

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

PAUSE – Municipal Clerk posted the link to the live meeting on our website's homepage.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of Executive Order #103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff scheduled for 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 will be conducted via the Township of Wyckoff's YouTube channel and members of the public may call 201-891-7000, ext. #222 should they wish to provide public comment at the time for the public comment period. Members of the public may also e-mail their public comments to wyckoffclerk@wyckoff-nj.com before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. These comments will be read at the meeting during the public comment period.

These measures are implemented to allow members of the public to observe the meeting via live streaming and to provide the ability to comment during the periods for public comment during the meeting

Due to the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency, members of the public will not have access to Town Hall.

This Notice and Agenda have been posted on the front door of Town Hall (facing Franklin Avenue) and on the Township's Home Page wyckoff-nj.com at the Quick Link for "Minutes and Agendas" on Friday, December 11, 2020. Please select "Township Committee" and locate the date of the meeting to view documents, such as resolutions and ordinances which would otherwise be made available.

General instructions regarding access to the meeting will be posted on the Wyckoff web site's home page at www.wyckoff-nj.com as a "News" item on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 4:30 pm.

To view the live-streamed Township Committee meeting, please access the YouTube link which will be posted on the Wyckoff web site's home page at www.wyckoff-nj.com as a "NEWS" item immediately prior to the commencement of the meeting at approximately, 6:55 pm on December 15, 2020.

To be notified of all future live streamed Township meetings, please create a YouTube account and subscribe to our YouTube channel, "Township of Wyckoff."

In the event the YouTube platform modifies its connectivity protocols and does not announce these critical changes again in the future, instructions on how to view each meeting via Zoom technology will be posted at the "News" section of the Township's home page, Wyckoff-nj.com before 7:10 pm. This second method of conducting remote meetings is provided to ensure the continuity of government when platforms which the Township does not control establish unannounced changes and will **only** be utilized if it is not possible to conduct the meeting via livestream on YouTube. As a precaution, for this "plan B", the following instructions are provided:

Please locate the link posted on the "News" item announcing the Township Committee meeting on the homepage of our website and use this link for the December 15, 2020 Work Session and Business Meeting set to begin at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Timothy E. Shanley opened the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the second-floor municipal court room.

Nancy Brown, Acting Municipal Clerk 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. The Agenda with the resolutions and ordinances to be considered was posted on the Township's website at "Minutes & Agendas" on the Friday prior to this evening's meeting."

Present: Mayor Timothy E. Shanley, Committeemen Thomas J. Madigan and Rudolf E. Boonstra and Committeewomen Melissa D. Rubenstein and Elizabeth J. Fischer

Also Present: Acting Municipal Clerk Nancy Brown and Township Attorney Robert Landel

Absent: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr.

Mayor Shanley confirmed that the Finance Committee has reviewed and signed vouchers.

Acting Municipal Clerk Brown advised that no written comments have been received prior to this evening's meeting.

Mayor Shanley opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period, two (2) minutes per speaker for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff. Please call 201-891-7000, ext. 222 if you wish to make a public comment at this time. Motion from Committeewoman Fischer, seconded by Committeeman Boonstra, all voting yes to open the ten (10) minute public comment period.

There were no written public comments submitted received via telephone procedure.

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

Township Committee Reports:

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra reported that the DPW is ready in advance of the impending storm. They are pushing hard to complete the leaf collection before the snow starts on Wednesday.
2. The Planning Board met last Wednesday and reviewed a Vance Avenue application before the Board which involves demolition of an older home. The application did not include a landscape plan, and with the planned removal of 52 large trees, a landscape plan should have been included. Therefore, the application was deemed incomplete.

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3. The Historic Preservation Commission met via Zoom last Tuesday and continued their ongoing discussion of structures to be included on their preservation list. Revolutionary War era homes are the top priority for preservation.
4. Mr. Boonstra concluded his comments by making remarks about each Township Committee member receiving over 500 emails from Ramapo & Indian Hills teachers. He stated that he was sure that Mr. Madigan would also report on this issue. He said that while he has great respect for the RIHEA, he felt that their actions were inappropriate and demonstrated a lack of understanding. The Township Committee has no authority over the schools, the school leadership's decisions or their policies. He said this incident amounted to electronic harassment and he hoped to never experience it again.
5. Mr. Boonstra interjected to say that he forgot to mention that all Township Committee members attended, but didn't mention earlier, the ribbon cutting Saturday for the new juice bar in Boulder Run. He posited that it was a nice, clean store and that the name is "Clean Juice".

Thomas Madigan:

1. Mr. Madigan commented that he and all other Township Committee members were present at the virtual Menorah Lighting event and that both the tree lighting and the menorah lighting were special events, but very quiet as social distancing was in place and large crowds were not permitted to gather.
2. Mr. Madigan reported that he attended another three-hour marathon Ramapo Indian Hills Board of Education meeting where Dave Becker was thanked for his 17 years of service to the Board. His leadership and dedicated service are definitely appreciated, and he will be missed.
3. Mr. Madigan reported that he attended the Recreation Advisory Board meeting via Zoom and noted that the Recreation Department had a successful year despite the many challenges that 2020 presented. Several teams were leaders in their divisions, even winning championships. He thanked all the Board members and mentioned that they will all be back to serve on the board for 2021 which bodes well for continuity of leadership on the board. He offered special thanks to Andy Wingfield, Recreation Director, for his continuous leadership and guidance shown to the Recreation Advisory Board.
4. Mr. Madigan offered congratulations to all Fire Department Officers who were elected to serve in 2021.
5. Mr. Madigan shared that the Annual Resident Municipal Calendar will soon be mailed to all home and businesses in Wyckoff. He considers the theme to be a great one and offered his kudos to all involved in its creation, but especially to Bob Shannon for his leadership of the calendar project team. The calendar shows the positives and challenges experienced in the Township during 2020.
6. Mr. Madigan wished all present and viewing a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Fischer:

1. Beth Fischer reported that she attended and enjoyed both the virtual tree lighting and the virtual menorah lighting.

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2. Ms. Fischer reported that she attended the Zoom Historical Preservation Commission meeting and she commended them for staying focused and on course with creating the list of Wyckoff homes to be placed on the Historic Preservation List.
3. Ms. Fischer attended the Wyckoff K-8 School Board meeting and reported that all K-8 Wyckoff students will be virtual until February 11, 2021.

Melissa Rubenstein:

1. Melissa Rubenstein Reported that the election of Fire Department officers took place and she listed all newly elected officers by Company:

Congrats to the Wyckoff Fire Department
2021 Officers

Chief of Department Joe Vanderplaat

Asst Chief of Department Dave Murphy

Company #1:

Battalion Chief Tim Murray Sr
Captain Jimmy Viapiano
Captain Joe Alvarez Sr
Lieutenant Patrick Alvarez
Lieutenant Joseph Alvarez

Company #2:

Battalion Chief EJ Lawler
Captain Chris Joachim
Lieutenant Thomas Risseuw

Company #3:

Battalion Chief Matt Tani
Captain Jesse Levine
Lieutenant Austin Espie
Lieutenant EJ Pruim

2. Ms. Rubenstein reported that the Fire Department's innovative Legacy Recruitment program developed and produced by a project team has won both a NJ and National awards, including the NJ Innovation in Government Award. This "Start your own Legacy" campaign featured photos of families in all three departments who have multiple generations or multiple family members involved in the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department. Not only was this campaign and

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award winner, but it was also successful in recruiting several new fire fighters to the department.

Mayor Shanley:

1. Timothy Shanley reported that he will be attending a Zoom meeting tomorrow night for the Library Board of Trustees.
2. Mr. Shanley also reported that this week he signed the contract for the purchase of the Maple Lake property, which is very good news and a long time coming.
3. Mr. Shanley stated that he attended both the virtual tree lighting and the virtual menorah lighting and that it was a pleasure to light the menorah on Thursday night. He is hopeful that this will be the last time we will ever have to hold both of these events virtually, as the first Covid-19 vaccine has been approved by the FDA and that the State of New Jersey has an aggressive goal of 70% of our state's population to be vaccinated within six months. Mr. Shannon stated that he believes that if this plan is successful, the pandemic would be ended, gatherings would again be permitted.
4. Mr. Shanley stated that unfortunately the Covid numbers are once again spiking in the state. He said that hospitals are filling up. He is hopeful that we can get through the winter and vaccinate 600,000 health care workers, front-line workers, vulnerable populations and then, by the time we get to the healthy individuals it will be summer of 2021.
5. Mr. Shanley reported that the Municipal Calendar is about to be delivered to residents. He thanked Bob Shannon and his team who worked very hard to put this 2021 calendar together.
6. Mayor Shanley offered his congratulations to Rob Landel for the progress that has been made on all of these projects despite the constraints of the pandemic.
7. Mayor Shanley invited anyone else who had anything to add to speak. He then spoke about the fact that he signed about 60 Proclamations for the Pee Wee football team who won the "Super Bowl" in their league. Our Recreation Director, Andy Wingfield will be giving each player on the team their very own copy of the Proclamation.
8. Mayor Shanley chimed in to say how wonderful it is to see businesses opening in town as he fears businesses having to close because of all that has happened in 2020. He wished the owners of Clean Juice success in their new venture.

Township Attorney Report:

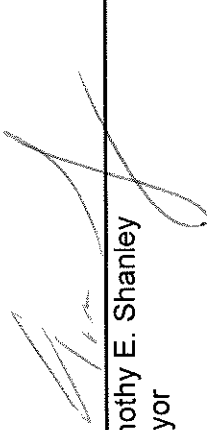
1. Robert Landel reported that the Maple Lake acquisition contract is now fully executed. The next step is to submit the Subdivision applications, one to the Township of Wyckoff Planning Board and one to the Bergen County Planning Board. He is waiting for a copy of the plans so that they can be reviewed and included with the Planning Board applications.
2. Mr. Landel reported that the final COAH litigation hearing which began in 2015 is scheduled for January 25th. He has been very busy preparing documents and exhibits to utilize during this court appearance which will lead to Wyckoff's final COAH certification.

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3. Mr. Landel also reported that we now have signed agreements with the adjacent property owners in order to access their land in the area of the culvert to be able to move forward with the Mountain Avenue culvert repair.
4. Mr. Landel also reported that we now have fully executed easement agreements with the three property owners needed to move forward with the Morley Avenue sewer extension.
5. Mr. Landel reported that paperwork continues on the Minor Subdivision application at the Gardens of Wyckoff. This subdivision will allow the Township to control the dam/weir on the property and removes the driveway easement. At this time, we are waiting for the Bergen County Planning Board to sign off on the Minor Subdivision.

The Open Work Session Meeting concluded and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

MOTION: BOONSTRA SECOND FISCHER
BOONSTRA YES MADIGAN YES RUBENSTEIN YES
FISCHER YES SHANLEY YES



Timothy E. Shanley
Mayor



Nancy A. Brown
Acting Municipal Clerk