

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Cioce

**HISTORICAL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Kramer introduced John Hogan, Bergen County Clerk. Before beginning his presentation, he explained that temporary satellite offices are being set up around the county for three days at a time in municipal buildings from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; the idea has been well received. Schools can be visited; presentations can be made on elections, information on what the County Clerk’s office does, and record keeping.

Mr. Hogan’s presentation focused on “Around the County” initiative which began on March 30, 2015. He explained how they have found and preserved historical documents from each town and have put together a collage of some of those documents that they are presenting to each town for display in their municipal buildings. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Hogan for his attendance and presentation.

**PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Brian Morandi, 1043 Westwood Avenue, would like the Mayor and Council to consider a “no parking here to corner” sign on a section of Westwood Avenue across from Stone Point Park. He provided photographs of the section that he considers a dangerous safety issue for the general public and the Fire Department as there is a fire hydrant in the section he is referring to. Mayor Kramer will have Councilwoman Haverilla, as the liaison to the Police Department, speak with the Chief of Police regarding this matter.

Michael Butler, an attorney representing The Village Condo Association, asked if the Borough had interest in purchasing an affordable housing unit in The Village. Borough Attorney Allen Bell responded that the Borough may be considering but no decision has been made. Mr. Butler stated that The Villages objects to any purchase for this purpose and will consider a law suit if pursued.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

**CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – Councilman Carnazza abstained on Soil Moving Permit – Carnazza – 258 Orangeburg Road – Block 302, Lot 5

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)

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COUNCILMAN CIOCE – ENVIRONMENTAL / LIBRARY**

Councilman Cioce attended the Library Board meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>. They plan on holding a wine tasting event. They are on track with their budget. The Environmental Commission meets tomorrow evening.

### **COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / HEALTH**

Town Day was a success and well attended as was the fireworks display.

Mayor Kramer added that it was a great day.

### **COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – POLICE / SAFETY / SENIORS**

No report

### **COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / EDUCATION / ADMINISTRATION**

Board of Education – September 19<sup>th</sup> is a “Day of Gold” for the Northern Valley Regional High School District where staff and students will be asked to wear gold as part of childhood cancer awareness month. Councilman Nalbandian asked that the Borough’s Sign Ordinance be reviewed as it pertains to both business and personal signage on properties.

### **COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / FIRST AID**

The Planning Board will review a commercial application. Councilman Gallagher read the First Aid Corps August report. Stair chair and heavy lift training was held. EMT’s attended a class on head injuries. They are working with the police on electronic charting.

### **COUNCILMAN BINAGHI -FIRE / DPW**

Fire Department members were in Wildwood for their convention. They will have a medevac (helicopter) drill with Hackensack University Medical Center on October 2<sup>nd</sup> or October 9<sup>th</sup>. The DPW is getting ready for leaf season; the new employees are working out well. The building behind the DPW has been removed; bids were obtained for a new building to be installed.

## **MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Referred to and commented on correspondence Number 9. The Bergen County Utilities Authority awarded 3 grants to the schools. Mayor Kramer has received requests for memorial recognition for those who served the community. He has set up a committee of Councilwoman Haverilla, Councilman Carnazza and Councilman Gallagher to provide input and oversee these requests.

Borough Attorney Allen Bell reviewed the County Executive's inquiry pertaining to an agreement they sent around stating that the towns take over some of their duties regarding right-of-ways. He reviewed the obligations placed on the Borough that he said did not exist in the past. He recommended speaking with the Northern Valley Mayor's Association and/or the Bergen County League of Municipalities in an attempt to get all the municipalities to join together to argue against the County's request.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES**

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, August 21 2017
- Regular Meeting, August 21, 2017
- Special & Executive Meetings, September 5, 2017

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – Councilman Cioce abstained on Special & Executive Meetings, September 5, 2017  
Councilman Gallagher abstained on both August 21, 2017 meetings.

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

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2018 Mayor & Council Meetings**

The Mayor and Council approved the 2018 meeting dates. The Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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: October 16, 2017