

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016 – 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 Thomas J. Madigan, Brian D. Scanlan, Rudolf E. Boonstra and John A. Carolan
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.

John Unglert, 360 Cornell Street thanked Clerk Santimauro and her team of staff who worked on the Memorial Day Parade despite the fact that the parade was rained out. The Memorial Service at the Wyckoff Reformed Church to remember our fallen heroes was outstanding.

Mr. Unglert also extended a special thanks to the volunteers at the Annual Fishing Derby and Wyckoff Day which incorporated the Mayor's Wellness Walk at 11:00 a.m.

With regard to the resolution on this evening's Agenda to accept a Bergen County Open Space Grant, Mr. Unglert stated that often folks will visit the Township Committee and express their objection to the Township applying for grants. However, Mr. Unglert supports the Township's policy of applying for grants and actively pursuing grant opportunities.

Committeeman Carolan 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.

Administrator Comments:

The Administrator advised that this evening's Agenda is as and was submitted and posted on Friday with the following proposed modifications:

1. Although listed on the Agenda, an ordinance has been completed by the Township Attorney which prohibits the sale of dogs and cats that have been raised in inhumane conditions from pet stores.
2. Two (2) resolutions are presented to establish a lien to be collected similar to taxes for the property owners that have failed, after numerous correspondence (certified letters & phone calls) attempts to abate violations on these properties. The Township must expend tax dollars to remediate those violations. The liens allow the Township to recapture its' costs. The Township Committee approved.

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3. The Administrator reported that the various updates he has provided to the Township Committee have been communicated through written correspondence.
4. The ordinance to accept and appropriate funds from a Bergen County Open Space Grant in the amount of \$22,220 to be used to rehabilitate and resurface the basketball court system at Memorial Field is an effective use of grant dollars by allowing the Township to maintain its recreational infrastructure when otherwise, the Township would not be able to fund such an improvement project.
5. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has been issued and communicated to all employees. Notices and posters have been posted in the usual locations and supervisor training is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2016.
6. The resolution on this evening's Agenda to award a contract for electrical connection and wiring installation is approximately the last task for the fully operational Pulis Field Athletic Complex. The Administrator pointed out that of the DPW Manager in obtaining assistance from Orange & Rockland Utilities allowed the Township to realize a very competitive bid price which is the subject of the award recommendation.
7. Mayor Rooney recognized Bob Shannon upon achieving the designation of "Father-in-Law" over the weekend at the wedding of his daughter Annie. The Township Committee and Mayor Rooney congratulated Bob on his daughter's wedding as well as his son, Tim on his graduation from Law School.

Township Committee Report:

John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan reminded all that a ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Eisenhower School where the school will be celebrating the "School to Watch" Award the K-8 School District has received. This recognition is significant.
2. Mr. Carolan recognized Scott Fisher and the DPW Staff for their diligent work completing the playground installation and the walking path at the Pulis Field Athletic Complex. All governing body members agreed that the facility looks fabulous!!

Mayor Rooney:

1. Mayor Rooney suggested that the Township Committee cancel the second meetings in the months of July and August, specifically, July 19th and August 16th as a Summer schedule. The Administrator was instructed to issue an Open Public Meetings Act Notice to cancel both meetings.
2. On Saturday, May 21, 2016 Mayor Rooney had the privilege to perform a wedding ceremony for Township employee Krista Hogne. The marriage took place at The Brickhouse and was a very happy occasion.
3. On Wednesday, June 1, 2016 Mayor Rooney participated in a "Blue Mass" in Saddle Brook to recognize police officers who lost their lives in New Jersey in the past year.

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4. Mayor Rooney attended the Bergen County Health Fair on 5/21/16 to provide judging services for the healthy food competition.
5. Mayor Rooney, as well as Deputy Mayor Scanlan, Committeeman Boonstra and Bob Shannon attended the Christian Health Care Centers “Thank You” dinner to First Responders. Mayor Rooney extended thanks to the Christian Health Care Center for their gracious invitation to our first responders.
6. Mayor Rooney thanked everyone who worked on the Memorial Day preparations.
7. On Thursday, June 2, 2016 Mayor Rooney participated in a Public Policy Subcommittee where a number of ordinances were moved forward. As an example, the ordinance introduced this evening to prohibit the sale of dogs and cats that were bred in inhumane conditions. The Public Policy Committee discussed at length a tree ordinance – this is a work in progress and the work continues.
8. Mayor Rooney attended the Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2016 sponsored by the Wyckoff Family YMCA and held at the Lake House.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra extended congratulations to all who worked on the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, Wyckoff Day, Fishing Derby and the Mayor’s Wellness Walk. A thank you was extended to the Wyckoff Reformed Church for allowing the use of their sanctuary for the Memorial Day Service due to the rain.
2. The Planning Board will conduct their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 and an application is on the Agenda for a four lot subdivision at the corner of Smith and Thomas Place – such an application not filed in quite some time.
3. At the next public business meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 the Township will be acting on the resolution to award a contract for the purchase of a replacement fire pumper from a nationally competitively bid contract.

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan complimented all involved with the planning of the Memorial Day Parade and Service. He described the Memorial Service as a outstanding program and recognized the Grand Marshal, Dr. Herrmann.
2. Last week, there was a forum on lead in the drinking water sponsored by the Environmental Commission and the Wyckoff Board of Health. Dr. Steven Clarke, a member of the Board of Health moderated the session and stated that he thought Ridgewood Water was well prepared. Mr. Scanlan explained that there are lead service lines in Wyckoff, specifically in the East Wyckoff section.
3. On Monday, June 20, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. students from Ramapo High School will receive a presentation on heroin addiction.

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4. Mr. Scanlan was contacted by the Wyckoff Garden Club to express a desire to perform additional work at the Russell Farms Community Park. The Garden Club wishes to prune the daffodils and plant annuals. Deputy Mayor Scanlan asked the governing body their comments and/or opinion. The governing body approved, Mayor Rooney advised that the Garden Club also needs to weed as well as the pruning of the daffodils. Committeeman Carolan requested that Scott Fisher be advised of the dates that the Garden Club will perform this work.
5. Mr. Scanlan asked the Township Attorney the status of the letter to the two (2) property owners on Beekman Place and the two (2) property owners on Hamden Court. Mr. Landel advised that the letters to the property owners Beekman Place have been sent and the letters to the homeowners on Hamden Court regarding their responsibility for the maintenance of a drainage easement has been drafted and will be mailed shortly.

Thomas Madigan:

1. On Wednesday, May 25, 2016 Mr. Madigan and Committeeman Boonstra visited many of the historic homes on the Zabriskie House Historic Homes Tour. A thank you was extended to all the owners of the historic homes in Wyckoff who so graciously opened their homes to the public. Mr. Madigan described the event as very fascinating and hoped it would be conducted again in the future.
2. Mr. Madigan described the Memorial Day Ceremony as excellent and thanked all who worked so diligently on the preparations.
3. The Environmental Commission and the Wyckoff Board of Health provided the joint forum at the Wyckoff Free Public Library regarding lead in drinking water and extended “Kudos” to both board members.
4. Mr. Madigan volunteered as a judge at the Ramapo High School “Shark Tank” event. There were four (4) monetary winners and the Chamber of Commerce was extremely generous in their donations.
5. Mr. Madigan advised that he was unable to attend the Fishing Derby due to his attendance at a wedding of a close personal friend.
6. Ramapo High School has the opportunity to obtain a \$400,000 grant to replace inefficient lighting with LED Lighting at the Ramapo High School Campus.
7. Mr. Madigan recognized and thanked Mayor Rooney for his dedication with “spearheading” the Pulis Field Improvement Project and opined that the playground, walking path and pavilion area look great.
8. Mr. Madigan will attend the ceremony to dedicate the Monarch Butterfly Habitat area at the Russell Farms Community Park on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel has completed his review and drafting of the ordinance prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats that have been bred in inhumane conditions. This ordinance is presented this evening.

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2. The draft ordinance to extend the open space tax would extend that tax if approved by voters as a referendum in November for five (5) additional years beginning 1/1/2017. Mr. Landel advised that after governing body adoption he will assist Clerk Santimauro in communicating that ordinance to the County to ensure the referendum question is on the November 2016 ballot for the voters to decide.
3. Mr. Landel reported that he has spoken with the attorney for the Bergen County United Way regarding the proposed housing facility for individuals with developmental disabilities at the corner of Clinton and Morse Avenue. There is a need to provide a license agreement since the angled parking on Clinton Avenue will encroach into the right-of-way which will be dedicated to the Township for road widening. Mayor Rooney pointed out that the Morse Avenue parking will be perpendicular to the road and entirely on the property of 370 Clinton Avenue. This parking area will be used as a snow depository for the snow that is plowed from the parking spaces on Clinton Avenue. All agreed a licensing agreement makes the most sense. The Township Attorney was instructed to prepare such an agreement.
4. This past weekend, Mr. Landel visited the Pulis Field Athletic Complex and indicated the Open Air Pavilion, soccer field and walking path look fantastic. Mayor Rooney informed the governing body that a flagpole is expected to be donated and installed shortly.

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Kevin J. Rooney
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk