

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 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	Absent
	Councilman Cort Gwon	Absent
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilman Yhu

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

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

PROCLAMATION

NVOT Golf Team

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation honoring the NVOT Golf Team

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Historical Committee - Sam Petrocelli - Unexpired 1 Year Term Ending 12/31/23

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Councilman Yhu described the ordinance and explained that this ordinance must be tabled until the July 17, 2023 meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Motion to table - Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GRANTS/HISTORICAL

The Historical Committee had a new member, Sam Petrocelli, appointed tonight. Mr. Petrocelli will also be working on the Old Tappan signs to give them a fresh look. This should be completed by the end of the year.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/SENIORS/FIRST AID

The Senior Advisory Committee hosted a Lunch & Learn a few weeks ago that was very well attended. Thanked the special speaker from that event.

The First Aid Corps is hosting their first annual open house tonight until 8pm. The event is geared to those that want to learn what the Corps does and hopefully they will get some new members.

The DPW Committee was unable to hire a new laborer during this recent search so we will be going through the advertising process again.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/FIRE

The Golf Committee is looking to use the left-over money from the irrigation pump and panel project for new sprinkler heads. The bunker project is still a work in progress. There is a tree on DeWolf Road that is blocking the golf course entrance sign that needs to be trimmed.

The Fire Department is looking to modify their LOSAP system. Explained some of the changes they would like to make.

Councilman Yhu explained that the First Aid Corps is going through the same process with LOSAP.

Councilman Binaghi explained how the LOSAP system works for the Fire Department and the history of it.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that she is the LOSAP Coordinator and the steps each agency needs to take to get these modifications approved. This would be done via ordinance.

Councilman Yhu explained that he has received complaints about litter near the reservoir. Spoke to Councilman Boyce about reaching out to Veolia since it is their property. We could also organize a Boy Scout and Girl Scout cleanup event.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Attended several events this past month including Touch a Truck, the Mayor's Wellness Campaign where the topic was mental health, performed a wedding, a Northern Valley Mayor's meeting where low flying aircraft was discussed, a Bergen County League of Municipalities function hosted by the

Paterson Mayor, attended the CDW graduation and responded to numerous phone calls and emails.

Councilman Binaghi read the May 2023 Police Activity Report for Councilman Carnazza.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, May 15, 2023
- Regular Meeting, May 15, 2023
- Regular & Executive Meetings, June 5, 2023

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – Councilman Boyce abstained on the June 5, 2023 minutes.

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – Cherie Fonorow, 256 Old Tappan Road, would like to have the speed limit on Old Tappan Road lowered to 30 mph. People are driving very fast down this road and with all the new construction on Old Tappan Road it could start to get worse. There are also schools on this road. She understands that it is county road and under their jurisdiction. She has also noticed that some kids are not wearing their helmets while on bikes and with the recent accident this is concerning.

Mayor Kramer explained that the Police Department has been trying to encourage the kids to wear helmets. He will have the Police Department check into the feasibility of lowering the speed limit.

Councilman Binaghi explained that the speed limit on Old Tappan Road was lowered from 40 mph to 35 mph a few years ago.

Peter Ardito, Harrington Park, explained that he is on the Board of Directors for Bergen SWAN. When it comes to the 244 Old Tappan Road property he has reached out to his connections at Tenaflly Nature Center in case there is ever any interest in developing a nature center or historical site at that property. They have offered their assistance and he is happy to work with the town as well.

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 Yhu

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: July 17, 2023