TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC WORK SESSION
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016 – 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 Thomas J. Madigan, Brian D. Scanlan, Rudolf E. Boonstra and John A. Carolan
Also Present: Township Attorney Robert Landel and Municipal Clerk Joyce C. Santimauro
Absent: Committeeman Rudolf E. Boonstra and Township Administrator Robert J. Shannon, Jr.

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.

No one came forward.

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

Mayor Rooney advised that the Finance Committee has reviewed and signed vouchers.

Township Committee Reports

Committeeman John Carolan
Committeeman Carolan reported on the Shade Tree Commission meeting and discussion on the proposed tree ordinance. Mr. Carolan said the tree ordinance discussion included property rights, determination of the size of heritage trees, enforcement of the proposed ordinance, cost of an arborist and trees within the construction zone. Tom Gensheimer, Building Subcode Official; Mark DiGennaro, Township Engineer and Township Attorney Robert Landel will meet to discuss the proposed ordinance, and how the ordinance relates to clear cutting trees and the definition of heritage trees. Committeeman Scanlan will attend future proposed tree ordinance meetings.

Committeeman Carolan also congratulated Ramapo High School boy's soccer team who are in the state finals and he reported that the DPW leaf cleanup program is going well. He also asked the Clerk to start an email data base of park & ride permit applicants.

Committeeman Brian Scanlan
Committeeman Scanlan congratulated Rudy Boonstra for being re-elected on November 8, 2016 for another three (3) year term on the Township Committee. Mr. Scanlan also congratulated Mayor Rooney on the birth of his second grandchild Scarlet Bell Rooney.

Committeeman Scanlan asked for clarification on the new fire siren schedule. The new schedule is as follows: 1) The siren test (one rotation) with alert pager test on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening at 7:00 pm will be eliminated. 2) The use of sirens on Saturday and Sunday's only will be for the

period of 11 am to 7:00 pm. Mr. Scanlan also reported that he attended the November Board of Health meeting and the board is currently planning 2017 programming including the stigma free campaign. He also congratulated the Recreation Director, Andy Wingfield, for his work on the quality of the football team program after receiving complaints from team member's parents.

Committeeman Thomas Madigan
Committeeman Madigan said he was pleased that the Municipal Open Space Question on the General Election ballot passed by the voters with a significant vote of 3 to 1.

Mayor Kevin Rooney
Mayor Rooney said that the Ridgewood Water testimony was moving forward and that tomorrow Lou Mae the auditor who did the Ridgewood Water calculations for rate increase will testify. The Mayor attended the Cycle Bar ribbon cutting with Committeeman Madigan and the November Planning Board meeting. Mayor Rooney attended the North West Bergen Mayors meeting where heroin use and addiction were discussed along with changes the police departments are having with child abuse. A policy meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

Township Attorney Robert Landel
Township Attorney Robert Landel reported to the committee that the Township Planner, Betsy McKenzie, will attend the December 6, 2016 committee meeting to discuss COAH. The No-Knock ordinance and application have been amended to have the no-knock applications and data base maintained by the police desk clerks.

Mr. Landel reported on the Brownstone Inn liquor license, he said it is the owner's intention to sell the liquor license. Mayor Rooney questioned what he felt was an inflated price the licensee was asking for the Brownstone liquor license. Two year's ago the Brownstone Inn liquor license was transferred from Mr. Aziz Kastrati to his wife Hitafi Kastrati. Mayor Rooney then asked about the inactive retail distribution license of the former Cedar Hill liquors and asked what the owner's intention was with regard to that liquor license, was it for sale? There are two (2) retail distribution liquor licenses in Wyckoff, both are owned by the Jessourian family. Both liquor licenses, the Brownstone Inn and former Cedar Hill Liquors, have received permission from the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control for two two (2) year annual renewals. Mayor Rooney asked Township Attorney Landel to speak to both liquor license owners and report back to the committee on December 6, 2016.

Members of Audience Who Requested to Make Comments
Ms. Joy Lengyel, 89 Crescent Avenue. Ms. Lengyel said that with regard to the Mayor's Ridgewood Water comments she would like to add that one month her water bill is $40, next month $45, next month back to $40 and following month back to $45. Mayor Rooney suggested calling Ridgewood Water and have the meter inspected to make sure it is operating correctly.

Ms. Lengyel said that with regard to Mr. Carolan's comments this evening about the tree ordinance she referenced shade trees on her property whose roots are pushing up her driveway, Ms. Lengyel said she would like the trees removed. Mayor Rooney explained that Crescent Avenue is a county road and Ms. Lengyel must contact the county in this regard.

Mr. Timothy Buchmann, 430 Meer Avenue. Mr. Buchmann said he recalled a discussion between the committee and the Brownstone owner about selling the Brownstone liquor license. Mr. Buchmann complimented the Township Committee on the short term rental ordinance on the agenda this evening.

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8:25 pm the Township Committee voted unanimously to remove themselves from the work session discussion & enter into closed session discussion via resolution #16-C14.

8:49 pm the Township Committee voted unanimously to re-enter the work session meeting.

Resolution

#16-286 **Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the Township of Wyckoff and Benjamin Fox**

RESOLUTION

TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF

COUNTY OF BERGEN

TITLE: **Resolution Authorizing Agreement between the Township of Wyckoff and Benjamin Fox**

RESOLUTION: 16-286

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff ("Wyckoff") served a Preliminary Notice of Disciplinary Action ("PNDA") upon Benjamin Fox ("Employee") on August 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Employee was suspended without pay incident to the service of the PNDA; and

WHEREAS, Wyckoff served a Final Notice of Disciplinary Action ("FNDA") on September 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Wyckoff and Employee have engaged in discussions and reached agreement on matters relating to the PNDA, the FNDA, the status of Employee's employment with Wyckoff, and Employee's intended retirement; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to memorialize the terms of their Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the terms of an Agreement and General Release (the "Agreement") between Wyckoff and Employee effective as of November 15, 2016, be and hereby are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Township Attorney, Township Administrator and Township Labor Attorney are authorized to take all necessary and appropriate steps in order to implement the terms of the Agreement.

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Introduced by: Joan Corolan

Seconded by: Thomas Madigan

Kevin J. Rooney, MAYOR

Passed on a roll call vote
at the regular
Township Committee meeting
held on Monday,
November 14, 2016.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Joyce C. Santimauro
Wyckoff Borough Clerk

8:51 pm work session meeting adjourned.

Mayor Kevin J. Rooney

Joyce C. Santimauro, Municipal Clerk