

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2019**

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	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Victor Cioce	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present
	Councilwoman Jin Yhu	Present

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilman Jin Yhu

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.

No Public Comment

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Nalbandian read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

DPW – the old leaves are out of the leaf dump; ready to start dumping new leaves. Councilman Binaghi saw the convertor excavator machine at work on Russell Avenue; seems to be working well and a good investment. Our Construction Official wants to review and update some of our ordinances.

COUNCILMAN CIOCE – ENVIRONMENTAL / LIBRARY / HISTORICAL

The Environmental Commission meets tomorrow evening. Paper Shred Day is October 5th. The Environmental Commission would like to have the funds that the Borough receives from the Community Garden earmarked for their 2020 budget. Their needs will be discussed during 2020 budget meetings. The Environmental Commission applied for a mini-grant for participating in the 2019 Bi-State Watershed Clean-up. Councilman Cioce provided an update on the 125th Anniversary Event and activities.

COUNCILMAN YHU – SAFETY / SENIORS / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Safety Committee meets on Wednesday. Seniors Lunch and Learn will be held on October 10th. The Senior Advisory Committee will meet this Thursday. We will be hosting Mental Health First Aid Training on October 12th. All First Responders are welcome to attend as well as Borough employees. Boy and Girl Scouts have been invited to participate in some Borough events. The Municipal Alliance discussed plans for their annual Fright Night. They will host a fund raising event at NVOT on Thursday, October 17th. Alumni in Recovery will host a walk on October 27th at Westvale Park in Westwood; Councilman Yhu plans to attend.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / FIRST AID

The Planning Board met last week; a site plan for the local Board of Education was presented

showing the property to the right of CDW that they are planning to purchase. No representatives from the Board of Education were present and should have been. Borough Administrator Haverilla advised that she did receive a call from Board representatives apologizing, but they were not aware that they needed to attend the meeting. The Planning Board is aware that the Zoning Officer attended a recent Mayor and Council meeting pointing out modifications to some of our ordinances. The Pearson application is now scheduled for November. Councilman Gallagher and Councilman Yhu attended the Fireman's Convention in Wildwood. Their Inspection Dinner is scheduled for October 4th. Fire Prevention Night and OT EMS Safety Night will be held on Tuesday, October 15th. The Fire Chief residency ordinance will be discussed this evening.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / HEALTH

Board of Health – Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission conducted a two-step lead testing program. To have your water tested, a water sample kit could have been picked up on Monday, September 9th and dropped off this morning, September 16th. The cost for the test is \$65.00. The results will be returned in a week to ten days. The Golf Commission meeting went well. Recreation Commission – registrations for football are drastically down, we may need to combine the program with other towns. Registrations for soccer and basketball are good. No update on girl's softball.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / FIRE / SCHOOLS / ADMINISTRATION

Councilman Nalbandian suggested that we gather some ideas as to what gets placed into the new time capsule this year. Police – Councilman Nalbandian met with Police Chief Shine to make a list of dangerous intersections within the Borough. Finance – amending the Administrative Assistant/Registrar's work hours was discussed and will be left as is and further discussed at budget time.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kramer received a letter from a resident pertaining to deer and coyotes. He attended the Pascack Valley Mayor's meeting;. Mayor Kramer will be attending the Northern Valley Mayor's meeting where discussion on changing the School Board elections to April will occur. Mayor Kramer has been invited to speak at the National Day of Peace. Received notice from Bergen County Executive that we have a grant approved for a Senior Dance Program.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Nalbandian made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, August 19, 2019
- Regular Meeting, August 19, 2019
- Closed Meeting, September 3, 2019
- Special & Executive Meetings, September 3, 2019

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – Councilman Binaghi abstained on both September 3, 2019 minutes. Councilman Cioce abstained on both August 19, 2019 minutes.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Deer Fencing

Councilman Binaghi commented that there is a lot of economic damage being caused by deer. He is opposed to high front yard fences. A deer fence needs to be 7.5 ft. or more and in back of the house and not intrusive. Councilman Nalbandian commented that you can add to the top of an existing fence or allow a 7.5 ft. fence. Councilman Binaghi is in favor of adding to an existing fence. Councilman Gallagher is concerned with aesthetics. Councilman Binaghi will discuss the matter with the Zoning Official.

Orangeburg Road – Tree Trimming

Out of four residents, three have responded to comply with tree trimming but it is up to the County to decide what to do. The Borough Administrator will send an email to the resident who has not responded. Councilman Binaghi requested that the County be asked to position the stop sign on Orangeburg Road better. There are other areas that need to be looked at as well; the corners of DeWolf and O'Connor, and Sherwood were mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief Residency Requirements

Councilman Gallagher reported that everyone should have received information he forwarded from the Board of Fire Officers pertaining to Fire Chief Residency Requirements. The recommendations forwarded have been endorsed by all Fire Officers. Councilman Gallagher read the report which includes a 4-mile radius as a residency requirement. Discussion ensued.

Motion to accept the recommendations of the Board of Fire Officers – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
Councilman Yhu	Yes

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Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved:

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

Jean M. Donch
Borough Clerk

cc: Mayor and Council
Allen Bell, Esq.

Date Approved: October 21, 2019