzo reviewed the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority budget which reflects a 7.2% increase in their operating budget for both salary wages, benefits and supplies. Additional information was requested to better understand the Sewer Authority's budget increases.

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4. Deputy Mayor Alnor reported that this evening the Municipal Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to five (5) new Wyckoff Volunteer Firefighters. Mr. Alnor also reported that on the Agenda is a resolution to award a contract for the purchase of a replacement dump truck with snow plow, salter and associate controls. The cost of this dump truck is \$26,000 less than the bid the Township Committee rejected at the last meeting. Mr. Alnor indicated that Scott Fisher, DPW Manager and the Township's bid team reviewed the bids and determined that the supplier to the bidder of the controls and snow plow had irrationally increased the price of their work. The staff recommendation was to reject the bid and Mr. Fisher contacted the manufacturer and explained that his local dealer was elevating the cost. Several changes were made to the bid specifications for essentially the same vehicle and the cost decreased by \$26,000. The Township Committee thanked Mr. Fisher and requested Mayor Connolly send a letter of thanks in this regard.

At this point, Police Chief Ydo came forward and indicated that last week he and Mayor Connolly attended the American Automobile Association's Annual Awards Ceremony. The Township of Wyckoff was awarded the highest award provided by the American Automobile Association for traffic and pedestrian safety efforts. This is the fourth year in a row that Wyckoff has achieved the highest award, the Award of Excellence. The Township Committee extended their thanks to Police Chief Ydo and the Police Department for all their efforts to make Wyckoff safer. A photo was taken as Chief Ydo presented the award to the Township Committee.

The Township Committee asked Police Chief Ydo to elaborate on the significance of this award. Chief Ydo stated that the Township of Wyckoff was one (1) of twenty-six (26) municipalities of the ninety-eight (98) municipalities from Bergen, Passaic and Hudson County to receive this honor. Police Officers monitor intersections for view obstructions and other hazards, speed and traffic surveys are on going. The Police Department also issues public safety messages through the public service announcement program, the municipal newsletter and this year a special letter was delivered to all school age children through the school's "Friday Folder Program." The focus is to reduce speed in and around Wyckoff as well as school zones in addition to speed enforcement.

5. Committeeman Fiorenzo stated that the Township of Wyckoff has been awarded the prestigious "Best Overall for Public Information Award." This award emanated from the New Jersey League of Municipalities in conjunction with Rutgers University Bureau of Government Research. This third party independent group has judged Wyckoff's public information based on content, clarity, utility and appearance as the best in the State of New Jersey. This contest is open to all 566 New Jersey Municipalities and this is not the first time Wyckoff has won a statewide public information honor. The Township of Wyckoff has achieved a public information award ten (10) previous times. The Wyckoff Public Information Program includes our outstanding municipal website, calendars, newsletters and other printed materials. Mr. Fiorenzo extended thanks on behalf of the Township Committee to Administrator Shannon and his staff for their great efforts year in and year out.

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

The Agenda is presented as submitted with a request from Mayor Connolly to add the appointment of Laura Morris as an alternate on the Wyckoff Recreation Advisory Board.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator reported the Wyckoff Board of Health Annual Flu Inoculation Program and Health Fair took place on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at the Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church. Flu vaccinations were administered to 369 residents.
2. The Wyckoff Environmental Commission is working with the Wyckoff Chamber of Commerce on a "Team Up to Tidy Up" Logo Contest with the Wyckoff school children for next year. The Chamber of Commerce is providing Wyckoff business certificates as prizes.
3. The Wyckoff Recreation Director has requested to reduce the wrestling fees from \$80.00 to \$55.00 because the gym being utilized does not have to be rented. The Township Committee agreed.
4. A request was received from the PBA to improve the Police Pistol Range owned by the Township of Wyckoff at PBA expense. The governing body approved the request.
5. A request was received to conduct both the "Santa Comes to Wyckoff", the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Menorah Lighting Ceremony in December. The Township Committee agreed.
6. A request was received from the PBA to utilize the Township's bulk mail permit. The Township Committee approved.
7. The Township Committee has been invited to the Interfaith Breakfast at the Indian Trail Club on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:30 a.m.
8. The Administrator reported on the tennis court improvement project. The new energy efficient outdoor sports lighting has been installed, the base course has been completed and all work required this Fall has been completed. The remaining work will be completed beginning in April.
9. The information for the 2008 Road Resurfacing is due by January 25, 2008. Prior experience has shown that if this work is competitively bid early in the new year before the vendors have their work schedule in place, the best prices can be obtained. The Township Committee agreed.

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Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel advised that the resolution to accept the drainage easement and the easement have been reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. Landel is currently working with staff on the floor area ratio and maximum impervious coverage ordinance. The draft ordinance will be presented for governing body review upon completion.
3. The Township Attorney was contacted by an attorney for Beekmere Association regarding the Association's efforts to replace the dam. Because Mr. Landel's home is located within the lake area, Mr. Landel recused himself from any discussion.

At 7:50 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session via Resolution #07-C8 with the following vote:

**MOTION: FIorenzo SECOND: GALENKAMP
GALENKAMP: yes FIorenzo: yes MC NAMARA: yes ALNOR: yes
CONNOLLY: absent**

At 7:59 p.m. the Township Committee voted to remove themselves from Closed Session and re-enter the Work Session Meeting:

**MOTION: FIorenzo SECOND: GALENKAMP
GALENKAMP: yes FIorenzo: yes MC NAMARA: yes ALNOR: yes
CONNOLLY: absent**

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Richard C. Alnor
Deputy Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk