

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 and Rudolf E. Boonstra

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

Absent: Committeeman John A. Carolan

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

Review of the Commuter Parking Assistance:

1. With regard to the train accident on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at the Hoboken Train Terminal, the Township Committee immediately posted a notice which permitted Wyckoff Residents only who may be affected by the terminal closure, to utilize the Wyckoff Commuter Park & Ride Facility at the Cornerstone Christian Church at no cost on Friday, September 30, 2016 and Monday, October 3, 2016. The Township Committee would re-evaluate this matter this evening. Mayor Rooney and the Police Department have been monitoring the parking facility and adequate spaces are available if needed. Mayor Rooney suggested extending the parking period for Wyckoff residents commuting through the Hoboken Terminal who wish to utilize this facility. Committeeman Scanlan suggested that the parking be extended at no cost. Committeeman Madigan was of the same opinion as well as Committeeman Boonstra. However, Mr. Boonstra pointed out that this is the second time the Township Committee has made the parking facility available to residents when a commuting incident creates problems for Wyckoff residents travelling to New York. Mr. Boonstra further suggested that the governing body develop a policy in the event of any future commuting issues. All governing body members agreed to extend the parking at no cost for Wyckoff residents only thru October 31, 2016 and that residents must apply to the Clerk's Office to obtain a permit at no charge. Committeeman Scanlan offered to create a policy for future occurrences.

Township Committee Report:

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra discussed the article in The Record this past weekend regarding the Zabriskie House and the series of three (3) Open Houses scheduled for this Fall. The first Open House was conducted on Saturday, October 1, 2016 and Mr. Boonstra was pleased to report that a number of young families were enjoying the house tour.

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2. Mr. Boonstra reviewed a vehicle use policy that he has prepared with the assistance of the Administrator and input from the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department. This policy is an outgrowth from the Public Policy Subcommittee regarding safety of our members and the protection of our rolling assets. The Township Committee approved the vehicle use policy and the Administrator was instructed to implement the policy this week.
3. The Planning Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2016 will include testimony regarding the home proposed for developmentally disabled individuals by the United Way on Clinton Avenue. A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2016 regarding the four (4) lot subdivision proposed on Smith Place.

Thomas Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan advised that both high schools have successfully begun the “Fall Back to School” programs. The current enrollment is 1,139 students at Ramapo High School and 1,139 students at Indian Hills High School. This is the first time in the history of the regional high school district that the student enrollment is exactly identical at both high schools. Committeeman Boonstra, a graduate of the 1964 Ramapo High School class, stated that “back in the day” students were only in one (1) school from Franklin Lakes, Wyckoff and Oakland and the enrollment was 2,500 students.
2. The Library Board of Trustees will be conducting an exhibit entitled; “Exploring Human Origins ” – a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. The exhibit will run from Monday, October 17, 2016 thru Wednesday, November 16, 2016.
3. The regularly scheduled October meeting of the Wyckoff Environmental Commission has been moved from Town Hall to the Wyckoff Free Public Library. There, the Environmental Commission will receive a tour from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., then conduct its regular monthly meeting. Notice of this change has been posted.

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan expressed his excitement with regard to the upcoming Smithsonian exhibit at the Wyckoff Public Library. He participated in obtaining the grant that funds the exhibit traveling to Wyckoff.
2. Free flu vaccinations will be administered to Wyckoff Volunteer Firefighters, Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp members, Wyckoff Police Department, Town Hall Staff and Wyckoff CERTS at Fire Company #1 on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the Wyckoff Board of Health.
3. The reconstruction of the Roller Hockey Rink and Basketball Courts is underway. Mr. Scanlan visited the site earlier today and both projects are progressing.
4. The Wyckoff Education Foundation will conduct its annual 5K Race/Family Fun Walk on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Mr. Scanlan will again participate in the race and challenged Township Attorney Rob Landel, an accomplished runner, to join him.

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Mayor Rooney:

1. Mayor Rooney attended a meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 with Acting Police Chief Dave Murphy at the Bergen County Dispatch Center to work on improvements and address situations regarding the dispatch system for Wyckoff.
2. Mayor Rooney attended the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Annual Festival with Committeemen Carolan and Boonstra in attendance as well. The festival was a fun family event and well attended.
3. Mayor Rooney volunteered at the semi-annual Free Personal Paper Shredding Event on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the DPW Garage, 475 West Main Street.
4. Also on Saturday, September 24, 2016 Mayor Rooney provided opening remarks at the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat Annual Country Fair on Memorial Field. The fair was extremely well attended.
5. On Wednesday, September 28, 2016 Mayor Rooney and the Township Attorney attended a meeting with members of the Bergen County Planning Board regarding planning issues.
6. At this morning's Public Policy Subcommittee meeting, it was determined that the efforts continue to craft an ordinance to preserve trees on private property. This issue will be addressed at the next subcommittee meeting with Committeeman Carolan on Friday, November 4, 2016.

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 Scanlan, seconded by Committeeman Boonstra.

1. Timothy Buchmann, 430 Meer Avenue suggested that rather than requiring commuters to obtain temporary parking permits that they photocopy their vehicle registration and place it on their dashboard as an alternative. Mayor Rooney responded that there is a procedural process to the park and ride facility therefore, the application and hang tag issuance will be required for residents parking thru October 31, 2016 for the ease of enforcement.

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

Administrator Comments:

1. The Administrator has proposed two (2) additional resolutions to the governing body's 8:00 p.m. Agenda. The first resolution authorizes the purchase of replacement police car from State contract which is the best available pricing at this time. The second resolution reflects the work compiled by the Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer in reviewing the Governor's Best Practice Checklist. This checklist allows the Township to receive its full funding of State aid.
2. October is National Fire Safety Prevention Month. Last evening, the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department conducted a fire prevention exhibit at Fire Company #1 which was well attended. During this month, there are five (5) weekly fire prevention tips posted on Facebook, Twitter and placed in the Friday e-blasts.

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3. The medication/drug drop off box recently installed in the police department is enjoying a “flurry of activity” from area residents.
4. The program provided on Saturday, September 24, 2016 that allows residents at no charge to deposit their personal papers for shredding was very successful. Approximately 5% of the Wyckoff residents participated in this semi-annual event. Mr. Shannon thanked the Township Committee members and other volunteers who assisted at the event.
5. The Administrator advised that October is the month when the police department receives applications from vehicle towers who propose to meet the Township’s regulations and standards and if successful and pay a fee, are placed on a rotating list of towers in the succeeding year. That process has begun via advertisement in the Ridgewood News.
6. The two (2) year shared service agreement with North Haledon will end on 12/31/16 for Electrical Subcode Officer services due to additional workload in North Haledon.
7. An update regarding the manufacture process of the recently purchased Pierce Fire Pumper indicates it is on schedule.
8. Ordinance #1815 will be further considered at the October 25, 2016 Township Committee Public Business Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
9. At the request of New Jersey Transit, the Wyckoff Police Department has evaluated the thirty-six (36) bus stops in Wyckoff and no changes were required.

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Kevin J. Rooney
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk