

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION  
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013 – 7:30 P.M.**

Deputy 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:** Deputy Mayor Douglas J. Christie, Committeemen Kevin J. Rooney and Haakon C. Jepsen

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

**Absent:** Mayor Rudolf E. Boonstra and Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan

Deputy 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 Jepsen, seconded by Committeeman Rooney.

1. Jim Savage, 448D Bromley Place reported that last Fall the Township Committee reduced speed limits in certain streets and indicated to him that they would reconsider Spring Meadow Road for a speed reduction and install a special type of speed limit reduction sign. Committeeman Rooney replied that the Township has researched grants, the Township was unable to locate any grants for a flashing signal sign that would provide a digital read-out of a motorist's speed, however, the Township continues to research grants in this regard. The speed limit reduction on a residential road cannot be reduced any lower than 25 miles per hour. Mr. Rooney will speak with Police Chief Fox regarding any additional speed reduction enhancements or awareness that can be achieved on Spring Meadow Road.  
Mr. Savage reported that while driving down Spring Meadow Road, he observed a black van exiting the Wyckoff Family YMCA and entering Spring Meadow Road which drove right through the stop sign. Mr. Savage stated this occurs on a routine basis and Mr. Savage asked what could be done to rectify this occurrence. Deputy Mayor Christie asked Mr. Savage if there was a white line painted on the YMCA property by the stop sign. Mr. Savage indicated he was not aware of a white line. The Administrator thanked Mr. Savage for disclosing the matter to the attention of the governing body and indicated this matter would be provided to the police department. However, when Mr. Savage observes this occurrence routinely, he should report the vehicle license plate number to the police as well as contacting the YMCA advising them of their patrons speeding through a stop sign.
2. Jerry Goetting, 629 Lawlins Road asked the Township Committee if there is a law that requires the public comment to be conducted in the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Goetting would prefer to comment on the actions of the governing body members near the end of the meeting. The Township Committee replied that the governing body has traditionally provided the public comment period on the agenda at the beginning of the Work Session and Business Meetings. The Administrator advised that the Township Committee's tradition has been for the convenience of the resident to allow a resident to speak at the beginning of the meeting so

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that if the meeting runs late into the evening the resident need not wait to speak to the governing body.

Secondly, the public comment period is designated for any item on or off the agenda as Mr. Savage previously discussed items not on this evening's agenda.

3. Joel Winton, 80 Logan Lane questioned the governing body with regard to school safety. The Township Committee replied that Police Chief Fox has conducted numerous conversations with the Superintendent of Schools on this matter and after the tragedy in Newtown, CT patrols in and around the schools were increased. Committeeman Jepsen, Township Committee Liaison to the K-8 District advised that both he and Mr. Winton attended the meeting when the school board discussed this matter. Mr. Winton stated he could not hear the conversation with the school board members because they did not speak clearly into the microphone. However, Mr. Winton stated he did speak to the Superintendent of Schools who advised him the schools would be "locked down" and 911 called. Mr. Winton suggested that teachers acquire the same training as police officers. Committeeman Rooney commented that Governor Christie has established a task force to research school security and the results of that committee will be distributed to all municipalities in New Jersey.
4. Susan Winton, 80 Logan Lane congratulated Committeeman Rooney for bringing recognition and good will to the Township of Wyckoff for appearing on the Food Network Channel and winning the "Chopped" chef contest.  
Mrs. Winton asked the governing body how the weekly recycling program is working and if it is not working well, can the Township Committee decrease the weekly collections in future years. The Administrator advised that the Township signed a five (5) year contract for weekly recycling. Deputy Mayor Christie indicated that the Environmental Commission as well as the Township Staff is continuing to inform residents of the once a week recycling collection schedule. The Township is monitoring the recycling statistics. A number of governing body members remarked that they find the weekly recycling collection has increased the number of recyclables they recycle. Mrs. Winton stated that the number of recyclables at her home has not changed. Committeeman Rooney responded that the Township will be reviewing not just the increase in recycling but the decrease in garbage disposal. Mrs. Winton suggested to the Township Committee that before the Township buys Maple Lake they have an idea of how the municipality will utilize the property and what the cost to maintain the property will be. Mrs. Winton expressed concern about buying property and making it tax exempt when previously it generated tax revenue. Committeeman Rooney advised that the governing body continues to evaluate the Maple Lake property and a subcommittee has been established consisting of Committeemen Scanlan and Jepsen to determine if there is any interest on the part of the owner to sell Maple Lake to the municipality. Mrs. Winton reminded the governing body that she is against the Township receiving grants as grants come from tax dollars and she does not accept the reply that if the Township does not apply and accept grants, then another municipality will receive the grants. Committeeman Rooney indicated that the owners of Maple Lake want clusters or high density housing. The property has a number of environmental constraints such as steep slopes, wetlands and DEP restrictions.

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

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

**Township Committee Reports:**

**Haakon Jepsen:**

1. Mr. Jepsen reported that he and Committeeman Scanlan are in the process of collecting feedback from residents regarding the pay per use grass collection poll. Committeeman Rooney asked Mr. Jepsen what the preliminary reply has been because the poll listed on the Wyckoff Patch indicated a negative response. At this point, the replies were both positive and negative. Mr. Rooney reminded Mr. Jepsen that the Township must introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget by March 27, 2013 and this information needs to be determined.
2. The Zoning Board of Adjustment approved the Christian Health Care Center application with fifty-one (51) limiting conditions on Monday, March 4, 2013.

**Kevin Rooney:**

1. Mr. Rooney met with the Finance Committee (11<sup>th</sup> meeting this season) to develop the 2013 Municipal Budget on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Two (2) additional meetings are expected to be conducted. The Township has yet to receive the information required to complete the budget process from the Bergen County Board of Taxation.
2. Mr. Rooney congratulated Fire Company #1 for winning the fire inspection contest on Friday, March 1, 2013. But the real winners in the inspection contest are the Wyckoff residents – all three (3) fire companies worked tirelessly to prepare the fire equipment.

At 7:58 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to conduct the public business meeting.

At 8:13 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

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

**Continuation of Township Committee Reports:**

**Deputy Mayor Christie:**

1. Mr. Christie reported that on Thursday, February 28, 2013 he attended a Chamber of Commerce Meeting where Mayor Boonstra delivered a presentation on numerous matters the governing body is considering and fielded questions. The meeting was both positive and productive.
2. Later that same evening at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Christie, Mayor Boonstra and Administrator Shannon attended the Wolf Group Shared Service Meeting. At the meeting, the Wyckoff representatives along with the elected officials from Franklin Lakes and Oakland discussed techniques where the Township could aggregate purchasing items and prepare additional shared service bids to achieve cost savings. The cost savings success

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recently achieved through the garbage disposal bid, the recreation equipment bid and the PEOSHA firefighter mandate compliance were all reviewed. The Shared Service Group also discussed at length the County dispatch idea. Various news outlets have reported that Bergen County will offer dispatch services free of charge for all seventy (70) municipalities. However, that offer has not been officially presented by the County. Mayor Boonstra will be attending a Northwest Bergen Mayors Association Meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2013 and this topic is on Mayor Boonstra's agenda.

3. Mr. Christie echoed the remarks of Committeeman Rooney congratulating the firefighters from all three (3) fire companies in the Township on a terrific fire inspection. Kudos to Fire Company #1 for winning the inspection. Mr. Christie reported that the Township of Wyckoff is the only municipality that conducts such an inspection process.

**Policy Action Items:**

1. The Administrator recognized Clerk Santimauro and her dedicated staff for completing the meeting minutes for the work session and business meeting from the 2/26/13 meeting in an expeditious manner. Where many towns may be six (6) months behind in completing their meeting minutes, the Township of Wyckoff strives to complete the meeting minutes early and post them on the municipal website for resident perusal.
2. With regard to the comment from Mrs. Winton at the Work Session Meeting, Resolution #13-115 is in opposition to Bill A3553 and S2364 and is a pro-active action by the governing body to express disapproval to yet another cost generative bill that has not been thoroughly thought through in terms of its cost implication to municipalities. The Administrator thanked the governing body for adopting these types of resolutions which are on every agenda. The Township received a thank you note from the New Jersey State League of Municipalities thanking the governing body for opposing many cost generative bills.
3. The Chief Financial Officer applied for and received reimbursement from the New Jersey Department of Health regarding the municipal cost for the hepatitis B federal mandate compliance which realized \$2,147.00.
4. The second half of the payment from the Library for returned tax dollars amounting to \$388,070 was received this week.
5. The Township is in the process of posting the new Family and Medical Leave Act posters which must be posted at public facilities to comply with the new law.
6. The next work session and public business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. respectively. At that meeting, the Township will further consider Ordinance #1707 regarding generators, Ordinance #1708 introduced tonight and introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget.
7. The Administrator provided the completed information for the requirement from the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) for the Employment Practices Liability Risk Control Checklist.

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8. The DPW has completed a townwide inspection of storm inlets, a requirement as per the Stormwater Management Act, State mandate. The municipality has over 1,900 storm inlets and those inlets which need to be repaired or cleaned out have been recorded.
9. The DPW also inspected outfall headwalls for their current condition and drainage flow. This is also required by the Stormwater Management Act mandate.
10. The Administrator reported that the DPW has completed the replacement of the speed limit reduction signs on nine (9) municipal roads authorized by the governing body via Ordinance #1701. That process was temporarily delayed due to the response and recovery to Hurricane Sandy.
11. The DPW has begun the pruning and elevating tree effort on West Main Street.
12. The Administrator reviewed Police Chief Fox's report regarding Ridgewood Water's proposed water restriction ordinance. Chief Fox recommends against providing the authority for Ridgewood Water to shut off a person's water service. The Township Committee authorized replying to Ridgewood Water.

**Township Attorney Report:**

1. Mr. Landel has received correspondence regarding a house which must be moved so that contamination on the lot may be excavated and removed off site. Both Mr. Landel and the Township Engineer's recommendation is to only grant permission if the property owner provides a performance bond and signs a developers agreement. The property owners would be living offsite during this project.
2. Mr. Landel stated that he had the privilege to attend the fire department inspection on Friday, March 1, 2013. Mr. Landel complimented the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department for the important role they provide. As a resident he was very honored and gratified to see the volume and quality of work which was dedicated by all three (3) fire companies for this inspection process.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Douglas J. Christie  
Deputy Mayor

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Joyce C. Santimauro  
Municipal Clerk