# TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
# TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
# SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
# TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Kevin J. Rooney 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 Kevin J. Rooney, Committeemen Douglas J. Christie, Haakon C. Jepsen, Brian D. Scanlan and Rudolf E. Boonstra
**Also Present:** Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel, Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro AND Police Chief Benjamin C. Fox

Mayor Rooney 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 Scanlan.

There was no public comment.

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

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

## Township Committee Reports:

### Doug Christie:

1. The Shade Tree Commission conducted its first meeting of 2015 on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Mark Borst was selected as Chair and the focus of the meeting was planning for the 2015 Arbor Day Celebration. A consensus of the board members was to complete the re-foresting of the Zabriskie Pond Park by planting additional willow trees around the perimeter of the pond.

2. Mr. Christie attended the Free Rabies Prevention Program on Saturday, January 10, 2015 and made comment that the program was extremely well run.

### Rudy Boonstra:

1. The Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment will begin their reorganization process this week.

2. At the last Board of Adjustment Meeting, the Zoning Board approved the subdivision application to separate a small portion of Mr. and Mrs. Cole's property adjacent to the Russell Farms Community Park which was recently donated to the Township as open space. A resolution memorializing that action will be adopted at their January 14th meeting.

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3. The Christian Health Care Center Vista Application has been carried at the request of the applicant until the Thursday, February 19, 2015 Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting

4. The Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corps. has elected their new officers for 2015. They are as follows: Captain Susan Hook, 1st Lieutenant David Roll, 2nd Lieutenant Hayley Rooney, Treasurer, Brian Cole, Assistant Treasurer Sue Moffa and Secretary Jane Kicks. The Annual Reorganization Ceremony and Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, 2015.

**Haakon Jepsen:**

1. Mr. Jepsen wished Mayor Rooney a very happy birthday.

2. A collaboration of the Municipal Alliance and the Ramapo/Indian Hills Regional Board of Education will result in a presentation on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Indian Hills High School Auditorium regarding current teenage challenges and promoting wellness.

**Brian Scanlan:**

1. Mr. Scanlan attended a productive CERT Meeting.

2. The Wyckoff Board of Health has selected their officers for 2015: Carol Hertenstein, President and Dr. Richard Morski, Vice President. This evening, the Board of Health, co-sponsoring with the Wyckoff Family YMCA and the Christian Health Care Center, is presenting the first in a series of three (3) programs for Wyckoff residents. Tonight's program is titled "Coping with Loss in a Changing World." The second and third presentations will be provided on March 10th and May 12th respectively. Specific program information will be e-blasted on the Township's website.

3. Last evening, Mr. Scanlan and Mayor Rooney interviewed four (4) candidates for vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2015 was conducted in the Municipal Court Room to encourage public comment and participation. Tom Valente was elected Chair of the Board for 2015.

4. Mr. Scanlan reported the following recreation activities:
   a) The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Recreation Department are providing new programs that are non-competitive. One (1) program was conducted last Spring, the Fairy Camp Program. A Pirate Adventure Program is being sponsored now for Grades K thru 2nd Grade.

   b) To address the problem with last year's football program, when the time clock was not operational for numerous "B" football games, a fourth referee will be hired to operate the clock for those games and a commensurate increase in the program user fee established to fund this function.

   c) The Recreation Board discussed an increase in the cost to rent fields from $75.00 to $100.00 for day use. The Township Committee will receive a recommendation from the Recreation Board to enact the increase.

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5. Mr. Scanlan received a complaint from a resident that Ridgewood Water sent an extremely high water bill. Ridgewood Water has an ongoing problem with estimating bills and not physically reading water meters.

6. Mr. Scanlan contacted Richard Kuder, Superintendent of the Wyckoff Board of Education to discuss the tragedy that took place in a New Milford school when a table malfunctioned and killed a student. Mr. Kuder reported that three (3) schools (Eisenhower Middle School, Coolidge and Sicomac Schools) all have that type of fold out tables. It was reported that the investigation in New Milford is ongoing to determine what caused the accident specifically, operator error or was the locking mechanism malfunctioning. Mr. Kuder advised that the schools have inspected all of its similar tables and has retrained the entire custodial staff in terms of proper procedural inspections of these tables.

**Mayor Rooney:**

1. Mayor Rooney attended a meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 with Police Chief Fox and Committeeman Scanlan regarding the CERT Program.

2. Also on January 6, 2015 Mayor Rooney attended a security and protection plan meeting for the municipal building with Chief Fox and the Administrator.

3. Mayor Rooney participated with Committeeman Boonstra, Police Chief Fox and Administrator Shannon on Thursday, January 8, 2015 to conduct interviews of candidates to be considered for a promotion to the rank of sergeant.

4. Also on Thursday, January 8, 2015 Mayor Rooney attended the Wyckoff Family YMCA's "Toast of the Turf" celebration to kick-off the Pulis Field Artificial Turf Soccer Filed Project.

5. Mayor Rooney attended the Allendale Ambulance Corps dinner on Friday, January 9, 2015 as a guest of Mrs. Rooney, 2nd Lieutenant of the Wyckoff Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

6. Mayor Rooney attended the Northwest Bergen Mayors Association Meeting at the Midland Park Borough Hall on Saturday, January 10, 2015.

7. Additionally on Saturday, January 10, 2015 Mayor Rooney volunteered at the Annual Free Rabies Prevention Program conducted at the DPW Garage, 475 West Main Street. This year, $170.00 in donations were collected at the event. 249 Dogs and 16 Cats (total 265) were vaccinated against rabies at the Free Rabies Clinic compared to vaccines administered -- 258 in 2013, 287 in 2013 and 230 in 2012. Dog Licenses were also issued at the Clinic; (195 Dogs and 25 Cats). Special thanks to Town Hall staff – Joyce Santimauro, Anna Coscia, Maryellen Tafrate, Peggy Keen, Krista Hogne, Sue Ellen Jeltes, Cindy Risseeuw, Patrice Hansen and Susan DeRosa. Many thanks to Board of Health volunteers – Carol Hertenstein, Linda Brock and Mike Sparozic; and Township Committee volunteer – Mayor Kevin Rooney. Heather Fisher and a contingent of CERTS also volunteered. **MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE THIS ANOTHER ORGANIZED AND SUCCESSFUL TOWNSHIP EVENT!** Rabies vaccinations and dog licenses are the only proven method to prevent the spread of rabies between pets and humans.

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8. Mayor Rooney discussed the Pilgrim Pipeline Project and polled the Township Committee if there was an interest in considering a resolution in opposition to the proposed pipeline. The Township of Mahwah and the Borough of Oakland have adopted these resolutions. Although the pipeline does not run through Wyckoff, the Township would have a concern in the event the pipe is compromised and oil leaks out because the natural gradient for drainage from Mahwah and Oakland is towards Wyckoff. The project proposal includes the construction of two (2) - 5½ foot pipelines; one (1) to carry crude oil and the other to carry gasoline or diesel. This pipeline connects Albany, New York to the fuel depot in Linden, New Jersey. Mayor Rooney proposed sending this request to the Environmental Commission for their review and recommendation. The Township Committee consensus existed from all to forward this request to the Environmental Commission.

9. Mayor Rooney and Committeeman Scanlan conducted interviews last evening with residents who have expressed an interest to serve as a volunteer member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The four (4) candidates interviewed had indicated they had never visited the various passive recreation areas such as the Larkin House Meadow or the Gardens at Wyckoff. Mayor Rooney commented he would like to see residents utilizing the passive municipal facilities to a greater extent.

10. This morning, Mayor Rooney attended a budget meeting where he, Committeeman Christie, the Chief Financial Officer and the Administrator met with the Recreation Director, the Building Construction Code Official and the DPW Manager.

11. Mayor Rooney reported he has been contacted by eleven (11) residents this week who have received absorbent water usage bills from Ridgewood Water and indicated the billing snafu Ridgewood Water has experienced is ongoing. Mayor Rooney has placed a call to the Ridgewood Mayor to discuss this matter and is waiting his return call.

12. Mayor Rooney suggested removing from this evening's Agenda a public hearing and further consideration on Ordinance #1762 – Police Salary Ordinance. A Closed Session discussion regarding PBA Contract Negotiations has been added to the Agenda. The contract has not been finalized and the Township has concerns with new changes made to the contract which were not discussed or agreed upon.

13. An update from Police Chief Fox regarding the status of the outsourcing of dispatch function as a shared service to the County of Bergen is that the service is performing trouble free and a successful conversion. Committeeman Scanlan was pleased that five (5) of the six (6) fulltime Township dispatchers were considered for employment at the County and eventually hired. The sixth dispatcher did not apply for the position.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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