

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 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 Rooney, seconded by Committeeman Scanlan.

1. Dr. Juan Gonzalez, 525 Long Drive stated that he moved to Wyckoff in June 1985 and this is the first time he has felt compelled to visit the Township Committee and express his opinion. Dr. Gonzalez requested the governing body re-establish the twice a week garbage collection in May, June and September. Currently, these months are once a week collections. Dr. Gonzalez disclosed that he must keep his garbage in the garage while awaiting his once per week collection. Although the recycling schedule has been increased to once a week collection, Dr. Gonzalez opined that recycling is not perishable garbage and can remain in a garage for up to three (3) weeks. Dr. Gonzalez suggested the governing body decrease another service and restore the twice a week garbage collection for the months of May, June and September.

Mayor Boonstra thanked Dr. Gonzalez for his comments and suggested that home composters are a reasonable alternative for perishable garbage.

2. John Unglert, 360 Cornell Street thanked the Township Committee, the Parade Committee and Mrs. Santimauro for the great effort that resulted in a tremendous Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Unglert also thanked the Township Committee and the Environmental Commission for providing a well-attended fishing derby. Many children, their parents and grandparents enjoyed the event on a beautiful Saturday morning.

Committeeman Christie motioned to close the public comment period, seconded by Committeeman Rooney 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 reported that it would not be appropriate to begin the meeting this evening without mentioning the passing of Senator Frank Lautenberg. Mr. Scanlan met Senator Lautenberg on one (1) occasion and found him a remarkable man. Senator Lautenberg was responsible for initiating the smoking ban on all commercial aircraft and increasing the national drinking age to twenty-one (21). Additionally, Senator Lautenberg

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sponsored the “Chemical Right to Know” law – he was a truly great public servant.

2. On Wednesday, May 22, 2013 Mr. Scanlan attended the Wyckoff Board of Health Meeting where preparations are underway for the Annual Health Fair scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Wyckoff Public Library.
3. The free blood pressure program provided by the Board of Health and the Ambulance Corp at the Wyckoff Family YMCA will be cancelled for Wednesday, June 5, 2013 and rescheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2013.
4. Mr. Scanlan attended the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2013 as well as the memorial services at Fire Co. #1 and the Wyckoff Reformed Church Green. Mr. Scanlan extended thanks to Parade Chairman Nick Ciampo and Joyce Santimauro for the great effort.
5. Mr. Scanlan attended a creative program at the Wyckoff Public Library entitled “The History of Broadway Musicals” which was funded by a grant.
6. On Saturday, June 1, 2013 Mr. Scanlan volunteered at the Annual Fishing Derby at Zabriskie Pond Park. The winning fish was a seventeen (17) inch bass.
7. Mr. Scanlan expressed his genuine appreciation that Julie Court and a section of Farview Avenue will finally be paved later this month. Mr. Scanlan recognized Bob Shannon for his persistent follow-up.

Doug Christie:

1. Mr. Christie attended a Police Committee meeting where officers were interviewed for promotions to the rank of sergeant. Later this evening, the Township Committee will consider the promotion of a police officer to the rank of sergeant to fulfill a vacancy created by the retirement of a police sergeant.
2. On Thursday, May 23, 2013 Mr. Christie attended a Public Policy Subcommittee Meeting where the no smoking ordinance and a policy on gifts and donations were discussed.
3. Mr. Christie attended the Memorial Day Parade and services. The 9:00 a.m. fire department memorial service was particularly moving. Mr. Christie also commented there was a “sea” of people travelling through Scott Plaza after the parade to partake in the refreshments provided by the governing body and parade committee.
4. Mr. Christie also volunteered at the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 1, 2013. It was a pleasure to see so many children enjoying the beautiful day.
5. Earlier this evening, Mr. Christie attended a Personnel Subcommittee Meeting with Committeeman Scanlan and Administrator Shannon.

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Haakon Jepsen:

1. Mr. Jepsen extended his appreciation for the terrific Memorial Day Parade including the very poignant memorial services. The entire day was spectacular.

Kevin Rooney:

1. Mr. Rooney attended a Police Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 to interview police officers for consideration to the rank of sergeant.
2. On Thursday, May 23, 2013 Mr. Rooney spoke at the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and discussed his appearance on the cooking channel.
3. Mr. Rooney also attended the Memorial Day Parade and morning services and extended his thanks to the parade committee for an outstanding effort.
4. Mr. Rooney also volunteered at the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 1, 2013.
5. On Monday, May 20, 2013 Mr. Rooney attended the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corp Meeting where Nelson Lee of LandscapeWorks, Inc. was recognized for his landscaping donations that beautified the ambulance corps building. Prior to this meeting, Mr. Rooney visited the Blue Moon Café where the restaurant was conducting a fundraiser with 20% of the proceeds to benefit the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
6. Mr. Rooney briefly commented on the Russell Farms Community Park. The home at the corner of Stonybrook Lane and Russell Avenue has been demolished and certain specimen plants were removed, recycled and transplanted at the Russell Farms Community Park. Five (5) large rhododendrons were planted by the DPW onto the berm at the park. The Shade Tree Commission and Construction Code Official have been alerted that if any other homes are scheduled for demolition, the Shade Tree Commission will be contacted for inspection of any specimen type plants and/or trees for the purpose of replanting them on Township property. The intention is to obtain plants at no cost to beautify the Russell Farms Community Park. The planted berm looks great and it was achieved at zero cost to the municipality. Mr. Rooney recognized the Bogdansky Family for allowing the Township to remove and replant these specific plants.

Mayor Boonstra:

1. Mayor Boonstra quoted Samuel Clemens “Reports of My Demise have been exaggerated” because on Thursday, May 30, 2013 he underwent successful gallbladder surgery. Mayor Boonstra thanked the members of the governing body for “pinch hitting” while he was recovering.
2. Tuesday, June 4, 2013 is Primary Election Day. As such, the Township will vote at four (4) new polling locations. Mayor Boonstra extended a special thanks to the Voting Place Project Team and stated he is confident voting at the new polling locations will be seamless. Mayor Boonstra recognized Municipal Clerk Santimauro, Committeeman Jepsen, Administrator Shannon, DPW Manager Scott Fisher and Library Director Mary Witherell (All members of the project team). Also of critical

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importance and without whose help this would not have been possible, are the congregations of the Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church and the Faith Community Reformed Church on Sicomac Avenue.

3. Saturday, June 1, 2013 was the 29th Anniversary of Bob Shannon's service to the Township of Wyckoff. Mayor Boonstra stated that he hopes Mr. Shannon can serve another 29 years in Wyckoff. Mr. Shannon replied that it is his privilege and honor to serve the residents of the Township of Wyckoff.
4. Mayor Boonstra commented on the passing of Senator Frank Lautenberg and described him as a true public servant who hailed from Paterson, New Jersey. His passing is a sad event and Senator Lautenberg may have been the last World War II Veteran serving in the United States Senate. Mayor Boonstra asked the Administrator to contact the New Jersey State Police to determine if Governor Christie will order flags flown at half-staff in recognition of Senator Lautenberg.
5. Mayor Boonstra advised that Saturday, June 8, 2013 is Wyckoff Day at the Wyckoff Family YMCA Campus, 691 Wyckoff Avenue. The festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. Mayor Boonstra will be available from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to the public for any questions and/or concerns.
6. Mayor Boonstra stated that he also attended the Memorial Day Parade and services and opined that the Parade Committee executed the parade flawlessly. This year's parade had the longest line of march of firefighters to date.
7. Mayor Boonstra asked Clerk Santimauro if all those required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement have done so. Mrs. Santimauro indicated only one (1) person out of seventy-five (75) required to file, failed to file.
8. Mayor Boonstra provided information regarding the new ordinance amendment Ridgewood Water recently adopted regarding water restrictions in Wyckoff. The Administrator summarized the restrictions and Police Chief Fox had previously submitted a number of comments and suggestions to the Village of Ridgewood which were not incorporated into their final ordinance. The final adopted ordinance from Ridgewood was sent to the governing body without any instructions. Committeeman Jepsen asked how the water restrictions work. The Administrator responded that once the Village of Ridgewood declares water restrictions, the specific stage of water limitations takes effect in accordance with the ordinance the Township Committee adopts. The municipality will distribute public information to advise residents and compliance is typically achieved through public awareness.

Committeeman Scanlan asked a question regarding the transfer of the liquor license listed on the 8:00 p.m. Agenda. Mr. Landel advised that the place to place transfer liquor license has been advertised for consideration this evening is consistent with existing ordinances including the ordinance which permits outdoor dining. The memorandum from Police Chief Fox that questions the application of the outdoor dining ordinance could be reconsidered in the future. Mr. Scanlan suggested it be referred to the Planning and Zoning Subcommittee for reconsideration. A consensus existed to forward that ordinance for reconsideration to the Planning and Zoning Subcommittee.

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Committeeman Rooney expressed his appreciation concerning the fact that paving of the PSE&G trenches on county roads scheduled for the week of June 24, 2013 will finally occur, however he would have preferred the paving be performed earlier. The Administrator advised that the Township Staff had attempted on two (2) separate occasions to schedule that paving earlier, however they were not successful due to the inability of the PSE&G paver.

Review of the 8:00 p.m. Agenda:

This evening's agenda requires additional comment along the following:

1. Resolution #13-167 to establish a tax lien for the cost to maintain the property at 632 Lawlins Road due to the failure of the property owner to maintain the premises has been updated from last week. The Township has made arrangements for property maintenance to be performed on the property. A certification from the Zoning Enforcement Official as to the cost of the maintenance has been presented and added to the resolution for governing body consideration. The Township Committee reviewed the certificate and approved.
2. The Month of June is considered National Safety Month and as such the Township prioritizes safety for its residents and employees.
3. The resolution which awards the purchase of a fire apparatus has been supplemented with a recommendation from the Fire Chief that he and his project team have reviewed the procurement and recommend an award.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Administrator reported that the next Community Alliance Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. of which Mayor Boonstra and Committeeman Jepsen participate.
2. The next Russell Farms Citizen Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
3. The Administrator was contacted today by Sustainable New Jersey to inform the municipality they consider the Township's Green Business Program extremely favorable and a best practice. The Administrator was asked to participate on a panel of best practices and will do so on Thursday, June 6, 2013 via telephone at 2:00 p.m.
4. The Administrator attended the May 30, 2013 WOLF Group Shared Service Meeting with representatives from Franklin Lakes and Oakland where additional areas to capture savings were discussed specifically in the areas of firefighters materials and supplies, public works supplies and police department services.
5. The Administrator volunteered at the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 1, 2013 and thought one (1) volunteer, Andy Reynan, should be recognized because his participation was invaluable.
6. On Thursday, June 13, 2013 Boy Scout Troop 77 from Bethany Church will conduct the annual flag retirement ceremony at Fire Company #1 at 7:00 p.m. Coincidentally, June 14, 2013 is Flag Day.

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7. Saturday, June 15, 2013 is the Wyckoff Triathlon which is conducted in Franklin Lakes and sponsored by the Wyckoff Rotary Club and the Wyckoff Family YMCA.
8. The Township DPW will be paving the municipal roads beginning, weather permitting on June 12, 2013. The final paving of Julie Court is scheduled for June 11, 2013. PSE&G is scheduled to pave the municipal and county roads where new gas mains were installed beginning June 24, 2013.

The Work Session meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Rudolf E. Boonstra
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk