

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 – 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Rudolf E. Boonstra opened the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor municipal court room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This Open Public 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 Rudolf E. Boonstra, Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan, Brian D. Scanlan, John A. Carolan and Timothy E. Shanley

Also Present: Township Attorney Robert Landel, Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro and Chief Financial Officer Diana McLeod

Absent: Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Administrator

Mayor Boonstra opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute total public comment period for any item on or off the Agenda, two (2) minutes per speaker, with a motion from Committeeman Scanlan, seconded by Committeeman Carolan.

There was no public comment.

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

Mayor Boonstra advised that the Finance Committee has reviewed and signed vouchers.

Township Committee Reports

Committeeman Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley reported on the Zabriskie House arbor project being performed by Jeremy Swenson from Boy Scout Troop 89 Eagle Scout project. He said Jeremy is doing a great job on refurbishing the arbor. Great job by a great young man who was raised by remarkable parents!
2. On Saturday April 22nd Mayor Boonstra threw out perfect pitches on baseball and softball opening day. Mr. Shanley said his nine year old warmed up the Mayor before the official pitches were thrown. "Play ball, the season is officially open!"
3. The innovative cost savings Rose Garden program at the Gardens of Wyckoff was well-attended and was a successful event. Mr. Shanley thanked John Carolan for putting the event together. He said the roses will be in full bloom at the end of May/beginning of June and Mr. Shanley urges everyone to go to the Gardens of Wyckoff and take advantage of seeing the beautiful roses in bloom.
4. The Arbor Day celebration will take place on Saturday, April 29th. The shade tree commission will plant two (2) trees in front of Washington School in celebration of Arbor Day. Principal Blake from Washington School will be there along with the student council and students. This will be a good learning event for the students to learn about trees, planting trees & replenishing trees in town.
5. Mr. Shanley said he attended the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, he noted a residential property owner with an aggressive application will be

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coming back next month with a less aggressive application. The board did well and the applicant was receptive to the Zoning Board's recommendations. Mr. Shanley commended the Zoning Board for their efforts.

6. Mr. Shanley briefly updated the Township Committee on Ridgewood Water and the pending litigation, he said the trial is over that Judge Frisha who will make the decision has not made a decision. The case is still pending. Mr. Shanley said that residents have been inquiring about the Ridgewood Water litigation because of the recent E.coli issue.

Committeeman Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan commended Jeremy Swenson on the great job he is doing on the arbor at the Zabriskie House. This is Jeremy Swenson's Eagle Scout community service project. Mr. Madigan thanked the Rotary Club and Howard Felixbrod from the Wyckoff Chamber of Commerce for their financial support to Jeremy Swenson for his Eagle Scout project.

2. Mr. Madigan walked the Zabriskie House property with the Zabriskie House Trustees and reported that the tree work, pruning and cleaning up the garden areas is progressing.

3. Mr. Madigan also attended the baseball/softball opening day and he commended the Mayor on his great pitches. He said there was more enthusiasm when the ball players marched down Monroe Avenue with their coaches carrying team banners that the kids made. Mr. Madigan suggested revisiting what he considered an "American Tradition" of Wyckoff baseball/softball opening day with a parade down Monroe Avenue and banners made by the ball players.

4. Ramapo/Indian Hills adopted their budget on April 24th at 1.77%, the Wyckoff impact would be \$40.69 for an average home owner. The high school population is projected to decline with 30-40 less students in 2018, next year Ramapo High School will have more students than Indian Hills.

Committeeman Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan attended the film festival on April 6th. It was an apropos film on water in the New Jersey Highlands. He said it was a Mayor of Newark who decided to create the large reservoir in the Highlands for Newark due to the number of resident water borne diseases in Newark and other cities in New Jersey.

2. On April 7 Committeeman Scanlan attended the shred event, he said the truck filled remarkably fast, it was great to see so many residents participate in the shred event. It's great to keep the paper out of the garbage and to recycle it this way.

3. Committeeman Scanlan said that he attended the April 17 Recreation Board meeting and that was standard business. Committeeman Scanlan said he would take Committeeman Madigan's recommendation for a traditional baseball/softball parade back to the Recreation Board, he said the parade was decommissioned due in part to increasing numbers of children playing lacrosse, the decline of baseball and softball participation by the 7 & 8 graders and the route of the parade going down Monroe Avenue to eventually a loop around the field.

Committeeman Madigan thanked Committeeman Scanlan and the Mayor added that there were comments made by residents through the day of how the traditional baseball/softball parade and festivities were missed.

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4. On April 19th Mr. Scanlan said he attended the Wyckoff Library Staff Appreciation Day luncheon. It was a great way to let the staff know they do such an excellent job. Mr. Scanlan also reported on the Maker Space construction and said it should be ready to use next month. The official opening will be in June.

5. On April 22nd Committeeman Scanlan attended a program given by 10th Grade Wyckoff Girl Scout Troop 701 who are working towards their Gold Awards. Their website is about healthy eating and gardening named getvegecated.site

6. Committeeman Scanlan said he and Committeeman Carolan have been working with a potential Eagle Scout Alex Marcoulis. They have a copy of his proposal for Russell Farms that includes removing dead shrubs, cleaning up brush and planting with native species, the native species have been picked out by a master gardener from the Wyckoff Garden Club, the plantings will also be drought resistant for the area around the historical signs and around the gazebo. Committeeman Scanlan asked the committee for their approval of Alex Marcoulis's project, he could start working on it next month and finish in June or July before he is 18.

Mayor Boonstra said he is familiar with the plan, Russell Farms is a work in progress and Alex Marcoulis's planting plan is a great plan that will enhance and improve the passive recreation park. Committeeman Carolan said Alex Marcoulis's plan is a great plan and he said it is a great idea. Alex Marcoulis's plan was approved unanimously by the Township Committee and Committeeman Scanlan will convey the approval to him.

Committeeman Carolan:

1. Committeeman Carolan said he went to Sicomac School on April 20th where the "Slow As You Go" campaign was unveiled. The campaign was the idea of Amanda Sproha, who is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award. She started working on her project last year with Mayor Rooney, the campaign is to educate parents about safe driving in the school zone or school parking lot. There was also a contest in the middle school to design the sign and that was won by Katie Haig designed the sign.

2. Committeeman Carolan thanked Committeeman Shanley for his comments on the rose garden, 14 residents from town attended as well as members of the Wyckoff Garden Club. Mike Mitchell, the certified Rosarian, did an informative presentation. Sue Gurak from the Garden Club gave a thumbs up and everyone is looking forward to the next three (3) sessions. Committeeman Carolan urged the residents to come out and learn how to take care of their roses.

3. Mr. Carolan said the shred fest event was a great event and was well attended by the residents, the truck was full one minute before the event closed. Committeeman Carolan thanked the Environmental Commission for a job well with coordinating this event.

4. Committeeman Carolan reported that the construction on the men's room at Fire Company #1 is near completion.

5. Committeeman Carolan thanked Bob Shannon, the Township Administrator, for the hard work he did on the road bid. Hopefully the DPW will be able to pave more than initially anticipated. He also thanked Scott Fisher the DPW Manager.

6. Wyckoff, Oakland and Franklin Lakes are out to bid for the first time on firefighter equipment. Committeeman Carolan thanked Bob Shannon, Tim Brock

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and Joe Vander Plaats for their hard work on this project and for helping save tax payer dollars.

7. Committeeman Carolan said he was pleased to announce that the Wyckoff Building Department, under the leadership of Construction Code Official, Thomas Gensheimer earned a 3 rating for the Wyckoff Building Department ISO rating. The rating is a scale 1 to 10, 1 is the best 10 is the worst, the main advantage to this is that ISO provides information to insurers which they use in evaluations to underwrite insurance policies in Wyckoff. The county ISO rating is 4; the State average is 4; the national average is 4, but Wyckoff got a 3 rating. This is another way that Wyckoff benefits property owners.

Mayor Boonstra:

1. Mayor Boonstra said he attended the New Jersey Highlands Watershed film in the Wyckoff Library which was very informative.

2. On Saturday April 8 the Mayor attended the North West Bergen Mayor's meeting, the featured speaker County Executive Todesco had a conflict and could not attend.

3. Mayor Boonstra said he attended the Shred Fest, which was a great event on April 22nd and a ribbon cutting at Total Concept in the Wyckoff Shopping Center. He said Terry Fernicola (long time Chamber of Commerce volunteer) is retired and the Mayor wished him well.

4. Mayor Boonstra said that on April 14th that he, Committeeman Shanley and Bob Shannon attended a meeting at Ridgewood Village Hall to discuss water restrictions for the upcoming season and changes that Ridgewood Water would like to impose that they would like the Township Committee to embody. Ridgewood proposes further restrictions on watering and a more aggressive enforcement provision.

5. Mayor Boonstra said that on April 18th he attended a police committee meeting.

6. On April 21st Mayor Boonstra attended a very good Alliance meeting with Committeeman Carolan. He said Patrolman Bill Christopher is doing a very good job coordinating the Alliance committee. Superintendent Bev McKay from the high school was in attendance and there were some good conclusions and good ideas presented.

7. Mayor Boonstra said he enjoyed attending Wyckoff's opening baseball/softball day and it was a great event!

8. Mayor Boonstra said the Chamber of Commerce meeting at the new swim facility in the Boulder Run Shopping Center was a good meeting. During the meeting Congressman J. Gottheimer gave a speech along with a Q&A session.

9. The Mayor said he attended the rose training session at the Garden's of Wyckoff and that the session was well attended. He also visited the Zabriskie House and saw the work Jeremy Swenson has been doing and the Mayor thanked Jeremy for doing such a wonderful job.

10. Mayor Boonstra announced the Mayor's Wellness Walk scheduled during Wyckoff Day on Pulis Field behind the Wyckoff Family YMCA at 10:30 am for about 20 minutes and the first 100 walkers get a free head band.

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11. Mayor Boonstra also announced that Thursday, June 6th is the Zabriskie Open House from 1pm to 3pm.

12. Mayor Boonstra said that following the Ridgewood Water e-coli notification from Richard Calbi, Director of Ridgewood Water, that the Mayor sent a letter to Mr. Calbi that the situation could have been handled better. The Mayor received a response back from Mr. Calbi that indicates Ridgewood Water did not do anything wrong, but they would take suggestions under advisement.

Township Attorney Landel:

1. Township Attorney Landel said that the lighting ordinance was on the agenda tonight for a public hearing and further consideration by the Township Committee.

2. He has been working on a sewer extension agreement for Wiley Place, the committee was presented with a recommendation by the Township Engineer, Mark DiGennaro. The neighbors at this point have not made decisions on whether they will join in on the project or not. The Township Committee determined to review the Wiley Place sewer extension and make a determination at the May 2, 2017 meeting. Mark DiGennaro was asked to obtain a clearer rendering.

3. Mr. Landel recommended with regard to the baseball/softball parade that the parade should be reinstated including the lacrosse teams.

The work session adjourned at 7:57pm.

Mayor Rudolf Boonstra

Joyce C. Santimauro, Municipal Clerk

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