

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
February 21, 2023

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.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Absent
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Cort Gwon	Present
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilman Binaghi

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Matthew Nalbandian, 3 Hidden Court, thanked the Mayor & Council for all of their kind words at the Reorganization Meeting as well as the plaque. He is sorry that he had to miss the meeting.

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.

STAFF APPOINTMENT

Assistant DPW Superintendent - Daniel Hartman

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – Councilman Gallagher stated that he is happy that Mr. Hartman is a firefighter in Old Tappan. It could help with daytime calls if the job allows.

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Gallagher read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GRANTS/HISTORICAL

There are currently several grants being researched by the Borough Administrator.

The Historical Committee met this past week but he was unable to attend so he asked the Borough Administrator to provide an update. We might have a new member soon and there is still room on the committee for other appointments. The committee is very active and our Chairperson is wonderful.

Mrs. Haverilla reported that their first speaker will be on March 1st. A narrative will be submitted for the Heritage Tree.

COUNCILMAN GWON - RECREATION/LIBRARY/SCHOOLS

The Recreation Commission will have 2 new members that will be appointed at the next meeting. We will be honoring 2 soccer teams with proclamations at the next meeting as well.

The Library is receiving bids for the HVAC replacement.

Councilman Carnazza explained that he had 2 contractors inspect the HVAC system and it appears to be working properly, however, the heat exchanger is bad. He had both contractors submit proposals and has given them to Councilman Gwon for the Library to review.

Councilman Binaghi spoke about the parking on Howard Drive in relation to the high school gate being locked. Was approached by a resident in regard to elderly and handicapped people who wish to attend events.

Councilman Carnazza explained that the school wants everyone entering through the same entrance so it is easier to monitor. This is all being done because of safety.

Councilman Gwon explained that the gate is controlled by the school so if someone needs to get through that gate they would need to speak to the school.

Councilman Gallagher suggested that the school purchase a large golf cart to help transport handicapped or elderly attendees at major events.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/SENIORS/FIRST AID

Met with the Senior Advisory Committee last week to discuss all the big events for the year.

The First Aid Corps had a small accident with their new rig while responding to a call. This is in the process of getting fixed.

Congratulated Daniel Hartman on his appointment tonight. With this appointment we now have a vacancy in the foremen position that the DPW Superintendent will be looking to fill.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – POLICE/ADMINISTRATION/HEALTH

The Board of Health held a Mayor's Wellness talk at the Fire House. He has heard very good things about it.

Councilman Binaghi read Councilman Boyce's report:

Had a meeting with several Veterans and the DPW Superintendent to discuss the new memorial at Oakes Park. There is interest in holding regular monthly meetings.

Will be meeting with the Environmental Commission as per Councilman Gallagher's request.

They have begun the cart paths project at the Golf Course and since an extension was received

the project will be finished on time for the new season. They are applying for grants for the bunkers.

At the last Planning Board meeting the conditions of approval for 244 Old Tappan Road were approved.

Mayor Kramer asked if there had been any discussion about pickle ball courts and the grants we applied for.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that they have not heard anything yet but she will follow up.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/CONSTRUCTION/ENVIRONMENTAL

The Environmental Commission meeting was changed and he will not be able to attend. The train derailment in Ohio will be a topic of conversation at that meeting.

The budget meetings continue and the CFO has asked that everyone come to the meeting ready to finalize the budget.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

None

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Gallagher made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, January 17, 2023
- Regular Meeting, January 17, 2023
- Closed Meeting, February 6, 2023
- Regular & Executive Meetings, February 6, 2023

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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 Gallagher

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Yhu

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: March 20, 2023