TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Kevin J. Rooney opened the Work Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor municipal court room.

Municipal Clerk Santimauro read the 48 Hour Open Public Work Session statement: "The purpose of this Notice is to comply with the Open Public Meeting Act and advise the public that the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff shall start its Tuesday, March 3, 2015 regularly scheduled 7:30 pm Work Session Meeting at 7:00 pm. The meeting is conducted in the second floor Court Room in Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff New Jersey 07481.

The purpose of the 7:00 pm start time is for the Township Committee to receive a presentation from the Zabriskie House Trustees regarding their strategic plan for the care and preservation of the Zabriskie House."

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 and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

Mayor Rooney advised that the Township Committee has set aside this time to receive a plan and presentation from the Zabriskie House Trustees. The Zabriskie House is the Township of Wyckoff's museum of Early American Heritage. The Zabriskie House was donated to the Township of Wyckoff in 1973 by the late Grace Zabriskie. The Zabriskie House Trustees present this evening are Richard Lynch, Jean Hildebrandt and Jim and Judy Abma.

Mr. Richard Lynch began the presentation by distributing a full color summary of the plan the Zabriskie House Trustees have prepared. This report reflects accomplishments and repairs conducted in the last few years and outlines plans for future endeavors to the house.

The Zabriskie House Trustees thanked the Township Committee for replacing the roof a number of years ago and this past year, new gutters and repairs have been replaced. Trees have been removed and foundation plantings cut back to allow the public and the motoring public to view the Zabriskie House. The Trustees would like to develop more community involvement and as such, presented a phased plan to preserve the Zabriskie House, provide a program to include additional access to the Zabriskie House by the public and to create various fundraising events to fund future maintenance requirements.

In terms of fundraising, the Zabriskie House Trustees would like to raise additional funds, apply for grants and are asking the governing body to provide funds from the municipal open space and historic preservation tax, a voter approved tax levy.

The Township Committee asked a series of questions which included the difference between the house tour program and the holiday house tour program, establishing a fundraising opportunity such as a membership program in the Zabriskie House, and developing a core of volunteers. Mr. Abma advised that

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Robert Milanese, John Denekamp and Bill Bushman have been extremely generous with the services they have provided to the Zabriskie House Trustees.

The Township Committee then discussed with the Zabriskie House Trustees that as part of considering the release of any funds, there needs to be compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of meetings, compliance with the local public contracts law and the accountability as with any other municipal operation that utilizes tax funds. Committee Boonstra was of the opinion that more access for the public is required as well as publicizing access dates and meetings. Mayor Rooney suggested that the Trustees review the plan, tighten several aspects based on the feedback from the governing body and present a revised plan. Committeemen Scanlan and Jepsen, are Township Committee Liaisons to the Zabriskie House Trust and if one cannot attend a meeting due to scheduling conflicts, contact Mayor Rooney and he will "pinch hit."

The Township Committee thanked the Zabriskie House Trustees for their hard work, their passion for the Zabriskie House and continued communication in the future to achieve shared goals.

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 Scanlan, seconded by Committeeman Boonstra.

There was no public comment.

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

At 8:16 p.m. the Township Committee recessed the Open Work Session Meeting to conduct the 8:00 p.m. Open Public Business Meeting.

At 8:20 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

MOTION: ____BOONSTRA___ SECOND: _____SCANLAN_____
BOONSTRA_YES_ CHRISTIE _YES_ JEPSEN _YES_ SCANLAN_YES_
ROONEY_YES_

At 8:20 p.m. the Township Committee recesses the Open Work Session Meeting to enter into Closed Session discussion via Resolution #15-C4.

At 8:30 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session Meeting with the following vote:

MOTION: ____SCANLAN_____ SECOND: _____JEPSEN_____
BOONSTRA_YES_ CHRISTIE _YES_ JEPSEN _YES_ SCANLAN_YES_
ROONEY_YES_

1. Mayor Rooney stated that during Closed Session discussion the Township Committee discussed a grievance presented by the PBA Union regarding the application of the transitionary duty aspect of the new labor contract. After discussion, the Police Committee has proposed to the Township Committee that the grievance be denied. A motion by Committeeman Boonstra, seconded by Committeeman Christie, all governing body members voting affirmatively.

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2. Mayor Rooney advised that the regularly scheduled Township Committee Public Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 has been cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room. This meeting will include the introduction to the 2015 Municipal Budget. Further consideration for the two (2) ordinances introduced this evening and the resolution to authorize the payment of bills will also be included in this meeting.

3. Mayor Rooney has received numerous follow-up e-mails and phone calls regarding the Ridgewood Water's practice of performing estimated bills over a lengthy period of time. A number of residents have asked Mayor Rooney to send this practice to the Board of Public Utilities from an informational perspective. The Township Committee approved.

4. Mr. Landel, Township Attorney reported that the Bergen County Planning Board approved the Township of Wyckoff's subdivision application of a section of Mark & Denise Cole's property on Russell Avenue adjacent to the Russell Farms Community Park to the Township of Wyckoff. Mr. Landel is completing the remaining Bergen County Planning Board conditions.

The Work Session Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Kevin J. Rooney Mayor	Joyce C. Santimauro Municipal Clerk