

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
February 7, 2022

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.

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REGULAR MEETING

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

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| 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 | Absent |
| | Councilman Jin Yhu | Present |

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Alternate Municipal Prosecutor - Carter Corrison, Esq.

Public Defender - John Cozzi

Motion to accept the appointments – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Board of Health - Sean Wengerter - Unexpired 4 Year Term Ending 12/31/22

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Road Opening Ordinance/Application Revisions

Mr. Skrable explained that they are trying to clean the current ordinance up and change the fees a little bit. They want to make it consistent throughout.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that they need to figure out what department is going to handle this. It should be going through the Construction Department but our current ordinance is not clear on that, this will now clear that up. Another problem is that more information needs to be included on the application. Inspections also need to be done. The ordinance was put together by her, with input from the DPW Superintendent, Borough Engineer and Construction Official. They were all ok with it.

All were ok with introducing this ordinance at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Pet Waste Ordinance

Mrs. Haverilla explained that our current ordinance needs to be tightened up. She reviewed ordinances from other towns for input. The Police Department, Zoning Officer and Board of Health would be the enforcement agencies. If all ok with amending the ordinance she will forward the information to the Borough Attorney.

All were ok with introducing this ordinance at the next meeting.

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Mayor John Kramer

Present

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| 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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Councilman Carnazza asked if O'Connors Lane is on the 2022 paving list.

Mr. Skrable assumes it will be since they fixed the utility trenches last year. They have not met yet to put the 2022 road paving list together. Once the budget number is determined they will do it right away. The goal is to get the bid out early so we can get it done in the summer.

Mrs. Haverilla spoke about a flooding and sinkhole issue on Fred Street. Our grant consultants are pretty confident we can get an NJDOT grant to remedy this. Do we want to give them the go ahead to apply for the grant?

Mr. Skrable explained that the pipes there are very undersized and need to be replaced. The sinkhole has formed over where the pipe is. The pipe could be broken or undersized. It will need to be investigated.

Councilman Binaghi asked why this is happening? What has changed? Maybe we should do the investigation first before applying for the grant.

Discussion ensued and it was decided to apply for the grant right away if there's a deadline. If no deadline, then we will wait to see what the investigation reveals.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL

They anticipate a large number of people at the Planning Board meeting this Wednesday because of the 244 Old Tappan Road application.

They are in discussion with golf course management company, Kemper, about improving the website and point of service payment program. There are already a number of members from both in and out of town who have joined. There is a problem with the grant for the cart path because Suez will not let us put it on their property. They will have to come with an alternate plan for the grant money.

The Environmental Commission is seeking direction in increasing their membership numbers. There is a lot of interest in joining. Currently there are 5 members and 2 alternates. They were hoping to increase that to 7 members and 2 alternates. There are some good people who are anxious to join the board.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the Green Team was disbanded and some of the members did a lot of work for the Environmental Commission and would like to now join.

Councilman Gallagher suggested looking at replacing some current members as their terms end with new people.

All were in favor of leaving the Environmental Commission as is for now.

Councilman Boyce explained that there are a lot of volunteer opportunities within the commission, such as celebrating Arbor Day at the schools. They will try and come up with other volunteer opportunities for others to participate but not necessarily sit on the commission. There are five \$7,500 scholarships available for students pursuing something in the environmental planning field. He will provide more information at the next meeting and asked that the Council liaison to the Board of Education bring this to their attention.

The Boy Scouts held a Court of Honor at their meeting last week.

Mayor Kramer inquired about the former golf course concessionaire because he received an email from her earlier today.

Councilman Boyce stated that he heard that she sold some of her equipment to Kemper but that is all he knows.

Mrs. Haverilla stated that Kemper will be changing the locks up there soon.

Mrs. Donch explained that she spoke with the concessionaire today and answered her questions.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – POLICE/GRANTS

There is nothing further to report on the PBA contract negotiations. Vehicles continue to be stolen from town. The Police Chief has crafted some new policies and we have a potential grievance coming our way.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

We are currently interviewing for a new CFO/Tax Collector since Ms. Overgaard will be retiring at the end of May. There is not a big pool of candidates.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/CONSTRUCTION/FIRST AID

The Seniors are starting to get active again after a month-long hiatus due to the most recent COVID-19 outbreak.

The DPW will be sending him monthly reports and he will keep the Mayor & Council updated. They have been busy with snowplowing and salting the roads.

The First Aid Corps has their new first responder vehicle almost fully in service now. They just need to outfit it for their use. He asked them to write a letter to the Planning Board expressing their concerns about the proposed senior living community at 244 Old Tappan Road and how it might affect their service to our community.

He received a monthly report from the Construction Official. They were busy with inspections and permitting last month. The Construction Official contacted him yesterday about an ordinance he would like the Mayor & Council to consider in regard to cleaning the sidewalks after a snowfall, especially around the schools.

Councilman Binaghi explained that years ago they made the decision not to adopt an ordinance requiring the shoveling of sidewalks. Instead they bought the DPW snowblowers and a sidewalk clearing machine to remove the snow from the sidewalks around the schools. At the time they were mainly concerned with the areas around the schools. His mind is now changed and would be fine with adopting an ordinance making the whole town shovel their sidewalks. People are walking more and more these days.

Councilman Boyce explained that where the school bus drops the kids off at the corner of DeWolf Road and Old Tappan Road the whole sidewalk is not shoveled and they need to walk on the street. This is not safe.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the Borough has received quite a few calls in regard to this lately. The students walking on Central Avenue to the high school are forced to walk on the street. The DPW does not clean Central Avenue.

Mayor Kramer explained that there is a list that was given to the DPW of the sidewalks they are supposed to clear. He continues to oppose this ordinance because it makes it difficult on the people who live on streets where the sidewalks are not utilized all that much. We have an obligation to a certain extent for safety reasons but the parents have that obligation as well.

Councilman Gallagher asked if the ordinance has to be town wide or can we pick and choose the streets like we do with parking.

Mr. Giblin is not sure that you can enforce an ordinance that selects certain areas. He believes it has to be town wide. He has never seen it otherwise.

This topic will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH

He attended the Recreation Commission meeting and all of the various sports registration numbers are up very high.

The Board of Health reports 665 COVID-19 cases in town. He will provide a full report after their next meeting.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

He was invited to serve as panelist for an 8th grade program held 2 weeks ago. It was for a contest that was a take off on the show Shark Tank. It was a worthwhile program that the kids really put a lot of work into.

Participated in a virtual meeting hosted by the Greater Pascack Valley Chamber of Commerce for the local Mayors.

He has been a part of the interviews for a new CFO/Tax Collector.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Yhu

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: February 22, 2022