

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN**  
**MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**May 1, 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.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Arrived Late - 7:45pm
	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**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Soccer Team**

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation honoring the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Soccer Team

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Soccer Team**

The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Soccer Team were not present. They will receive their proclamations at a future meeting.

**Mental Health Awareness Month**

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month

**STAFF APPOINTMENT**

**Recreation Commission Recording Secretary - Jason Rhee**

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Gwon

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **2023 Municipal Budget - Resolution of Adoption**

Councilman Gallagher 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 Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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 Yhu

Discussion – Councilman Gallagher asked that the resolution supporting S3739/A5402 be removed and addressed separately.

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

### **Support for S3739/A5402**

Councilman Gallagher feels that this resolution is very important and wants the residents to understand what it means and what the Borough is aiming for in regard to COAH.

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Ordinance 1228-23 – Capital Ordinance - Various Improvements & Acquisitions – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

\*Councilman Boyce entered the meeting

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

### **Veterans Officer**

In the meetings he has been having with the local Veterans it came up that they would like to meet regularly and assign a Veterans Officer. He can present the name of someone who is interested in the position at the next meeting. We could also appoint a Veterans Committee of 5 members.

### **Ordinance 1229-23 – Capital Ordinance - Various Sewer Improvements & Acquisitions – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Yhu read the resolution

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

### **Ordinance 1230-23 – Capital Ordinance - Various Improvements & Acquisitions (Fully Funded) – 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 asked if there was any resolution to the high school gate issue.

Councilman Carnazza explained that the Police Chief contacted Dr. Sabatini who then spoke with his staff and went over the protocols of locking and unlocking the gate. Since then he has not heard anything about the gate being left open.

## **PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

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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Councilman Jin Yhu

Present  
Present

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

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Skrable stated that there were 2 bid advertisements in the newspaper today for the NJDOT project on DeWolf Road and the Haring Drive footbridge replacement that is a FEMA grant. Both bids will be received on May 11<sup>th</sup> and awarded on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Binaghi asked for the DeWolf Road project timeline.

Mr. Skrable answered that he stretched the completion date out knowing the he needed to coordinate with the Golf Course and Stokes Farm.

Mr. Skrable explained that they are working through some issues on Wescott Street. These issues are with the contractor and communication has broken down. Another issue is on Perry Street. It appears that the contractor crushed part of a pipe because there was flooding after the last storm. He is working through both of these issues.

The issues with the sub-contractor, along with payment and the history of the issues on Perry Street were discussed.

Mrs. Haverilla stated that there is a meeting with the Perry Street homeowners on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully these issues are resolved prior to this meeting.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

### **COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GRANTS/HISTORICAL**

The Old Tappan signs will be getting fixed by a resident with help from the DPW. The resident will also be joining the Historical Committee. This Wednesday at 7:00pm there will be 2 speakers coming to the fire house for a seminar.

### **COUNCILMAN GWON - RECREATION/LIBRARY/SCHOOLS**

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' soccer team was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to tryouts for another team. They will attend a future meeting to receive their proclamation. Since we received a grant for the pickle ball courts we are now able to do more than just the paving. We have at least 220 applicants and can now potentially run our own program. This will be discussed by the Recreation Commission. Installing permanent nets and fencing was discussed.

The Library Board goes through a rigorous process when it comes to bidding items and

long-term planning. He wants to see what their long-term capital projects are so a multi-year plan can be put together for budgeting purposes.

The high school has had a very successful college acceptance season. Spring sports will be starting.

#### COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/SENIORS/FIRST AID

The DPW is still accepting applications for a full-time laborer and part-time mechanic. We will be entering into more interlocal agreements for mechanic services. Discussed what the sewer bond ordinance introduced tonight will fund. Read the April 2023 activity report.

Read the First Aid Corp's April activity report.

The Seniors enjoyed last weeks dinner sponsored by Northern Valley Living Magazine. On Thursday they will be holding their annual meet and greet.

Councilman Gwon inquired about the work happening near the Chestnut Field parking lot.

Councilman Yhu will ask the DPW and report back.

#### COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – POLICE/ADMINISTRATION/HEALTH

The Police Committee interviewed 3 candidates for 2 patrol officer positions. We are hoping to appoint them at the next meeting.

Summer hours were discussed for the Borough Hall staff. The proposed hours would be 8:00am-4:00pm Monday - Thursday and 8:00am-1:00pm on Fridays and would run from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Discussion ensued and all were in favor of the proposed summer hours.

#### COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/FIRE

The golf course is continually being used and the membership numbers are up. They are still trying to determine if they need a dog to chase the geese away.

We have a new Eagle Scout and the ceremony was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Environmental Commission has a nice piece of wood to make into a sign for the new community garden. This will help the boy scouts with their woodworking merit badge. He will be doing a drawing to split the garden into 20 plots.

Met with the Borough Attorney last week to review the proposed tree ordinance.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/CONSTRUCTION/ENVIRONMENTAL

Thanked everyone involved with the budget process.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Attended the Safety Breakfast where we were given a platinum award and a check for \$1,750.00, the Pascack Valley Mayor's meeting where they discussed flooding issues, baseball and softball opening day and the Borough's Health Fair.

Travelled around town checking on flooding issues. He was happy to see that the United Way's project on Grace Avenue has begun.

Asked Councilmen Binaghi and Boyce to continue working on the Oakes House replacement project along with the DPW Superintendent and Borough Administrator.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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 15, 2023