

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 – 7:30 P.M.**

Mayor Rudolf E. Boonstra opened the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor municipal court room.

Mayor Boonstra announced that the Township Committee was pleased and honored to have the Washington School Student Council Leaders in attendance this evening.

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 Rudolf E. Boonstra, Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan, John A. Carolan and Timothy E. Shanley

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

Absent: Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan

Mayor Boonstra 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 Madigan, seconded by Committeeman Carolan.

1. Ann Rizzo, 245 Demarest Avenue explained that she resides across from 240 Demarest Avenue, an abandoned and unoccupied building. Ms. Rizzo described the building as a nuisance, consistently attracting young people and teenagers who frequently break into the structure. The house is thought to be in foreclosure and the padlocks continue to be broken by vandals. Ms. Rizzo stated that her neighbor, a Village of Ridgewood police officer, observed juveniles running from the house after the locks were broken. At present, the house is uninhabitable and the maintenance performed on the property is not adequate. In 1999, the owners purchased this home for \$280,000 and did not realize that most of the surrounding property was designated as wetlands hence, the abandonment of the property.

Mayor Boonstra stated that he understands Ms. Rizzo's concerns and will review her issues and comments with Township Staff to reach a solution in this regard.

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

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

Township Committee Reports:

Tim Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley advised it was a privilege to have the Washington School Student Council Leaders present this evening. He attended the presentation at Washington School where proclamations were presented to the students for raising \$10,000 to build a school in Central America. Mr. Shanley extended his appreciation to the student council for a great effort.

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2. Mr. Shanley attended the conference before Judge Toskos on the affordable housing litigation and commended Township Attorney Robert E. Landel for obtaining an immunity extension through August 31, 2017.
3. Mr. Shanley attended the Parks and Recreation “Kick-off Event” where a volunteer group is raising funds to construct artificial turf at the Memorial Football Field.
4. The Zabriskie House Trustee Meeting was conducted last week where many very positive upgrades to preserve the historic museum were realized by grant funds.
5. Mr. Shanley attended the recent Board of Adjustment Meeting where the board members encountered a very aggressive application and suggested the applicant return at a future month and lessen the application.
6. Mr. Shanley attended the Memorial Day Parade and Services that was conducted in spite of the inclement weather. The parade is an excellent opportunity to honor our war heroes from the Township of Wyckoff.
7. Both the Annual Fishing Derby and Wyckoff Day held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 were described as successful events.
8. Today, Mr. Shanley attended the Annual Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser Golf Outing to support the volunteer firefighters and purchase fire equipment.

Tom Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan is pleased to have the Washington School Student Council Leaders at this evening’s Township Committee Meeting. Welcome!!
2. Mr. Madigan welcomed back Municipal Clerk Santimauro from her recent convalescence.
3. Mr. Madigan had the opportunity to attend the Washington School event where the students were presented with a proclamation. Mr. Madigan is very fond of Washington School as his seven (7) children (for 21 consecutive years) attended Washington School.
4. Mr. Madigan thanked Bob Shannon, Joyce Santimauro and the Municipal Clerk Staff for the excellent work in preparation for the Memorial Day Parade. It was wonderful to see Joe Francica chosen to be the Grand Marshal and Roy Budd provided very inspirational remarks at the Memorial Service.
5. Many improvements are being performed at the Zabriskie House to preserve the house in its historic nature.
6. Mr. Madigan thanked all of the volunteers in the Environmental Commission for the Annual Fishing Derby conducted on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan attended Wyckoff Day and described the event as very successful.

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2. Mr. Carolan participated in the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser today. It was a pleasure to see so many residents out to support the volunteer firefighters.
3. Mr. Carolan attended the Wyckoff Memorial Day Parade and both memorial services.
4. The Gardens of Wyckoff will conduct its second session of rose care education beginning Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Carolan extended an invitation and welcome for all residents to attend this unique recreational program.
5. The DPW has completed the safety renovation of the bathroom and ADA improvements at Fire Company #1. The next step is to replace the leaking roof.
6. Additionally, the DPW has completed a number of large tree maintenance pruning requests and stump removals.
7. The road resurfacing project has been completed and what remains is the paving of the Recycling Center (June 8, 9, & 10) and the paving of the Commuter Park & Ride Facility at the Cornerstone Christian Church later in July.
8. Mr. Carolan was truly honored to attend Washington School the presentation to the student body for raising \$10,000 to help build a school in Central America. A very impressive accomplishment!!

Mayor Boonstra:

1. Mayor Boonstra welcomed the students, teachers, advisors and parents from Washington School to this evening's meeting.
2. Mayor Boonstra attended the latest Planning Board Meeting where the Planning Board is struggling with seven (7) applications from Ridgewood Water to install diesel powered generators.
3. A revised and updated commuter parking agreement between the Township of Wyckoff and the Cornerstone Christian Church has been completed.
4. Mayor Boonstra attended the Parks and Recreation Foundation's Fundraising Kick-off Event to raise funds to install an artificial turf field at Memorial Field for the baseball and football recreation programs.
5. On Wednesday, May 31, 2017 Mayor Boonstra attended a presentation at Bergen Community College regarding opioid abuse. It was a town hall discussion sponsored by the Bergen County Department of Health. The Bergen County Prosecutor spoke as well as many medical professionals.
6. Last Wednesday, May 31st and Friday, June 1st, Mayor Boonstra, Committeeman Madigan, Police Chief Murphy and Administrator Shannon interviewed six (6) police sergeants for a position that is vacant in the lieutenant ranks. The Township Committee is having difficulty finding a date in the Summer where every member of the governing body and the sergeants are available to conduct interviews. Mayor Boonstra may utilize a regularly scheduled public meeting to conduct the interviews and start that meeting earlier and reschedule the public meeting.

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7. Mayor Boonstra attended the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat 45th Anniversary Event.
8. The following events were attended by Mayor Boonstra: the Memorial Day Parade and memorial services, the Fishing Derby and Wyckoff Day which he described as excellent.

Administrator Report:

1. The 8:00 p.m. Agenda is as submitted however, the second public hearing will be conducted for the Township's Bergen County Open Space Grant Application. The Township proposes to utilize its grant application to construct a sensory garden, purchase and install parklike tables and chairs with chess boards constructed in the table surface, the purchase and installation of mature trees to provide shade and with any remaining funds, additional trees to replace any dead trees along Russell Avenue.
2. The Cornerstone Christian Church/Commuter Park and Ride public/private partnership agreement and the agreement with Bergen County United Way Madeline Housing partnership for special needs housing was included in last Friday's information.
3. The April Recyclometer indicates our community recycled at 34.48%.

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Rudolf E. Boonstra
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk