

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.**

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 Open Public 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 Douglas J. Christie, Committeemen Kevin J. Rooney, Haakon C. Jepsen and Rudolf E. Boonstra

Also Present: Township Attorney Robert Landel and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Absent: Committeeman Brian D. Scanlan and Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr.

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 Boonstra, seconded by Committeeman Rooney.

There was no public comment.

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

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

Township Committee Reports:

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra said he had nothing pertinent to report.

Haakon Jepsen:

1. Mr. Jepsen advised the Township Committee that he placed suggestions for alternate names for the municipal alliance committee in their bins this evening as he said he would during the June 10, 2014 meeting and discussion to change the name of the municipal alliance. Committeeman Rooney recommended Mr. Jepsen and Ms. Coffey take a look at other town's municipal alliance websites and perhaps broaden their approach for a new municipal alliance name as the alliance is broader than drug education. Mr. Rooney did not want the focus of the new municipal alliance name to focus on the drug element alone because there are so many facets to the municipal alliance.
2. Mr. Jepsen attended the Board of Health meeting with Mr. Scanlan where there was a lengthy discussion concerning the need to provide a clearer temporary food handler process to the residents who are in charge of food handling at civic events. The Board of Health will form a subcommittee to achieve this goal. Mr. Jepsen said the discussion was fruitful.

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3. With regard to the recreation survey which Mr. Scanlan requested comments; Mr. Jepsen recommended two additions to the survey: 1) an overall rating for each program and 2) comments; Mr. Jepsen felt that these two (2) additions to the survey would enhance gathering both positive and negative feedback about the recreation programs.

Kevin Rooney:

1. Mr. Rooney began his report by saying he attended the Oasis Empowerment Ceremony; Oasis is the organization Mr. Rooney donated his “Chopped Champion” prize winnings to (from the Cablevision Food Network Program). The volunteers of the Oasis Empowerment program assist women who have minimum education and whose lives often are off track, to help them obtain an education, counseling and go on to become full functioning adults.
2. Mr. Boonstra and Mr. Rooney both attended a PBA contract negotiation meeting and both are hopeful for a smooth negotiation process.
3. Mr. Rooney said there was a letter in the Township Committee’s packet this week from Girl Scouts Amanda Sproha and Gabby Pixacane, who are Cadet Scouts from Troop 28 who are working on their Silver Project. Mr. Rooney had a meeting with the two (2) Girl Scouts and their dads at the Gardens of Wyckoff to discuss their construction project which would encompass: clearing the path to the pond, new signage directing folks to the pond, repairing the bridge, repairing the benches and clearing out brush – generally creating a “vista” to the pond. The time to complete the restoration project is estimated at 40-45 hours. Mr. Rooney stated the Girl Scouts spirit was great and their project will be an asset to our community.

Mayor Christie:

1. Mayor Christie announced that the League of Municipalities issued a bulletin today announcing that Governor Christie signed the 2% cap limitation on police salary arbitration awards.
2. The Mayor also said that paving is near completion and what a pleasure it is driving around Wyckoff.
3. Last night, Mayor Christie attended a community event at Volunteer Fire Company #1, the Troop 77 Boy Scouts Flag Retiring Ceremony. He said the flag retirement is a very moving event and urges more participation on the part of the public in the future. 3500 flags were collected this year at the flag drop off box (old mail box) in the parking lot of Vander Plaats Funeral Home.
4. Tomorrow, Mayor Christie will leave for vacation and Deputy Mayor Kevin Rooney will act on his behalf if necessary.

Commuter Parking:

The Mayor and Township Committee had a discussion about the commuter parking lot at Cornerstone Church. There have been several reports from Police Chief Fox that the parking lot and overflow parking areas have been full since the winter and the sale of commuter parking permits from the Clerk’s office has ceased. For the future several options were discussed with regard to parking permits: limiting the permits to Wyckoff residents only, increasing fee(s), selling

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partial year permits for students, alternate parking lots (Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church, end of Pulis Field when it is complete, corner of Clinton and Morse, the end of Memorial field or sell on street parking permits). Several safety issues were expressed concerning the overflow parking area at Cornerstone Church including the lack of lighting during the winter months and the parking area being located too close to the ball fields. There will be further discussion about commuter parking and the commuter parking permit program. An ordinance amendment will be required.

Policy Action Items:

1. The Township Committee was reminded by the Municipal Clerk that at their request a 48-Hour Notice was issued by the Municipal Clerk cancelling the July 1, 2014 meeting. The next Township Committee meeting will be on July 15, 2014.
2. PIP's request to refurbish the Wyckoff Community Park sign along Wyckoff Avenue and to reinstall it was approved.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Mayor Douglas J. Christie

Joyce C. Santimauro,
Municipal Clerk