

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL SINE DIE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023
FIRST HALF**

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: 7:00 PM

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 Attorney Brian Giblin, Jr.
	Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER - Councilman Gallagher

PUBLICS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public by 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 by Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

NVOT Girls' Cross-Country Team

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation honoring the NVOT Girls' Cross-Country Team.

NVOT Girls' Soccer Team

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MAYOR'S WELLNESS CAMPAIGN - 2022 CHAMPION OF HEALTH

Eesha Bhatia

Mayor Kramer described the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and what Ms. Bhatia did to achieve this recognition.

Mayor Kramer congratulated Ms. Bhatia and presented her with the Champion of Health Award.

STAFF APPOINTMENT

Tax Collector - Kelly A. Lombardi - 4 Year Appointment

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

ACTION ON MINUTES

Minutes to be Approved

Councilman Carnazza made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, November 21, 2022
- Regular Meeting, November 21, 2022
- Closed Meeting, December 5, 2022
- Regular & Executive Meetings, December 5, 2022

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Yhu abstained on all of the December 5, 2022 meeting minutes.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL

The Golf Course closed the year out ahead of budget. They are looking forward to a big 2023. They are already working on the capital budget.

The Planning Board had a large turn out at their December meeting in regard to the 244 Old Tappan Road application which will continue at their January meeting.

The Environmental Commission is reviewing the tree report that was submitted by an arborist for the 244 Old Tappan Road site. They will send their comments to the Planning Board after reviewing the report.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – POLICE/GRANTS

Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Congratulated Councilmen Boyce and Gwon on their election to Council.

Thanked Councilman Nalbandian for his many years of dedicated service to the Borough and wished him well with his future endeavors.

Summarized his responsibilities for 2022 and thanked the residents for allowing him to work with some of the best professionals, Borough employees and volunteers.

Thanked his family for all of their support.

This past year he worked with the Police Department and Chief Tracy who continued their valuable work. Listed highlights of the Police Department from 2022 including continuing the accreditation process and several new hires and promotions.

He served on the Planning Board which had a busy year and commended the board members on their open mindedness and hard work.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

He is beginning his 24th year as a Councilman and it has been an honor to serve our residents.

His duties this year included that Borough Hall staff, most especially the Finance Office. This year we said goodbye and congratulations on their retirement to Rebecca Overgaard and Toni Flyge.

The Borough Hall staff is second to none and made his job easy this year. Listed some Finance Office statistics and the budget process that will begin soon. Thanked our Borough Auditor for his hard work.

He wished for more people to attend the Mayor & Council meetings so they are fully informed on what is going on in town.

Thanked Councilman Nalbandian for everything he has done for this town and congratulated Councilmen Boyce and Gwon.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/CONSTRUCTION/FIRST AID

Congratulated Councilmen Boyce and Gwon. He is looking forward to working with them in 2023.

Thanked Mayor Kramer for his leadership this past year.

Thanked Councilman Nalbandian for his years of dedicated service to the Borough. He has learned a great deal from him.

Thanked the Borough Hall staff for a job well done.

Thanked the departments and committees he worked with this year and listed their 2022 highlights.

Thanked the volunteers who sacrifice so much to make our town a great place to live.

Thanked his family for all their love and support. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH

He was very happy to honor the high school sports teams tonight and there will be more to follow at upcoming meetings.

Congratulated Councilmen Boyce and Gwon on their election.

He has submitted bids for pickle ball courts at Stone Point Park. They will redo the area and install 4 to 5 courts.

Congratulated Eesha Bhatia for winning the Mayor's Wellness Program Award.

Thanked the Borough staff and volunteers for all they do.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Councilmen Boyce and Gwon.

2022 will be remembered as the year we came out of the COVID-19 pandemic. To the credit of our department heads we were able to pull together and continued to provide the services to our residents and the Borough at large. Described the housing market and how it led to a large increase in home construction. The most notable projects in Old Tappan are the Enclave and Central Square. Both have been built according to code and to satisfy the NJ court ordered mandates under COAH.

Congratulated the employees that have retired during this past year. Thanked the Council for their hard work, respect and friendship. The administrative staff at the Borough Hall is second to none, they keep the Borough functioning on a daily basis. The DPW is the envy of the Pascack Valley. The Police and Fire Departments as well as the First Aid Corps are fully trained and ready a moment's notice to serve the needs of the community. The Recreation Department is to be commended for the many events they hold throughout the year. Thanked the volunteers who serve on the many boards, committees and commissions in town.

He is looking forward to a great 2023.

Unfortunately, outgoing Councilman Matthew Nalbandian was not able to be here tonight due to illness. Matt served on the Governing Body for 15 years and was born and raised in Old Tappan where he graduated from NVOT and was noted for his academic and athletic abilities. During his tenure, Matt served on nearly every committee at one time or another and participated in the selection of many key positions. No matter the task set before him Matt was always thorough, clear, concise and to the point. He will be missed by all. He thanked Matt's wife and daughters for the sacrifices they made by lending him to us over these past 15 years. Thank you for your service to the community. He has a plaque that will be presented to Matt upon his return to health.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLICS 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

Motion to close the meeting to the public by 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: January 17, 2023