

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 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 and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

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 Christie.

1. Jerry Goetting, 629 Lawlins Road asked the governing body if there has been any resolution concerning his previous suggestion regarding the Wyckoff Family YMCA's annual rental fee of \$35,000. Mr. Goetting stated that the current lease was signed years ago and the current value of this property that the YMCA rents is over \$10,000,000. Mayor Boonstra replied that the annual rent is approximately \$35,000 and the lease was signed in 1979. The Wyckoff Family YMCA is required by the lease to provide public recreation and cultural events on the 691 Wyckoff Avenue property.

Mr. Goetting stated that the Wyckoff Family YMCA pays huge salaries and it holds large bank accounts. The members that patronize the YMCA are from all over Bergen County not just Wyckoff residents. Mr. Goetting feels the taxpayers of Wyckoff should not bear the financial burden for a YMCA which serves a regional population. Mr. Goetting has asked for financial information from the YMCA however he was advised by the YMCA there is no financial information available. Mr. Goetting opined that the Township is examining other areas for additional revenue therefore the YMCA should be looked at to pay a greater rental fee. The Township Committee should work in conjunction with the YMCA and persuade the YMCA to pay a larger rental fee to the Township of Wyckoff.

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 attended the Planning Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.
2. Mr. Scanlan provided the following update from the recent Wyckoff Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting: a) 8u Baseball Head Coach Recommendations – Tryouts complete; b) Travel Softball Tryouts complete – three (3) teams formed; c) Travel Basketball Final Wrap Up – 3rd Grade & 7th Grade Girls League Champs; d) Roller Hockey Wrap Up –

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Midget American & Junior American League Champs; e) Recreation Baseball, Softball & Lacrosse all underway.

3. On Tuesday, May 14, 2013 Mr. Scanlan attended the Wyckoff Board of Health Meeting. At that meeting, the Board of Health discussed preparations for Wyckoff Day. On May 16, 2013 the Wyckoff Family YMCA and the Wyckoff Board of Health partnered on a special program entitled "What Caregivers Need to Know About Aging Parents" where more than 100 individuals attended each week. Mr. Scanlan also commented that the five (5) week program, "Wellness Initiative for Senior Education" (WISE) has been experiencing thirty (30) resident attendees each week.
4. On Saturday, May 18, 2013 Mr. Scanlan and Committeeman Rooney attended the meeting at the Russell Farms Community Park.
5. Mr. Scanlan, Mayor Boonstra and Committeeman Rooney attended the Stonehouse Nursery Grand Opening Ceremony on Saturday, May 18, 2013. The nursery property looks beautiful and it is good to see a new thriving business in town.
6. On Thursday, May 16, 2013 Mr. Scanlan attended the Barnert Temple Milestone Gala event where 165 years as a congregation was celebrated, twenty-five (25) years in Franklin Lakes and eighteen (18) years of Rabbi Elyse Fishman's leadership.
7. Mr. Scanlan attended the Ramapo/Indian Hills Board of Education Meeting where Beverly Mackay was appointed the Interim Superintendent of the regional high school district.

Douglas Christie:

1. On Saturday, May 11, 2013 Mr. Christie participated in the building of the rain garden at the Wyckoff Library.
2. Mr. Christie congratulated all the mothers in Wyckoff in recognition of Mother's Day, May 12, 2013.
3. On Tuesday, May 14, 2013 Mr. Christie celebrated his 30th Wedding Anniversary and on that night the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp transported Mr. Christie's father to the hospital.
4. Mr. Christie attended a Police Subcommittee Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 whereby the status of radio communications was discussed.
5. On Thursday, May 16, 2013 Mr. Christie, Mayor Boonstra, the Township Attorney and the Administrator attended a Public Policy Subcommittee Meeting.
6. Mr. Christie attended the Environmental Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. There is an opportunity for the Environmental Commission to apply for a \$20,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant. Mr. Christie asked the governing body for any additional ideas for the grant. It was also noted that Brian Bigler retired and the vacancy can be filled. Committeeman Scanlan advised that there is a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and suggested the Township Committee fill that position at the same time.

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7. Mr. Christie reported that Saturday, June 1, 2013 is the annual Wyckoff Fishing Derby sponsored by the Environmental Commission to promote the enjoyment of clean water. Also, the Environmental Commission will have a presence at Wyckoff Day on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at the Wyckoff Family YMCA.

Haakon Jepsen:

1. On Friday, May 10, 2013 Mr. Jepsen attended the subcommittee meeting on the polling locations and commented that the project team was working very efficiently to communicate the new polling locations.
2. On Tuesday, May 14, 2013 Mr. Jepsen attended the West Bergen Tea Party Meeting where one (1) of the discussions focused on “common core curriculum” for the K-8 school district.
3. Last weekend, Mr. Jepsen and his family had the opportunity to view the Zabriskie House and extended thanks to the Wyckoff Historical Society.
4. Mr. Jepsen attended the Board of Adjustment Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013.

Kevin Rooney:

1. On Saturday, May 11, 2013 Mr. Rooney attended the Bergen County Health and Safety Day in Lyndhurst. This was a very successful event.
2. Mr. Rooney attended a Police Committee Meeting on Friday, May 10, 2013.
3. On Saturday, May 18, 2013 Mayor Rooney attended the early morning Russell Farms Advisory Board Meeting at the Russell Farms Community Park. Then Mr. Rooney participated in the Grand Opening Ceremony at the new Stonehouse Nursery at 675 Wyckoff Avenue.
4. On Saturday, May 18, 2013 Mr. Rooney attended the Midland Park Fire Department Beefsteak Fundraiser in the evening.
5. This morning, Mr. Rooney met with Township staff and a committee from the Spring Meadow Condominium Association to discuss the Association’s interest in securing a sidewalk and crosswalk across Wyckoff Avenue near Spring Meadow Road. A number of options were discussed and provided to the committee and a response will be forthcoming from the Association.
6. Mr. Rooney had previously requested that PSE&G return to Wyckoff to pave Wyckoff Avenue specifically, the route where the Memorial Day Parade will take place. The Township Attorney was instructed to send a letter to PSE&G in this regard.
7. Mr. Rooney recognized LandscapeWorks, Inc., Mr. Nelson Lee, a local landscape company who have donated trees for the past six (6) years at the Arbor Day celebrations. LandscapeWorks is now donating the plants and labor to beautify the Ambulance Headquarters on Voorhis Avenue.
8. Mr. Rooney requested that Ordinance #1713 – “Smoke Free Zones” be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed and considered separately. Mayor Boonstra agreed.

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Mayor Boonstra:

1. Mayor Boonstra performed a wedding ceremony in Town Hall on Friday, May 17, 2013 and commented that this is the third wedding ceremony he has performed this year.
2. There is a Public policy Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2013.
3. Mayor Boonstra advised that at the final Library Board of Trustees Meeting it was agreed that a subcommittee of the library and the Township Finance Office would meet to discuss and explore a shared service concerning Township assistance to the library in purchasing and accounts payable functions.
4. Mayor Boonstra reported that the Library Board is considering setting aside operating funds this year and next year to fund an emergency generator.
5. Mayor Boonstra attended the "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" at Stonehouse Nursery, 675 Wyckoff Avenue.
6. On Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mayor Boonstra will staff a table at Wyckoff Day for a "Meet the Mayor" session. The governing body members will also assist the Mayor on Wyckoff Day.
7. On Friday, May 10, 2013 Mayor Boonstra chaired a meeting of the polling place relocation subcommittee. The preliminary work has been performed very efficiently and diligently. Additional communications are being posted, issued and sent.
8. Mayor Boonstra attended the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional High School District Board of Education Meeting where Wyckoff resident Beverly Mackay was appointed as the interim Superintendent of Schools.
9. Mayor Boonstra discussed the report from the Municipal Clerk regarding both employees and volunteers who have not filed their annual financial disclosure statements as required by the New Jersey Ethics Law. Mayor Boonstra requested a full court press to contact board members and offer assistance to complete the new on-line filing requirement. The Township Committee all agreed that the new on-line program from the State of New Jersey is not user friendly. Municipal employees will be available next Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to provide further assistance.

At 8:00 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to conduct the 8:00 p.m. Business Meeting.

At 8:55 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

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

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Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator thanked the governing body for adopting the resolutions against cost generative laws. It was noted that the Township Committee adopted a resolution against the cost generative legislation regarding early voting and Governor Christie vetoed the bill because it was cost generative legislation.
2. The Administrator submitted an amendment to the Partners in Pride By-Laws provided by Tom Bugel. A follow-up conversation with Mary Bugel indicated that the purpose of the amendment is to provide for continuity if the Partners in Pride organization dissolves in the next ten (10) to fifteen (15) years, their assets would be given to the Township of Wyckoff. The Township Committee was amenable to the amendment as long as it does not bind a future Township Committee to maintain every flower garden and planter in town that the partners in Pride currently maintain.
3. Monday, May 27, 2013 is Memorial Day, a day where communities across the country remember our war dead. Services begin at 9:00 a.m. at Fire Company #1 with a firemen's memorial service, followed by a community memorial service at the Wyckoff Reformed Church Green at 10:00 a.m. The Memorial Day Parade begins at 11:30 a.m. from the Cornerstone Christian Church on Wyckoff Avenue.
4. The Annual Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Wyckoff Environmental Commission will be conducted on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at Zabriskie Pond Park. The Fishing Derby begins at 8:45 a.m. – volunteers are needed.
5. Valuable public service announcements have been provided to the press this evening regarding pedestrian safety and underage drinking and the consequences to parents who allow it.
6. The Memorial Day Parade Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Nick Ciampo with the assistance of Joyce Santimauro and her staff, have made all the necessary parade preparations.
7. The Municipal Clerk will be providing the governing body with an application for review at the next agenda for a place-to-place liquor license transfer (License at Pane e Vino at 397 Franklin Avenue to the new Aldo's at 640 Wyckoff Avenue). During the second meeting in June, Mrs. Santimauro will provide the governing body with the annual liquor license renewals.
8. The Administrator commented that Police Chief Fox's "Cops and Crosswalk Program" was very well received notably due to the promotional "remake" photo of Abby Road. This public awareness and knowledge is important to remind all motorists of their responsibility to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks as required by New Jersey State Law.
9. The polling place relocation project team is in full swing. Mrs. Santimauro reviewed with the governing body the various ways that the new voting location information is being communicated to the public.
10. A Wyckoff resident and senior high school student Anthony Gallagher was one (1) of fifteen (15) finalists in the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Future Municipal Leader Scholarship. A congratulatory letter and certificate was sent to Mr. Gallagher from Mayor Boonstra.

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11. The Administrator recognized the Township Attorney Rob Landel's hard work over many years with the resolution of the dispute between neighbors and the operators of Rousseau's Nursery, 765 Wyckoff Avenue. It is very encouraging that the new owners of the nursery property are operating a thriving nursery business and have achieved positive relations with their neighbors.

At 9:10 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session discussion via Resolution #13-C5.

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

At 10:00 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

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

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Rudolf E. Boonstra
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk