

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Douglas J. Christie opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor municipal conference room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the Open Public Work Session statement: “This regular 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 Douglas J. Christie, Committeemen Kevin J. Rooney, Haakon C. Jepsen, 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

Mayor Christie 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 Jepsen.

There was no public comment.

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

Mayor Christie advised that the Finance Committee was reviewing and signing vouchers.

Township Committee Reports:

Haakon Jepsen:

1. Mr. Jepsen reported that last week was the opening night of the series of “Green” films provided by the Wyckoff, Franklin Lakes and Oakland Environmental Commissions. Approximately 80 – 90 people attended. A second movie entitled “Bag It” is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wyckoff Public Library.
2. The Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional High School District will be the location of a presentation on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., coordinated by Police Chief Fox, the Franklin Lakes Police Chief and the Oakland Police Chief regarding the heroin epidemic. This presentation will be provided by two (2) undercover police officers from the Bergen County Prosecutors Office. The program is specifically designed to provide awareness and information to parents.
3. The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2014 and requested an update from the Municipal Clerk at the next meeting.
4. Mr. Jepsen made comment that he is looking forward to continuing to begin public meetings with a prayer since the Supreme Court this week upheld a municipality’s right to begin public meetings with a prayer.

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Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra reported that there are currently two (2) vacancies on the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional Board of Education that are available to Wyckoff residents. As a previous elected official of the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional School Board District, Mr. Boonstra (who served 22 years on this board) described this as a great opportunity for a Wyckoff resident to make difference especially in the area of curriculum and budgets. It is a very rewarding experience and 72% of the tax payment a resident makes is expressly allocated for the school system.
2. Mr. Boonstra announced that the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional School Board has appointed Wyckoff resident Beverly McKay as the new Superintendent of schools.

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan echoed Committeeman Jepsen's comments regarding the presentation on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Ramapo High School and encouraged all parents to attend. Mr. Scanlan asked the Administrator if an e-blast could be issued on Wednesday as a reminder to residents to attend.
2. Mr. Scanlan noted that a presentation concerning addiction and recovery will also be conducted on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at the Christian Health Care Center Auditorium. This program is sponsored by a joint effort of the Wyckoff Board of Health, the Christian Health Care Center and the Wyckoff Municipal Alliance.

Kevin Rooney:

1. On Thursday, May 1, 2014 Mr. Rooney attended two (2) sub-committee meetings.
2. Mr. Rooney attended a Police Sub-committee Meeting on Friday, May 2, 2014.
3. Mr. Rooney wished Committeeman Boonstra "Happy Birthday" and all members of the governing body extended best wishes also.
4. Mr. Rooney attended this evening's Shade Tree Commission Meeting.
5. Mr. Rooney reported that on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Russell Farms Community Park. A Girl Scout Troop has completed its Bronze Award Project by identifying and labeling the tree species at the arboretum located in the park.
6. Mr. Rooney spoke to Committeeman Scanlan last week concerning the comments Mrs. Winton made at the public comment period on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. These comments related to the Film Festival sponsored by the Wyckoff Environmental Commission whereby it has been reported that there was no time provided for an alternate opinion on the film's focus of fracking. Mr. Rooney opined that whenever a municipality sponsors a program, there should be an opportunity for a counter viewpoint. Committeeman Scanlan expressed a concern of overreach on this issue and indicated the Township has permitted use of municipal facilities for denying climate change. Mr. Scanlan stated this is a goal of an environmental commission, it undertakes environmental matters. The

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discussion focused on whether the Township Committee should be approving the films or the content of programs that boards and commissions provide. Committeeman Jepsen, Liaison to the Environmental Commission provided an update on how the Environmental Commission conducts its meetings and its programs. A consensus seemed to exist that the Environmental Commission should specifically approve the films and ensure the film includes or time is allowed for providing both pro and con aspects of the topic referenced.

Mayor Christie:

1. Mayor Christie attended a meeting at the Wyckoff Family YMCA where the “Wyckoff Day” event scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2014 at 691 Wyckoff Avenue, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. was discussed.
2. Mayor Christie attended sub-committee meetings on Wednesday and Friday of last week.
3. Mayor Christie had the honor of opening the “Habitat for Humanity” walk which began at the Wyckoff Reformed Church this past weekend.
4. Mayor Christie performed a wedding ceremony at Town Hall on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.
5. Mayor Christie attended a Public Policy Subcommittee Meeting this morning and items discussed included modifying the outdoor dining ordinance after the one (1) year of experience and an ordinance to prohibit overnight parking on municipal properties.

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

1. The Administrator reported there are three (3) additional items which are requested to be added to this evening’s Agenda.
2. The renewal of the Emergency 911 contract with the Borough of Paramus. Paramus is a certified and approved public safety answering point and provides emergency 911 for Wyckoff and many other municipalities. The police department is very pleased with level of service and support they receive from the Borough of Paramus. Committeeman Scanlan asked if this contract could be obtained at a lower cost. The Administrator indicated several years ago the Township investigated alternate prices and found that the cost from the Borough of Paramus is essentially fifty (50) cents per capita and was the lowest cost consistent with satisfactory service obtained.
3. The second resolution authorizes the Township to participate in the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System. The Administrator explained that he attended a seminar last week and this government agency has established a contract for the purchase of paper at a lower price than what the Township now purchases. After research was performed by Darlene King, it was determined that the price from the Somerset Cooperative Pricing System was less, the Township can realize a savings of \$14.09 per case of paper or a \$1,600 savings over the year.

- MOTION: SCANLAN SECOND ROONEY
BOONSTRA YES JEPSEN YES ROONEY YES SCANLAN YES
CHRISTIE YES

1. The Baseball/Softball Booster Club has donated two (2) automatic external defibrillators (AED) they and will be installed outside the Recreation Office and the Wyckoff Community Park building.
2. The Recreation Department has reported that as a way to create non-tax revenue, soccer apparel will be sold with "Wyckoff Soccer" imprinted on the items. The Recreation Director is reporting "brisk" sales.
3. The Administrator made comment that the Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremonies are scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2014. A public service announcement has been issued. The Township also issues a public service announcement that explains the Township has taken its responsibility to ensure that soldiers who have died in time of war that made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy are remembered. There are twenty-five (25) soldiers from Wyckoff who perished fighting in war consequently, twenty-five (25) streets in Wyckoff have been named to honor these soldiers. Two (2) years ago, the Township added a red, white and blue placard underneath the street sign that lists the soldier's full name and the war they perished in. It is hoped that neighbors and motorists will remember these heroes by these awareness placards.
4. The Zoning Enforcement Officer provided a report regarding the progress of the fence repairs along Route 208. Progress is steady.
5. The Administrator prepared documents and participated in an audit by the Community Development Block Grant Office on Monday, May 5, 2014 regarding the last project the Township performed on the ADA doors at Town Hall and at the West Wing entrance and the replacement of the West Wing barrier free ramp. The audit was acceptable.
6. For the second time, the Township has amended the public service announcement it originally issued regarding the Bergen County Franklin Avenue paving project. This project, managed by the County, has been delayed and will begin on May 8, 2014 and continue on Friday, May 9th and Monday, May 12th. The Township provides the information as a public service and as a way of soliciting residents to sign up for the useful and timely e-mail blasts.
7. The Township continues to send messages via e-mail blasts reminding residents that Wyckoff conducts weekly recycling.

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At 8:45 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session discussion via the adoption of Resolution #14-C2.

MOTION: _____ BOONSTRA _____ SECOND _____ JEPSEN _____
BOONSTRA YES JEPSEN YES ROONEY YES SCANLAN YES
CHRISTIE YES

At 9:30 p.m. the Township Committee re-enters the Work Session Meeting with the following vote:

MOTION: _____ SCANLAN _____ SECOND _____ BOONSTRA _____
BOONSTRA YES JEPSEN YES ROONEY YES SCANLAN YES
CHRISTIE YES

1. The Township Committee will continue its efforts to renew the shared service dispatch agreement with the Borough of Midland Park.
2. A consensus existed for the Township Committee to move forward with the renewal of the lease of 399 Main Street for use by the PTO Economy Shop.
3. A consensus existed for the governing body to explore a potential for non-tax revenue from a communication tower at its Pulis compost area off of Charles Avenue.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Douglas J. Christie
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk