

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
April 3, 2023

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 Cort Gwon	Present
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Municipal Prosecutor - Carter Corrison - 1 Year Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/23

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – Councilman Yhu asked if this appointment went through the committee.

Councilman Gallagher answered yes.

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

RESOLUTION

2023 Municipal Budget Introduction

Councilman Gallagher read the 2023 Municipal Budget Introduction Resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	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 – Councilman Gallagher asked that the resolution for the PBA collective bargaining agreements be addressed separately.

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

Councilman Gallagher explained that the Mayor & Council have been working on the PBA agreements for several years now and he is optimistic that we have come to a conclusion. This resolution will be contingent upon Labor Counsel approval and wording will be added to the resolution reflecting this.

PBA Collective Bargaining Agreements

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1226-23 – 2023 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Ordinance 1227-23 – Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & Establish a Cap Bank – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Binaghi explained that the memorial rock we approved last year in honor of his father will be in place by Memorial Day at Oakes Park.

Mayor Kramer explained that the school's gate on Howard Drive has been left open. There is a function going on at the field tonight and there are numerous cars parked up and down Howard Drive on both sides of the street as well as on some of the side streets.

Councilman Gallagher asked if we should reach out to the high school? When the police are given advanced notice of an event they place the parking signs in that area. This can be a real problem with getting emergency services vehicles down those roads.

Mayor Kramer stated that we should have the Police Chief get in touch with the school to see exactly what is going on and what position they are taking. Perhaps the school has felt the pressure from the unhappy parents.

Councilman Carnazza will speak to the Police Chief and school to find out what is going on.

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Christine Massaro, 19 Haring Drive, commended the town, and most especially the Recreation Director, for the Easter Egg Hunt yesterday. You can tell how much hard work went into the event. There was a large crowd.

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 Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Sidewalk Contribution Waiver Request - 43 Greenwoods Road

Mr. Skrable explained that the property owner is requesting the waiver. This house is on the corner of Corrigan Way and Greenwoods Road. There was a fire and they are rebuilding the house. Any new house, according to our ordinance, requires a sidewalk contribution. Because they are on a corner lot it doubles the amount owed since it is based on property frontage and totals approximately \$12,000. Historically the Mayor & Council have denied these waiver request but there are mitigating circumstances here.

Mayor Kramer explained that when the house was built, Corrigan Way did not exist so it was not a corner lot at the time. This rebuild was not by choice.

Mr. Skrable explained the protocol for the sidewalk contributions. The unit prices have gone up pretty significantly so that increased the number.

Councilman Gwon asked if they were the original owners and if this is a clear-cut decision by the Mayor & Council or is there some leeway based on the size of the new house versus the original size.

Mr. Skrable explained that they are the original owners and that the fee is based on property frontage, not the size of the house. The ordinance is pretty straight forward on what the fees are.

All were in favor of waiving the fees based on the fact that it is being rebuilt due to a house fire.

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to waive the sidewalk contribution fee for 43 Greenwoods Road

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

Mr. Skrable will contact the homeowner.

Mr. Skrable reported on the Perry Street drainage project. The contractor is requesting some extra items which he emailed to everyone earlier in the day so he can get feedback before making a decision. He explained what the extras are and how much they will cost and gave his opinion on each item. The 2 main items are fencing and tree removal. Everything that was budgeted for this project originally has already been spent. He feels that some of the items requested should have been taken into account prior to bidding the project by the contractor. Dealing with Northvale and their engineer's issues caused a delay in this project.

Discussion ensued on each extra item requested and the costs.

It was decided to say no to the costs related to tree removal, figure out how much the fence material is worth and make the decision based on that and pay for the restarting of the project.

Mayor Kramer inquired about the NJDOT grant for DeWolf Road and the extension that was requested.

Mr. Skrable explained that this relates to the drainage at the farm stand on DeWolf Road. There is an issue with the drainage pipe because there is no easement on record. When we were ready to go out to bid last November DOT said that the Borough did not have the legal right to replace the pipe. An extension was then immediately requested and DOT just told us officially today that we received a 6-month extension but it is retroactive to February. Now we have until May 16th to award the bid. Today he requested the right of way line from the surveyor. Once he gets the right of way he will determine what he thinks is the best way to go. The bid will be awarded at the May 15th meeting.

Discussion ensued on the scope of the project.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GRANTS/HISTORICAL

No report

COUNCILMAN GWON - RECREATION/LIBRARY/SCHOOLS

Indoor soccer completed its season and we had 2 championship teams that we will honor at a future meeting. A meeting about the pickle ball courts bids was held and it was decided to use Sanzari for the project. The Easter Egg Hunt went well this weekend.

The library has seen an increase in patronage month after month. Columnist Bill Ervolino will be having a program in April. Listed all the programs that were held in March. A Girl Scout is holding sessions on socializing without cell phones.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/SENIORS/FIRST AID

Northern Valley Living Magazine will be sponsoring a dinner seminar on April 27th at our fire house for the Seniors.

The First Aid Corps will be sending out a recruitment letter to the parents in town to see if there is any interest.

The DPW reports that branch collection and chipping will begin on April 19th. Mulch deliveries will begin around May 1st and there will be an online sign up sheet on the Borough's website starting mid-April. They will be exploring ways to make improvements to the Borough Hall parking lot and the pathway leading up to the fire house. They also spoke about the proposed project at Oakes Park which includes demolishing the old building and putting up a new one. Discussed the quotes received in 2018 for the demolition and removal of the debris and the erection of a pole barn. The DPW Superintendent will be getting new quotes soon. He will forward pictures of the pole barn to all. There was an issue with a light pole at the Stone Point Park basketball court. It was removed and will be replaced.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – POLICE/ADMINISTRATION/HEALTH

He texted the Police Chief earlier in regard to the school gate not being locked. An officer was sent over and the gate is now locked and most of the cars are gone. He will contact the school tomorrow morning to get an explanation.

Councilman Yhu stated that the Board of Health Fair will be on April 19th. Our Police Department, Fire Department and First Aid Corps will be participating.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/FIRE

The Environmental Commission will be losing a member and it has been suggested that Nora Mann fill this vacancy. They plan on joining ANJEC this year so they can apply for additional environmentally related grants. There is a beekeeper in town that would like to

have hives at both community gardens. A hold harmless agreement will need to be signed.

Councilman Binaghi thinks the hives will create more perceived distress with residents then it will create more pollination. If you put the beehive next to the garden it will not create more pollination, it is going to be pollinated anyway.

The Fire Department's new truck is in production.

The golf course alarm in the maintenance building goes off regularly so he is working with them to fix that. Some members are having an issue with other members bringing their children to play outside the hours established for 8-13-year old's when accompanied by an adult. It is slowing play down and making other members uncomfortable. The golf course staff and rangers will be looking to enforce these rules. There is a significant amount of geese litter on the course and carts. We need to come up with a solution.

Various solutions were discussed and it was decided that the management company needs to work on solving this problem.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/CONSTRUCTION/ENVIRONMENTAL

Tonight, we introduced the 2023 municipal budget. Feels that it is a responsible budget and thanked all involved.

Read the first quarter activity report from the Construction Official.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Thanked Councilman Boyce and Tom Corcoran from the Golf Committee for handling a long-time member who was upset and had suggestions for the golf course. He had entertained these suggestions in the past but he felt these 2 gentlemen could handle the meeting and set things straight. It was good meeting from what has been reported to him.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Yhu

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: April 17, 2023