

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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 and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

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 Rubenstein with an affirmative voice vote.

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

Mayor Madigan stated that this is a special time for the Township Committee this evening. Letters of gratitude will be presented from the Township Committee to Police Officer Michael Teegan and Police Officer Michael Scalise who both assisted a citizen in need of medical attention while transporting a prisoner. At this time, Mayor Madigan and Committeeman Boonstra read the letters of commendation, then presented to those police officers. A photo was taken.

Assemblyman Kevin Rooney and Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips came forward to present proclamations to Police Officer Michael Teegan and Police Officer Michael Scalise for their swift response and professionalism which resulted in saving a person's life in their time of requiring medical attention.

This evening, another special presentation by the Township Committee to bestow proclamations to the members of the Wyckoff Junior Football Team for winning their "Super Bowl" game. Mayor Madigan read the following proclamation and the players, coaches and parents came forward where a photo was taken. Congratulations!!

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WHEREAS; The 2019 Wyckoff Raider Junior Football Team is the 2019 Northern Bergen Junior Football League Super Bowl Champion by virtue of its victory over previously undefeated Northern Highlands, 26-19, on November 17th, 2019 at Paramus High School in Paramus, New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS; After completing a 7-0 regular season, and prior to the Super Bowl, the Junior Football team defeated Montville on November 3rd, 2019 by a score of 27-7 in the first round of the playoffs in convincing fashion at Continental Soldier Field in Mahwah, NJ, and then defeated Totowa in the semifinal game at Ramapo High School by a score of 28-0 on November 10th, 2019; and,

WHEREAS; This exceptional group of players and coaches completed their season with an overall record of 10 wins and 0 losses and ended the season ranked #1 in the final NBJFL rankings. The team dominated its competition all season, outscoring its opponents 247-63 on the year; and,

WHEREAS; The Wyckoff Raider Junior Football team benefited greatly from the dedication, commitment, and leadership of head coach Tim Murtha and assistant coaches Anthony Frisco, Jason Stephens, Chris Della Pietra, Ryan Kiely, Jack Conklin, Mike Leonard, and Mike Fox; and,

WHEREAS; The Wyckoff Raider Junior Football team would not have been as successful as they were this season without the constant energy and support from the Wyckoff Junior Cheerleaders; their enthusiastic and exuberant cheering during the games and at halftime gave the team the extra boost they needed to defeat their opponents each and every week of the season; and

WHEREAS; A special group of boys – Peter Amerio, Mason Braen, Austin Cahill, William Careri, Jacob Cicerchia, Ryan Conlon, Julia DiMasi, Griffin DiMasi, Braddock DiMasi, Brady Fox, Gabriel Galasso, Luke Gurba, Peter Hartevelde, Liam Hayward, Tyler Hayward, Brody Ismael, Harrison Kearney, Finn Kirwan, Shane LaDuca, Scott Larsen, Finn McCarthy, Charlie Messineo, Robert Phillips, Matthew Shanley, Tyler Sorafine, Ryan Sposa, Carson Strzeminski, Marcello Tirri, Louis Treboski, Michael Viksjo, Hudson Villaruel, Alec Was, Luke Wiatrak, and Etai Young achieved these extraordinary feats due to their commitment to unselfish team play, tireless work ethic, outstanding football skills, and their overall commitment to the game of football.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the 2019 Wyckoff Raider Junior football team, their Head Coach Tim Murtha, and his staff are hereby extended congratulations on behalf of our entire community for the significant success they have achieved, and our thanks for serving as positive role models for the young athletes of our community and for illustrating the rewards which can be achieved through commitment and diligence in pursuing excellence.

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Mayor Madigan advised that the “Super Bowl Champions” on the Pee Wee Football Team were in attendance this evening to accept their proclamations for their winning season. Players, coaches and parents came forward for a photo op.

WHEREAS; The 2019 Wyckoff Raider Pee Wee Football Team is the 2019 Northern Bergen Junior Football League Super Bowl Champion by virtue of its victory over Fair Lawn, 13-6, on November 17th, 2019 at Paramus High School in Paramus, New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS; After completing a 7-0 regular season, and prior to the Super Bowl, the Pee Wee Football team defeated Montville on November 3rd, 2019 by a score of 14-13 in the first round of the playoffs in dramatic come from behind fashion in the waning seconds of the game at Ramapo High School, and then defeated Mahwah in the semifinal game at Ramapo High School by a score of 14-7 on November 10th, 2019; and,

WHEREAS; This exceptional group of players and coaches completed their season with an overall record of 10 wins and 0 losses and ended the season ranked #1 in the final NBJFL rankings. The team displayed a “never give up” attitude and always BELIEVED they could win, coming from behind in five of its ten victories, including the Super Bowl; and,

WHEREAS; The Wyckoff Raider Football teams benefited greatly from the dedication, commitment, and leadership of head coach Eric Knight and assistant coaches Daryl Bagnuolo, Doug Macke, John Giovacco, Kevin Amerio, Steve Petrevski, Ray Renshaw, Peter Schuh, Anthony Bagnuolo; and,

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WHEREAS; A special group of boys – Michael Andrews, Jameson Arbucho, Brandon Bianchini, William Boothby, James Boothby, Ethan Brantly, Eric Brouwer, Jude Cicerchia, Albert Costello, David Custer, Daniel DelValle, Christopher DeMarco, Asher Drapkin, Ryan Dressler, Jake Feiner, Hudson Fox, Joseph Francica, Luca Frisco, Thomas Giovacco, Michael Gurba, Mason Hartevelde, Alex Hernandez, Dylan Kahn, Austin Kiely, Luke Magerko, Dylan Mapes, Sam Merse, Luke Murray, Michael Pane, Nico Passano, Michael Petrella, Cole Petrevski, Grayson Polizzi, Maxwell Renshaw, LJ Russo, Peter Santos, Brayden Schiller, Teddy Schuh, Joseph Souhlakis, David Stojkovski, Jeffrey Sutley, Jr., Alexander Thomas, Jonathan Treboski, Christopher Waleck, Matthew Willemann, and Benjamin Yanowitz achieved these extraordinary feats due to their commitment to unselfish team play, tireless work ethic, outstanding football skills, and their overall commitment to the game of football.

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Mayor Madigan now stated that at the conclusion of the 8:00 p.m. Public Business Meeting this evening, the Township Committee will conduct two (2) interviews with two (2) of the three (3) nominees for the Township Committee vacancy. The interviews will be in open session and the public is invited to attend. The meeting will shift from the Court Room to the West Wing Conference Room where governing body members may conduct a substantive interview in a manner that is consistent to all nominees and in an informal setting. Again, the public is invited to attend these interviews.

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

1. The Administrator stated that this evening's Business Meeting Agenda is as posted on our website on Wednesday, November 27, 2019.
2. The resolution awarding a contract for bi-annual shade tree work results in the lowest of three (3) bidders. As way of reminder, the Township does not pursue this procurement in the easy manner of time and material pricing. The Township has specific locations which have been requested by residents for tree work on the unpaved municipal right-of-way and individual prices are obtained. This is a rather lengthy process to assemble and bid however, it allows the municipality to "stretch" their limited dollars.
3. A proclamation has been prepared to thank former Township Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan for his service on the Township Committee and serving as Mayor to the Township of Wyckoff.
4. Two (2) salary ordinances are listed on this evening's agenda. Since the PBA and Wyckoff Road Association contracts currently exist, it is the practice of the Township to adopt these ordinances in the current year for the upcoming year salaries so that the first pay of the new year will reflect the employee's new salary. A public hearing and further consideration will be conducted on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.
5. The Township Committee, as mentioned by Mayor Madigan, at the conclusion of the 8:00 p.m. Consent Agenda and before adjournment, will conduct interviews of two (2) of the three (3) nominees for the Township Committee vacancy created by the resignation of Township Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan. Those conversations remain in open session and the public may attend. However, for reasons of equal treatment, continuity, the ability to conduct a productive, informal and straightforward discussion, the interviews will be conducted in the same setting for all three (3) nominees.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel is working with the owner of the property at 240 Demarest Avenue where there has been an exchange of a draft contract.

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2. Mr. Landel continues to work on an interior block shared parking agreement

Township Committee Reports:

Timothy Shanley:

1. On Monday, December 2, 2019 Mr. Shanley attended the quarterly departmental meeting of the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department. At this meeting, the Christian Health Care Center was present and presented the fire department with a \$5,000 donation check honoring the first responders.
2. The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department reminds everyone that their primary fundraiser, "A Taste of Wyckoff" is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2020 at the Wyckoff Family YMCA.
3. The Zoning Board met in November where routine business was conducted.

Melissa Rubenstein:

1. Ms. Rubenstein congratulated the Environmental Commission for achieving the Sustainability Silver Award.
2. On Monday, December 16, 2019 the Environmental Commission Meeting will be conducted at the Wyckoff Free Public Library. At that meeting, Student Environmental Commissioner Members will present their projects.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. On Monday, December 2, 2019 the DPW began salting municipal roads at 7:00 a.m. Late bursts of snow at 10:00 p.m. resulted in six (6) inches of accumulated snow. The DPW crews finally completed the salting plowing and re-salting at 4:30 a.m. Mr. Boonstra thanked the DPW crews for their diligence and skillful manner.
2. Last week, Mr. Boonstra, Committeeman Shanley and Committeewoman Rubenstein attended the Interfaith Service at Advent Lutheran Church.

Mayor Madigan:

1. Mayor Madigan thanked all the members of the Clergy Association for the Interfaith Service last weekend.
2. This evening's Open Work Session has been a special evening where the governing body has presented proclamations to two (2) of Wyckoff's Finest – as well as proclamations to the Junior Football Team and the Pee Wee Football Team who have achieved the "Super Bowl" Championships. The Township Committee will also present proclamations to the Ramapo Girls Varsity Soccer Team, the Bergen County Champions and the New Jersey Sectional Champions at the 8:00 p.m. meeting.

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3. Mayor Madigan advised all that the police electronic message sign posted outside of Town Hall reminds everyone that on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. the Wyckoff Chamber of Commerce will sponsor “Santa Comes to Wyckoff” and Tree Lighting Ceremony.” The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department will be escorting Santa this evening.

Policy Action Items:

1. The fourth quarter Safety Report is presented to the governing body for review and consideration. Safety is a positive fiscal operation and the Township’s achievements are listed in that report.
2. In November, the DPW was able to pave two (2) shorts roads, Coudert Place and Durham Road. The Summer Paving Project came slightly under budget due to competitive bid prices, therefore, at the discretion of the contractor’s schedule, without charging the Township re-mobilization charges, these roads were milled and paved.
3. The Wyckoff Police Department, along with the New Jersey DMV, conducted a vehicle inspection last week. The statistics remain alarming. For two (2) consecutive years, the pattern is clear that many vehicles are driving through Wyckoff roads that are not safe. As way of example, in this three (3) hour checkpoint, twenty-three (23) vehicles were stopped and thirty-one (31) summonses were issued. Twenty (20) summonses were issued for vehicles which do not have safety inspections. Five (5) vehicles received summonses for failure to repair inoperable brake or headlights. Three (3) summonses were issued for operating an unregistered vehicle.
4. A notice was received from the court that the Township’s Shared Service Court Administrator requested to use \$900 of DWI Surcharge Funds for a Special Court Session. The request was approved.
5. In last week’s packet, two (2) responses from the Administrator to two (2) requests received through the Township’s website to utilize the Township’s webpage in a manner that would have constitutes a public forum. These consistent denial replies are designed to prevent litigation.
6. The Administrator was pleased to report that the Township Committee received a notice from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) that the Township has been awarded \$195,000 grant to repair the Mountain Avenue culvert. The Capital Budget will include engineering design and inspection costs effective January 1, 2020. The maximum engineering cost estimate exceeds the grant so additional funds will be appropriated in the 2020 Budget.
7. The New Jersey League of Municipalities Magazine included an article authored by Dave Grubb, the Executive Director of the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) regarding the recent law that allows individuals who have suffered child abuse to sue up to age fifty-five (55). Due to this law, the JIF is implementing measures that will protect the taxpayers and will require training and supervisory training for all volunteer coaches in the recreation program as well as board and commission volunteers.
8. Nine (9) requests were received from residents wishing to know when the third round of leaf collection will be performed via the website. A third round of leaf collection has begun in District 1.

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9. The 2020 Municipal Resident Calendar was delivered to the post office in anticipation of delivery to residents this week. The calendar is chockfull of both informative, useful, timely and critical municipal information. This year, the calendar theme reflects the technology utilized by the municipality and entitled “2020 Vision.”
10. The Municipal Clerk issued a filming permit today for a commercial being filmed by BMW on Midland Avenue. This permit has earned the Township \$1,900 of non-tax revenue. Earlier in the year, a number of complaints were received from residents on Laurel Lane resulting in a policy change to require the filming company to pay for off-duty police officers to oversee any problems when filming occurs.
11. Two (2) community events are scheduled for this week. On Friday, December 6, 2019 Santa Comes to Wyckoff and Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7:15 p.m. in Town Hall. Then, on Sunday, December 22, 2019 the Menorah Lighting Ceremony will be conducted. This year, the Township will be installing on the front lawn of Town Hall the Holiday Display which included – both secular and religious items. The focal point of the display is the sign which reads, “During the Holiday Season, the Township of Wyckoff salutes Liberty. Let this festive display and times remind us that we are the keepers of the Flame of Liberty and our Legacy of Freedom. Whatever your beliefs, enjoy the Holidays.”

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

Thomas J. Madigan
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk.