

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
May 2, 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	Absent
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Tax Collector - Diane Holden - Effective 5/3/22 - 5/31/22

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

Tax Collector - Diane Holden - Effective 6/1/22

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

DPW Maintenance Worker- Ryan Nelson

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – Councilman Gallagher asked if Mr. Nelson has any EMT or fire experience?

Councilman Yhu answered no. He was a seasonal worker last year for the DPW so he has knowledge of oh the department runs. He has a lot of construction skills.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2022 Municipal Budget - Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

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 Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

Ordinance 1209-22 – Wildlife Feeding – 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 Gallagher

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Nalbandian read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

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 Regular Meeting – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Absent (Arrived at 8:20 pm)
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Amend Stormwater Control Ordinance

Mr. Skrable explained that the Borough adopted a stormwater control ordinance last year which conforms with the NJDEP requirements. It mainly pertains to major developments. Every town adopted the same general ordinance. The County then approves it and sends it to the State. There was an option to put a penalty provision in it, we chose not to because every major development will be policed by the town. The County, in their review, is recommending that we put the penalty provision in. Asked if the Mayor and Council would like to add the penalties. The ordinance also needs to be placed on the main page of the website with a link leading to it.

Mr. Skrable explained that 200 Old Tappan Road is going to be looking for Certificate of Occupancies (CO) on a few units. Because this is still an active construction site a meeting was held with representatives from the developer and Borough. The developer is putting together a plan of how they are going to make this transition to having residents coming in and out of that site on a daily basis and still maintaining a safe construction site. Fire hydrants have been installed but lighting has not so this is something that will be looked at before issuing a CO. The pump station is also up in the air right now so they might have to do private hauling. They have asked them to submit a plan for this.

Mr. Skrable discussed the Howard Drive paving project. They are going to wait for school to be out before milling and paving.

Councilman Binaghi inquired about the run off from The Enclave going down to Dorotockey's behind the Exxon.

Mr. Skrable explained that the developer has been made aware of this issue and it is on their action list. Discussed the Arrow Tree property and how the issues they have are being addressed. If there are further issues the owner should contact him or come to a Mayor and Council meeting.

Ms. Overgaard asked if once the 2 units get their COs and the pump station is being used the sewer flow charges can begin.

Mr. Skrable answered yes, but they still need to submit a plan to determine when the pump station will be put in to use. He needs to know the legality to having a holding tank on private property.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/CONSTRUCTION/FIRST AID

The Seniors recently hosted their 2022 Meet & Greet and it was well attended.

The First Aid Corps have been stepping up recruiting efforts. They currently have 4 members in EMT school.

The DPW Committee interviewed candidates for the maintenance worker position and decided to hire Ryan Nelson, who was appointed earlier in tonight's meeting. William Collins recently graduated from the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School with honors. He will use his skills to manage the grass at our fields and parks. The new DPW mechanic, Steve Castellano, will be starting full-time on May 23rd. Read the April 2022 activity report.

The Construction Department has been busy. Read the March 2022 and April 2022 activity reports. The inspectors are working hard.

Discussed the new resident welcome bags that the Library will be giving out and what is included in them.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

Welcomed our new CFO and Tax Collector who are both at tonight's meeting. Thanked Ms. Overgaard for doing a great job these past couple of years and for her professionalism.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – POLICE/GRANTS

The Police Department will begin using body cameras next Wednesday. Discussions

continue on new police vehicles. The Police Department will be receiving 12 Narcan kits from the State as part of the new mandate. As of today, half of the department has completed their 4-day de-escalation training. The Attorney General has modified the pursuit guidelines for stolen vehicles. Out of town details have been temporarily suspended by the Chief who would like to meet with the Police Committee for discussion about that. There was an article in today's newspaper in regard to the racial makeup of New Jersey's police force. All Police Departments are going to be required to submit reports in regard to this to the State. Promotions and new hires were discussed. Asked for the Mayor & Council's approval to move forward with the promotion of 2 additional Sergeants. Explained the hiring process, eligibility requirements and the target promotion date.

All were in favor of moving forward with the Sergeant promotions.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL

The Environmental Commission will be losing a member in a few months. Bill Howe has been a great member of the commission. The fence materials have been purchased for the new Community Garden and the compost will be coming from the DPW.

A Life Scout is raising funds to build the gates for the Community Garden fence and then installing them. Another Eagle Scout built a fire pit for the Trinity Church. A Girl Scout will be working on her Gold Award soon.

The golf course and restaurant are up and running and Kemper is doing a fine job. They will be meeting to lay out the plan for the course moving forward. Installing a golf simulator has been one idea so the golf season can be extended. The installation of nets at the practice tee was discussed.

St. Pius Church might have to appear in front of the Planning Board. The contractor that was hired to install a sport court behind the church started without getting any permits. A stop work order was issued and right now they are compiling the necessary documents to apply for a permit. We are trying to get that project back on track.

Councilman Gallagher explained that a resident, who is not a member of the golf course, approached him about being able to walk on the course at off times, for a fee, and play. He attempted it this year and was unable to do it.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that Kemper would like to open up tee times because they feel that there is a lot of time that is not used but they feel that the Mayor & Council prefer to have the course be more member oriented.

Councilman Gallagher asked if allowing residents who are not members to walk on the course during off times was something we want to consider? This is something the Golf Committee should consider and come up with a clear-cut answer.

Councilman Boyce feels that if the Mayor & Council are in favor of this we could have a resident card for play on days when the course is underutilized.

Councilman Yhu will be contacting the Girl & Boy Scout leaders to see if they would like to do anything with the Seniors for community service hours.

Councilman Carnazza entered the meeting.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH

A meeting with the Historical Committee was held. Michael Alessi and Karen Goddard were elected co-chairs. Another meeting has already been scheduled at the Library.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that after the Memorial Day Parade the timeline posters from the 125th anniversary celebration will be displayed at Oakes Park.

Pickleball will be starting at Stone Point Park. A schedule and times of play have been established. Registration is free and can be done via Community Pass. Signs will be posted with all of this information. There will be a combination lock on a storage container housing the equipment at the park. Rotating in of players was discussed so all can play.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN - FIRE/LIBRARY/SCHOOLS

Spoke with the Fire Chief about an issue with the River Vale Fire Department (RVFD). They currently have no officers due to internal problems with their Mayor & Council. The Fire Chiefs in the mutual aid towns are concerned with RVFD's lack of leadership and what liability issues that may present for them if they respond to a call in River Vale or vice versa. Chief Kutzin would like to get some guidance on what to do and how to notify RVFD of our concerns.

Councilman Binaghi feels that if OTFD is called to River Vale that we should respond because firefighters are supposed to be saving life and property. He feels that the liability is on River Vale not the mutual aid towns.

Councilman Gallagher suggested that we should start with some higher-level conversations like Mayor to Mayor. Mutual aid is very important to the communities so we need to get to the bottom of this issue. The problem in River Vale seems to be policy related.

Chief Kutzin stated that if they are called to River Vale they will respond but wants to know who is in charge at the call since RVFD has no Chief. This issue started in December last year and has been discussed by the mutual aid Chiefs. The Chiefs unanimously agreed to remove RVFD from their alarm cards. There is a concern with our new radio system because River Vale was supposed to be purchasing the radio for Central Dispatch and now we do not know what is happening with that.

Councilman Gallagher feels that the responsibility falls to the River Vale Mayor and Council. In the short term we can help but River Vale needs to have a strategy in place. They might have to pay firefighters if they cannot solve their issues because they have to, by law, provide fire protection.

Mayor Kramer will speak to the Mayor's from the surrounding towns and see what they are looking to do.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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: May 16, 2022