

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION  
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Kevin J. Rooney opened the 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 Kevin J. Rooney, Committeemen Douglas J. Christie, Haakon C. Jepsen, Brian D. Scanlan and Rudolf E. Boonstra

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

Mayor Rooney 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 Boonstra.

1. Tim Buchman, 430 Meer Avenue stated he is aware the governing body does not like to comment regarding matters currently pending before its land use boards. However, a recent article in a newspaper reported that at a meeting at the Franklin Lakes Planning Board, a Franklin Lakes Planning Board member motioned to disapprove an application. But the attorney failed to advise the member on the correct manner to render the motion in correct form.

Mr. Buchman asked the Township Committee who is the board attorney responsible to – the board chair or all the board members. The Township Attorney replied that the board members are appointed by the Township Committee. The board attorney is responsible to all the board members.

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

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

**Township Committee Reports:**

**Haakon Jepsen:**

1. Mr. Jepsen attended the well-attended "Team Up to Tidy Up" event on Saturday, April 18, 2015 where he staffed the registration desk. The event was described as a successful, fun day.
2. Last evening, Mr. Jepsen attended the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education Meeting. The school budget was approved with a 1.11% increase from 2014. The tax increase to an average taxpayer is an \$86.00 increase for 2015.

**Brian Scanlan:**

1. On Tuesday, April 17, 2015 Mr. Scanlan attended the Quest Autism Fundraiser at the Brickhouse. The Quest Program is housed at the Wyckoff Family YMCA.

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2. Mr. Scanlan attended the “First Pitch Ceremony” on Saturday, April 18, 2015 to begin the 2015 Baseball/Softball season. The Recreation program is off to a good start.
3. Also on Saturday, April 18, 2015 Mr. Scanlan volunteered at the Team Up to Tidy Up event and at the Annual Personal Paper Shredding Event at the DPW Garage, 475 West Main Street. Police Chief Fox, Administrator Shannon and eight (8) CERTS also volunteered for the event.
4. On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, Mr. Scanlan attended a community forum at the Wyckoff Public Library regarding access and awareness for citizens with disabilities. Approximately 120 people were present including Mayor Rooney.
5. Mr. Scanlan attended the Bergen County annual meeting for its Access for All Committee conducted in Ridgewood on Saturday, April 25, 2015.
6. Last evening, Mr. Scanlan attended the event where twenty-five (25) CERT members were trained in CPR.
7. Mr. Scanlan attended the latest Oasis Fundraiser where approximately \$200,000 was raised.
8. Mr. Scanlan thanked Committeeman Christie for all of his efforts.

**Doug Christie:**

1. Mr. Christie reported that 181 fire calls for assistance have been responded to by the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department. Today, a call was received at Village Place where a woman, sanding wood, activated the smoke alarm.
2. The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department is currently operating a pump apparatus operations course and eight (8) firefighters are enrolled in that course.
3. The DPW has performed a great job this Spring cleaning the parks. The Wyckoff Community Park looks fabulous as well as the other parks in town.
4. Mr. Christie has been checking the progress of the construction of the artificial turf soccer field facility at the end of Spring Meadow Drive. The field is complete and the site work will begin soon.

**Rudy Boonstra:**

1. Mr. Boonstra volunteered at the Team Up to Tidy Up event on Saturday, April 18, 2015.
2. Mr. Boonstra, Mayor Rooney and Committeeman Scanlan attended the “First Pitch” ceremony on Saturday, April 18, 2015 to begin the 2015 baseball/softball season.
3. Mr. Boonstra and Mayor Rooney attended the “Ribbon Cutting Ceremony” at the newly constructed group home at 832 Mountain Avenue owned by the Eastern Christian Children’s Retreat.

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4. Mr. Boonstra volunteered at the Personal Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, April 18, 2015.
5. Mr. Boonstra thanked Jim Savage for taking pictures at the Team Up to Tidy Up Event.
6. On Saturday, April 25, 2015 Mr. Boonstra attended with his governing body colleagues the Tree Planting Ceremony at the Zabriskie Pond Park in celebration of Arbor Day.
7. All members of the governing body received a copy of a legal reply submitted by Planning Board Attorney Joseph Perconti, defending the Planning Board in the litigation against the owner of the Shop Rite and the Planning Board initiated by the Stop & Shop Supermarket and the owners of the Boulder Run Shopping Center. To date, the Township has paid over \$50,000 defending the Township and the Planning Board in the needless litigation.
8. The continuation of the Christian Health Care Center Vista Application Meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room.

**Mayor Rooney:**

1. Mayor Rooney attended the Wellness Program at Coolidge School where students explored different cultures and learned about yoga and international foods.
2. On Tuesday, April 14, 2015 Mayor Rooney attended the Library Board Meeting.
3. Mayor Rooney attended the luncheon for the Library Employees on Wednesday, April 16, 2015 and later in the day, attended the Mayor's Wellness Kickoff Meeting. A contest has been implemented to develop a logo for the wellness program.
4. The Recreation Department, through Director Wingfield, has tentatively coordinated a "Movies Under the Stars" schedule at the Wyckoff Community Park to begin on June 20, 2015.
5. On Saturday, April 18, 2015 Mayor Rooney attended the Shredfest Event, the Team Up to Tidy Up Event and the ribbon cutting ceremony at the group home at 832 Mountain Avenue. Mayor Rooney also threw out the first pitch to begin the 2015 baseball/softball season.
6. Mayor Rooney attended the Community Forum at the Wyckoff Public Library on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 regarding awareness of citizens with disabilities. The meeting was described as very positive and enlightening.
7. On Wednesday, April 22, 2015 Mayor Rooney attended the Wyckoff Day planning meeting at the Wyckoff Family YMCA. The theme of this year's event is "Strawberry Festival." However, a suggestion has been made to have the three (3) Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Departments and the Ambulance Corps compete in a chili cook-off contest which would result in a trophy and "bragging rights." The fire department is reaching out to surrounding FLOW fire departments to compete in the chili cook-off competition as well.

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8. Mayor Rooney attended the Arbor Day Celebration at Zabriskie Pond Park where the Township completed the planting of four (4) additional willow trees around the Zabriskie Pond Park.
9. On Sunday, April 26, 2015 Mayor Rooney attended a meeting at the Wyckoff Family YMCA concerning the progress of the artificial turf soccer field at the Pulis Soccer Facility. A number of issues were raised – Mayor Rooney mentioned the contractor and his subcontractor starting work before 7:00 a.m. The police department has issued a summons for this code violation after receiving complaints from area residents.
10. Today, at 7:30 a.m. Mayor Rooney attended a Public Policy Meeting with Committeeman Boonstra, Attorney Landel, Administrator Shannon where a resolution to encourage the construction of special needs housing was developed. This resolution is submitted to the governing body for review and approval this evening.

**Policy Action Items:**

1. This evening's 8:00 p.m. Agenda includes the presentation of a proclamation to Police Officer Kyle Ferriera and a presentation from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.).
2. The 2015 Municipal Budget also includes a public hearing and further consideration and the budget has been reviewed pursuant to State regulations by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and approved. Therefore, the Township Committee may conduct the public hearing and adopt the budget this evening.  
The Administrator recognized CFO Diana McLeod and Auditor Gary Higgins for their diligent work on the 2015 Municipal Budget.
3. On Friday, May 1, 2015 two (2) bids are due at 11:00 a.m.; the first bid is for road resurfacing and the second bid reflects the purchase of a pick-up truck. The governing body may expect an award recommendation and resolutions to award contracts at the May 5, 2015 public business meeting.
4. The Administrator discussed the annual report from the New Jersey Municipal Excess Liability Consortium concerning community safety leadership and additional improvements the Township is performing to make the facility safer for employees and visitors.
5. The Administrator has been working with Police Chief Fox regarding security precautions for Town Hall and the Police Department. It appears that by Friday, May 1, 2015 the new security system will be implemented for Town Hall. The access code will be provided to the governing body.
6. Tom Gensheimer, the Building Subcode Official, has provided the Township Committee with three (3) copies of fines that have been issued to residents who were found to be performing work without construction permits. The residents are located at 765 Wyckoff Avenue, 416 Woodbury Drive and 256 Monroe Avenue. Residents who perform work without building permits are the main reason the Township is mandated to perform costly revaluations.
7. The current Spring curbside leaf collection, which began on Monday, April 13, 2015 is still in progress. As of today, the leaf crew is in District 5 of Round 1. Once all eight (8) districts are completed, a second full round of leaf collection will commence in all eight (8) districts.

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8. The Administrator stated he wanted to underscore the governing body reports regarding Arbor Day. This year, four (4) willow trees were planted around the banks of the Zabriskie Pond on Franklin Avenue. This planting represents the fourth year that Arbor Day has focused on reforesting Zabriskie Pond Park. Now, beautiful new willow trees have been planted ringing the pond and in time will grow to large majestic trees.
9. The Administrator suggested that if anyone has a moment to drive by the Wyckoff Community Park to envision the positively outstanding brilliant yellow forsythia bushes in the park. On a historical note, these forsythia bushes once lined the center median on Route 208 in the early 1990's. But the New Jersey DOT determined to remove the bushes in the center grass island and installed the "typical Jersey" highway barriers. The Wyckoff DPW removed these forsythia bushes and replanted them at the Wyckoff Community Park for the residents to enjoy each & every year.
10. On Thursday, April 30, 2015 the annual tonnage report is due to be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). On Saturday, May 2, 2015 a rather voluminous annual stormwater permit report is also due to the NJDEP. The Administrator recognized Scott Fisher and Fran Piskadlo for their assistance on these reports.
11. With regard to the 2015 Shredfest, the cost of the mobile shredding truck was \$300.00. The amount of recyclable rebate based on 12,000 pounds of shredded material was \$352.20 resulting in a surplus of \$52.20.
12. Beginning this Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> a Special Vegetative Waste and Branch curbside collection will be provided to residents for the month of May. On Thursday, Districts 1 thru 4 will be collected and on Friday, Districts 5 thru 8 will be collected. The intent of this special collection is to save some money and comply with State regulations that prohibits vegetative waste collection with household trash collection.

**Township Attorney Report:**

Mr. Landel reported progress.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Kevin J. Rooney  
Mayor

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Joyce C., Santimauro  
Municipal Clerk

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