

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
April 6, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, notice 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.

SPECIAL MEETING

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

ROLL CALL:	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	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

STAFF APPOINTMENT

Anna Haverilla - OEM Coordinator - Unexpired 3 Year Term Ending 12/31/20

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – Councilman Yhu spoke about training for the position

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

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Anna Haverilla - Class II Member - Unexpired 1 Year Term Ending 12/31/20

Mayor Kramer appointed Anna Haverilla as a Class II Member of the Planning Board

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 1162-20 – Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits & Establish a Cap Bank – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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 Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Gallagher read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Councilman Nalbandian had some questions about the Change Order resolution that the Borough Engineer answered to his satisfaction. Councilman Yhu asked if the person mentioned in the LOSAP forfeiture resolution was informed. Councilman Gallagher said that he was.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Binaghi was approached by a crossing guard inquiring as to why they are not being paid and have to file for unemployment.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that this was discussed by the Finance Committee and it was decided that filing for unemployment would be better just like they do every summer. Some towns are still paying because they are using them for other things.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bell stated that he sent letters to the property owners on the Forest Avenue cul-de-sac. He only heard back from Northern Valley Development. He asked if the Mayor & Council were still interested in selling to him. All were in favor. Mr. Bell will prepare an ordinance.

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Kristen Santoro, 223 Birchwood Road, thanked the emergency service volunteers whose efforts are really appreciated.

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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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

ROLL CALL:	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Present
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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable reported that a vast majority of the field work at Stone Point Park is complete. There is still some work that needs be done to fields and the path paved.

Councilman Carnazza asked when the drainage work is supposed to be done.

Mr. Skrable said soon, that they need to come up with a schedule.

Mr. Skrable reports that DeWolf Road is close to getting started. Test holes are scheduled for tomorrow. D&L is not overly responsive right now.

Councilman Yhu asked if the Library had contacted Mr. Skrable about their roof and solar panels.

Mr. Skrable said they had not. Probably because they are closed for the time being.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Police Department has received a directive from the Prosecutor's Office in regard to staffing. If there are any staffing problems due to the virus then the County will provide officers. Officers not on duty must stay home. Special Duty has been cancelled.

He received a Chief's contract from Joe Tracy on Wednesday. The Police Committee will review it and hope to appoint him on April 20th. Captain Tracy is currently serving as the de facto Officer in Charge.

Mrs. Haverilla added that the Police Department is currently doing their own cleaning and the public is not allowed in the building.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF / PLANNING BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL

He is concerned about the Golf Course being closed. The Superintendent and his crew are still maintaining it. He inquired if the Mayor & Council were interested in giving the restaurant a break on the rent for April and May. He will speak to the CFO about this. Will do some research and discuss pros and cons at the April 20th meeting.

The Community Garden is open and allowing one person or family at a time. The Environmental Commission is considering doing a photo contest and the winner's photo will go in the time capsule. All were ok with this. They are going to try and do the next Environmental Commission meeting via Zoom.

The April Planning Board meeting was canceled.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / HEALTH

The Recreation Commission & Board of Health are hoping to do their next meetings via Zoom. He will have reports on both after that.

Councilman Carnazza asked Mr. Bell if he has heard anything about the Recreation Commission lawsuit.

Mr. Bell has not heard anything but will make a follow up call.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

The DPW is taking protective measures with staffing. The staff is being staggered. One crew works 3 days in a row, they then clean everything before the next crew comes on for 3 days. They do not have any contact with the public.

Pump Station #2 grinder failed and a new pump has been ordered. The CFO found money in the budget for it. A temporary grinder is being used in the meantime.

Mulch delivery has been suspended. Chipping will begin soon.

The Recycling Coordinator has been getting recycling from the former Pearson building project.

He explained that the Construction Official is currently in quarantine but will be done soon.

COUNCILMAN YHU – SCHOOLS / SENIORS

The schools remain closed. The kids are learning remotely. The regional board of education held their meeting via Zoom at which the budget was discussed. There is legislation out there to delay payments to the schools.

All Library & Senior events have been canceled.

He and Mrs. Haverilla delivered Meals on Wheels. The food pantry is well stocked.

He is trying to get the resident email blasts going. One was sent out but Councilman Gallagher reported that it looked fishy. Mrs. Haverilla will add it to the website.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE / FIRE / FIRST AID

The Fire Department and First Aid Corps are making protocol changes. A conference call was held today about it. The trucks are being disinfected. The First Aid Corps is still very responsive even with reduced staffing. He thanked Mrs. Haverilla for her efforts as OEM.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Recognized the entire Borough family for their continued support of Old Tappan. He especially thanked the emergency services. They are owed a deep debt of gratitude.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Yhu

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, Borough Clerk

cc: Mayor and Council
Allen Bell, Borough Attorney

Reviewed and approved:

By: Jean M. Donch, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: April 20, 2020