

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
March 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.

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

Also Present: Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch
 Borough Attorney Michael Gannaio

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 1200-22 – Amend Golf Course Fees – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Boyce 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 Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Boyce read the resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

Ordinance 1201-22 – Amend Pet Waste Ordinance – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Gallagher 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 Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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 Yhu

Discussion – None

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

*Councilman Gallagher and Councilman Yhu abstained on Certification of LOSAP Lists

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1202-22 – Amend Road Opening Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Yhu read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Mayor Kramer would like wording added to the ordinance requiring the contractors to saw-cut the roads. Spoke with the Borough Engineer and DPW Superintendent and both agreed that the saw-cuts would be a good addition.

Mrs. Haverilla explained the current process for a road opening permit. This ordinance will increase the fees, amend the application and designate the Building Department as the office that will handle the permits.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Gallagher inquired about the status of the Mayor and Council meeting recordings.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the DPW assessed the Council Chambers and gave their thoughts on camera placement and possibly using the recording system computer. This will just be a recording, not live streaming. Both the Mayor and Council and Planning Board meetings can be recorded and posted.

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Gallagher

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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GOLF COURSE REGISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Mayor Kramer read an email from Gary Williams explaining that he was recently laid off and would like a refund of his resident golf course membership. He has been a member for over 25 years.

All were in favor of issuing the refund.

WILDLIFE FEEDING CONCERNS

Mrs. Haverilla explained that a lot of residents are concerned with the amount of deer in town and the fact that people are feeding them. Several of the surrounding towns have ordinances enforcing this.

Councilman Binaghi explained that the deer and geese populations are large because people keep feeding them which is not good for these animals. They do not migrate like they should and destroy farm crops. You have to let nature take its course. He is in favor of this ordinance.

Mrs. Haverilla will get several other towns ordinances and report back at the next meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH

Reported that Jerry Growney, a long-time resident and business owner in Old Tappan, has passed away. Shared a story about Mr. Growney and the golf course.

Asked if you have to hookup to the sewer system before selling your house?

Ms. Overgaard explained that a lot of people can't get a mortgage unless it's hooked up to the sewer.

Spoke with the Fire Chief about selling surplus fire equipment on e-Bay. However, he received a call today that the Clifton Fire Department is taking donated fire equipment and sending it to Ukraine so they are now going to go that route instead.

The Board of Health reports 654 cases of COVID in Old Tappan.

The Recreation Commission discussed field usage charges and what can be done with the money collected. Pickle ball is still moving along. Equipment will be ordered and stored. Time will be set aside on the basketball court for them to use. We will see how many people sign up.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/CONSTRUCTION/FIRST AID

Read the DPW's February activity report.

Mayor Kramer inquired about the construction material being stored at Stone Point Park.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the materials are from work that Suez did on Cripplebush.

The DPW Superintendent sent them an email today asking them to clean it up since the project is complete.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

The election polling location is being moved from the Charles DeWolf Middle School gym to the Firehouse. The School Superintendent requested that the elections be removed from the schools so the Borough Clerk contacted the County about changing locations.

Mrs. Donch explained that a request was submitted right after the new year to the County for them to come and inspect the Firehouse as a potential new polling location. They came out last week, did a thorough inspection and approved the Firehouse as our new location beginning this June. It is much more convenient for setup the day before and on election day since it is right next store. The DPW Superintendent and Police Chief are in favor of the move.

Mayor Kramer explained that we will need a crossing guard on election day.

Inquired about how the search for a CFO is going.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that they are still seeking a candidate. They have an interview with a CPA tomorrow who was recommended by the Borough Auditor. We re-advertised for a part time CFO on the League's website.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – POLICE/GRANTS

No Report

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL

Kemper Sports has hired a new general manager for the golf course who met with our out-going Golf Course Superintendent today. The existing men's and women's leagues will be combined and renamed. Opening day will be around March 17th, weather permitting. He received a request from the Golf Committee president in regard to giving our out-going Golf Pro, Doug Meeks, a lifetime membership. He asked for the Mayor & Council's thoughts.

Councilman Carnazza explained that he was approached by Dan Morro about the lifetime membership. He explained to Mr. Morro that it will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

This request was discussed and it was decided to offer Mr. Meeks a 5-year membership.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that we can do a proclamation honoring Mr. Meeks and present him with the membership then.

Angeline Sheridan reached out to him about starting a junior league at the middle school.

He suggested we integrate this as a feeder league for the high school. He has referred this to John Cheshire.

The Environmental Commission has been working on getting a County road opening permit for the new Chestnut Community Garden. Construction should begin soon.

At the Planning Board meeting on March 9th the hearing for the 244 Old Tappan Road application will continue. The public will be allowed to speak and ask questions.

Councilman Carnazza explained that a text and email were sent out by a resident showing some sort of work going on at 244 Old Tappan Road. The Construction Official said that they did not need any permits. This will most likely be brought up at the meeting.

Councilman Binaghi explained that they were digging percolation holes.

Councilman Boyce will inform the Planning Board Chairman about this and suggest that he start the meeting by presenting this information.

Councilman Yhu asked that the complimentary round of golf we are offering new residents be relayed to the management company. They are getting welcome packages together soon.

Councilman Boyce suggested printing up a card or certificate for this.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Attended a zoom meeting held by the NJ Conference of Mayors. They spoke about energy tax receipts that used to be received by the towns from the utilities. At some point the utilities and State decided that it would be better if the State collected all those monies and distributed it to the towns. This never happened. There is a Senate bill that is being considered to change this. He would like to adopt a resolution supporting this bill at the next meeting.

Municipal Court operations were also discussed at the meeting. All courts are down considerably on their income, mostly due to COVID. Most are still being held through zoom and it looks like it will remain like that. The bail reform legislation has greatly affected the courts.

There was a very interesting article in the paper about how Planning Boards shape towns. It did not address what the Planning Board's are up against with all of the State regulations and mandates.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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: March 21, 2022