

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007**

Mayor David Connolly called the regular meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee in the Municipal Court Room to order at 8:00 p.m.

Committeeman Galenkamp gave the Invocation.

Clerk Santimauro read the "Open Public Meetings Act" Statement: "This regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is now in session. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to advise that notice of this meeting has been posted in the lower level of the Memorial Town Hall and that a copy of the schedule of meetings has also been filed with the Township Clerk, and copies of this agenda and the annual notice of meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the Ridgewood News, The Record, and The North Jersey Herald and News all papers with 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."

She noted those present: Committeemen Galenkamp, McNamara, Fiorenzo, Alnor and Mayor Connolly.

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

Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the following Township Committee minutes:

Township Committee Public Meeting and Work Session Meeting from November 5, 2007.

MOTION: GALENKAMP **SECOND:** FIORENZO
GALENKAMP Y ALNOR Y MC NAMARA Y
FIORENZO Y CONNOLLY Absent

Township Committee Public Meeting and Work Session Meeting from November 20, 2007.

MOTION: GALENKAMP **SECOND:** FIORENZO
GALENKAMP Yes ALNOR Absent MC NAMARA Yes
FIORENZO Absent CONNOLLY Yes

MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Township Committee voted unanimously to open the public portion of the meeting.

No one came forward.

The Township Committee voted unanimously to close the public portion of the meeting.

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I Resolutions (Adoption of the following):

#07-245 Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, the two Committeemen acting as the Finance Committee have approved and signed vouchers, also recommending payment; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available for payment of said vouchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that the action of the said Finance Committee be approved; and, that the proper officers of the Township be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw checks against the funds of the Township of Wyckoff in payment of such vouchers covered by checks no. 64560 - 64656 Payroll A/C, checks no. 050758 - 050850 Claims A/C and checks no. 02054 & 02055 Accutrack A/C.

Listing of said checks is attached to the official minutes.

#07-246 Return of certain overpaid taxes, escrow monies, recreation fees, etc.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to return certain monies as follows:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Cornerstone Christian Church, 495 Wyckoff Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Return of Escrow – Block 346/Lot 7 - \$300.00

Kenneth & Kelly Puglisi, 367 Pinewood Drive, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Return of Escrow – Block 250/Lot 29 - \$40.44

James & Christine Hourihan, 376 Sunset Boulevard, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Return of Escrow – Block 318/Lot 28.01 - \$81.38

John & Deborah Diaz, 394 Butternut Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Return of Escrow – Block 465/Lot 1 - \$80.44

BUILDING DEPT:

Reiner & Company, 11-07 River Road, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 – Refund for electric subcode – change of contract – 201 Barrister Court – Block 259/Lot 25.02 - \$40.00

TAX REFUND:

John A. Spizziri, Sr., Esq., for Michael & Giselle Norton, 567 Wyckoff Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – State Court Tax Reduction for 2006 – Block 284/Lot 2 - \$3,626.28

Marcus Brody LLC, Attorney at Law for Messineo, 5 Becker Farm Road, Roseland, New Jersey 07068 – State Court Tax Reduction for 2006 & 2007 - 234 Morse Avenue – Block 239/ot 7 - \$3,086.20

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Robert & Margaret Granata, 460 Carlton Road, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – State Court Tax Reduction for 4th Quarter 2006 & 2007 – Block 312/Lot 5 - \$1,725.86

William & Claire Hancock, 383 Martom Road, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Refund for Property Taxes for 2007 Veteran’s Allowance – Block 316/Lot 28 - \$125.00

Michael & Diane Lotwis, 140 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – State Tax Board Reduction for 2006 & 2007 4th Quarter Taxes – Block 265/Lot 78 - \$2,375.32

David & Kathryn Ballou, 162 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Refund for overpayment of 4th Quarter 2007 Taxes – Block 299/Lot 15 - \$226.72

RECREATION:

Debra Sanford, 500 Old Post Road, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 – Basketball Refund - \$45.00

#07-247 Transfer of Funds

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:A:4-58 permits the transfer of funds from November 1 through December 31, for of current years appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that the transfer of the following funds is hereby authorized and directed.

FROM:

Code Enforcement	S&W	\$17,000
Tax Collector	S&W	3,000
Planning Board	O/E	1,000
Board of Adjustment	S&W	5,000
Board of Adjustment	O/E	1,000
General Liability	O/E	10,500
Medical Insurance	O/E	6,000
Recreation	O/E	11,000

\$54,500

TO:

Clerk	S&W	3,000
Clerk	O/E	2,500
Park Maintenance	O/E	20,000
Code Enforcement	O/E	8,000
Police	O/E	3,000
Assessor	O/E	12,000
Buildings & Grounds	O/E	6,000

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#07-248 Authorize Participation in Shared Services Grant with Bergen County

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has launched its pioneering Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant program to meet the strategic records management, preservation and storage needs of county and municipal governments; and,

WHEREAS, a top priority of the PARIS grants program is to achieve efficiencies of cost and operation through shared services and to create a service structure for municipalities that do not have the resources to create one for themselves; and,

WHEREAS, in the 2008-09 grant cycle, priority funding will be given to county projects to perform municipal inventories, needs assessments and strategic plans for all of their municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff desires to collaborate with the County of Bergen in the performance of an archives and records management inventory, needs assessment and strategic plans; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff urges the County to develop a proposal to perform county-wide municipal inventories, needs assessments and strategic plans; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff is acknowledging that the County of Bergen would be both the lead agency and the applicant for such a proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, that the Township of Wyckoff does support and commit to cooperation and participation in the PARIS grant for the purposes set forth above, and to execute and deliver all documents required incident thereto.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff at a meeting held on December 3, 2007.

#07-249 Authorize Application for Shared Services Grant with Bergen County

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has launched its pioneering Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant program to meet the strategic records management, preservation and storage needs of county and municipal governments; and,

WHEREAS, a top priority of the PARIS grants program is to achieve efficiencies of cost and operation through shared services and to create a service structure for municipalities that do not have the resources to create one for themselves; and,

WHEREAS, in the 2008-09 grant cycle, priority funding will be given to shared services projects, including those between a county and its municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff desires to collaborate with the County of Bergen in the performance of the Clerk to County Clerk Records Management Project; and,

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WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff urges the County to develop a proposal to institute the Municipal Clerk to County Clerk records management project; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff is acknowledging that the County of Bergen would be both the lead agency and the applicant for such a proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, that the Township of Wyckoff does support and commit to cooperation and participation in the PARIS grant for the purposes set forth above, and to execute and deliver all documents required incident thereto.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff at a meeting held on December 3, 2007.

#07-250 **Release Performance Guarantee – 253/1**

WHEREAS, Lakes Construction Inc. deposited the following with the Municipal Clerk for a road opening permit for a water connection at 360 Franklin Avenue:

Performance cash	\$5000.00
Engineering/Inspection escrow	\$125.00

WHEREAS, Nick Tsapatsaris, President, Lakos Construction, Inc., in a letter dated September 27, 2007 has requested the release of the performance guarantee; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer in a memo dated November 29, 2007 has recommended the release of the \$5000.00 Performance Guarantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that they accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer to release the \$5000.00 performance cash.

II **Motions**

- a. Approve the request from Faith Community Church to waive the building permit fees for a partial new roof.
- b. Approve the request from the Christian Health Care Center to waive the building permit fees for the Ramapo Ridge Psychiatric Hospital Nurses Station upgrade.

III **Ordinances Introductions**

#1572 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 177-39, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF "SCHEDULE G: ENTRANCES AND EXITS TO PUBLIC PARKING PLACES" TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Section 177-39, "Schedule G: Entrances and Exits to Public Parking Places", is amended to add the following:

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SECTION 1

(39) 625 Wyckoff Avenue, Lot 13.02, Block 235. Wyckoff Avenue, west side, a distance of 114 feet north of Franklin Avenue, along the western curblin, Exit Only. Franklin Avenue, north side, a distance of 90 feet west of Wyckoff Avenue, along the northern curblin, Entrance Only.

(40) 652 Wyckoff Avenue, Lot 1.01, Block 236. Everett Avenue, west side, a distance of 82 feet south of Clinton Avenue, along the western curblin, Exit Only.

(41) 356 Franklin Avenue, Lot 2.01, Block 253. Franklin Avenue, south side, a distance of 226 feet west of Monroe Avenue, southern curblin, Entrance Only. Franklin Avenue, south side, a distance of 169 feet west of Monroe Avenue, southern curblin, Exit Only.

(42) 378 Franklin Avenue, Lot 3.01, Block 251. Franklin Avenue, south side, a distance of 75 feet west of Madison Avenue, southern curblin, Exit Only.

(43) 360 Franklin Avenue, Lot 1, Block 253. Morse Avenue, east side, a distance of 111 feet south of Franklin Avenue, eastern curblin, Entrance Only. High Street, north side, a distance of 126 feet east of Morse Avenue, northern curblin, Exit Only.

(44) 575 Goffle Road, Lot 51.02, Block 516. Goffle Road, west side, a distance of 108 feet north of Coe Avenue, western curblin, Entrance Only.

(45) 256 Madison Avenue, Lot 8 Block 238 (corner Franklin Avenue) Franklin Avenue, north side, a distance of 133 feet, east of Madison Avenue, along the northern curblin, **Entrance only.**

(46) The Brick House Inn, 179 Godwin Avenue, Lot 6 Block 293, Godwin Avenue, west side, a distance of 73 feet north off the southern curblin extension of Crescent Avenue at Godwin Avenue, along the western curblin, **Entrance only.**

(47) Godwin Avenue, west side, a distance of 60 feet south off the southern curblin extension of Crescent Avenue at Godwin Avenue, along the western curblin, **Exit only**

SECTION 2 - Except as hereby amended, all other sections of Chapter 177-39 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

#1573 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 177-48, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF "SCHEDULE P: PROHIBITED TURNS AT INTERSECTIONS AND DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AND EXITS", TO PROHIBIT SPECIFIC TURNS FOR ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of

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Bergen, State of New Jersey, that Section 177-48, "Schedule P: Prohibited Turns at Intersections and Driveway Entrances and Exits", is amended to add the following:

SECTION 1

Table with 2 columns: Intersection(location) and Prohibited Turn. Rows include Brownstone Inn, Atlantic Stewardship Bank, and Wyckoff Square.

SECTION 2 - Except as hereby amended, all other sections of Chapter 177-48 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Following is the vote on the Consent Agenda:

MOTION: GALENKAMP SECOND: FIORENZO
GALENKAMP Y ALNOR Y MC NAMARA Y
FIORENZO Y CONNOLLY Y

Committeeman Fiorenzo asked that the meeting not be adjourned as yet and stated he had something to say for the record. He had, for the past several weeks, read with some degree of interest and great disappointment letters to the editor that have been written by a number of people in this community, including one of the people in the audience tonight, Mr. Scanlan. Mr. Fiorenzo had hoped Mr. Scanlan would speak at the public portion of the meeting because he had a lot of questions to ask him about these letters. He felt the import of those letters was to impugn the integrity of the people in this community. Mr. Galenkamp and his family, people who have served this community for decades, given of their own time unselfishly and lived here their entire lives. Mr. Scanlan had written a letter saying eliminating conflicts of interest just don't make good ethical sense and was the hallmark of fiscal responsibility and open government both of which reduce taxes. Mr. Fiorenzo wondered if Mr. Scanlan understood that there was, in fact, a code of ethics that deals with conflicts of interest, that covers the conduct of every official at this evening's meeting. He wondered if Mr. Scanlan understood that this code of ethics has existed for a significant period of time and affected not only the members of the Township Committee but every single person who served on a Board. He wondered if Mr. Scanlan understood that it wasn't Mr. Galenkamp who appointed people to Boards, but was the five members of the Township Committee who look to people like Gordon Stanley, a former Mayor of this community and one of the most well respected members of this community, who has served this community with distinction for many years, who gives of his time and effort freely and voluntarily. He wondered if he (Mr. Scanlan) understood that these people who made and created this community that he lives in, this community that is a desirable place for many people to live. As Mr. Fiorenzo read these letters he had some questions on his mind and was

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disappointed he did not have a chance to discuss these with Mr. Scanlan at an open public meeting. He invited Mr. Scanlan to come up at the next meeting so this could be discussed instead of him sitting there like a potted plant. He wished to state this for the record because it was very disturbing to Mr. Fiorenzo and many people in this community that the nature of the discourse that has taken place has reached the stages it has here with people writing letters implying, by implication, that people are engaging in improper conduct. He asked Mr. Scanlan publicly to please identify one single instance in which Mr. Galenkamp or any member of his family has violated any code of ethics, that they have engaged in any conflict of interest and instead of making vague, unsupported allegations, he should come forward with something concrete. Mr. Fiorenzo asked Mr. Scanlan to do that if he was serious and if this was not just political and just beginning to run his next campaign, because if Mr. Scanlan was serious, it should be spoken about on the record, and if Mr. Scanlan was not, he (Mr. Scanlan) should stop impugning people who dedicated their lives to this community. Mr. Fiorenzo then stated he was sorry, but this was something he felt he had to say. Mayor Connolly stated he totally agreed with these statements and thanked Mr. Fiorenzo for his comments.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

David N. Connolly
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk