TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 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 Haakon C. Jepsen, Brian D. Scanlan, Rudolf E. Boonstra and John A. Carolan
Also Present: Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr., Township Attorney Robert Landel and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro

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.

1. Kathy Quevedo, 164 Cottage Road indicated she is 66 years old and her husband is older also and they find it rather difficult to transport branches and yard waste to the Recycling Center. Ms. Quevedo requested the governing body reinstate the curbside vegetative waste collection.

2. Charles Emmett, 25 Harvard Avenue requested the Township Committee reinstate curbside grass clipping collection. Mayor Rooney explained that in 2012, the Township Committee made a decision to remove the grass clipping collection from the five (5) year garbage/trash curbside collection award contract. The residents were offered three (3) options for grass disposal; 1) the cut it and leave it on their lawn as natural fertilizer approach, 2) transport the grass clippings to the Recycling Center or 3) a private landscaper to remove the grass. However, Mayor Rooney advised that because of public comment provided, the governing body will survey residents in the Fall and revisit whether to reintroduce curbside grass collection in the 2016 budget. It was noted that grass is different from vegetative waste in that vegetative waste may not be composed on your lawn.
Mr. Emmett then questioned if there was a need to provide twice a week curbside trash collection in the months of July and August.

Mayor Rooney summarized that vegetative waste was re-introduced this past Spring when gardening is typically performed for ten (10) weeks after the Township was notified that vegetative waste could no longer be collected with regular household trash.

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

Mayor Rooney remarked that at the last public business meeting, the governing body stated that they would render a decision regarding whether to reinstate the vegetative waste curbside collection program. As way of background, the funds in the budget are already allotted. However, a Clean Communities Grant was received after the budget was adopted and vegetative waste collection is a grant eligible expense. Therefore, Mayor Rooney proposed to provide every other week vegetative waste collection beginning Thursday, July 30th and Friday, July 31st. The vegetative waste collection will continue until the middle of October when the Fall Leaf Collection will begin. Public service announcements will be issued to the press as well as notifications on the Township's website and social

media sites to provide the collection schedules as well as the specific guidelines defining vegetative waste.

Mayor Rooney asked the governing body for any questions and/or comments. Committeeman Carolan stated that Thursday and Friday every other week collection is a smart alternative and supportive of the resident feedback. Providing vegetative waste collection advocates for residents to maintain their properties.

Committeeman Boonstra concurs with the governing body's consensus to reinstate the vegetative waste collection program.

Committeeman Scanlan supports the vegetative waste collection program however, with regard to the grass clipping collection, he utilizes the "cut it and leave it" on his lawn as natural fertilizer approach. Mr. Scanlan suggested that the Fall survey include whether the twice a week Summer trash/garbage collection is necessary.

Committeeman Jepsen inquired if the Clean Communities Grant was earmarked for any other purpose other than vegetative waste collection. Mayor Rooney indicated no however, the receipt of the grant after the budget was adopted was perfect timing.

A motion by Committeeman Scanlan, seconded by Committeeman Carolan with all governing body members voting affirmatively to begin the every other week vegetative waste curbside collection on Thursday, July 30, 2015.

Mayor Rooney advised that the Township has received a communication from Governor Christie where he has recommended that public buildings lower their flags to half-staff from today to Saturday, July 25, 2015 in honor of the soldiers that were killed in Tennessee from a terrorist act. The Township Committee agreed.

Township Committee Reports:

Mayor Rooney:

1. Mayor Rooney conducted a Mayor's Wellness Campaign Meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2015. The Mayor's Wellness Facebook Page has been created and today a poster promotes a "Movie Under the Stars" event.

2. Mayor Rooney attended the July Planning Board Meeting with Committeeman Boonstra.

3. On Monday, July 13, 2015 Mayor Rooney met with representatives of the fire department to discuss a proposed new engine which will replace the thirty-one (31) year old apparatus. Mayor Rooney encouraged the fire department to assemble a detailed price list and advise the governing body of their requirements.

4. Mayor Rooney attended an Access for All Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 where a proposal for the Russell Farms Community Park for a sensory garden was discussed.

5. On Wednesday, July 15, 2015 Mayor Rooney attended a Library Board of Trustees Meeting.

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6. Earlier today, Mayor Rooney attended a Public Policy Meeting with Committeeman Boonstra, Township Attorney and the Administrator. The Public Policy Meeting is still in the process of reviewing and fine tuning an ordinance regarding the regulation of tree removal. A draft ordinance is expected for governing body consideration on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. The Public Policy Committee is also considering an ordinance amendment which regulates speed limits in municipal parks and Memorial Complex. Specifically, additional speed bumps are slated for the extension of Woodland Avenue from the Wyckoff Library to the Recreation Office in an attempt to curb speeding motorists. The adoption of such an ordinance will allow the police department to enforce the amended speed restrictions.

Haakon Jepsen:

1. Mr. Jepsen reported that the Environmental Commission did not meet on Monday, July 20, 2015

2. The Zabriskie House Trustees will meet on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Town Hall. The Agenda includes the preparations for the Historic House Tour Fundraiser. The Trustees are researching several other historic homes to incorporate into the tour.

3. With the assistance of Library Board Member Brian Saxton, the Zabriskie House Trustees are formulating a financial policy to guide them with their fundraising efforts and financial management.

Brian Scanlan:

1. Mr. Scanlan and Mayor Rooney met with a landscape architect, Laura C. DeFlora, who is volunteering her time to design the Sensory Garden at the Russell Farms Community Park. It is estimated that the cost to build and plant the Sensory Garden will total $35,000. A committee will soon convene to raise funds for said purpose.

2. The Recreation Department will feature their first “Movie Under the Stars” as a passive recreation activity on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Memorial Field.

3. Mr. Scanlan stated he was delighted that the tree ordinance was moving forward and anticipates it will prevent builders from removing all the trees on a property, then submitting an application to one of the landuse boards.

4. Mr. Scanlan is in favor of adopting a resolution objecting to the proposed action of the United States Treasury to remove Alexander Hamilton from the $10 bill. This is a Wyckoff concern as Alexander Hamilton was one of the founding members of Paterson and many families from Wyckoff including Mayor Rooney and Mrs. Scanlan trace their roots back to Paterson.

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

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At 8:30 p.m. the Township Committee reconvenes the Open Work Session Meeting voting as follows:

MOTION: _____SCANLAN_____ SECOND _____JEPSEN_____
BOONSTRA_YES_ CAROLAN _YES_ JEPSEN _YES_ SCANLAN_YES_
ROONEY_YES_

Continuation of Township Committee Reports:

Rudy Boonstra:

1. Mr. Boonstra reported that John Spizziri, Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney attended his last meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2015. Mr. Spizziri is retiring to Montana. The Board of Adjustment determined not to perform a specific request for proposal procurement but made it known they were seeking applicants for a Board of Adjustment Attorney. Approximately nine (9) qualified applicants have submitted their resume. Interviews will be conducted with four (4) of the best qualified candidates and a selection will be finalized at the Board of Adjustment Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2015.

John Carolan:

1. Mr. Carolan advised that the Shade Tree Commission will not meet until September.

2. On Tuesday, June 30, 2015 Mr. Carolan attended a Design Review Advisory Committee Meeting where Rick Bandazian was appointed chair of the board. At this meeting, an application was reviewed regarding a tenant who is looking to occupy the previous space at the Hardware Station in the Wyckoff Shopping Center. Mr. Bandazian was also listed on the 8:00 p.m. Agenda this evening as a new member of the Wyckoff Volunteer Fire Department.

Policy Action Items:

1. At the next public business meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, the meeting shall include a public hearing to receive any input regarding the subject of the Township's 2015 Bergen County Open Space Park Development Grant Application. Currently, the Recreation Department has proposed resurfacing the existing basketball courts in Memorial Field.

2. The Administrator stated that Wyckoff is only one of two municipalities participating in a cost savings program offered by the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) called the Transitional Duty Policy – Wage Reimbursement Policy.

3. The Township has been preliminarily notified that when the Bergen County Freeholders recommend the 2014 Open Space Grant, Wyckoff will receive a grant for resurfacing the roller hockey rink. The notification was expected on July 15, 2015 but to date has not been received. Once received, the Administrator will prepare an ordinance to appropriate the grant for the specific improvement.

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4. The DPW has completed the 2015 Road Resurfacing Project and the following roads have been repaved: Meer Avenue, James Way (from Meer to Ellis Place), New York Avenue, Fox Hollow Road (from Manchester to Grandview Avenue), Weisch Lane, Cottage Road (from Glendale Road to Manchester Way), Burma Road (from Howard Street to Morley Drive), Morley Drive, Richard Place, William Way, (from Terhune Terrace to the cul-de-sac), Carmel Court, Terhune Terrace, Eder Avenue (from Russell Avenue to Farview Avenue), Vance Avenue (Franklin Lakes line to Miller Road), Cedar Court, Godwin Drive, Colonial Drive, Shadyside Drive, Adams Court, High Street (from Monroe Avenue to Voorhis Avenue), Voorhis Avenue (High Street to Van Houten Avenue) and Woodland Avenue (from Monroe Avenue to the Library).

5. The second of two (2) “Movies in the Park” offered by the Wyckoff Recreation Department this Summer will be on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

6. The next two (2) meetings in August will include the renewal of the municipal liquor licenses. This is an annual function as performed by the governing body and required by the New Jersey Alcohol Beverage Commission.

7. On Tuesday, July 14, 2015 Mayor Rooney visited Town Hall and observed Bob Shannon auctioning eight (8) municipal vehicles no longer needed for municipal use because they reached the end of their useful life to the highest bidder thereby obtaining revenue to help offset taxes next year of $16,800. Mayor Rooney commented that Bob Shannon certainly personifies the role of an auctioneer and worked diligently to realize the optimum revenue for the municipality.

Township Attorney Report:

1. Mr. Landel has completed the refinancing of one of the affordable housing units in Wyckoff.

2. The recorded deed for the property gifted from the Cole Family adjacent to the Russell Farms Community Park has been completed. Many thanks are extended to the Cole Family.

3. Mr. Landel has filed a complaint called a Declaratory Judgement for protections from a “builder’s remedy lawsuit”. Wyckoff was the first municipality to file a declaratory judgement application in Bergen County Superior Court. The return date for the complaint is August 7, 2015. Mayor Rooney thanked Mr. Landel for his expertise with this issue and being the first Municipal Attorney in Bergen County to file the application. Deputy Mayor Boonstra described Mr. Landel’s effort as a tremendous amount of work that places the Township in a desirable position.

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

Kevin J. Rooney Mayor	Joyce C. Santimauro Municipal Clerk