

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 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	Absent
	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 Ronald Binaghi, Jr.

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

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 Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 1155-19 – Amend Capital Ordinance – Various Improvements & Acquisitions – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

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

Ordinance 1156-19 – Amend Fire Chief Residency Requirements – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

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

STAFF APPOINTMENT

Thomas Tully – Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO III)

Motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Nora Mann – Arts & Entertainment Committee – Alternate #2 – Unexpired 2-Year Term Ending 12/31/19

Motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes

Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
Councilman Yhu	Yes

Nora Mann – Green Team Advisory Committee – Unexpired 1-Year Term Ending 12/31/19

Motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Nalbandian read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

The DPW is busy picking up leaves. They were a great help with the preparation of our 125th Anniversary Event held last Saturday. During budget time the DPW Superintendent will bring up some potential retirements. Councilman Binaghi spoke with the Construction Official / Zoning Officer about permits for work done at the Borough. The discussion was whether to obtain a permit for each job individually or to get an annual permit for municipal jobs. Discussion ensued on permits, fees and sign-offs.

COUNCILMAN YHU – SAFETY / SENIORS / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The seniors held their Lunch and Learn on October 12th, it was well attended. Councilman Yhu

thanked Donna Geitz and Borough Administrator Haverilla and the Local Assistance Board for their help. Assembly Members Schepisi and Auth attended our Senior Advisory meeting on October 17th. Old Tappan hosted a First Aid Mental Training Class on October 12th. Councilman Yhu thanked the trainers from the Bergen County Health Department and those who attended the training. Alumni-In-Recovery was held at CDW on October 10th. Alumni-In-Recovery will host their first walk on October 27th. Councilman Yhu read a letter that was sent to the Mayor and Council pertaining to Affordable Housing and municipal responsibility. The letter is saying that decisions on Affordable Housing are better made by the municipality not the courts and is asking that the Mayor and Council send letters to state legislators asking to have Affordable Housing placed back to local level.

Motion in agreement to write a letter - Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Councilman Nalbandian asked that a decision not be made at this time. He would like more information on the group (CIAH) requesting this. He asked that this matter be held until January, 2020 for further discussion.

Councilman Yhu and Councilman Binaghi retracted their motions.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / FIRST AID

Arts & Entertainment are happy to have Nora Mann as a member. First Aid and the Fire Department had a great open house on October 15th. Councilman Gallagher thanked all those who worked on the 125th Anniversary Event for a job well done. A Planning Board meeting was held on October 9th at which the Pearson application was reviewed for completeness. Hearings on the application will begin in November.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / HEALTH

Board of Health – the water lead testing program was held; approximately 80 kits were distributed, two samples failed. Recreation Commission and the 125th Committee – the 125th Anniversary Event was fantastic due to all the volunteers and meetings held to plan the successful event– fireworks turned out well and everyone enjoyed them.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / FIRE / SCHOOLS / ADMINISTRATION

Police – a letter of accommodation was received on behalf of two officers who responded to an emergency call in River Vale saving a life. A sight-obstruction list of nineteen intersections was put together and received from Chief Shine. We have to decide how to address this matter and how we want to proceed.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The 125th Anniversary Event was a great experience – the committee did a great job; there are so many volunteers who contributed to the event who deserve to be thanked. Mayor Kramer referred to,

and read correspondence # 7, a letter received from a resident regarding parking of a recreational vehicle at his residence.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Nalbandian made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, September 16, 2019
- Regular Meeting, September 16, 2019
- Closed Meeting, October 7, 2019
- Special & Executive Meetings, October 7, 2019

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Best Practices Checklist

Chief Financial Officer Overgaard advised that she met with the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Police Chief, and DPW Superintendent to review the 84 questions. Each municipality must receive a minimum score of 30; we scored 44 out of 46 therefore we will be receiving all our aid.

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: November 18, 2019

