

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Kevin J. Rooney opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 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 Kevin J. Rooney, Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan, Brian D. Scanlan, Rudolf E. Boonstra and John A. Carolan

Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Mayor Rooney opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute total public comment period for any item on or off the Agenda, two (2) minutes per speaker, with a motion from Committeeman Carolan, seconded by Committeeman Scanlan.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Township Attorney Reports:

1. Mr. Landel reported that he has circulated a draft tree preservation ordinance to governing body members and asked for their comments.
2. The agreement between the Township and the Bergen County United Way regarding the transfer of property at 370 Clinton Avenue for the purpose of constructing housing for individuals with developmental disabilities has been signed. Mayor Rooney asked that governing body members provide their comments to Mr. Landel prior to February 16, 2016.

Township Committee Reports:

Thomas Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan attended the Zabriskie House Trustees Meeting in January with Committeeman Boonstra and the Township Engineer. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and explore the use of the garage as a meeting room and/or educational center.
2. Mr. Madigan provided an update to the governing following the Library Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Work is progressing to implement the "maker's space" grant in the Library.
3. Mr. Madigan attended a Municipal Alliance Meeting, the Township's committee that provides anti-drug and anti-alcohol awareness and training. The meeting was informative and useful.

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Brian Scanlan:

1. The Wyckoff Board of Health transition to the Bergen County Health Services for Health Officer and Food Handler's Service. As part of a transparency effort, the Wyckoff Board of Health has decided to participate, as all contracted Bergen County municipalities do, report once a week to The Record any food handling establishments which have received a "conditional" food handler's inspection. Upon resolution of the "conditional" rating by said establishment, this inspection information will then be posted in The Record the following week. Notice has been sent to all food handlers of this new procedure and will become effective April 1, 2016.
2. Mr. Scanlan attended the benefit for Planning Board Chair Robert Kane on Friday, January 29, 2016 at the Brickhouse.
3. Upon reading the letter from Consulting Engineer Peter TenKate to the developer of the Barrister Farms at Deep Brook Construction Project, Mr. Scanlan feels the developer should remove any trees in the brook and/or trees leaning that are in eminent peril of falling into the brook. The brook has a steep slope and requiring the developer to remove the trees will prevent flooding in the future. Although the brook area is a conservation easement, this is not inconsistent with removing trees that would stop the free flow of water. Mr. Scanlan asked the Administrator and Township Attorney for their opinions regarding his suggestion. Both Mr. Shannon and Mr. Landel agreed with Mr. Scanlan. The Administrator will advise the Township Consulting Engineer to follow thru on this matter. Mayor Rooney requested the Administrator advise the Zoning Enforcement Officer that once the bond is released, that he periodically monitor this area to ensure that any trees that fall into the brook are removed by the property owner with a fifteen (15) day notice.
4. Mr. Scanlan noted with pleasure that the competitive sealed bidding performed by the Township for recreation equipment as a shared service was successful with 40% of the items at last year's prices or lower. The Township's Adult Sportsmanship Pledge that parents must sign prior to their child's recreation program application approval, has been enhanced to include a prohibition for tailgating, meaning the consuming of alcohol before, during or after a recreation game or program on municipal property.
Mayor Rooney disclosed that last week at a meeting at the Wyckoff Family YMCA, a resident from another town brought this issue up as happening in their town frequently and this town being proactive added this to the existing sportsmanship pledge.

John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan also attended the fundraiser in support of Robert Kane and recognized Mayor Rooney for his comments at the event specifically, this evening is an excellent example of why Wyckoff is a special place when folks come together in time of an individual's need.
2. Mr. Carolan reported on the work performed by the DPW during the snow storm that deposited eighteen (18) plus inches of snow in Wyckoff. The snow crews worked twenty-seven (27) straight hours to complete the plowing of the roads. A second night was utilized to clear the business triangle in anticipation of Monday morning business. On Sunday, Mr. Carolan drove through many roads in Wyckoff and was pleasantly surprised by the conditions. It was also noted that on the morning of the

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snowstorm, the Township experienced a fire at a residence whereby the DPW snow plows “escorted” the fire trucks to the location of the fire. This is a standard municipal plan for emergency apparatus access during a storm. After the snowstorm, Mayor Rooney asked Police Chief Fox to have his patrol units enforce the State law that prohibits snow plow operators pushing snow into the public roadways. It was observed in the business triangle that after the DPW did a superb job of clearing the area, many private snow plow operators plowed out private parking lots and deposited an unreasonable amount of snow in the roads that just made the DPW snow plow job look less than great.

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra thanked the DPW crews for the great job during Snowstorm Jonas.
2. On Wednesday, January 13, 2016 Mr. Boonstra attended a meeting with Committeeman Madigan, the Zabriskie House Trustees, Township Engineer, the Building Inspector and the DPW Manager to consider possible uses for the Zabriskie House garage. Mr. Boonstra asked the Township Attorney to review the deed that dedicated the Zabriskie House to the Township to ensure there was no prohibition of modifying the garage for a specific purpose. Mr. Landel advised there was no prohibition however, the garage may not be rented out for private events. Mr. Boonstra indicated that the Township Committee should expect the Zabriskie House Trustees at some point in the future request the allocation of Open Space Funds to be utilized for maintenance to the Zabriskie House.
3. On Saturday, January 23, 2016 in the midst of Snowstorm Jonas, Mr. Boonstra reported that the Township suffered its first structure fire. The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department did a great job. Much appreciation goes out to our mutual aid neighbors.
4. There is an ongoing discussion with the leadership of the fire department concerning the replacement of a thirty (30) year old fire pumper currently assigned to Sicomac Company #3.
5. Mr. Boonstra attended the Board of Adjustment Reorganization Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016 where Erik Ruebenacker was reappointed as Chair, Carl Fry reappointed as Vice Chair and David Becker reappointed as Board Attorney.
6. This morning, Mr. Boonstra attended a Public Policy Subcommittee Meeting.

Mayor Rooney:

1. On Sunday, January 3, 2016 Mayor Rooney conducted a final walk through inspection of the landscaping at the Boulder Run Shopping Center. The landscaping as per request has been updated and approved significantly – a punch list is being assembled by the Township Engineer whereby performance of site plan improvements will be resolved this Spring.

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2. Mayor Rooney attended the Planning Board Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. At that meeting, a resolution still did not receive enough votes to be memorialized. That application will be carried to the February meeting.
3. On Thursday, January 14, 2016 Mayor Rooney attended a meeting entitled "Mayors Matters," a panel discussion including fifty (50) Mayors of the seventy (70) Bergen County Municipalities conducted at Met Life Stadium.
4. In the evening of Tuesday, January 19, 2016 Mayor Rooney, Police Chief Fox, Administrator Shannon and DPW Manager Fisher attended the "Active Shooter" tabletop exercise at the Christian Healthcare Center. A very thorough exercise program was conducted.
5. Mayor Rooney attended a Public Policy Subcommittee Meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, then travelled with the Administrator to the Wyckoff Family YMCA where a meeting was conducted with representatives of the Franklin Lakes and Oakland School Districts as well as the Franklin Lakes Mayor. The Wyckoff Family YMCA would like to offer a boot camp program to provide an additional outlet for kids and teenagers as w way of avoiding drug and alcohol activities.
6. On Thursday, January 21, 2016 Mayor Rooney attended the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting at the Blue Moon Café and provided remarks concerning the state of the Township of Wyckoff. Congressman Scott Garrett was present at the meeting and provided his view of the federal government.
7. The first budget meeting was conducted on Thursday, January 21, 2016 with Mayor Rooney, Committeeman Carolan, the Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer. The following day consisted of a full and thorough budget review with department managers.
8. On Thursday, January 28, 2016 Mayor Rooney attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA Reorganization Meeting and administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members.
9. Mayor Rooney attended the second budget meeting on Friday, January 22, 2016 with Committeeman Carolan, Administrator Shannon and CFO McLeod. This morning, a Public Policy Subcommittee Meeting discussed the draft tree preservation ordinance, distributed by the Township Attorney. Governing body members should provide any and all comments to Mr. Landel in advance of the Township Committee Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Also discussed were various fee schedule changes recommended.
10. Mayor Rooney advised that Friday, March 18, 2016 is the statutory date issued by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for budget introductions. The Administrator will circulate a memo regarding a special meeting for the budget introduction. Department Managers will provide the requested information from previous budget meetings to the Finance Committee for further review before March 1, 2016.
11. The Township suffered a loss this week of one of its special residents, Dino Tsaprasaris, who passed away at age 47. Dino was one of those individual's that Mayor Rooney spoke of who helped make Wyckoff a special place. Dino was very generous in his civic activities; coaching in the recreation programs and the Torpedo Soccer Club and performed

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volunteer service down in Guatemala. All members of the Township Committee expressed their sincere condolences.

12. Mayor Rooney advised that this evening there was a structure fire in one of the condominium developments in Mahwah. A young girl was saved after jumping from a window at the explicit urging of three (3) Mahwah police officers. The Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department responded in a mutual aid capacity as a “fast team.” (A fire department rescue team, should firefighters become trapped in a structure).

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Kevin J. Rooney
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk