

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 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.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor John Kramer	Absent
	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

Councilman Binaghi over presided the meeting.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilman Nalbandian

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilwoman Haverilla

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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 Cioce

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

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

APPOINTMENT OF PATROL OFFICER

The Oath of Office was administered to Thomas Nugent by Council President Binaghi.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 1116-17 – Bamboo Ordinance – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion - None

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

Steve Greenspan, a bamboo horticulturist, commented on the Bamboo Ordinance up for adoption this evening. He specializes in bamboo removal and felt that the ordinance in its current form will not solve the problems that occur from bamboo. He displayed 2 enlarged photographs and explained bamboo growth. Bamboo placed in a container or concrete can be cracked by the bamboo roots. He commented that the ordinance will not satisfy Old Tappan’s goal.

Borough Attorney Allen Bell asked how Mr. Greenspan can assist the Council with their ordinance. Mr. Greenspan said that you need to eliminate “running” bamboo. Councilman Cioce stated that the ordinance can be brought back to the Environmental Commission for further review and input. Councilman Nalbandian motioned to table the ordinance with a second by Councilwoman Haverilla. Discussion ensued on timing to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Nalbandian rescinded his motion to table.

Dorothy Espen asked how you can tell what kind of bamboo it is. Mr. Greenspan replied that you cannot tell all the time.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilwoman Haverilla

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Cioce read the resolution.

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

Resolution of Adoption passed (see page 8)

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Carnazza read the Consent Resolution

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

Resolution Adopted (see page 9)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN CIOCE – ENVIRONMENTAL / LIBRARY

The library did not have a quorum in order to meet on May 10th; they rescheduled their meeting to May 17th.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / HEALTH

The basketball court at Stone Point Park is done. 147 kids registered in summer basketball. The Board of Health meets Wednesday.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER- PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / FIRST AID

The Planning Board met last Wednesday. Affordable Housing was discussed. First Aid meeting will

be held on Wednesday. Next week they will visit the elementary school, grades Kindergarten to 4th, to let them know what the Ambulance Corp does in town; alerting them on topics such as summer safety and pool safety. This is similar to what the Fire Department does during Fire Prevention Week. Summer concerts are booked.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / EDUCATION / ADMINISTRATION

As an update on our agreement with Woodcliff Lake, 7 Woodcliff Lake residents have joined our golf course; one family from Old Tappan has joined the Woodcliff Lake swim club. Councilman Nalbandian attended a High School Board of Education meeting last week; he spoke to them about COAH. Their Superintendent is retiring.

COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – POLICE / SAFETY / SENIORS

The seniors held a Lunch and Learn last Thursday. Councilwoman Haverilla attended a grants meeting. She reviewed what the Borough is applying for.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI -FIRE / DPW

At a recent Fire Department meeting, the Chairman of the Wetdown Committee mentioned that permission is needed to use Borough property for the Wetdown to be held on August 19th.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Carnazza made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, April 17, 2017
- Regular Meeting, April 17, 2017
- Closed Meeting, May 1, 2017
- Special & Executive Meetings, May 1, 2017

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilwoman Haverilla

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Dorothy Espen asked for clarification of the adopted Bamboo Ordinance. Borough Attorney Allen Bell provided clarification adding that if the bamboo encroaches your property you need to file a complaint.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Cioce

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: June 19, 2017