

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR & EXECUTIVE MEETING
December 7, 2020**

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.

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REGULAR MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

Also Present: Borough Attorney Brian Giblin
 Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 1173-20 – Amend Construction Fees – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Nalbandian described the ordinance and then made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1174-20 – Amend Golf Course Fees – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Boyce described the ordinance and then made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Gallagher read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
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Councilman Boyce	Yes
Councilman Carnazza	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
Councilman Yhu	Yes

RESOLUTION

Approval of Street Names – Enclave at Old Tappan

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – Councilman Binaghi reported that Davies Drive was named after a former Mayor.

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

ACTION ON MINUTES

Minutes to be Approved

- Closed Meeting, November 16, 2020
- Regular Meeting, November 16, 2020

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Yhu

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Also Present:	Borough Attorney Brian Giblin
	Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable reported as follows:

Thomas Skrable received a letter from the developer of 42 Forest Avenue. The developer paid \$5,000 into the sidewalk fund, however, he installed the sidewalks. Since the ordinance reads “either/or” the developer is asking for a refund of the \$5,000. The Mayor and Council were in favor of refunding the money.

BOROUGH MEMORIALS

A meeting was held by the committee consisting of Mayor Kramer, Councilman Gallagher and Councilman Binaghi. Councilman Binaghi provided a handout for protocol discussion. He reviewed the requirements listed in the handout. Discussion ensued. Councilman Nalbandian suggested a generic memorial plaque or adding names to benches as recognition. Councilman Binaghi will prepare a written guideline for Mayor and Council consideration so that there is a procedure in place.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COAH)

Discussion on a resolution that was adopted by Mendham Township pertaining to re-establishing COAH so it is not in the hands of the courts. The resolution will be provided to the Council for future discussion.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

The Construction Official has presented pages of outstanding applications for various projects going on in town. The projects will be discussed during budget meetings. It turns out that hiring a Code Enforcement Officer has been a good decision. The checklist he prepares is either outstanding, completed, fixed or paid; making the community look nicer.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / HEALTH

The Board of Health meets this Wednesday; their last COVID report was 164 cases and 5 deaths since the start of the pandemic. He will provide a current update after the Wednesday meeting. The Recreation Director is asking for the balance of the 2020 budget money to be released to each one of the sports. Brief discussion ensued.

Councilman Yhu commented that there seems to be inaccuracies with the COVID numbers. Borough Administrator Haverilla explained that the numbers are cumulative to the beginning of the pandemic.

COUNCILMAN YHU – SCHOOLS / SENIORS

The library is active only online and curb side. Our Local Assistance Board chairperson was in contact with someone who had the coronavirus, she is currently in quarantine. He thanked the Borough Administrator for her efforts and hard work on the Borough website. Both local and high schools are continuing with online learning through the end of the week with plans to reopen the schools on December 14th. Councilman Yhu reported that the high school has a large surplus in their budget partially due to the pandemic. Discussion ensued. Councilman Boyce asked if the Board of Education has plans to become proactive in an effort to help kids with activities other than hours of being in front of a computer. Can they consider using their surplus to assist with programs that would help kids enjoy themselves beyond their school work; parents are concerned about their kids and mental stress.

The First Aid Corps Captain was present to discuss what can be done at the Borough level for kids with mental health related issues. He commented that he is seeing a large increase in calls for first responders pertaining to this. He is gathering information but would like to pursue at a Borough level and appreciates the support. Councilman Nalbandian commented on the Governor's Executive Orders that interfere with how much you can and cannot do. Suggestions were made as to how to be proactive and use resources that we have.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councilman Binaghi reviewed the current police report. The Police Chief is okay with 12 hour shifts but feels it needs to be managed better. Firearm ID cards and permits are way up.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF / PLANNING BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL

The Golf Course has 288 members; a 23% increase. Some things need to be done to handle the increase in membership which will be discussed at a meeting tomorrow. An awning was damaged and repaired at the club. The Environmental Commission is reviewing an amendment to our tree ordinance. They have been discussing the new location for an additional Community Garden at Chestnut Street. The Planning Board has one application that will be discussed on December 9th. Boy and Girl Scouts – a Court of Honor was held last Saturday at Stone Point Park; 20 kids and 7 parents were in attendance.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE / FIRE / FIRST AID

Finance – we now have an Amazon business account in place; this is a perfect example of how our staff has been improving our business operations. The Fire Department is having their annual gear check tonight. Santa Clause will ride on one of our trucks on December 20th. We are expecting delivery of our new ambulance rig soon. He has spoken with the new line officers for 2021. Many thanks to the Corps for answering the calls for assistance.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kramer came in contact with a resident who tested positive for COVID and had to spend 14 days in quarantine. Every year he generally meets with third grade children and speaks about government. This year he received a call from a resident who was home-schooling her children; she asked if they could meet with the Mayor and speak about government. Mayor Kramer met with them at the Fire House – it went well and everyone was very pleased.

Mayor Kramer performed a wedding and he has a wedding scheduled for this Saturday. He received a letter from the Kim brothers who spoke highly about a skate board park in Nyack. Councilman Carnazza is in the process of obtaining prices to resurface and improve our Skate Board Park. The Recreation Commission would like to make one of the fields in Chestnut Park a softball field as well. Looking into both projects.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Boyce

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor and Council
Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney

Reviewed and approved:

By: Jean M. Donch, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: January 4, 2021