

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, notification 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.

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

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Victor Cioce	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilwoman Anna Haverilla	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present

Also Present:           Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch  
                          Borough Attorney Allen Bell

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**PRAYER** – Councilman Guy Carnazza

**PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – none

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**NVRHS at Old Tappan Girls Varsity Volleyball**

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation honoring the coaches and team players for their courage, determination and success.

**CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – none

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

Resolution Adopted (see page 7)

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable reported as follows:

Road Opening Request – 103 Sycamore Court – this street was recently paved. He will be meeting with PSE&G next week and wanted to discuss road opening procedure with the Mayor and Council. Currently the requests come before the Mayor and Council and he commented on improving the process with the utility companies. It was suggested by the Council to have the utility companies sign-off on completion or have an inspector present during the job. A follow up report will be provided next month.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COUNCILMAN CIOCE – ENVIRONMENTAL / LIBRARY**

The Environmental Commission meets this evening. The library requested a preliminary meeting with the Council for discussion on the budget.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / HEALTH

The Golf Commission added a new fee for college students. The Golf Course is up \$33,000. Recreation Commission – Basketball has 17 travel teams – 326 kids signed up. The Board of Health meets tomorrow.

COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – POLICE / SAFETY / SENIORS

Councilwoman Haverilla is happy to hear about the Golf Commission establishing a college fee. The Local Assistance Board is very happy about their Volunteer of the Year Award received at the Reorganization meeting.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / EDUCATION / ADMINISTRATION

A budget meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow. Woodcliff Lake is looking to share services with Old Tappan. They would allow use of their tennis courts, pool and 6 week summer camp program for the same price as a resident in trade for the use of the Old Tappan Golf Course at resident prices. The Council agreed with the concept on a trial basis for one year.

Motion to accept the shared service proposal – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – none

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / FIRST AID

The Planning Board reorganized last Wednesday. Arts & Entertainment will meet on January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Summer Concert Series. A Historical Committee meeting will be held in February to discuss 2017 plans. We are still seeking a Borough Historian. First Aid Corps – new officers were sworn in. One the ambulance rigs is out of service.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FIRE / DPW

The Fire Department has a new Chief, David Keil. The Fire Department met last week; their new president is Jim Butler. Use of the new ladder truck requires training. The DPW has a new laborer, Andrew Heimbuch.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

A meeting will be held in River Vale on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the deer population problem. A member from the Environmental Commission will be asked to attend the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Cross River Fiber Presentation**

Robert Sokota, representative from Cross River Fiber, was present to discuss installation of fiber optic network cables. He proposed to install one inch diameter fiber optic cables on existing telephone poles in Old Tappan. This would take approximately 2 – 3 days and his company would pay for police traffic control. Mr. Sokota described the proposed route of the cable line. Borough Attorney Allen Bell asked to be provided with current agreements they have with the utility companies; Verizon, Orange & Rockland and PSE&G.

### **Open Space Advisory Committee**

Mayor Kramer advised that there is a suggestion to eliminate this committee. Councilwoman Haverilla stated that a lot of work was put into gathering a list of open space areas and then the committee dissolved. Borough Attorney Allen Bell advised that they can meet occasionally on an ad hoc basis. It was suggested to seek new members and meet once a year.

## **ACTION ON MINUTES**

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Reorganization Meeting, January 3, 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> Half
- Reorganization Meeting, January 3, 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> Half

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – none

Roll Call:	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor and Council  
Allen Bell, Esq.

Reviewed and approved:

Jean M. Donch  
Borough Clerk

Date Approved: February 21, 2017