

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
September 3, 2019

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SPECIAL MEETING

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

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

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Nalbandian read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – Councilman Nalbandian abstained from Refund 2019 Property Tax Overpayments – Homeowners

Roll Call:	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Deer Fencing - Tabled to next meeting.

School Board Elections

Borough Attorney Allen Bell explained that a few years ago the state passed a law allowing towns and school boards the option to move the election from April to November. The school budgets are not voted on if the election is held in November. The topic of moving the elections back to April will be discussed at the Northern Valley Mayor's meeting the end of this month which Mayor Kramer will attend.

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

Kristen Santoro asked that the Mayor and Council communicate with the schools In regards to their decision about School Board Elections.

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Carnazza

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

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable reported as follows:

Drainage Project – the DOT allowed the Borough to combine grants allowing us to use all the funds for the drainage project. Scheduling needs to be decided. We need to go out to bid by February 2020.

Stone Point Park – we are working on the drainage design for the back field. Need to decide final design concept.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN CIOCE – ENVIRONMENTAL / LIBRARY / HISTORICAL

Councilman Cioce was contacted by a resident asking to become a member of a committee. She was provided board member availabilities and opportunities. He received an email from a resident requesting information on our tree ordinance specific to cutting trees. Our 125th Anniversary Event is coming along well. Scott and Gloria Wiesner have been doing a great job with planning.

COUNCILMAN YHU – SAFETY / SENIORS / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Safety Committee meeting is on September 18th; Councilman Yhu will attend. The Local Assistance Board met on June 24th; they along with the Senior Citizens Committee are hosting an International Lunch and Learn on October 10th. Meals on Wheels, along with help from the Girl Scouts, are working on holiday gift bags. The Senior Advisory Committee will meet on September 19th. In an effort to expand Old Tappan's Stigma Free Program Councilman Yhu organized a Mental Health First Aid training class which will be held on Saturday, October 12th. Affordable Housing – Councilman Yhu is continuing to speak with young emergency service volunteers to keep them apprised of affordable housing opportunities. September 10th is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Day.

Alumni in Recovery will have a walk on October 27th at Westvale Park in Westwood; Councilman Yhu plans to attend.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / FIRST AID

The annual New Jersey State Fireman's Convention will be held in Wildwood, NJ on September 12 – 14. The Fire Department and Ambulance Corps will hold open houses and Safety Night on October 15th. The EMS shared services agreement with River Vale is progressing. We will be provided with copies of proposed residency of a Fire Chief for discussion at the next meeting. Fireman's Inspection Dinner will be held on Friday, October 4th.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / HEALTH

The Board of Health meets tomorrow, Golf Commission Thursday and Recreation Commission next Tuesday. Will have reports at our next meeting.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / FIRE / SCHOOLS / ADMINISTRATION

Police negotiations are on-going; will have a draft of the contract this week. Our Chief Financial Officer sent us a seven-page overview of our AAA Rating providing a detailed explanation of how we obtained the rating. A lot had to do with management and how we manage our budget with consistency. He thanked Rebecca Overgaard, CFO for her hard work and efforts.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kramer was interviewed for an article in a Korean newspaper.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor and Council
Allen Bell, Borough Attorney

Reviewed and approved:

By: Jean M. Donch, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: September 16, 2019