

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE EMERGENCY PUBLIC MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 – 5:40 P.M.**

Mayor Kevin J. Rooney called the Emergency Public Meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Mayor Kevin J. Rooney, Deputy Mayor Brian D. Scanlan, (via telephone) Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan, Rudolf E. Boonstra and John A. Carolan

Staff Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Labor Attorney Raymond Wiss and Police Chief Benjamin Fox

Mayor Rooney read the Open Public Meetings Act statement for public meetings in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-9. The following notice was provided to the Bergen Record and the North Jersey Herald & News, posted on the Township's website and posted on the bulletin boards in Town Hall where notices are customarily posted before 5:30 p.m.

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
EMERGENCY MEETING NOTICE**

The Wyckoff Township Committee may convene an emergency public meeting this evening, March 22, 2016 with an affirmative vote of three-quarters of the members present at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room, 2nd Floor, Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481 on an important and urgent matter which has arisen today and a delay of the meeting would likely result in substantial harm to the public interest. This discussion is a personnel issue which impacts the operation of the police department which has a direct effect on health, safety and welfare of residents ensuring the proper working of the police department entrusted with securing the safety of residents.

The purpose of the emergency meeting is for the Township Committee to immediately adopt a resolution to enter into a Closed Session discussion to address a personnel matter, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) (8) regarding the Wyckoff Police Chief.

The need for such meeting could not have been reasonably foreseen at a time when adequate notice could have been provided since the Township learned of such issue on today's date.

Discussion is limited to this matter only No other business shall be discussed.

1. Mayor Rooney advised that a three-quarters vote of Township Committee membership present is required to conduct an Emergency Meeting:

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

2. Township Committee consideration of Resolution #16-C3 to enter in a Closed Session discussion regarding N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8), Personnel Matter, Chief of Police.

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Resolution: (Adoption of the following)

#16-C3 Closed Session Discussion – N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8)

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is subject to certain requirements of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, it was necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8) and designated below; and,

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(8) – Personnel Matter – Chief of Police

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, assembled in emergency public session on March 22, 2016, hereby authorize, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be conducted on March 22, 2016 in the Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of the said Closed Session will be made public when the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff determines the reason for the minutes to remain closed no longer exists and the Municipal Clerk shall attach to this resolution when completed the Closed Session Meeting Minutes related to the specific items designated above.

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

At 6:40 p.m. the Township Committee re-enters the open session portion of the emergency public meeting.

3. Motion by Rudolf E. Boonstra, seconded by John Carolan to approve Police Chief Fox’s request for an administrative paid leave in order to avoid distractions and disruptions to the workings of the police department during the Internal Affairs Investigation by the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office.

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

4. Motion by John Carolan, seconded by Rudolf Boonstra, to enter into discussion with professional firm to assist the Township Committee with this matter.

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

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5. Motion by Rudolf Boonstra, seconded by John Carolan to appoint Lt. Charles VanDyk as “Officer in Charge” of the Wyckoff Police Department during the duration Chief Fox is on administrative leave.

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

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Adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Kevin J. Rooney
Mayor

Robert J. Shannon, Jr.
Township Administrator