

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brian D. Scanlan 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 Brian D. Scanlan, Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan, Rudolf E. Boonstra, Timothy E. Shanley and Melissa D. Rubenstein

Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro, Diana McLeod, CFO/Tax Collector and Tom Garlick, Esq.

Mayor Scanlan 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 Madigan.

Bonnie Chalek, 110 Sheridan Terrace, Ridgewood, New Jersey stated she is a member of the Bergen County Brady Chapter and supports and advocates that the Township Committee adopt Resolution #18-128 this evening. This resolution objects to the federal legislation which would allow persons who obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon in another State which has less stringent regulations than the State of New Jersey.

James Damico, 112 Harding Road has lived in Wyckoff for fifty (50) years and opposes TV recordings of the Township Committee meetings. Mr. Damico operates a small business in another community and from his past experience when that community "TV'ed" their meetings, a "circus atmosphere" resulted. It was a waste of that governing body's time to conduct business.

Lisa Michaels, 522 Harvest Court expressed that she opposes the federal legislation that would permit individuals to carry concealed weapons. Ms. Michaels is in favor of the governing body adopting Resolution #18-128. She is a pediatrician and there are verifiable statistics that indicate nationwide, relaxing gun laws result in increased violence.

Stephanie Perl, 650 Fairview Place spoke in favor and support of Resolution #18-128.

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

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

The Township Committee discussed Resolution #18-128 listed on this evening's Agenda. All members of the governing body stated they would endorse the adoption of this resolution at the 8:00 p.m. business meeting.

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Township Committee Report:

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Committeeman Boonstra met twice with Mayor Scanlan regarding fire department issues involving prior events and to address budget and fundraising issues.
2. The snowstorm predicted for later this evening will be the twelfth event of this season. The DPW is prepared and ready for the snow.
3. Last week, the DPW received delivery of a pick-up truck and today the delivery of a dump truck with plow was received. These two (2) vehicles replace existing vehicles that have reached their useful life.
4. Mr. Boonstra met with Scott Fisher and representatives of the Bergen County Department of Public Works last week. At the previous snowstorm on Saturday, February 17 & 18, 2018 where eight (8) inches of snow fell, Bergen County contractors performed “over-plowing” on county roads. This resulted in damage to lawns and to catch basins. During the review, the County representatives indicated that the beginning of the snowplowing was placed on hold as the snow began to fall later than anticipated. This may be the reason why the contract plowers generated significant damage. Hopefully, the discussion will prevent a reoccurrence.
5. The Accreditation Consultant and the New Jersey Chiefs of Police are scheduled to perform a final evaluation of the Wyckoff Police Department to obtain official accreditation later in the month of March.
6. Mr. Boonstra commended the Wyckoff Police Officers for their work in the past weekend’s snow storm of March 3 & 4, 2018 assisting residents with the downed wires and trees.
7. In the March 3rd issue of The Record, a one page article showcased the Wyckoff Police Department’s thwarting an attempt of a person to conduct a fake kidnapping of a person’s child. It was a phone scam that is unfortunately very common however, the police department intervened and did an excellent job to prevent the incident.
8. Mr. Boonstra requested a closed session to discuss the negotiations with the Northwest Bergen Sewer Utilities Authority regarding the proposal to extend the sewer main on Wyckoff Avenue. Due to recent developments, the Township Committee must discuss negotiation strategy.
9. Mr. Boonstra and the Safety Committee attended the JIF Safety Awards Ceremony. The Township of Wyckoff won the top safety award and received a \$2,500 grant. Mr. Boonstra congratulated Bob Shannon for the significant effort. Mr. Shannon disclosed that safety is a combined effort and appreciates the support of the governing body as well as the participation from the department managers.
10. Mr. Boonstra reported that currently there is a structure fire in a condo at Huntington Court in Wyckoff.

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Melissa Rubenstein:

1. The Wyckoff Board of Health has asked the governing body to adopt a proclamation honoring Dorothy Voorman Fish for her many years of volunteering on the Board of Health.
2. Ms. Rubenstein attended the most recent Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional Board of Education Meeting where a large crowd of parents and teachers were present. Ms. Rubenstein commented on how incredibly poised and informed the high school students who spoke at the public meeting were and hopes the contract dispute between the board and the teachers is resolved amicably.
3. Ms. Rubenstein and Committeeman Shanley met with a committee of football booster parents to review their efforts to raise funds to construct an artificial turf field at the Memorial Field Complex behind Town Hall.
4. Ms. Rubenstein conveyed her thanks to the Wyckoff Police Department and the DPW Staff for their work during the storm last weekend.
5. This weekend, the FLOW Follies will perform their annual fundraiser at Ramapo High School. Mayor Scanlan and Ms. Rubenstein will participate at the fundraiser.
6. Ms. Rubenstein extended her congratulations to Bob Shannon for the diligent work completed with regard to municipal safety and the savings realized for the taxpayers.
7. Congratulations are extended to Wyckoff resident Dylan Hartigan for being selected as a contestant on the national television show, The Voice. Best of Luck to Dylan!!

Tom Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan commended the Wyckoff Police Department, the DPW and Committeeman Boonstra for their exhaustive work during last weekend's storm. Mr. Boonstra was especially vigilant in calling and prodded relentlessly with his contacts at Orange & Rockland Utilities to dispatch crews to Wyckoff to restore power.
2. Mr. Madigan is in favor of the proclamation to recognize Dorothy Voorman Fish. He had the privilege of working with Ms. Fish many years ago when a meningitis outbreak at Ramapo/Indian Hills High School transpired.
3. The Wyckoff Environmental Commission is again sponsoring its film festival. A film was recently shown at the Wyckoff Public Library and approximately eighty (80) people attended. The next film will focus on Monarch Butterflies at Ramapo High School.
4. Mr. Madigan and Committeeman Boonstra also attended the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional High School Board of Education Meeting.
5. The Environmental Commission Volunteers continue to work diligently every Wednesday evening on the Environmental Resources Inventory Report. Recently, the subcommittee visited 737 Wyckoff Avenue where the largest Oak Tree in New Jersey exists.

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Tim Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley attended the Shade Tree Commission Meeting this evening. The Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018. Trees are expected to be removed from Russell Farm Community park and replanted at the Wyckoff Community Park to provide shade for park patrons.
2. Mr. Shanley attended a meeting on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Scanlan and Township Attorney Landel and mayors and attorneys from Glen Rock and Ridgewood regarding the Ridgewood Water Litigation. Ridgewood Water was charging the three (3) non-Ridgewood municipalities and customers operating costs to lower the Village of Ridgewood Operating Budget for a number of years. A report will be provided in Closed Session.
3. Mr. Shanley thanked Mayor Scanlan and Committeeman Boonstra for their assistance with the recent power outages last weekend from Winter Storm Quinn. Mr. Shanley also recognized Mark DiGennaro, Township Engineer for contacting Orange & Rockland for the lack of power to the sewer ejector station on Wayfair Circle which greatly prodded their response to Wyckoff.
4. Mr. Shanley thanked Bob Shannon for his assistance in drafting the resolution to name the full size field at the Pulis Soccer Field Complex in memory of Ben Landel.

Mayor Scanlan:

1. Mayor Scanlan thanked Police Chief Murphy and Committeeman Boonstra, Bob Shannon and Nancy Cole for their work specifically, late Saturday and Sunday evenings with sending e-mail blasts to the residents.
2. Mayor Scanlan indicated that in contrast he found dealing with PSE&G this weekend to be more efficient and organized than dealing with Orange & Rockland Utilities.
3. Mayor Scanlan thanked Committeeman Shanley for his suggestion to name the full size field at the Pulis Soccer Field Complex in memory of Ben Landel.
4. Mayor Scanlan met with Committeeman Boonstra to review the fire department budget and fundraising issues.
5. Mayor Scanlan attended a meeting Allendale on Thursday, March 1, 2018 where a speaker from the New Jersey Division of Wildlife was present to talk about the problem with deer population in suburban communities.
6. Last evening, Mayor Scanlan visited Fire Company #2 where the firefighters were inspecting a new Pierce Fire Pumper purchased by Woodcliff Lake.

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Review of the 8:00 p.m. Agenda:

1. At last meeting, a public speaker from New York City requested that the Township Committee adopt a resolution to encourage the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey to construct code compliant bike lanes on the George Washington Bridge. A discussion with the governing body resulted and this resolution will be added to the 8:00 p.m. Agenda.
2. The Administrator confirmed that the proclamation to honor longtime Wyckoff volunteer Dorothy Voorman Fish will be added to the Agenda.
3. In addition to adoption of the budget, there is a new State requirement that a resolution be adopted indicating the Township of Wyckoff does not discriminate as it relates to arrest or conviction records. The Administrator thoroughly read the law and in accordance with the JIF Personnel Manual, the Township does not discriminate. This law will be forwarded to the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) for inclusion in the next issue of the Employment Practices Liability Coverage.
4. Three (3) ordinances were drafted to demonstrate to the Northwest Bergen County Sewer Utilities Authority the Township Committee's intention and to encourage them to invest in a sanitary trunk main in Wyckoff. However, due to a recent communication received today, the recommendation is that those ordinances not be introduced this evening. A Closed Session discussion is scheduled for negotiation strategy.
5. The Administrator received a request from Fire Chief Brock for a shared service agreement with Bergen County relating to the storage and use of boats for water rescue. A meeting was conducted last week with Mayor Scanlan and Committeeman Boonstra where a series of questions and concerns were expressed. Fire Chief Brock will prepare a response directly.
6. The Administrator recognized the Diana McLeod, Chief Financial Officer, Committeeman Madigan and Committeewoman Rubenstein for their diligent and thorough work in crafting a very reasonable and responsible 2018 Municipal Budget.
7. Mayor Scanlan inquired as to why the meetings in October are posted for the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The Township Committee meets on the first and third Tuesdays. It was explained that due to a Jewish holiday on the first Tuesday in October, a decision was made to change the meeting schedule. A discussion resulted regarding changing the meeting dates back to the first and third Tuesdays because that particular Jewish holiday is not a major holiday. All governing body members voted affirmatively.
8. An update was sent to the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) regarding the \$28,000 grant. The police accreditation assessment is scheduled for March 25 & 26, 2018.
9. A resolution is listed on the Agenda to authorize a road closing proposed by the Wyckoff Education Foundation for their annual fundraising event.
10. An ordinance will be provided at the next meeting to appropriate the \$215,000 NJDOT Grant to pave Lafayette Avenue.

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- 11. The police department is working on updating the State required emergency management plan. Each plan consists of a series of annexes or chapters which make up the plan. Once those are updated, the State Police reviews the plan and provides approval.

Township Attorney Report:

- 1. Mr. Landel , Mayor Scanlan and Mr. Shanley attended a meeting on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Glen Rock Borough Hall with representatives of Wyckoff, Glen Rock and Midland Park concerning the litigation with Ridgewood Water regarding Ridgewood Water officials overcharging the rate payers to fund the Village of Ridgewood’s operating expenses. A report will be provided in Closed Session.
- 2. Mr. Landel has a scheduled conference call with the judge in the Mount Laurel litigation and is meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018 with the intervener, the attorneys and planners to address his concept plan. Mayor Scanlan also attended this meeting and recognized Mr. Landel as providing the most effective comments that related to problem solving.

At 7:59 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Meeting to conduct the Public Business Meeting.

At 9:50 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND BOONSTRA
 CAROLAN YES MADIGAN YES SCANLAN YES SHANLEY YES
 BOONSTRA YES

The Open Public Work Session Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Brian D. Scanlan
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk