

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
September 5, 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 Administrator Anna Haverilla
Borough Attorney Brian Giblin

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Veterans Committee - 1 Year Terms Ending 12/31/23

- **Frank Venditti**
- **Fred Puglisi**

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Boyce

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – Councilman Boyce invited Mr. Venditti and Mr. Puglisi to explain their military histories.

Both men gave brief descriptions of their military service and how they continue to support veterans today. Both are eager to get this committee going and to improve and create new monuments honoring Veterans in town.

Councilman Boyce explained that they have reviewed the tax records and there are about

75-100 veterans in town that they will be reaching out to. The committee's first meeting is on September 12th. It will be an open house to encourage more members to join.

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

APPOINTMENT

Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO III) - Jay Hutchinson

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 1237-23 – Certificate of Occupancies & Lead Inspections – 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 Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

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

Ordinance 1238-23 – Capital Ordinance - Police SUV – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Carnazza 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 Carnazza read the resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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 Yhu

Discussion – Councilman Binaghi inquired about why the SLEO III agreement with the local Board of Education is considered a shared service.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the Borough is hiring and paying the SLEO III officers and the Board of Education is reimbursing us.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1239-23 – Amend Recreation Fees – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Gwon read the resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – Councilman Yhu asked about discounts for volunteers.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that there are some programs where the volunteers get their money back.

Discussion ensued on this matter.

Councilman Gallagher suggested that the leadership of the Fire Department and First Aid Corps should relay that these discounts exist to the membership.

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

Ordinance 1240-23 – Amend 2023 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Carnazza read the resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Course Fence

Mayor Kramer explained that there is a Borough fence that is in disrepair on the golf course property at the end of Mavis Road. Our golf course management company has suggested that we continue the chain link fence from the gate south and connect with the fence that exists behind the maintenance building. A 6-foot-high black chain link fence is the suggestion. There is another suggestion, that provides no security at all, to replace the fence with a split rail wooden fence similar to what is currently there.

Councilman Boyce explained that the 6-foot fence continues as a 3-foot wooden fence followed by a 4-foot cyclone fence to the gate. There is roughly about 160 feet of the 3-foot split rail fence.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the other option is to have from the gate a 4-foot black chain link fence going to the 6-foot chain link fence so that it is all uniform and closed.

Councilman Binaghi stated that at the last meeting we left it that Councilman Carnazza was going to speak to the Sheridan's. What was the outcome?

Councilman Carnazza spoke to Mr. Sheridan and explained what happened at the last meeting and that we are waiting on Councilman Boyce to be present before we make any decisions. He is going to report back to the Sheridan's on our decision tonight. Mr. Sheridan has offered to pay for the wooden fence. He then explained the 2 options that are on the table for tonight.

Councilman Boyce explained that the golf course management company would like to fence in the whole golf course with a 6-foot fence. At least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the course is already fenced in. Another fence option, if the Sheridan's are willing to pay for it, is to use black locust posts, with rails and then staple a wire mesh to it.

Councilman Gwon explained that if we leave the fence status quo we are not catering to any one person. We are not setting a precedent.

Discussion ensued on the different types of fencing, the height and location, the benefits of the fencing and the future plans for continuing the fencing around the entire golf course.

Councilman Boyce made a motion to obtain bids for a locust fence to replace the current wooden split rail fence, use a 6-foot cyclone fence behind the maintenance building along with a 6-foot gate.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Gwon	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	No

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

No report

Mayor Kramer reported that Mr. Skrable's father has passed away.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GRANTS/HISTORICAL

The Historical Committee has a nice display for Town Day.

He has received additional information on the Oakes Park Building. Green Acres is being strict on what can occur at the house so we will have to modify the proposed event space.

Councilman Boyce suggested adding giant garage doors on the outside of the building so we make it fully open. We can ask Green Acres if this is allowable.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that this issue with the Oakes Park House came about because Green Acres just did an impromptu inspection of all of the town's Green Acres properties. She described their findings one of which was that the Oakes Park House is in disrepair and wanted to know what is being done. She sent them the proposed renderings and they came back with that the percentage of event space shown is over the requirements.

Councilman Binaghi asked who needs to be involved in the bid process for this project.

Mrs. Haverilla answered that the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney would need to be involved with putting the bid package together. We will also need to be in communication with Green Acres.

COUNCILMAN GWON - RECREATION/LIBRARY/SCHOOLS

The First Aid Corps will be holding CPR courses at the library. Social services will be serving lunches to the seniors during Friday Flix. There is a new section where you can borrow toys for your dogs.

Soccer season has begun. Town Day is on September 9th. The pickleball courts will be painted within 2 weeks according to the vendor. There will be no pickleball tournament during Town Day.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/SENIORS/FIRST AID

The Seniors are looking forward to Town Day. He will be shuttling them back and forth from the Senior Center and Stone Point Park throughout the day. Some will be attending Bergen County's Senior Picnic at Van Saun Park next Tuesday. They will be hosting a Lunch & Learn on Thursday, September 28th at noon at the fire house. A grant has been approved for a bus trip next month.

The First Aid Corps will be meeting soon to speak about the future of the corps and how they can best serve our residents.

The DPW is now searching for a new mechanic. They have held initial interviews now the DPW Committee needs to interview them. Read the August 2023 activity report.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – POLICE/ADMINISTRATION/HEALTH

No report

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/FIRE

The golf course's parking lot has been paved. The Pro Shop has requested that the Borough create a code of conduct which will be discussed at the next Golf Committee meeting. They are going to start working on the awning for the porch.

The Fire Department anticipates delivery of their new truck in October. The rescue truck is still being designed by the committee. They will be participating in Town Day. Firemen's Convention is on September 15th & 16th.

He reviewed the tree ordinance with the Borough Attorney. The Environmental Commission should look at it one last time before it goes to the Mayor and Council for discussion.

Mrs. Haverilla announced the Environmental Commission is looking for a used lawn mower for the Community Gardens.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/CONSTRUCTION/ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kramer reported that Betty Gerkens, former Recreation Director and Town Day founder, has passed away.

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: September 18, 2023