

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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.

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, Brian D. Scanlan, John A. Carolan and Timothy E. Shanley

Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro and Thomas Garlick, Attorney in Mr. Landel's Office

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 Scanlan, seconded by Committeeman Carolan.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Township Committee Reports:

Brian Scanlan:

1. On Saturday, April 29, 2017 Mr. Scanlan and his spouse, Gail along with 199,998 people participated in a "Climate March" in Washington DC. This march represented an important issue of our day.
2. A communication was received requesting a resolution from the Township Committee recognizing June 2nd as "National Gun Violations Day." Mayor Boonstra advised that this request will be referred to the Public Policy Committee for possible action on May 16, 2017.

John Carolan:

1. On Saturday, April 29, 2017 Mr. Carolan attended the Arbor Day Ceremony at Washington School with Mayor Boonstra and Committeemen Madigan and Shanley. Compliments were conveyed to Shade Tree Committee Liaison Tim Shanley for organizing the event.
2. Mr. Carolan attended the Arbor Day celebration at the Russell Farms Community Park on Friday, April 28, 2017 which was provided by Almstead Tree Service. Planting techniques were presented at the event.

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3. Temple Beth Rishon conducted “Mitzvah Day” on Sunday April 30, 2017 whereby Assemblyman Rooney, Mayor Boonstra, Committeemen Scanlan and Carolan all walked for a better awareness to Alzheimer’s disease.

Tom Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan recognized Assemblyman (and former Mayor) Kevin Rooney in the audience this evening.
2. Mr. Madigan also attended the Arbor Day Celebration at Washington School and lightly commented that the Madigan Family holds the record for having a student enrolled at Washington School for twenty-one (21) consecutive years. Mr. Madigan also commended Shade Tree Commission Liaison Tim Shanley for organizing this well attended event.
3. There has been considerable progress and activity at the Zabriskie House Museum. A significant amount of tree trimming was performed for visual effect of the house. An open house is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017 from noon until 3:00 p.m. Mr. Madigan encouraged all residents to visit the Zabriskie House and experience the value of our early American History.

Tim Shanley:

1. Mr. Shanley has recently attended the Zabriskie House Trustee Meetings and suggested that folks visit the Zabriskie House Open House on Saturday. He described the Zabriskie House as a “gem” to our community.
2. The Arbor Day Celebration at Washington School was a resounding success and very well attended. Superintendent of Schools Richard Kuder attended as well as the 5th Grade Student Council to observe the planting of two (2) Maple Trees. Mr. Shanley thanked Scott Fisher, the DPW and the Shade Tree Commission for their thorough endeavor.
3. Mr. Shanley attended the last Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp Meeting where he received a complaint that the adjacent Ridgewood Water property has been left in disrepair. There are six (6) to ten (10) pipes that are laying on the ground and could be a safety issue.
4. Mr. Shanley thanked Almstead Tree Service for their Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 28, 2017 and participation from Assemblyman Kevin Rooney.

Mayor Boonstra:

1. Mayor Boonstra attended the “Mitzvah Day” where he participated in the walk for Alzheimer’s care and awareness.
2. Mayor Boonstra reported that Rabbi Kenneth Emert will be retiring after twenty-two (22) years of service to Temple Beth Rishon. Rabbi Emert is a good friend to Wyckoff and will be missed in the community.

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3. Mayor Boonstra and Committeeman Madigan attended the Veterans Breakfast at the Wyckoff Family YMCA this morning. Approximately 350 veterans attended. An eighty (80) year old Korean War Veteran sang a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner.
4. Mayor Boonstra attended the Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Russell Farms Community Park and extended thanks to the Almstead Tree Service. On Saturday, April 29, 2017 Mayor Boonstra attended the Wyckoff Shade Tree Commission Arbor Day Event at Washington School where two (2) Maple Trees were planted. Sincere thanks to the DPW and the Shade Tree Commission for their efforts.
5. Two (2) items will be referred to the Public Policy Committee: 1) the request to draft a resolution to Recognize Gun Violence Awareness Day and 2) a request from St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church to conduct the Agean Festival.

At this time Mayor Boonstra asked Assemblyman and Former Mayor Kevin Rooney to come forward. Assemblyman Rooney held a citation in honor of the Township Committee and Shade Tree Commission regarding their efforts to promote Arbor Day and community sponsored tree planting. The citations were presented to the governing body and a photo was taken.

Administrator Report:

1. With regard to the 8:00 p.m. Agenda, the Administrator advised that a resolution is presented to close a portion of Russell Avenue on Thursday, May 4, 2017 to allow the Bergen County Shade Tree Commission to remove two (2) dead trees that were deemed hazardous. A second item has been requested by the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department to approve a current junior firefighter as a probationary firefighter to Fire Company #3.

Policy Action Items:

1. There is Bergen County Access for All Presentation being conducted on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Mahwah Town Hall from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
2. The governing body was provided from the Municipal Clerk information regarding the annual liquor license renewals. The placing of the resolutions for Township Committee consideration will appear on the June 5th or June 20th Agenda.
3. The Administrator has received notice from the salesman of the Pierce Fire Truck Manufacturing Company that the new fire pumper on order will be delivered to the Township either on May 16th or June 5th. As an internal control, the Township does not pay for any vehicle and/or apparatus unless it has been inspected, approved by the department manager and the apparatus title has been received.
4. A number of public service announcements have been prepared and distributed. They include; the progress reached with the successful "Project Medicine Drop Box" in the Police Department. Recently, 297 pounds of unused over-the-counter-medications and expired prescription drugs have been recycled to the DEA, a resolution advising the public to expect extra travel time and follow the detour route regarding the road closure on Russell Avenue, a public service announcement alerting the public to the activities and start times for the Memorial Day Parade. This

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year, the Parade Committee has developed a contest whereby children may decorate their bicycles in a patriotic theme, a public service announcement to publicize the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 3, 2017 which promotes clean water and “Only Rain in the Drain”, and a public service announcement has been issued advising the public that the Building Department has recently obtained a very desirable Insurance Service Office rating which adds added value to residents whose insurance company uses this ISO company to rate their insurance premiums. The Administrator expressed his satisfaction with the efforts the Township Staff has made to explain and post this information on the social media accounts and municipal website to update the public.

5. Mayor Boonstra sent a letter to the Bergen County Executive requesting portions of Cedar Hill Avenue and Russell Avenue be paved in 2017. A response letter was received from a deputy chief of staff that those roads will be paved in 2017.
6. The Administrator is working on a fire department project team to apply for a Federal Department of Homeland Security Grant regarding fire prevention and safety enhancements.
7. Wyckoff Day, which is celebrated on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Wyckoff Family YMCA Campus located at 690 Wyckoff Avenue at 10:30 a.m. will start with a healthy Mayor’s Wellness Walk. All are invited.
8. A bulletin was received that the Patch news outlet in Morristown rated all 566 municipalities in New Jersey on a scale between A+ and D- as Best Places to Live and Wyckoff was rated as an A rating.
9. The Township will begin accepting competitive bids on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 for the fire equipment specification experiment. The Administrator explained that the equipment needs of Franklin Lakes, Oakland and Wyckoff have been aggregated into approximately sixty (60 items and fourteen (14) bidders have been sent the bid specifications. Committeeman Carolan recognized the Administrator for putting forth an extra effort to make this project a reality and stretch our tax dollars.
10. Committeeman Scanlan asked the Administrator the status of the Wiley Place sanitary sewer extension project. Mr. Shannon stated that he spoke with the Township Engineer earlier in the day who advised the applicant’s engineer that the matter would not be presented to the governing body until all the engineering documents are thorough and complete as well as accurate.
11. Mayor Boonstra asked the Township Attorney if he had a report. Mr. Landel responded he would like to request a Closed Session to discuss a recent update in the affordable housing litigation before the Court.
12. Committeeman Carolan reported that 201 Magazine contained a “Welcome to Wyckoff” page which indicated that Wyckoff residents will realize additional funds in their pocket because the 2017 Municipal Budget was brought in with a very minimal increase. The Township Committee requested that this article be placed on the municipal website and social media accounts.

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At 7:55 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Meeting to conduct the Public Business Meeting.

At 8:07 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session discussion of the Open Public Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

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

At 8:07 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session Meeting discussion to enter into Closed Session Discussion via Resolution #17-C10.

At 8:33 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session Meeting Discussion voting as follows:

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

The Open Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Rudolf E. Boonstra
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk