

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2002**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, notice of this meeting has been sent to our official newspapers and other publications circulated in the Borough of Old Tappan, and notice posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

Please note fire exits located at the main entrance to the Council Chambers and in the rear of the Council Chambers.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**            7:35 PM

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Mayor Victor Polce	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilwoman Mary Carmenini	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Absent
	Councilman Victor Cioce	Present
	Councilwoman Carmen Ein	Present
	Councilman John Kramer	Present

Mayor Polce led the salute to the flag and Councilwoman Ein recited a prayer.

**PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Councilman Cioce made a motion to open the meeting to the public to discuss non-agenda items. Seconded by Councilman Kramer. No discussion.

Meeting opened to public comment.

Mr. Mike Ducher, 10 Stone Hollow Road, Montvale

Mr. Ducher is a sewer contractor who has performed work for the Borough. He was hired to connect an old septic system with the street. It was to be a basic job but he found that the sewer system didn't meet. There were additional costs incurred due to this problem. Mayor Polce will take this under advisement and get back to Mr. Ducher.

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilman Binaghi and seconded by Councilman Kramer.

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**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance No. 810-02 – Golf Course Fees  
(Second Reading)**

Councilman Kramer summarized the ordinance and moved that the meeting be opened to the public.

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – none

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

Meeting opened to public comment. No public comment.

Motion to close the meeting to the public.

Seconded.

Discussion – none

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

Councilman Kramer read the resolution.

Discussion – none

Resolution of adoption passed (see page )

**Ordinance No. 811-02 Fees for Public Documents  
(Second Reading)**

Councilwoman Ein summarized the ordinance and moved that the meeting be opened to the public.

Second – Councilman Kramer

Councilwoman Carmenini was concerned with the cost for residential variances and suggested a two-tier payment system. Councilman Binaghi stated that the data presented does not indicate that the current escrow amount collected is inadequate. Councilwoman Ein stated that this ordinance was proposed under the advisement of the Planning Board. Councilman Cioce suggested that the ordinance be tabled.

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Councilwoman Ein made a motion to table the ordinance.

Second - Councilwoman Carmenini.

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

Meeting opened to public comment. No public comment.

Motion to close the meeting to the public.

Seconded.

**Ordinance No. 812-02 Golf Commission Alternates  
(Second Reading)**

Councilman Kramer summarized the ordinance and moved that the meeting be opened to the public.

Second – Councilwoman Carmenini

Mr. Bell indicated that the statute was not clear and that an amendment will be introduced shortly, which will permit alternates. This proposed ordinance does not contradict the statute.

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

Meeting opened to public comment. No public comment.

Motion to close the meeting to the public.

Seconded.

Discussion – none

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

Councilman Kramer read the resolution.

Discussion – none

Resolution of adoption passed (see page )

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**Resolutions:**

**Police Dispatch Agreement**

Councilwoman Ein read the resolution for interlocal services agreement for police dispatch services.

Councilman Kramer questioned the exclusion of E-911 from the resolution. Mr. Bell indicated that River Vale's attorney agreed to included all services and the resolution will be corrected.

Resolution adopted (see page )

**Award Contract – Lighting in Truck Room at Firehouse**

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution awarding the contract to Laudan Electrical Contracting in the amount of \$5,990.00

Discussion - none

Resolution adopted (see page )

**Award Contract – Snowplowing**

Councilman Kramer read the resolution awarding the contract to Mark Fiedler Landscaping at the rate of \$75.00 per hour for the 2002-2003 season and \$76.00 per hour for the 2003-2004 season.

Discussion – none

Resolution adopted (see page )

**Smart Growth Planning Grant Applications**

Councilwoman Ein read the resolution for an Oakes Property Feasibility Study and Recreational Land Use Plan Development.

Discussion – none

Resolution adopted (see page )

**Consent Agenda**

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Agenda into the record.

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Councilman Kramer asked that the resolution pertaining to the fire hydrant at Olsen Lane be omitted from the consent agenda so it can be discussed. There was discussion of the cost and location of the proposed hydrant. The proposed hydrant has been reviewed by the Fire Department and Fire Prevention Official. This resolution was placed back on the consent agenda.

Discussion – none

Consent Agenda Resolution approved (see page )

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

**Minutes To Be Approved**

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to approve the minutes for Closed Executive Meeting, November 4, 2002, Special and Executive Meeting, November 4, 2002, Closed Executive Meeting, November 18, 2002.

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – none

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**Minutes To Be Tabled**

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to table the minutes for Regular Meeting, November 18, 2002, Closed Executive Meeting, December 2, 2002 and Special and Executive Meeting, December 2, 2002.

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – none

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**By-Laws**

The bylaws have been revised to address press releases. The by-laws will be on the agenda at the reorganization meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hart raised the issue of mailboxes damaged by Borough snowplows. The policy now is to reimburse the homeowner \$25.00 if the mailbox is destroyed. Mr. Hart suggested that a revised policy be implemented that deals with all aspects of this issue.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMAN CIOCE – FINANCE**

Special assessment payments for Orangeburgh and Greenwood Avenues are due. Delinquent notices for taxes and sewer were mailed out also. Budgets have been submitted by the various departments and the first budget meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2003.

Ms. Cauvet is in the process of interviewing persons to fill a part-time position in her office.

The Environmental Commission is working on the tree ordinance and plan to meet with the Planning Board and Mayor & Council in this regard.

**COUNCILMAN KRAMER – PUBLIC WORKS/GOLF**

Leaf collection was poor due to the weather conditions at the end of the pickup.

Upgrades to the playgrounds have been completed.

The door at the Firehouse has been replaced.

The golf course will reopen on December 19, 2002 and close on December 31, 2002. The patio is almost complete and the canopy will be installed in the spring. The power is in place for the electric doors.

The Sewer Oversight Committee will meet on January 8, 2003.

Mr. Bell will send a letter to Metra stating that they should start the project.

The commuter bus route was adjusted a bit and ridership is down. The bus has had recall issues.

The Borough was awarded a \$25,000.00 grant for the park located behind the Borough Hall.

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Councilman Kramer attended the Library Board meeting. He asked that the library attend a Council meeting to discuss the status of the funds for the proposed addition.

Discussion of golf fees.

**COUNCILWOMAN CARMENINI – HEALTH/EDUCATION**

The Board of Education would like the Borough to donate a directional sign so persons in town can find the high school, especially for sporting events. Norwood is giving a sign.

On January 29, 2003 there will be a meeting of the elementary and high school boards to discuss police training programs. There is a special meeting tonight to discuss the fields at the high school.

**COUNCILWOMAN EIN – POLICE /PLANNING BOARD**

The lead levels are too high at the pistol range so the Chief is negotiating an alternative location.

Rockland Electric is trying to improve the lighting on Old Tappan Road.

The Planning Board is reviewing the sidewalk ordinance and will make recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Ein received correspondence from NJPIRG indicating that Lake Tappan is not in the top category and she feels this needs to be corrected. Also, there is legislation to give the state more control over non-conforming uses. Mr. Hart will prepare a letter in opposition.

**COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FIRE/FIRST AID**

The Fire Department responded to fifteen calls in November and had two drills. There were five separate drills for junior members.

The Ambulance Corps took baseline statistics on the firemen.

The new roof is being put on the firehouse. The siren funds have been appropriated.

Councilman Binaghi suggested that municipal fees be waived for volunteers. This will be considered but there are many implications to this suggestion.

The Hike N Bike Committee will be walking the site with a state representative tomorrow. Councilman Kramer stated that perhaps the State can assist in resolving some issues residents have regarding trees, sidewalks, and fences.

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St. Pius X youth ministry were involved in a toy drive for Jersey City residents.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

All in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Stokes, Recording Secretary

c: Mayor and Council  
Allen Bell, Borough Attorney

Reviewed and approved:

By:

Gregory C. Hart, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: