

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013**

**(Rev. 3/5/13)**

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 - 7:30 P.M.**

1. 7:30 pm Work Session Meeting called to order by Deputy Mayor Douglas J. Christie.
2. Roll call of Township Committee
3. Reading of "Open Work Session" statement by Mrs. Santimauro
4. Meeting open for the Work Session ten minute total public comment period for any item on or off the agenda. Two (2) minutes per speaker.
5. Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign documents
6.
  - a. Finance Committee to review and sign vouchers
  - b. Report of Township Committee
  - c. Report of Administrator
  - d. Report of Attorney
7. Recess Work Session Meeting to conduct 8:00 pm Business Meeting
8. Reconvene Work Session Meeting
9. Adjourn

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS MAY BE PAID AT ALL WORK SESSION MEETINGS  
AND ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETINGS**

**FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS WORK SESSION**

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TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING  
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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 - 8:00 PM

1. Regular Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee called to order by Deputy Mayor Douglas J. Christie
2. Flag Salute
3. Invocation given by Reverend Fred Provencher
4. Reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act" statement by Mrs. Santimauro.
5. Roll call of the Township Committee
6. Meeting open for public comment on any item on or off the Agenda; five (5) minutes per speaker
7. Approval of the following Township Committee meeting minutes:  
Township Committee Work Session and Business Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2013

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ ROONEY \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_ JEPSEN \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHRISTIE YES JEPSEN YES ROONEY YES SCANLAN ABSENT  
 BOONSTRA ABSENT

8. **Consent Agenda:** All matters listed below are considered by the Township Committee to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Township Committee, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:

**I Resolutions (Adoption of the following):**

- #13-114 Payment of Bills
- #13-115 In Opposition of Assembly Bill A3553 and Senate Bill S2364

**II Ordinance – Introduction**

#1708 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 157 F THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, SEWERS, BY REPLACING SECTION 157-62, SCHEDULE OF CHARGES, CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE, ESTABLISHING 2013 SEWER CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**Following is the vote on the Consent Agenda:**

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_ ROONEY \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_ JEPSEN \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHRISTIE YES JEPSEN YES ROONEY YES SCANLAN ABSENT  
 BOONSTRA ABSENT

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**III Resolutions (Not on Consent Agenda):**

#13-113 Release Professional/Engineering Escrow – Block 314  
Lots 62, 63, 64 & Block 346 Lots 1 & 2 – Russell Avenue  
Sewer Extension Project

MOTION: CHRISTIE SECOND JEPSEN  
CHRISTIE YES JEPSEN YES ROONEY ABSTAIN  
SCANLAN ABSENT BOONSTRA ABSENT

**IV Adjourn**

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS MAY BE PAID AT ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
WORK SESSION MEETINGS AND ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR  
MEETINGS  
FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN DURING THIS MEETING**

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**Meeting Called To Order**

Deputy Mayor Douglas J. Christie called the regular meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee in the Municipal Court Room to order.

**Flag Salute**

The Township Committee proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Mayor Douglas J. Christie.

**Invocation**

The Invocation was given by Reverend Fred Provencher from Cornerstone Christian Church.

**Open Public Meeting Act Statement**

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the "Open Public Meeting Act" Statement: "This regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff is now in session. In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, I wish to advise that notice of this meeting has been posted in the lower level of the Memorial Town Hall and that a copy of the schedule of meetings has also been filed with the Township Clerk, and copies of this agenda and the annual notice of meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the Ridgewood News, The Record, and The North Jersey Herald and News all papers with 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."

**Attendance**

**Township Committee Present:** Deputy Mayor Douglas J. Christie; Township Committeemen Kevin J. Rooney and Haakon C. Jepsen.

**Absent:** Mayor Rudy Boonstra and Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan.

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

The Township Committee voted unanimously to open the public portion of the meeting.

Mr. Jerry Goetting 629 Lawlins Road, said he had three things to say to the Township Committee. First, Mr. Goetting thanked the Police Chief for lowering some speed limits in town. Secondly, Mr. Goetting opined that a reassessment in Wyckoff would save the taxpayers' money and decrease the amount of tax dollars that go to the library; Committeeman Rooney requested Mr. Goetting give the committee his cost saving analysis in writing. Committeeman Rooney asked for the analysis again, because the Township Committee's expert's opinions differ from Mr. Goetting's. Third item, Mr. Goetting urged the Township Committee to raise the \$35,000. YMCA annual rent.

Mrs. Susan Winton, 80 Logan Lane addressed the Township Committee. Mrs. Winton questioned a resolution on the agenda that opposes Assembly Bill 3553 and Senate Bill 2364. Mrs. Winton was told that the proposed legislation is about "early voting" and a copy of the resolution she asked about (Resolution #13-115) was given to her by the township administrator.

The Township Committee voted unanimously to close the public portion of the meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

The Municipal Clerk read the following: "All matters listed below are considered by the Township Committee to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Township Committee, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately".

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**I                    Resolutions (Adoption of the following):**

**#13-114            Payment of Bills**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has a practice of each Township Committee member participating in the reviewing and signing of vouchers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the vouchers which comprise this bill list have been reviewed and signed by two (2) Township Committee members; and,

**WHEREAS**, the two (2) Committeemen acting as the Finance Committee recommend payment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available for payment of said vouchers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that the action of the said Finance Committee be approved; and, that the proper officers of the Township be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to draw checks against the funds of the Township of Wyckoff in payment of such vouchers covered by checks no. 11281 – 11310 Payroll A/C, Direct Deposit Vouchers no. 1473 - 1519, checks no. 065729 – 065778 Claims A/C, Claims Wire nos. 130301 & 130302, check nos. 02253 – 02257 Accutrack A/C and Voided check nos. 065593, 065601 & 065752.

Listing of said checks is attached to the official minutes.

**#13-115            In Opposition of Assembly Bill A3553 and Senate Bill S2364**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill S-2364 and Assembly Bill A3553 propose to create a system of early voting in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of accommodating voters in pursuit of greater participation in the democratic process is a worthy goal; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills would in reality increase workloads, add more costs to the election process, and ultimately serve to confuse voters more than it would accommodate their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills would require for each primary and general election a public facility, except a public school, located in each municipality in an area of a high concentration of population to be open and available to registered voters starting 15 days before an election for early polling, possibly conflicting with if not pushing out other important uses for these buildings, causing inconvenience to residents; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills require retraining of poll workers and dramatically increased hours, as well as chain of custody requirements to protect the voting process, despite the fact that recruiting and training polls workers is already a difficult process; and

**WHEREAS**, these bills would increase costs to municipalities, including overtime pay for workers; and

**WHEREAS**, although these bills allow municipalities to request reimbursement for extra costs and provide an appropriation, the appropriation does not outline a specific amount nor dedicated funding, only that which the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting deem necessary, and they

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do not outline the procedure for a municipality whose reimbursement request is denied; and

**WHEREAS**, the opportunity for "Early Voting" already exists in the State of New Jersey through the Vote by Mail ballot process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby oppose S2364 and A3553; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff does hereby call upon its representatives in the State Legislature to oppose the adoption of this bill; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Office of the Governor, Senate President Sweeney, Senators Gill and Whelan, sponsors of S2364, Speaker Oliver, Assemblymen Wisniewski, Diegnan, Benson, Conaway, and Coughlin, sponsors of A3553, Senator Kevin O'Toole, Assemblyman Russo and Assemblyman Rumana, Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan, the Bergen County Board of Elections, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

**II                    Ordinance – (Introduction)**

**ORDINANCE # 1708**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, SEWERS, BY REPLACING SECTION 157-62, SCHEDULE OF CHARGES, CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE, ESTABLISHING 2013 SEWER CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey, that an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Providing for and Establishing Sewer Service Charges for the Use of the Sanitary Sewer System of the Township of Wyckoff, Bergen County, New Jersey," (adopted April 1, 1970 as Ordinance No. 607), be amended as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 157, Sewers, Part 2, Article XI, Section 157-62, Schedule of Charges, is hereby replaced with the following:

- A. The sewer service charge hereby established for 2013 shall be sufficient to:
- (1) cover all the charges, costs and expenses related to the sewer service, such as, but not limited to, the charges of the Northwest Bergen County Utility Authority, the charges of the Boroughs of Midland Park and Waldwick, pump stations and ejector station operation and maintenance costs, and all the costs incurred by the Township of Wyckoff in collecting its sewer service charges; and,
  - (2) create a reasonable reserve for maintenance and repairs.

B. The sewer service charge shall be an annual charge commencing upon the date upon which a building connection is approved by the Township, and such charge shall be on the following basis and this rate shall stay in effect until subsequently modified by ordinance amendment:

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Table with 2 columns: TYPE OF SERVICE and ANNUAL CHARGE. Rows include Single Family Residential Dwelling Unit, Two Family Residential Dwelling, Three (3) to Five (5) Family Residential dwelling units, Commercial, Combination Commercial/Residential Dwelling Unit, and Commercial(s) with two (2) to five (5) residential dwelling units.

SECTION 2. Except as hereby amended, Chapter 157 is hereby ratified and reaffirmed and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. The invalidity of any section or provisions of this amendment to the ordinance shall not invalidate any other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Following is the vote on the Consent Agenda:

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

III Resolution (Not on Consent Agenda)

#13-113 Release Professional/Engineering Escrow - Block 314 Lots 62,63,64 & Block 346 Lots 1 & 2 - Russell Avenue Sewer Extension Project

WHEREAS, the following deposit for performance guarantee was posted by the contractor Anthony Matina and Sons and professional/engineering escrow was posted by the homeowners for a privately funded sewer extension project on Russell Avenue to service five (5) houses:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Performance Bond (\$79,758), Performance Cash (\$ 8,862), and Professional/Engineering Escrow.

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HMS Global Holdings LLC	\$3,750
Ms. Patricia Knight	\$1,250
Mr. Eugene Bianchini	\$1,250

**WHEREAS**, Township of Wyckoff Resolution #10-221 approved by the Wyckoff Township Committee on October 5, 2010 authorized the following two (2) year maintenance guarantee and authorized the release of the previously posted performance bond and performance cash:

Maintenance Bond	\$9,970
Maintenance Cash	\$1,180

**WHEREAS**, Township of Wyckoff Resolution #13-84 approved on January 15, 2013 authorized the release of the \$9,970 Maintenance Bond and \$1,180 Maintenance Cash Surety to Anthony Matina & Sons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyckoff Township Engineer has authorized the release of the balance of the professional/engineering escrow as follows:

HMS Global Holdings LLC	\$2,211
Ms. Patricia Knight	\$ 737
Mr. Eugene Bianchini	\$ 737

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that they hereby accept the recommendation of the Township Engineer to release the balance of the professional/engineering escrow as follows: \$2,211 to HMS Global Holdings, LLC, 435 & 439 Russell Avenue & 502 Helena Ave, Wyckoff, NJ; \$737 to Ms. Patricia Knight, 444 Russell Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ and \$737 to Mr. Eugene Bianchini, 434 Russell Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the municipal clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Township Engineer, HMS Global Holdings LLC, Ms. Patricia Knight and Mr. Eugene Bianchini..

MOTION: CHRISTIE SECOND JEPSEN  
CHRISTIE YES JEPSEN YES ROONEY ABSTAIN  
SCANLAN ABSENT BOONSTRA ABSENT

**IV** Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor Douglas J. Christie

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Joyce C. Santimauro  
Municipal Clerk

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