

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
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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 and Thomas 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 Rubenstein.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Mayor Scanlan stated that this evening the Township of Wyckoff has the pleasure of receiving a presentation from the New Jersey Police Chiefs Association President, who will bestow the Certification of Accreditation to Police Chief Murphy and the Township Committee for achieving professional police accreditation status. Mayor Scanlan asked Police Commissioner Rudy Boonstra to address the audience.

Mr. Boonstra stated that this evening is a special night for the police department and the community. Our police department will be receiving the highest certificate a police department can earn for standards of proficiency and professionalism. Extended congratulations to Police Chief Murphy and Detective Sergeant Michael Ragucci who serves as the Accreditation Manager for the Wyckoff Police Department.

Mr. Harry Delgado of the New Jersey Police Chiefs Association and Chairman of the Accreditation Program Commission was present. Mr. Delgado complimented the Wyckoff Police Department as being one of the best departments in the State based on the review of the accreditation process. New Jersey consists of 566 municipalities and only 38% of the police departments have earned this accreditation status. It is a rigorous process which requires the police department to meet 102 standards. Mr. Delgado also stated that further studies reveal that municipal police departments that achieve accreditation have significantly less professional liability issues, workers compensation injuries and automobile accidents. Achieving accreditation is a difficult process and the Wyckoff Police Department proved to the accreditation commission through the process that they are one of the best police departments in the State of New Jersey.

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Committeeman Madigan stated that he is pleased to live in the Township of Wyckoff and congratulated the Wyckoff Police Officers on their extraordinary achievement.

Mayor Scanlan echoed both Mr. Boonstra and Mr. Madigan's sentiments and reported that he observed the process which took two (2) years and consisted of a significant level of detail on each standard. Mr. Boonstra extended thanks to the governing body, Police Chief Murphy and his superior officers and the entire Wyckoff Police Department Staff.

Committeeman Shanley congratulated Police Chief Murphy and the entire men and women of the Wyckoff Police Department.

Committeewoman Rubenstein thanked all members of the Wyckoff Police Department and complimented them for their interaction with the children of the community whether at school or at home when called for assistance.

A photo was taken of the presentation.

The Administrator made reference that the 8:00 p.m. Agenda is as presented.

Township Committee Report:

Timothy Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley reported that he and Committeewoman Rubenstein attended a Memorial Turf Field Meeting with municipal staff. The Football Boosters have a fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. on Neelen Drive. Discussions at the meeting included a procedure to replace the turf field carpet after ten (10) years. Mr. Shanley asked Mr. Wingfield, Recreation Director to advise as to the number of participants in the baseball program, the travel baseball program, the football program, the softball program, the travel softball program, the men's softball program and the cheerleading squads. A total of 1,940 participants use the field which is the field proposed or anticipated for artificial turf field installation. The booster club may suggest a \$20.00 participant fee payable to the boosters club which would then be donated to the municipality for field carpet replacement.
2. At the August Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, the coordinator of the Memorial Turf Field addressed the board members. The Travel Baseball Program has completed its Summer season and three (3) teams achieved league championship status.
3. The Wyckoff Recreation Department has another passive recreation opportunity scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2018, Movies at Memorial. Mr. Shanley extended an invitation for all to attend.
4. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the use of Pulis Field on Saturday, October 6, 2018 for the Buddy Walk Fundraiser.
5. The number of Summer Camp participants decreased slightly this year however, the number of participants in the Summer Skill Clinics had increased.
6. The Board of Adjustment Meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018 focused on reviewing four (4) applications; three (3) of those applicants will return after performing revisions and improving landscaping plans. Currently, the September Board of Adjustment Meeting Agenda includes eight (8) applications.

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7. The 8:00 p.m. Agenda includes a resolution Mr. Shanley prepared entitled, "Going Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness." The month of September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Cancer Month.

Thomas Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan has placed a resolution for discussion on this evening's Work Session regarding the opposition of the actions of Governor Murphy to make New Jersey a "Sanctuary State."
2. Mr. Madigan extended congratulations to the Wyckoff Police Department on achieving the Certificate of Accreditation.
3. Mr. Madigan suggested the Township consider a certain safety zone in the Township to ensure when residents transact business online, the buyer and seller can meet in a safe location. The Township Committee determined to refer this to the Police Commission for review.
4. Mr. Madigan attended the Environmental Commission Meeting last evening after completing the JIF Land Use Training Seminar.
5. The Wyckoff DPW has completed the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project in Wyckoff. Lafayette Avenue was completed last week including additional safety measures and the speed limit reduced to 25 MPH. Mr. Shannon advised that his office received a complaint today regarding the double center yellow line recently painted down Lafayette Avenue. The complaint stated that painting a double yellow line will decrease property values. A painted double center line is a State of New Jersey requirement for any road paving grant.

Melissa Rubenstein:

1. Ms. Rubenstein attended last evening's Wyckoff K-8 Board of Education Meeting where it was disclosed that Mr. Kuder, Superintendent of Schools is resigning as of 12/31/18 to take a position to start schools in China and other European countries. Also at the meeting, the Board of Education discussed their nut awareness policy. With regard to the expanded KinderCare Program, the program will remain under the administration of the Wyckoff YMCA but will relocate from the YMCA to the schools. Also at the meeting, the Board of Education appreciated the assistance of the Wyckoff DPW with the new sidewalk on Crescent Avenue on front of this maintenance facility.
2. The busing issue that was presented to the governing body for assistance has been resolved. Originally, thirty-eight (38) families were locked out of the subscription busing program. A lottery was conducted and thirty (30) families were granted participation leaving eight (8) families on a waiting list. Upon receipt of the subscription payments, many families opted out of the busing program thereby opening slots for families on the waiting list.
3. Ms. Rubenstein and Committeeman Shanley with Township Staff attended a meeting in Town Hall regarding the proposal to install artificial turf at Memorial Field. The coordinators of the project separated the project into two (2) components; the preparation of the field and the laying of the field carpet. The cost proposals were between \$825,000 and \$850,000. The volunteer booster group indicates they have raised

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\$300,000 in fundraising. They also have \$100,000 in verbal in-kind donations however, no written documents have been produced for either, the fundraising or in-kind contributions. The Township has applied for a grant from the county and is awaiting a determination if the grant will be awarded. This grant and the town's match would cover \$130,000 of the cost. Therefore, the booster group has a significant amount of funds to raise for the turf field project.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. The August 8, 2018 Planning Board Meeting considered and approved a two (2) lot subdivision on Ravine Avenue. The primary focus of the application centered on the maintenance of the retention basin. The attorney for the property owner indicated the basin was overgrown and the municipality was responsible for the maintenance based on his review of the documents. Mr. Boonstra mentioned this matter to the Administrator who had a different recollection on the issue. Mr. Shannon researched the developer's application and the meeting minutes which all indicate that the property owner is responsible for the maintenance of the drainage easement retention basin. This information has been provided to the applicant's attorney.
2. The Planning Board also approved an application for a small bank at 345 Franklin Avenue, the property adjacent to the Bank of America. Two (2) residential apartments will comprise the second floor of the bank.
3. On Monday, August 14, 2018 Mr. Boonstra met at the Russell Avenue southbound infield area on Route 208 with Assemblyman Rooney and five (5) representatives from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) to discuss the unsightly condition of the infield area. The NJDOT will plant and restore the area.
4. Mr. Boonstra attended a meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. in Town Hall with Mayor Scanlan, Township Attorney Landel and Administrator Shannon to review its Open Space Grant Application Presentation. At 10:00 a.m. the Wyckoff Team met with Adam Stroebel and Ken Aloisio who are the directors and principle planners of the Bergen County Open Space Program. The Township Team explained the aspects of the Township's grant application for one (1) million dollars to purchase twenty (20) of the twenty-six (26) acres of Maple Lake. There are five (5) other municipal applications in this competition with the Township. It appears the Bergen County Open Space Advisory Board will conduct a site visit sometime in September. Tentatively, the October 3, 2018 business meeting may include an invitation to the Township to present its' application formally to the advisory board. Thank yous were extended to Mayor Scanlan for updating the Power Point Presentation displayed and presented to the Bergen County decision makers.
5. Mr. Boonstra attended the Land Use Liability Seminar conducted last evening where Mr. Landel did an outstanding presenting the material.
6. The parking area around Town Hall, known as Scott Plaza was paved last week as well as a sidewalk installed between Town Hall and Fire Co. #1.
7. Mr. Boonstra advised that he spoke to Peter TenKate, Township Consulting Engineer that the ninety (90) day window is soon approaching for the DEP to issue the permit for the sewer extension to serve the homes of the Meer Estate and to allow the expansion of sewerage

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opportunities in the Knolls Section as well as the homes on Brownstone Court.

Mayor Scanlan:

1. Mayor Scanlan further reported from the August 8th Planning Board Meeting that a second application for a bank at 345 Franklin Avenue included a condition that a sidewalk be constructed from the front sidewalk in the right-of-way to the front door just as it was required at the Jersey Mike's application on Godwin Avenue. Mayor Scanlan anticipates board members will continue to require pedestrian friendly walkways when applicants omit this condition in their application.
2. On Saturday, August 11, 2018 Mayor Scanlan hosted and attended the Northwest Bergen Mayors Association Meeting in Town Hall. The topics included the new mandated recycling rules and problems with vaping by students in schools.
3. Mayor Scanlan extended his condolences to the family of volunteer firefighter Warren Kramer.
4. On Thursday, August 16, 2018 Mayor Scanlan thought the Power Point Presentation of the Maple Lake Property went well and recognized Bob Shannon for disclosing that the Township pays nearly \$500,000 of taxpayers funds to the Bergen County Open Space Tax annually. If the Township was awarded the grant to purchase the Maple Lake Property, it would simply reflect two (2) years-worth of Wyckoff taxpayer contributions to the open space tax fund.
5. Mayor Scanlan recently attended a Quest Fundraiser at the Brick House.
6. Mayor Scanlan extended thanks to Mr. Landel for providing an outstanding land use seminar.
7. Mayor Scanlan observed that no reporter was in the audience this evening.
8. Mayor Scanlan invited all to the Annual Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department Fireworks Fundraiser on Saturday, September 1, 2018.
9. Mayor Scanlan, Committeeman Madigan and the Administrator attended a fire truck procurement subcommittee meeting.
10. Mayor Scanlan has received positive feedback regarding the recycling coach app launched last week. Denise Capparelli located the app and "test drove" it before the launch. A discussion focused on Wyckoff Avenue where it was indicated that Wyckoff Avenue is the separating line between the Monday and Tuesday recycling routes. Committeewoman Rubenstein has advised residents to place their location in cross street to locate their recycling schedule.
11. Mayor Scanlan inquired if any feedback from residents who reside at the intersection of Ravine Avenue was received regarding the rumble strips installed onto Lafayette Avenue. The Administrator replied he has not received any reaction in this regard however, the purpose of those rumble strips are safety and to alert motorists who exceed the posted speed limit of the four (4) way stop intersection.

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Policy Action Items:

1. The Township prepared and presented a grant reimbursement application to Bergen County for the 2017 grant project. A check representing full reimbursement was received and the Township completed the annual report to the Northwest Bergen Sewer Utilities Authority required for all member municipalities to base the new year charges on.
2. The 2019 Municipal Calendar is in full production mode. Letters to advertisers will be sent out next week. The calendar theme for 2019 is "Environmental Resources Inventory" performed by the Environmental Commission.
3. On Monday, August 6, 2018 the Wyckoff Police Department, in cooperation with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles, conducted a vehicle inspection detail at the corner of Wyckoff Avenue and Main Street. A number of summonses were issued. The Chief of Police and the Administrator have drafted public service announcements which are designed to provide awareness to the public as to the benefit to the residents for these traffic enforcement details. In most cases, unregistered vehicles are removed from the roadways and unregistered vehicles have a propensity for mechanical problems that result in vehicle crashes.
4. The next Planning Board Meeting on September 12, 2018 will include a public hearing on the Master Plan, the re-examination report and the Fair Share Element. Mr. Shannon will not be present at this meeting however, Planner McKenzie will attend the meeting. The governing body will be viewing numerous copies of said documents from the Planner.
5. The RecycleCoach App that was previously discussed resulted in 42% of the 5,600 site registrants that received the e-mail opened the app. The app was further enhanced with a photo of Wyckoff Town Hall.

At 8:05 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Meeting to conduct the Public Business Meeting.

At 8:14 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

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

6. The Administrator inquired if the governing body wanted the resolution sent by the speaker from last meeting on the agenda for next meeting. The governing body responded no.
7. A considerable effort has been performed by Fran Piskadlo to provide accurate census information and if the Township's population reaches 20,000 residents in the next census, the Township will qualify for a new liquor license to be publicly auctioned to create new non-tax revenue.
8. There is an Eagle Scout Ceremony scheduled for Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. for Zachary DeCurtis.
9. The Wyckoff Historical Society is promoting their historical walking tour for Saturday, October 13, 2018. There are three (3) separate tours available that day.

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At this point Mayor Scanlan asked if there were any further matters for governing body discussion.

Mr. Madigan “I’d like to make some comments, we have a resolution to discuss. Let’s have a general discussion, this gives us an opportunity to look at things for our next agenda. There is an overall concern that our governor wants to make New Jersey a sanctuary state and by default Wyckoff will be a sanctuary town. Throughout the resolution that certainly opposes that particularly with costs involved, safety considerations involved. We all saw today on the news an unfortunate situation where a young girl named Mollie Tibbetts and an illegal immigrant admitted to killing her. We should be concerned about the safety of our children, the safety of our residents. If you have any comments, would like any modifications on the resolution.

Mrs. Rubenstein “Without addressing the merits of the entire resolution I have several comments about the language in the resolution. The first comments is that the resolution uses the term ‘non-citizens’ and ‘illegal immigrants’ incorrectly, they are used interchangeably and that is not accurate.”

Mr. Madigan “I would agree with you, I see modifications in paragraph 7 and paragraph 9 where it says non-citizen that should be corrected. One of my comments was to say that there’s inconsistencies and not exactly my intent. That’s a good point. We have to discuss this.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “The whereas that states such action may make Wyckoff a sanctuary community, there is no definition for this or a sanctuary state, town or community. I would like a definition of what we are talking about. Since there is no legal definition.”

Mr. Madigan “I believe it’s something that we could research or check with the governor’s office and get the definition of sanctuary state.

Mrs. Rubenstein “Such action would make Wyckoff a sanctuary community, it’s something that doesn’t have any legal meaning. I just want to know, does this mean our police will be an extension of ICE, will our teachers be checking for documents from our children. I really don’t know what a sanctuary state is. My final point, and most troubling to me and I don’t know who wrote this resolution, but this is incredibly troubling to me – ‘the estimated cost of illegal immigration in the State of New Jersey is approximately \$3 billion dollars annually according to a study by FAIR’. Does anyone know what FAIR is? Because I do. It’s an organization whose sole purpose is to reduce legal and illegal immigration. Unfortunately their founder, John Tanton, he promotes eugenics, which is basically the theory of white supremacy. I actually have a quote by him: ‘I’ve come to the point of view that for an European American society and culture to persist requires a European American majority and a spare one at that’. Unfortunately, I don’t fall into that category and I’m pretty upset that we would review a resolution that cites statistics by a racist organization whose founder promotes basically shocking ideals so I would hope that there would be some clarifying of this resolution.”

Mr. Madigan “In light of your comments we should probably just take it out.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “Why would we even be presented with this resolution?”

Mr. Madigan “The proposal, under the process, is this is a first draft. This is the way we have been operating all year. “

Mrs. Rubenstein “But, it’s a first draft that contains terms of no definition, misused terms, statistics by a racist organization. I am upset that this even came before the committee without being vetted first.”

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Mr. Madigan “This is the proper process, and I’ll ask the chairman, isn’t this the proper process to have these discussions to determine what will be on the agenda?”

Mayor Scanlan “I think, Tom, to answer your question and I assume Mrs. Rubenstein’s question was it would have been better had this actually been vetted, some of the statistics are suspect. I also wonder, it’s a shame that our police department, most of whom were actually here just an hour ago and who have already left, because I think one of the implications of this kind of resolution, which we really should be aware of, I think we are all in favor of protecting our borders to ensure that we have secure borders. I’m just wondering whether one would expect that we are declaring, however it would be defined, ourselves not to be a sanctuary town or a sanctuary community. Whether our police department would then be expected to for instance on every traffic stop to ascertain whether the person who was pulled over was here legally. “

Mr. Boonstra “There’s an attorney general’s regulation that deals with all of that. There are protocols as to when an officer is allowed to approach the issue of citizenship. It was promulgated by an attorney general directive several years ago, quite a few years ago actually and is still in place. I guess a question would be here, I don’t know what Governor Murphy’s intention is to do, what would this do to these protocols, would they supersede the attorney general’s directive? Right now there are clear guidelines for a police officer should they have any sort of a traffic stop or any other incident which they must follow.”

Mayor Scanlon “I have a question on the protocols, let’s say a Wyckoff police officer arrives at the scene of an accident where driver ‘A’ who was sitting waiting at the intersection of Wyckoff Avenue and Clinton and is rear ended by driver ‘B’, who the officer suspects was texting at the time of the accident. If Driver ‘A,’ who was the one who was struck from behind who is a Wyckoff resident, who is married with three (3) young children. Let’s say that the police officer learned that she was brought to the United States when she was 18 months old and is unauthorized to be here. Should our police officer call the immigration authority, and in the meantime put her in our lock up?”

Mr. Madigan “I want to follow the law, I’m not that much ahead of it. I would hope our police officers follow the law. “

Mr. Boonstra “I don’t want to quote the attorney general’s guidelines, but I think at that level it’s a non-issue.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “Then what else goes into being a sanctuary community, or not a sanctuary community, maybe outside of the scope of police work. What else does it mean?”

Mr. Madigan: “It’s just not a place where we are going to harbor illegal immigrants.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “I’m saying what else outside of the police scope makes a community a sanctuary community? “

Mr. Madigan “It has to do with the State. If the town doesn’t do it, but the State does it, by default that’s what Wyckoff is going to be. The same thing we had in a session a couple of weeks ago, if the State legalizes marijuana and tells you you can sell it, distribute it, you can grow it and in that case the town opted out and said we didn’t want to do it. We moved ahead and we did that. “

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Mrs. Rubenstein “We didn’t opt out of it, we opted in zoning requirements. We are saying you can’t sell or distribute it, it has nothing to do with use. My question is what is your concern with making Wyckoff a sanctuary community besides police work?”

Mr. Madigan “I don’t want New Jersey to become a sanctuary State. That’s how I feel. There are five (5) people on this governing body, this is the first draft, we are open for discussions and input and I think it’s a philosophical decision.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “Well, it’s not a philosophical issue.”

Mr. Madigan “It’s philosophical first, and then we go through various aspects and various concerns.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “We don’t vote on philosophical issues on this committee, we vote on laws, that’s what we are here for. We are legislators. We don’t vote on philosophical concerns.”

Mr. Madigan “We look at certain policies, setting certain parameters with ordinances and resolutions. If the majority here feels philosophically that we want New Jersey to be a sanctuary State then that’s fine with me. We have to look at it, make it better, make it clear or whatever we want to do. I don’t need a lecture. We are just having a discussion.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “I’m asking questions and I’m honestly not getting answers to any of my questions about this resolution, including the definition of sanctuary State for our community.”

Mayor Scanlan “I also wonder, Tom, if we declare ourselves not a sanctuary community and not a sanctuary State. I’m not necessarily in favor of New Jersey becoming a sanctuary State, principally I just worry about loss of federal tax dollars, in terms of being penalized by the federal government. I do wonder if we say that we are not a sanctuary State or town and your resolution makes direct reference to educating undocumented or unauthorized immigrants here would we then have an expectation that our school officials will check the citizenship of each child that enrolls in a Wyckoff school?”

Mr. Madigan “First of all I think we agree that that paragraph should be taken out. You asked about school officials, school officials do check on the residency of the Wyckoff schools and the.....”

Mr. Madigan “The Wyckoff schools and the high schools check residency. It’s a state law, it goes by where you are domiciled, not sex or race or anything else. There are cases when I was on the Indian Hills board where we had people in one of the towns..the State law is where you are domiciled.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “That has nothing to do with whether you are a citizen of the United States.”

Mr. Madigan “That’s correct.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “That has nothing to do with whether you are a citizen or not.”

Mr. Madigan “You are correct so therefore how could it hurt them?”

Mrs. Rubenstein “You are asking if our school should check if the students are citizens of the United States.”

Mr. Madigan “No, we are not asking them that.”

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Mr. Boonstra “There is no legislation that would ask us for that.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “If we are to be Wyckoff, and not a sanctuary community does that mean that our school system now has to ask if someone is a citizen or not?”

Mr. Shanley “We don’t control the school board, the school board acts on its own.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “I’m asking what it means to be a sanctuary community or not. I am not getting any answer.”

Mr. Boonstra “In all honesty I think that would be included in any legislation proposed.”

Mayor Shanley “Well, shouldn’t we wait for the legislation until we have a definition?”

Mr. Boonstra “We are being inundated with unfunded mandates, we have no control over it. We had a meeting about this just the other day, we don’t know what kind of mandates will come along with this type of unfunded mandate and I am sure there will be some. The State does not have the money for any of the requirements that may or may not come along with such legislation. I think if nothing else we could take a stand in a sense to avoid some of these unfunded mandates, which undoubtedly will come along with such legislation.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “I agree with that we do not want to take on any unfunded mandates. But unfortunately this resolution carries with it so much more language that I think is unnecessary to accomplish a resolution that we do not agree with any unfunded mandates that would come along with being a sanctuary community.”

Mr. Madigan “If you are in favor of being a sanctuary State.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “I never said that. I said I am agreeing with Mr. Boonstra about unfunded mandates.”

Mr. Madigan “Ok, good.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “I am also saying that a lot of this language is completely unnecessary.”

Mr. Madigan “That is why it’s the first draft, that’s why we are discussing it, like we have done all year long. Now all of a sudden tonight we are going to have a lot of theatrics. No problem, that’s wonderful.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “This is about having a conversation about a resolution that was not written by anyone in this town, anyone in this community, it was provided to you by someone we are not even sure who and it contains inaccuracies from racist sources and it’s about things that have nothing to do with unfunded mandates.”

Mayor Scanlan “The other thing is when this comes before us and you have worked on this some more I think it would be important to have our Police Chief here to say that he is ok with this. What I do worry about is that if it is incumbent upon us if we act on this resolution that there might be an expectation in our community if we were to act on this that our police officers may raid some of the restaurants in town if they suspect that there are undocumented immigrants

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there. Or, maybe perhaps someone working for a landscaping company in town?"

Mr. Boonstra "I can't speak for the chief, but he is guided by the legislation."

Mayor Scanlan "I agree, but I would certainly want before we do something here I would certainly want the input of the police chief to make sure that the police department is ok with this resolution from the standpoint that they don't believe that it puts them in any kind of spot."

Mr. Madigan "I think that is a good idea."

Mayor Scanlan "I don't want the police commission, I would like something directly from Chief Murphy before this thing is finalized that he is fine with this."

Mr. Boonstra "I'm sure if there is nothing that runs afoul in the directive."

Mr. Scanlan "There's something else I want to point out and it's this very nebulous statistic that is really interesting, 'New jersey is among six (6) States in the nation responsible for 59% of illegal immigrants in the nation'. Why don't we just say from a legitimate source how many unauthorized immigrants are in New Jersey, rather than an astoundingly precise 59%, and then 'six (6) unnamed states'. This is just so sloppy."

Mr. Madigan "It's a draft, it's a starting point."

Mrs. Rubenstein "This isn't a starting point for me, I'm sorry but when you quote 'FAIR' that organization this becomes not even a starting point, this is something handed to you and not vetted by you whatsoever and to me it's not a starting point. I hope we can have a starting point for this conversation, because I do agree with Mr. Boonstra about unfunded mandates. To me this is not a starting point."

Mr. Madigan "Well, thank you for willing to participate and make this right, I appreciate this and it could be good for all of us. As Brian said we need the opinion of the police chief. I have had a lot of residents who are concerned about this and have spoken to me."

Mayor Scanlan "As soon as we have a definition of sanctuary state, before we turn ourselves against it, we should find out what it is."

Mr. Madigan "That's why we are having this discussion."

Mr. Shanley "Has Governor Murphy defined sanctuary state?"

Mr. Boonstra "I'm not sure about this legislation."

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Mayor Scanlan "The other thing I was wondering was would you gentlemen be willing to add anything about immigration reform?"

Mr. Madigan "Absolutely, I think we need to, on congressional levels it's very disappointing in my opinion, that for whatever reason we never get anywhere near immigration, all we get is what appears to be split thoughts on one side and total blocking on the other side. It's very, very unfortunate."

Mr. Shanley "Yes, we need some kind of comprehensive, compassionate immigration reform."

Mr. Madigan "Absolutely."

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Scanlan “Why not add that to the resolution, Tom?”

Mr. Madigan “Again, this is a discussion. That’s a good idea.”

Mayor Scanlan “There’s family based immigration; there’s the issue I cited in my traffic example, there’s ‘Dreamers’, some of whom have been here their entire lives but for a year or two.”

Mr. Madigan “I’m all in favor of compassionate immigration reform.”

Mayor Scanlan “Why not put that in the resolution?”

Mr. Madigan “Sure, I have no problem with these things. What verbiage you want so I don’t get criticized at the next meeting because my “t” was crooked or my “i” was not dotted properly. I’m open to these things.”

Mayor Scanlan “I’m not sure citing a racist organization in a resolution is on the level of an uncrossed ‘t’”.

Mr. Madigan “Brian, I think it’s totally inappropriate to talk about racist, racist, racist. Somehow it always comes down to somebody being racist.”

Mrs. Rubenstein “Tom, I’m sorry you’re wrong. There is a cite here, a lot of us who went to law school should know that when you cite things you have to know what you are citing. You are citing an organization that disagrees with legal and illegal immigration, founded by someone who is essentially a white supremacist. So, when you introduce a resolution to the board you need to know who you are citing. “

Mayor Scanlan “Anything more on this? Tom, you got some feedback on the resolution and you are welcome to do a new draft. “

Mr. Madigan “Would you suggest that we do drafts back and forth, or do you suggest that I re-do it and we will discuss it on September 4th? What would you suggest, Mr. Chairman?”

Mayor Scanlan “I would suggest that you send out a draft that we can discuss on the 4th.”

Mr. Madigan “Any input is appreciated, your input is important.

Mayor Scanlan asked the governing body for any questions, comments and/or discussion as it relates to the artificial turf field at Memorial Field. Committeeman Madigan advised he was involved with efforts while a Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional District Board Member in 1998 and 2008 which resulted in installing artificial turf at Ramapo and Indian Hills High Schools. In 2015, Mr. Madigan was involved with the Pulis Field Turf Project however, he has a number of questions he will hold until more information becomes available regarding this project.

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Brian D. Scanlan
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk