

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING

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 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 Administrator Anna Haverilla
	Borough CFO Rebecca Overgaard

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilman Guy Carnazza

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

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 1163-20 – 2020 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

Ordinance 1164-20 – Capital Ordinance – Various Improvements & Acquisitions Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

**Ordinance 1165-20 – Capital Ordinance – Various Sewer Improvements & Acquisitions
Resolution of Adoption**

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

Second – Councilman Yhu

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Nalbandian read the resolution

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

**Ordinance 1166-20 – Capital Ordinance – Various Sewer Improvements & Acquisitions
(Fully Funded) - 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 Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

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 – None

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

RESOLUTION

Professional Service Contract – Borough Attorney

Mayor Kramer commented on the appointment of Brian Giblin to replace Allen Bell who will be retiring after serving our community so well for the past twenty years. The position was advertised; applications were filed with the Borough Administrator. The search committee consisted of Councilman Gallagher, Councilman Yhu and Mayor Kramer. Interviews were conducted with the top six candidates that were selected. It was unanimously agreed that Brian Giblin Sr. was the most qualified to fit the needs of Old Tappan. Mayor Kramer provided background and qualifications of Mr. Giblin.

Councilman Gallagher stated that the committee met with applicants and the recommendation is to hire Brian Giblin as Borough Attorney.

Motion to appoint Brian Giblin as Borough Attorney effective June 1, 2020 – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – Councilman Carnazza asked if Mr. Giblin’s resume is available for the Councilmembers who were not on the search committee. Councilman Gallagher responded that the resume can be obtained from the Borough Administrator.

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Roll Call:	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	No
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Abstain
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / HEALTH

The Recreation Commission held their meeting. Camp and all summer activities are cancelled. We are talking about Town Day and the fireworks display in September. Board of Health – the Health Officer Angela Musella has submitted her resignation and will be retiring; we have a meeting on Wednesday and I will know then who her replacement will be.

COUNCILMAN YHU – SCHOOLS / SENIORS

Schools – spring events and the prom have been cancelled. An event may be planned for August. Graduation will be digitally videoed in front of the school; all students will receive a copy of the video. Under Consent Agenda this evening we approved the Shared Services Agreement – 2020 Road Paving – NVOT School District. Senior events have been postponed until deemed safe to continue with them. As a message to our residents regarding tax payments, the Borough is here for you, we have a number of resources if you are in need.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Police Committee has been very busy. I received a call from a long-time resident who owns a printing company in Norwood, Control Pharmaceuticals. He is making and donating face shields to first responders. Councilman Binaghi provided him with the name and contact number of our First

Aid Captain and Police Chief. The Police Committee interviewed candidates for Police Lieutenant, which will be discussed later this evening. We will be hiring two patrolmen one for now, two are desired; we have good candidates. Councilman Binaghi recommended hiring two, staggering the hires one meeting apart.

Motion to begin the hiring process – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion - Councilman Carnazza asked to see the two resumes prior to hiring vote.

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

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF / PLANNING BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL

The Golf Course has been open since April 2nd in a two-some format. Beginning Friday, four-some play will be allowed using social distancing. The new “cozy corner” is open for couples only. The restaurant is open for takeout orders. The downstairs bathrooms are open. The Environmental Commission will hold a zoom meeting tomorrow; the tree ordinance will be discussed. The Community Garden is planted. Planning Board – 200 Old Tappan Road application has been approved with a small punch list. Boy and Girl Scouts patrol meetings are being held remotely.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

The DPW has a full force of employees and ended split shifts practicing all social distancing requirements. Mulch deliveries will resume in two weeks. Councilman Gallagher asked about the removal of clothing donation bins with no replacements. Councilman Nalbandian responded that due to the Coronavirus bins have been removed for now.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE / FIRE / FIRST AID

Councilman Gallagher commended our Borough Hall staff for everything they do for the Borough under these circumstances. He thanked the emergency services volunteers, First Aid Corps and Fire Department. Councilman Gallagher thanked Councilman Binaghi and Councilman Yhu for donating items. Last Monday the Fire Company held a zoom meeting and this week the First Aid Corps will hold a zoom meeting on Wednesday.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Memorial Day – there will be no parade or normal ceremony due to the circumstances of the Covid-19. We are planning a service at Oakes Park on Memorial Day at 9:00 a.m. which will not be open to

the public but will be recorded and played on various platforms. Mayor Kramer reviewed the plans for the morning and attendance.

Mayor Kramer read a statement acknowledging Borough Attorney Allen Bell's last meeting and retirement. He spoke highly of him and his professionalism, knowledge and twenty years of service to the Borough. On behalf of everyone, Mayor Kramer wished him well in his retirement.

Allen Bell stated that in his 49 ½ years of practice it has been an honor to represent the Borough of Old Tappan. It has been a rewarding and interesting experience. He has enjoyed working with everyone throughout his tenure. Old Tappan is an extremely well-run Borough that has a lot to be proud of. Thank you for the honor to represent Old Tappan.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Gallagher made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, April 20, 2020
- Regular Meeting, April 20, 2020
- Closed Meeting, May 4, 2020
- Regular & Executive Meetings, May 4, 2020

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Police Lieutenant Appointment

Councilman Binaghi reported that the Police Committee met and interviewed three candidates; all three were good. Chief Shine recommended Bob Wacht for the position.

Motion to appoint Bob Wacht as Police Lieutenant – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Patrol Officer Interviews

Councilman Binaghi advised that due to a personal commitment he is unable to conduct interviews beginning tomorrow and recommended Councilman Carnazza take his place.

Motion – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

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 Gallagher

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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: June 15, 2020