TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014 – 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Douglas J. Christie opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor municipal court 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 Brian D. Scanlan
Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro and Police Chief Ben Fox
Absent: Committeeman Rudolf E. Boonstra

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 Scanlan, seconded by Committeeman Rooney.

1. David Becker announced himself as an elected member of the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional High School District and introduced Ms. Beverly McKay as the district's Superintendent of Schools and longtime Wyckoff resident. Ms. McKay greeted the governing body and indicated in her role as Superintendent of the Regional High School District, she has been reaching out to the three (3) municipalities that comprise the sending district of Ramapo and Indian Hills High School (Wyckoff, Franklin Lakes and Oakland) and is attempting to cultivate a closer relationship between the regional high school districts and the municipalities. Ms. McKay made note that Committeeman Boonstra often attends meetings of the Ramapo/Indian Hills High School District to improve communications.

   Mayor Christie thanked Ms. McKay for her leadership and a discussion ensued where Ms. McKay explained that she recently met with the Drug Alliance Coordinators from all three (3) municipalities.

   Committeeman Scanlan congratulated Ms. McKay on her appointment to the Superintendent of Schools.

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

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

<u>Township Committee Reports:</u>

Haakon Jepsen:

1. Mr. Jepsen reported that he attended and volunteered the "Shredfest" event on Saturday, October 25, 2014 where residents overwhelmingly supported the event.

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A number of volunteers from the Green Team participated and Environmental Chair Harriet Shugarman took videos of the event to further promote shredding event dates.

2. Mr. Jepsen congratulated Bob Shannon and the Township Staff for the excellent work performed that resulted in Wyckoff being awarded **"First Place"** in the State of New Jersey by the New Jersey League of Municipalities and Rutgers University for providing the "Best Print Media" to its residents. The Township will receive this award at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference the week of November 17, 2014. The best print media included the 2014 Calendar, a resource guide for residents to understand and prepare their emergency preparedness plan kit, a special issue of the newsletter which explained in great detail the revaluation process, the Spring and Fall Newsletters which included the iconic Beatles Abbey Road photo with three (3) police officers led by Police Chief Fox recreating that famous scene. What a great way to alert motorists to stop for pedestrian in crosswalks.

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan also congratulated Bob Shannon and the Township Staff on receiving this State wide honor and he expects the 2015 Municipal Calendar will be a great resource as well by confronting the very serious issue of drug and alcohol addiction.

2. Mr. Scanlan also attended the Free Personal Paper Shredding Event and volunteered by assisting residents.

3. On Monday, October 27, 2014 Mr. Scanlan attended the Three "R's" Day at Eisenhower School. The three (3) "R's" represent respect, reflect and resilience. The school system secured speakers from all over the country who spoke about confrontational challenges in their lives. One of the speakers, David Kaczynski, brother of the Unibomber, explained his struggles with turning his brother in to authorities. Another speaker, John Cot was one of the lost boys from the Sudan. Eric LaGrange, Rutgers University football player who was paralyzed in a football game, provided inspirational remarks.

4. On October 27, 2014 Mr. Scanlan attended a Recreation Advisory Board Meeting where a subcommittee is researching different ways to improve the recreation program. The monthly meetings will be moved to the Municipal Court Room to provide greater accessibility to residents and more resident participation.

5. Mr. Scanlan attended the Wyckoff/Midland Park Rotary Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

6. On Saturday, November 1, 2014 Mr. Scanlan met with Committeeman Rooney to review the status of the PBA negotiations.

7. Today, Mr. Scanlan concluded his door-to-door campaigning which began in July where he visited 2,151 homes and described the experience as "a great way to hear the ideas of Wyckoff residents." Many residents pointed to the great efforts the Township Committee is making towards limiting taxes.

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Kevin Rooney:

1. On Wednesday, October 22, 2014 Mr. Rooney and Police Chief Fox attended the American Automobile Association (AAA) Award Ceremony where the Wyckoff Police Department was presented with the highest award, the Award of Excellence, one of only seven (7) North Jersey municipalities to receive this prestigious award.

2. This evening's Agenda includes a Closed Session for the Police Committee to review with the governing body the status of the PBA contract negotiations.

3. On Thursday, October 23, 2014, Mr. Rooney met with Committeeman Scanlan regarding the signs Mr. Scanlan obtained at no cost to the Township for the Russell Farms Community Park.

4. Mr. Rooney is anticipating a resolution to the status of the Township's efforts to enter into a shared service contract with the County of Bergen for dispatch services.

5. Yesterday, Mr. Rooney, Mayor Christie, Committeeman Scanlan, Township Attorney Landel and Administrator Shannon attended the Veteran's Ceremony and Luncheon at the Wyckoff Family YMCA. Almost 500 individuals attended the ceremony and the Wyckoff Family YMCA did an outstanding job honoring our veterans.

6. The DPW leaf crews are in District 7 and will soon complete the first town wide round of leaf collection.

Mayor Christie:

1. Mayor Christie attended a Chamber of Commerce function conducted at the Atlantic Stewardship Bank.

2. In the last two (2) weeks, Mayor Christie has hosted four (4) scouting troops, both boys and girls for a tour of Town Hall to assist with their Community Service Badge.

3. Mayor Christie thanked Committeeman Scanlan for providing an update regarding the "Three R's Day" at Eisenhower School. The Mayor was in attendance for the presentation where he listened to a Wyckoff resident and Holocaust survivor.

4. Mayor Christie complimented the Township Committee regarding the theme of the 2015 Municipal Calendar which will be a resource guide to residents and parents concerning drug and alcohol addiction. Many moving and powerful first person accounts will be included in the calendar.

5. Mayor Christie made comment on the Veterans Luncheon on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at the Wyckoff Family YMCA. The video program which included comments from veterans holding their picture as young soldiers, was very moving. The men and women who served our country are very proud and the community is proud to honor their service.

6. Mayor Christie advised he will be unable to attend the Library Board of Trustees Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Committeeman Scanlan volunteered to "pitch hit" for Mayor Christie at the meeting.

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7. The next public business meeting of the Township Committee will be conducted on Monday, November 17, 2014 to allow members of the governing body to attend the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference.

At 7:55 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Work Session Meeting to conduct the public business meeting.

Committeeman Boonstra joins the meeting.

At 8:50 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

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

At 8:50 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session Discussion via Resolution #14-C7.

At 9:30 p.m. the Township Committee re-enters the Work Session Meeting with the following vote:

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

A motion by Committeeman Rooney, seconded by Committeeman Boonstra to accept the Police Committee's efforts and proposal to negotiate a successor labor contract with the Wyckoff PBA for years 2015 thru 2019. All governing body members voting affirmatively.

A motion by Committeeman Rooney, seconded by Committeeman Scanlan to accept, in a conceptual manner, the draft leases prepared by the Township Attorney that are not completely negotiated at this point, with all governing body members voting yes.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Douglas J. Christie
Mayor

Joyce C. Santimauro
Municipal Clerk