

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
April 18, 2022**

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	Absent
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present (Arrived at 7:40pm via Zoom)
	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 Jin Yhu

**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, none opposed, the motion carried.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

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

**OATH OF OFFICE - FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Kramer issued the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Kristel Mockler

## **BOARD APPOINTMENT**

### **Board of Health - Alternate #2 - Juan Marti - Unexpired 2 Year Term Ending 12/31/23**

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

## **STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

### **Chief Financial Officer - Jessie Coward - 4 Year Appointment**

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

### **Qualified Purchasing Agent - Jessie Coward - 1 Year Unexpired Appointment Ending 12/31/22**

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Ordinance 1204-22 – 2022 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Adoption**

Councilman Binaghi 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 Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Councilman Gallagher entered the meeting via Zoom.

### **Ordinance 1205-22 – Capital Ordinance - Various Improvements & Acquisitions – Resolution of Adoption**

Councilman Binaghi 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 Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Carnazza

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

**Ordinance 1206-22 – Capital Ordinance - Various Sewer Improvements & Acquisitions – Resolution of Adoption**

Councilman Yhu 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 Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Yhu read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

**Ordinance 1207-22 – Capital Ordinance - Various Improvements & Acquisitions (Fully Funded) – Resolution of Adoption**

Councilman Binaghi 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 Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Carnazza

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

**Ordinance 1208-22 – Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriations Limits & Establish a Cap Bank – Resolution of Adoption**

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

Second – Councilman Carnazza

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Carnazza

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

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The Recreation Commission purchased the equipment for pickle ball and set a schedule. Signups are done through Community Pass. There is no fee.

The Board of Health interviewed a new member who was appointed tonight.

Mayor Kramer attended the Easter Egg Hunt this past weekend. There was a great turn out.

### **COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/CONSTRUCTION/FIRST AID**

The Seniors will be hosting a meet and greet on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Stone Point Park.

The first round of interviews has been completed for a new DPW laborer. The DPW Committee will now interview the selected candidates.

### **COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION**

Tonight, we appointed our new CFO who will begin on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will greatly miss Rebecca Overgaard after her retirement on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – POLICE/GRANTS**

The passage of the 2 resolutions tonight supporting the Police Department is a step in the right direction for the Borough and State. Read the March 2022 Police Activity Report. There are various trainings going on. A new unfunded mandate came from the State in regard to the use of Narcan.

When hiring for the DPW are we looking to see if they have EMS or Fire Department qualifications?

Councilman Yhu answered that at least 1 candidate has emergency service certification.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

At one of his Mayor's meetings the Norwood Mayor called upon the Mayors of Harrington Park, Closter and Old Tappan to address the deactivated high-tension lines that run through these towns. A letter from the Mayors was sent to Rockland Electric asking them to remove the lines.

At the Pascack Valley Mayor's meetings there have been discussions in regard to flooding. They had representatives from the State and a local engineering firm to discuss these issues. They would like to get the Governor involved since it is a statewide issue.

Councilman Binaghi discussed the high-tension lines and how it affects our residents who live near them.

## **ACTION ON MINUTES**

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, March 21, 2022
- Regular Meeting, March 21, 2022
- Closed Meeting, April 4, 2022
- Regular & Executive Meetings, April 4, 2022

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Carnazza asked Mr. Giblin to look into Rabbi Lewis's house on Kristin Place. They have been having services at the house even though it is an active construction site. Are they allowed to do this?

Mr. Giblin will research this and speak to the Construction Official and report back to Councilman Carnazza.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinance 1209-22 – Wildlife Feeding – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Yhu read the resolution

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – Councilman Binaghi asked if feral cats were addressed in the ordinance.

Mrs. Haverilla answered yes.

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

Councilman Binaghi asked about the email that was received in regard to a noise complaint related to landscapers.

Mrs. Haverilla spoke with the resident and explained that we cannot stop a business from operating but she was still upset. We have already restricted the hours and days that landscapers can operate.

Councilman Gallagher explained that the resident should take her complaint down to Trenton. That's where this needs to start for any significant changes to be made.

Mrs. Haverilla will get back in touch with her and explain that the Mayor & Council did discuss this and there is no fair way of handling this and she should perhaps bring this to a higher authority.

#### **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

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

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: May 16, 2022