

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 and Committeewoman 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 Madigan welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

With regard to the resignation of Township Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan, effective Tuesday, November 5, 2019, the Township Committee has sent letters today to the three (3) nominees from the Democratic Committee that interviews will be conducted by the Township Committee at the December 3, 2019 Township Committee Meeting. The individual interviews will be conducted at the conclusion of the Public Business Meeting but prior to adjournment. A Special Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. whereby the governing body will make a determination, announce their decision and administer the Oath of Office to the newly selected member of the Township Committee. The Municipal Clerk will notify the three (3) nominees.

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

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

The Township Committee has the honor of administering the Oath of Office to a new Junior Firefighter from Fire Co.#1, Drew McNamara. Fire Commissioner Timothy Shanley administered the Oath of Office to Drew.

Police Chief Murphy presented the AAA Platinum Award from the American Automobile Association to the governing body. The award was earned for excellence in community traffic safety. The Wyckoff Police Department was one of only eight (8) police departments of the ninety-eight (98) municipal police departments in North Jersey to receive this award in 2019. Chief Murphy asked Lt. Van Dyk and Traffic Safety Officer Sgt. Zivkovich to cover forward for a photo opportunity.

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At this time, the Township Committee will recognize five (5) members of the Wyckoff Police Department who displayed courage and restraint while assisting the Allendale Police Department with the arrest of a very violent individual. Mayor Madigan read the commendation letter which describes the actions of the five (5) officers on Friday, September 13, 2019. Police Officers Ryan Noon, Ryan Tenney, Michael Flim, Kenneth Marcoux and Sgt. Daniel Kellogg are commended for their courage and restraint during this event. All officers acted professionally and used their training and experience to ensure that the suspect was subdued and transported appropriately and safely. These officers exemplify the highest standards and conduct that truly defines the Wyckoff Police Department's mission. Job well done!! (A photo was taken).

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

1. The Agenda includes three (3) ordinances which establish affordable housing zoning to implement the Superior Court of Bergen County approval of the Township's affordable housing plan. These ordinances will be introduced this evening with a public hearing on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The Planning Board will review the ordinances on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 and provide recommendation. The Administrator recognized Rob Landel for an outstanding effort in this regard.
2. Resolution #19-322 is a grant application for new energy efficient windows at the Larkin Senior Center.
3. Resolution #19-320 is a product of the Township's use of the Local Public Contracts Law. Over the next four (4) years for a total of eight (8) years, the individual tests will only exceed ten (10) dollars. This is also a WOLF Shared Service bid of which Franklin Lakes and Oakland will also benefit.
4. Resolutions #19-324 and #19-325 establish non-tax revenue from cellular telephone carriers for the next twenty-five (25) years.
5. The agenda also includes the resignation with regrets of Township Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan.
6. A resolution will approve an emergency procurement for repairs to a sanitary sewer pumping station.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel worked with Planner McManus and the Administrator to draft the three (3) affordable housing ordinances.
2. With regard to the purchase of 240 Demarest Avenue, Mr. Landel received from the realtor a rider and indicates the owner has not signed the contract to date. Therefore, this matter is still in contract negotiations. Mr. Landel spoke with Boswell Engineering and a preliminary environmental assessment not to exceed \$7,500 and a sweep will be performed.
3. Mr. Landel requested authority to secure a \$5,000 refundable deposit for the \$100,000 purchase contract on the property at 240 Demarest Avenue.

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Township Committee Reports:

Timothy Shanley:

1. At the last Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, the basketball coaches were approved.
2. Mr. Shanley congratulated two (2) of the football teams who won the “Super Bowl” championship of their leagues last weekend – the Pee Wee third and fourth graders and the Junior fifth and sixth graders. Mr. Shanley hopes to invite the players to the December 3, 2019 Township Committee Meeting to receive celebratory proclamations. Mr. Shanley also recognized their coach, Tim Murtha who coached both Junior A & B Teams.
3. Mr. Shanley attended the last fire company meetings and noted that the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser, “A Taste of Wyckoff” is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2020 at the Wyckoff Family YMCA.
4. The Fireworks Committee Meeting slated for Thursday, December 5, 2019 is cancelled due to the Special Meeting scheduled the same evening.
5. The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet on Thursday, November 21, 2019.
6. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board have determined to remove the Ben Landel sign at the Pulis Soccer Facility for the winter months in an effort to preserve the sign. It will be re-in-stalled in the Spring.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra attended the Planning Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 which consisted of one (1) application to be carried to the December meeting due to questions regarding the property owner performing significant work without permits.
2. As a follow-up to the report on the sanitary sewer pump station – this weekend a resident observed the malfunctioning pump station with significant problems. This will be a monumental project and a priority.
3. The leaf collection is ahead of schedule – the crews are in District 4 of the second round.
4. Mr. Boonstra extended condolences to the family of Joseph Perconti, who passed away at the age of 54. Mr. Perconti was an excellent attorney, lived a life well lived but too short.

Melissa Rubenstein:

1. The Environmental Commission is meeting this evening.
2. The Design Review Advisory Board will meet tomorrow where they will review plans for the exterior of the Aldor Cabinet Building located at the intersection of Franklin and Wyckoff Avenue.
3. The Wyckoff Board of Health introduced two (2) ordinances which will be further considered and adopted at the December meeting. The first

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ordinance establishes fees for commissary kitchens. The second ordinance reinforces the prohibition of feeding wildlife.

4. Ms. Rubenstein extended condolences to the family of Hilda Frisco.

Mayor Madigan:

1. Several weeks ago, a proclamation was given to the Christian Health Care Center for their achievement of earning a quality care award that no other health care institution in New Jersey has ever won. Last week, the Christian Health Care Center visited all first responders, police, fire and ambulance and provided a donation to each. A plaque was also presented as well as a congratulatory letter from Governor Murphy and the New Jersey Assembly and Senate.
2. Mayor Madigan reported that he, Committeeman Boonstra, Committeewoman Rubenstein, Rob Landel and Bob Shannon attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA's "Legacy Gala" on Friday, November 15, 2019 to celebrate the YMCA donors and collaborations.

Policy Action Items:

1. With regard to the Mountain Avenue Culvert, the Township does not have excess funds to authorize the engineer to begin this work in 2019. Therefore, funds for this project will be budgeted in a temporary budget considered by the governing body on January 1, 2020.
2. The Township has submitted a preliminary grant to the NJDEP for an electric vehicle charging station.
3. The Administrator attended the Ridgewood Water Open House on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 conducted at the Midland Park Firehouse. At the open house, Ridgewood Water presented several displays and exhibits which were intended to explain the challenges the water department faces in terms of compliance with State and Federal regulations for water quality.
4. In terms of an update on the police hiring, the Township utilizes a third party independent agency, the New Jersey Chiefs of Police. A police applicant test was conducted on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. The sergeant's test is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2020.
5. Social media followers and E-News Registrants continue to increase.
6. At next meeting, the Township Committee will receive a resolution reflecting the recommendation from Police Chief Murphy to establish a rotation list of three (3) towers who will tow vehicles on roads in the Township of Wyckoff.
7. The next public business meeting will include the salary ordinances for the PBA Members and the Road Association Members for 2020.

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The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Thomas J. Madigan
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk