

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

Mayor Rudolf E. Boonstra 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: Mayor Rudolf E. Boonstra, Committeemen Kevin J. Rooney, Haakon C. Jepsen, Brian D. Scanlan and Douglas J. Christie
Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro and Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector Diana McLeod

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 Jepsen.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Township Committee Reports:

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan and Committeeman Rooney attended the Russell Farms Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. At the meeting, progress was made with regard to the future plans for the development of the property. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2013.
2. Mr. Scanlan attended the Wyckoff Board of Health Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2013. Included for discussion was the participation in "Wyckoff Day" on Saturday, June 8, 2013. The Board of Health sponsored "WISE" Program, averaging thirty (30) seniors citizens per session, is considered successful.
The Wyckoff Board of Health with the Wyckoff Family YMCA will be sponsoring a program on Thursday, May 16, 2013 entitled "Our Aging Parents and What Everyone Needs to Know."
3. Mr. Scanlan, Mayor Boonstra and Committeeman Christie attended the dedication of the labyrinth at the Wyckoff Library on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Mr. Scanlan congratulated Eagle Scout Matt Salisbury and Troop 89.
4. Mr. Scanlan reported that Principal Al Evangelista will be retiring from Indian Hills High School after forty-one (41) years.

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5. Mr. Scanlan has completed two (2) training sessions offered by the Joint Insurance Fund: Rights and Duties of Volunteers and No Tolerance.

Douglas Christie:

1. On Wednesday, April 24, 2013 Mr. Christie attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA William Boye Dinner to recognize the members of the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department for their service to the community. The YMCA presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department.
Also at the recognition dinner, Junior Firefighter Will Pettit was awarded the Dr. Clarke Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.
2. Mr. Christie attended the Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27, 2013 and commented the event was well done.
3. Mr. Christie and Committeeman Rooney attended the wedding of Police Sergeant Brian Zivkovich.
4. Mr. Christie attended the Wyckoff Library labyrinth dedication.
5. Mr. Christie reported that he recently spoke at the kickoff for a program entitled "Work for Homes for the Habitat."

Haakon Jepsen:

1. Mr. Jepsen also attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA dinner honoring the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department and described the event as a rare opportunity to meet and speak with numerous fire department veterans and new members.
2. Mr. Jepsen attended the Arbor Day Celebration at the Russell Farms Community Park and commended Committeemen Rooney and Scanlan for making this event a reality. Special thanks to Nelson Lee of Landscape Works for the generous donation of trees.
3. Mr. Jepsen participated in the Townwide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 4, 2013 and unfortunately purchased too many items and then deposited them into his garage.
4. Mr. Jepsen is pleased to announce that the Washington School was one (1) of the few grant winners in the State Farm Contest.

Kevin Rooney:

1. Mr. Rooney also attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA William Boye Dinner honoring the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.
2. On Saturday, April 27, 2013 Mr. Rooney participated in the Arbor Day Celebration. Thirty-three (33) residents attended the event. Special thanks to Nelson Lee of Landscape Works for his generous donation of six (6) trees that were planted this year. Thanks to Mark Borst who donated his time and efforts to develop landscape plans for the Russell Farms Community Park.

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3. Mr. Rooney and Committeeman Christie attended the wedding of Police Sergeant Brian Zivkovich.
4. Mr. Rooney reported that his daughter Jordan recently competed in a national equestrian event and placed ninth out of twenty-three (23) participants.
5. Mr. Rooney reported that he will be volunteering at the Bergen County Health Fair & Expo on Saturday, May 11, 2013 in Lyndhurst.
6. Mr. Rooney attended the Shade Tree Commission Meeting this evening. The progress of Lewis Tree Service, the contracted service for Orange and Rockland Utilities pruning trees in the right-of-way, was discussed. Lewis Tree Service has completed the section of Wyckoff across from Sicomac School and will return to Wyckoff later in July.
7. Mr. Rooney commented on a letter from an attorney from Fair Lawn referencing the deplorable state of the parking lot at the United States Postal Office at 430 Greenwood Avenue in Wyckoff. The governing body discussed past efforts in dealing with a federal agency. Previously, the Township was successful in obtaining the Post Office to repair the public sidewalks. However, attaining the repairs on the parking lot has become elusive. The United State Post Office rents the property from a private landlord and the Township Committee determined to initiate a multi-prong approach with inspections from the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Health Officer as well as communication with Congressman Scott Garrett's Office in this regard.
8. Mr. Rooney commented that the Shade Tree Commission and the DPW have been diligent in their pro-active steps to remove trees and stumps from the right-of-way that were the result of Hurricane Sandy. However, six (6) months have elapsed and there are a number of residents who have not removed the storm cleanup on their private property. This was the topic of a discussion at this evening's Shade Tree Commission Meeting. Mr. Rooney requested that the Administrator send out the property maintenance officer to address these complaints from the Shade Tree Commissioners.

Mayor Boonstra:

1. Mayor Boonstra reported he also attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA William E. Boye Dinner in recognition of the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Boonstra congratulated the YMCA and the Volunteer Fire Department for a very well deserved award.
2. On Saturday, April 27, 2013 Mayor Boonstra also attended the Arbor Day Celebration at the Russell Farms Community Park. Mayor Boonstra thanked Mr. Rooney and the Shade Tree Commission for a successful event.
3. On Wednesday, May 1, 2013 Mayor Boonstra attended the funeral of former firefighter Bruce Scott. Bruce was a member of the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department for seventy-five (75) years and died at the age of ninety-five (95). Generations of firefighters in Wyckoff, the County and the State have known Bruce and Bruce was considered an expert in firematic procedures. Mr. Scott was very well respected among his firefighter colleagues for his knowledge and competent training skill.

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4. The Northwest Bergen Mayors Association Meeting was conducted on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Wyckoff Town Hall. Elaine Booth catered the breakfast meeting impeccably. A number of issues were discussed by Mayor Boonstra which included: The current restrictions on the interest arbitration law are set to expire on 12/31/14. Mayor Boonstra suggested the Township as well as the other Northwest Bergen municipalities become involved for the purpose of extending those interest arbitration restrictions and constraints. The mayors also discussed the efforts of the seven (7) original members of the Northwest Bergen Sewer Utilities Authority to obtain credits for the “double budgeting” of the bond expense in this year’s sewer charges from the Authority. A subcommittee of the mayors group is attending the Northwest Bergen Sewer Utilities Authority meeting this evening with the expectation to establish a subcommittee to address this issue.
5. Mayor Boonstra attended the labyrinth celebration at the Wyckoff Library on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
6. This evening, the Township Committee will consider the purchase a new replacement fire truck. Considerable work and discussion has been expended on the preparation of the bond ordinance by the governing body and the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department. Therefore, the Township Committee will consider this bond ordinance at 8:00 p.m. this evening.
7. Mayor Boonstra received a telephone call from Trenton last week advising the Township of an award of a \$150,000 NJDOT Grant to pave a portion of Newtown Road. Mayor Boonstra thanked Bob Shannon for his efforts in securing that grant (660 applications were submitted and 377 were awarded grants).
8. At this evening’s 8:00 p.m. meeting the Township Committee will conduct the public hearing and further considering the adoption of the 2013 Municipal Budget.
9. Mayor Boonstra reported that last evening he attended the wake of Helen Van Hassel, the wife of former Mayor Richard Van Hassel.

Review of the 8:00 pm. Agenda:

1. The Administrator advised the Agenda is as presented with the request for one (1) addition. Mr. Landel has requested a closed session discussion this evening regarding the legal strategies concerning the Maple Lake property acquisition.
2. Committeeman Scanlan asked the Administrator to explain Resolution #13-155 – Dedication by Rider. The Administrator explained that the dedication by rider resolution is the method the State of New Jersey requires for the municipality to request and hopefully obtain approval to establish a dedicated fund to receive donations for the development of the Russell Farms Community Park. Mr. Scanlan requested that the naming of all aspects of parks, benches, trees etc. are discussed and considered by the full governing body membership. Mayor Boonstra suggested the Township Committee adopt a policy to be discussed at a future meeting. Committeeman Rooney commented that a donation for a tree in a park with a plaque to a loved one could be approved via policy. However, anything substantial such as a gazebo should be presented to the full governing body. The Township Committee asked Mayor Boonstra to schedule a public policy subcommittee meeting in the very near future.

