

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING  
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Thomas J. Madigan opened the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:00 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 Thomas J. Madigan, Committeemen Rudolf E. Boonstra, Timothy E. Shanley, Brian D. Scanlan and Committeewoman Melissa D. Rubenstein

**Also Present:** Township Attorney Robert Landel and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

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

Mayor Madigan opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period, two (2) minutes per speaker for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff, with a motion from Committeeman Shanley, seconded by Committeeman Rubenstein.

There was no public comment.

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

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

**Swearing In**

Committeeman Shanley swore in Joseph John Squillace III as a Junior Volunteer Firefighter into Company #1.

**Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Madigan said that Bob Shannon's knee replacement surgery was successful and he can be contacted at any time via email, text or phone. He is going to physical therapy and doing well. Everyone wished Bob a speedy recovery.

The Mayor also spoke about the Wyckoff Family YMCA's request (in conjunction with Hackensack Meridian) to have a medivac helicopter land in the YMCA parking lot on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am as an event for the YMCA campers. Committeeman Boonstra said that Police Chief Murphy has reviewed the YMCA's request. He said that Pulis Field was once a helicopter emergency landing site, the new turf field cannot be used for a helicopter landing, but the YMCA parking lot is an official helicopter emergency landing site. The YMCA parking lot and Memorial Field are both helicopter emergency landing sites. Committeeman Boonstra recommended that on the day of the helicopter landing that two (2) police officers should be at the Wyckoff Family YMCA site along with a fire pumper and several firefighters, the Spring Meadow residents should be notified of the July 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am helicopter landing and that the YMCA parking lot should be cleared of cars and signs should be posted on the doors of the YMCA informing their members of the helicopter event. Mr. Boonstra said, based on these safety conditions he was in favor of the helicopter landing event. Township Committee agreed.

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**8:00 pm Agenda**

Clerk Santimauro reported that the agenda has not been amended.

**Township Committee Reports  
Committeeman Boonstra**

1. Mr. Boonstra said that Resolution #19-147 deals with the purchase of a hybrid motor vehicle for the police department. He thanked Diana McLeod, Wyckoff's Chief Financial Officer, for her assistance with the purchase. The hybrid vehicle has the ability to significantly reduce idling time, the mile per gallon savings will be significant and there is a 100,000 mile warranty.
2. The Department of Public Works now has a barn moving crew. Mr. Boonstra said we were able to preserve the last remaining barn on the Meer property on Wyckoff Avenue and that it was moved to Wyckoff Community Park. He thanked Scott Fisher, John Dennenkamp and Joseph VanderPlaat for moving the barn and he thanked Bruce Bahoney for the donation of the barn. He also thanked Jimmy Marchese and the folks at Van Grow who donated an I-beam that was used to assist in lifting the barn up. The barn moving was a great community effort.
3. Committeeman Boonstra said that the bid opening for road paving took place on July 11, 2019 and that prices have increased since last year on the milling and asphalt, which averages about 11%, due to the increased price of oil. There were three (3) bidders and D&L Paving was the successful low bidder this year.
4. The Department of Public Works installed a drop box for tax payments by the front door of town hall.
5. Mr. Boonstra reported that last week the Planning Board approved a three (3) lot subdivision on the property of Grace United Methodist Church. The subdivided property is at the rear of the church property, in addition to an existing building lot they created a building lot on Farview Avenue and a building lot on Eder Avenue. The center line of the church property was on Eder Avenue and that property was dedicated back to the township and county.
6. Mr. Boonstra said he will attend a meeting Tuesday afternoon in Waldwick to further Wyckoff's efforts for more sewers in Town.
7. The property at 550 Clinton Avenue that had property maintenance zoning violations has been cleaned up.

**Committeewoman Rubenstein**

1. Committeewoman Rubenstein reported on a meeting she attended with Committeeman Boonstra at the Zabriskie House with Connelly and Hickey regarding the work that is underway on the Zabriskie House on the library and study as part of the \$350,000.00 grant obtained for the renovations
2. The Board of Health and Environmental Commission did not meet in July and the safety committee is meeting later this month.
3. Committee Rubenstein attended the Friday night concert at the Wyckoff Family YMCA and said it was well attended and a good time was had by all.

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**Committeeman Scanlan**

1. Committeeman Scanlan said that Bob Shannon, during his convalescence from knee surgery last week, is already back in the saddle and doing business via email, text and the phone. Committeeman Scanlan thanked Bob for his commitment to the Township of Wyckoff and that he knows first hand about the arduous recovery time for knee replacement surgery.
2. Committeeman Scanlan said as part of the utility committee he wanted to bring up a letter received by the Board of Public Utilities that the Township Committee was copied on, the letter was to Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips, regarding correspondence he had sent to them. Mr. Scanlan read “jurisdiction over public utilities and their franchises rests with the board (that being the Board of Public Utilities). The Board may grant franchises as well as control their property rights” and citations were included. Committeeman Scanlan contrasted that to a letter the Township Committee received August 2, 2018. The Township Committee wrote to the Board of Public Utilities and asked if they would take away the franchise from Orange & Rockland for their half of town and this is what they wrote: “Regarding your inquiry, regarding the NJBPU decision to assign half of Wyckoff to one utility and the other half of the township to another, respectfully, the delineation dates back to over a century ago. If you are interested in pursuing a change in utility service, this would require direct negotiation with the utilities at issue, as the electric infrastructure is privately owned and maintained, therefore, the delineation is not within the purview of this board.” The same person from the NJBPU sent both contradictory letters. Committeeman Scanlan volunteered to send a letter to the NJBPU and requested a legal opinion on this matter from Township Attorney Landel. The Township Committee agreed that Committeeman Scanlan should send a reply regarding the contradictory statements and Committeeman Boonstra asked that the letter be copied to Assemblymen DePhillips and Rooney and Senator Corrado, the Chairman of the NJBPU, and the Mayors of Franklin Lakes and Mahwah. Both Committeewoman Rubenstein and Committeeman Shanley requested that Bob Shannon arrange another meeting with the Orange and Rockland representatives before the winter season.
3. Committeeman Scanlan asked Attorney Landel and the Township Committee if there was a time line regarding the Township Committee review of the COAH overlay ordinances and asked what the projected date was for their introduction. Attorney Landel replied that he had an extension through August 31, 2019 and last week he received comments back from the Intervener, he said he will email those comments to the Township Committee and he will establish a time line for introduction of the ordinances and email the time line to the Township Committee as well. Attorney Landel said any changes to the overlay ordinances at this point would be minimal.

**Committeeman Shanley**

1. Committeeman Shanley reported that the Parks and Recreation Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. The 48-hour notice for cancelling the meeting was done by the Recreation Director, sent to the three (3) official newspapers and posted on the Municipal Clerk’s & Recreation Department bulletin boards. Football practice starts August 12<sup>th</sup>.

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2. The volunteer fireworks committee will meet July 18<sup>th</sup> and they look forward to having the fireworks event either September 21 or September 28. The Greek Festival is scheduled for September 21. The volunteer fireworks committee will now look into fundraising for the fireworks event to benefit the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department and the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Committeeman Shanley said that Bob Shannon plans on attending the July 18<sup>th</sup> volunteer fireworks committee meeting.
3. Committeeman Shanley said both the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief asked if he could bring up that this years budget for the fire department included the purchase of masks, the masks have been purchased, but the budgeted amount of money for the masks was not used. They desperately would like to use the budgeted money approved for the masks and use it for the bottoms/bottles?? Mayor Madigan said that the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief have asked about this and they have been told to please meet with the finance committee.
4. Committeeman Scanlan said that the Ridgewood Village Counsel is meeting tomorrow or a closed session discussion of the Ridgewood Water litigation.

**Mayor Madigan**

1. Mayor Madigan said that the Pride flag subcommittee will meet on July 18, 2019 and he will report on the subcommittee meeting at the next Township Committee meeting.
2. Mayor Madigan attended the last North West Bergen County Mayor's meeting and he said that Dave Grub gave a lengthy presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act. Mayor Madigan said contrary to some other towns Wyckoff lets residents make their public comments and finish them not adhering to time limitations, where other towns strictly enforce the time allotted for public comments during public meetings. During Wyckoff's Business Meetings public comment time is before the consent agenda and before the decisions are made, where some other towns have the public comment time after the consent agenda, after decisions are made.

Recess work session meeting 8:40 pm  
Enter closed session 8:45 pm  
Reconvene work session meeting 9:20 pm  
Adjourn work session 9:30 pm

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Municipal Clerk

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