

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 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	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Absent
	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 Gallagher

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Cherie Fonorow, 256 Old Tappan Road, inquired about the status of the 244 Old Tappan Road application.

Mr. Giblin explained that the resolution confirming the Mayor & Council’s decision has not been prepared yet. It will be adopted at an upcoming Mayor and Council meeting. Nothing can happen before that.

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.

PROCLAMATION

7th & 8th Grade Girls Soccer Team

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation honoring the 7th & 8th Grade Girls Soccer Team

PATROL OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Brian Puglisi & Andrew Kim

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Mayor Kramer administered the Oaths of Office to Patrol Officer Brian Puglisi and Andrew Kim.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Open Space Trust Fund Grant - Golf Course Bunker Renovations

Councilman Boyce 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 Yhu

Discussion – None

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

Ordinance 1228-23 – Capital Ordinance - Various Improvements & Acquisitions – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Gallagher 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 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 Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Gwon	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1229-23 – 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 Gallagher

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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 Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Gwon	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

*Mayor Kramer left the meeting and Council President Gallagher took over

Ordinance 1230-23 – Capital Ordinance - Various Improvements & Acquisitions (Fully Funded) – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Gallagher 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 Yhu

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 Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Gwon	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Gwon read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GRANTS/HISTORICAL

No report

COUNCILMAN GWON - RECREATION/LIBRARY/SCHOOLS

He can report that the gate at the high school was closed this Sunday when he was there for a soccer game. He had heard that it was open for the county track event but was then closed. The Athletic Director noticed during a lacrosse game that the gate was left open, instructed the coach that it needs to be closed and then locked it. He feels that the school is keeping a better eye on the gate. The principals of NVOT and NVD are swapping positions as of July 2023.

The Library Board spoke about the Senior Work Base Learning program and how it works. They are actively trying to trim costs but still make the library look presentable.

A note was sent to the Recreation Director in regard to pickle ball taking place on the basketball courts. Men's basketball teams have historically used the courts on Sunday mornings and sometimes they come there and pickle ball is using the courts. We should give the basketball team a permit and make sure that time is allotted for their use. The 2 sports can share. Once the new pickle ball courts are open the problem will fix itself. Discussed the construction of the pickle ball courts. A Town Day Committee was formed.

He and Councilman Gallagher attended the NJ OEM training session. Found this to be very informative.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that this is a new mandated course for elected officials so they can learn about incident command.

Councilman Gallagher explained the program, what it covered and what he took away from it. It emphasized a unified command amongst the various emergency services. Feels that our OEM Committee should have several meetings throughout the year.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/SENIORS/FIRST AID

The First Aid Corps will be participating in the Touch a Truck Event on June 3rd in the high school parking lot. The Police and Fire Departments will also be participating. On June 20th at 6pm the Corps will be hosting an open house at their building.

The Seniors had a successful meet and greet last week. On June 8th the committee will be hosting a Lunch and Learn.

The application period has closed for a new DPW full-time worker. The DPW Committee, sometime in the next few weeks, will interview the candidates. The town looks great and it is all thanks to our DPW. There are some trees in town that look a bit precarious. We should have the Code Enforcement Officer notify these residents that they need to start maintaining their dying trees because they are turning into a hazard.

Discussion ensued on the maintenance of private and Borough trees.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/FIRE

The Environmental Commission will be discussing bee keepers at the Community Garden along with the guidelines on this at their next meeting.

The Golf Course is doing well and the new cart paths are complete.

He met with Fred Puglisi to discuss the Veterans Committee and what their mission will be. He will be meeting with all who want to be on the committee prior to our next meeting.

The Fire Department has circulated a mutual aid agreement with all Bergen County municipalities that was generated by the County.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/CONSTRUCTION/ENVIRONMENTAL

He has been getting some questions about the house at Old Tappan Road and Kristin Place that was allowed to keep the original house up while constructing the new one. He asked the Construction Official about it and where they were at in the process. He reported that a demolition permit was taken out for the old house and should be coming down soon. They also discussed property maintenance and having the Code Enforcement Officer speak to those that need to cut their lawns.

The Environmental Commission will be meeting tomorrow night and asked that Councilman Boyce please attend along with him. They will be discussing the tree ordinance and the bee keeping. The Borough Attorney did some research on the bee keeping regulations and they will be reviewing these.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Yhu made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, April 17, 2023
- Regular Meeting, April 17, 2023
- Closed Meeting, May 1, 2023
- Regular & Executive Meetings, May 1, 2023

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Central Square OT, LLC - Development Fees

Mrs. Haverilla explained that they are requesting the Mayor and Council allow them to give the Borough money for the construction of COAH units in lieu of them building them.

Councilman Gallagher explained that this development was approved on the basis of them constructing 6 COAH units and as part of our settlement with Fair Share Housing so he is not in favor of their request.

Mr. Giblin will notify the attorney that the Mayor and Council have no interest in their request.

Ordinance 1231-23 – Amend Sewer Service Charges – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Ordinance 1232-23 – Capital Ordinance - Fencing – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Yhu read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Ordinance 1233-23 – Police Department Salary Ordinance (2019-2022) – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Boyce

Discussion – None

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

Ordinance 1234-23 – Police Department Salary Ordinance (2023-2025) – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Binaghi read the resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes

Councilman Gwon
Councilman Yhu

Yes
Yes

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

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.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gwon

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: June 20, 2023