

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
February 16, 2021**

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.**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Absent
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

Also Present:	Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch
	Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Jr.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**PRAYER** – Councilman William Boyce

**PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

**CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Carnazza read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/FIRE**

No Report

### **COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE/AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Read the monthly Police Department report and gave details.

Mayor Kramer inquired about an accident at the corner of Orangeburg Road and Old Tappan Road.

Councilman Gallagher answered that there was an accident.

### **COUNCILMAN YHU – FIRST AID/SCHOOLS/SENIORS**

The schools are still on hybrid and virtual learning. The local school board will be writing our legislators about having the teachers considered essential workers so they can be next up for vaccinations.

The Library is still closed but is open for curbside pick and drop off.

The CVS in Northvale and Dumont are offering the vaccine which he informed our senior citizens about.

He will address LOSAP at another meeting.

Alumni in Recovery would like to hold the Black Poster Project again in Oakes Park on June 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 6<sup>th</sup> provided it complies with the Governor's order for outdoor gatherings.

### **COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Golf Commission is creating a strategic succession plan for the next 3 - 5 years. Want to make sure the course is in the best physical shape with the best membership and revenues. There is a lot of momentum for the commission to figure this out. Just need to get things settled with the concessionaire and their rent. They received a quote for the expansion of the fence.

The Planning Board currently has no applications before it but one might be coming up for the March meeting.

The Environmental Commission it still looking to develop a concept plan for the walking trail and second community garden.

Mayor Kramer discussed some potential building renovations at the Golf Course.

Councilman Boyce would love for the Golf Course to become the community hub.

#### **COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH**

The Recreation Commission will not be making any request to the schools for indoor sports. Trying to do as much as they can outside.

The Board of Health meets tomorrow night. Surrounding towns are looking to work together on vaccinations. He deferred to the Mayor on this topic.

Mayor Kramer explained that a Norwood councilwoman wants to put together a consortium of 9 towns for a vaccination site in the Northern Valley area. They will be making a presentation to our Board of Health tomorrow night. The Closter Mayor is also trying to get a vaccination program together as well. There will a zoom meeting on Thursday to discuss it.

Mrs. Haverilla spoke with FEMA today about using Old Tappan as a potential site. It is still in the early stages because plans need to be created and put in place. It is a big undertaking.

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS - None**

#### **ACTION ON MINUTES**

Councilman Carnazza made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, January 19, 2021
- Regular Meeting, January 19, 2021
- Regular & Executive Meetings, February 1, 2021

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Borough Memorials**

Councilman Binaghi explained that they are still in the planning stages and are waiting for better weather. Will resend the qualifications for a memorial that he drew up and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilman Yhu asked what boards, committees and commissions have vacancies.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Tree Removal**

The Mayor read an email he received from a resident of DeBerg Drive in regard to the removal of older, overgrown trees on his street due to the issues they are creating. He then read his response to the resident. He is thinking of asking the DPW Superintendent to make an assessment and meet with the resident. Councilman Boyce will join the DPW Superintendent.

Councilman Boyce feels that when we remove trees we need to inform the neighbors prior to the removal with an explanation as to why the removal is necessary. He is still getting complaints about the trees removed at Stone Point Park.

### **DPW Mechanic Services - Norwood**

Councilman Boyce spoke with the DPW Superintendent who explained that we have been providing these services to Woodcliff Lake with much success. Norwood has a smaller fleet and feels that we could handle it. He mentioned possibly hiring a part time mechanic. Harrington Park has expressed interest as well.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that Norwood prepared an agreement and forwarded it to our Borough Attorney. We just need to adopt a resolution if all are ok with it.

The Mayor of Harrington Park contacted Mayor Kramer asking if we had room at the leaf dump and about wood chips. He spoke with the DPW Superintendent and we do not have room in the leaf dump. He can help them out with wood chips this summer.

### **Ordinance 1176-21 – Stormwater Control Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Boyce read the resolution

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

**Ordinance 1177-21 – Amend 2020 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Boyce read the resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

**PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

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Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

No Public Comment

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Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: March 15, 2021