

**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.**

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	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**

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

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation honoring the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> in the high school parking lot. The Police and Fire Departments will also be participating. On June 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Yes  
Councilman Yhu 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