

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR
AND REORGANIZATION MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012
FIRST HALF**

REGULAR MEETING

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: 12:30 Noon

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Victor Polce	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi Jr.	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Victor Cioce	Present
	Councilwoman Anna Haverilla	Present
	Councilman John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present

Also Present: Borough Clerk, Jean M. Donch
 Borough Attorney, Allen Bell

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER: Councilman Ronald Binaghi Jr.

PUBLICS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public - Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - None

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public - Councilman Binaghi

Second - Councilman Cioce

Discussion - None

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 1042-11 – Dissolve Grant Advisory & Design Review Committees – Resolution of Adoption

Councilwoman Haverilla 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 – Councilwoman Haverilla

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Councilwoman Haverilla read the resolution.

Resolution of adoption passed (see page 9).

PROCLAMATIONS

Volunteers of the Year – Old Tappan Fire Department

Mayor Polce read the proclamation honoring and commending the Old Tappan Fire Department for their service and dedication to the community.

Volunteers of the Year – Old Tappan First Aid Corps

Mayor Polce read the proclamation honoring and commending the Old Tappan First Aid Corps for

their service and dedication to the community.

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Kramer read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – Councilman Binaghi abstained on Claims and Payroll

Resolution Adopted (see page 12)

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Minutes to be Approved:

Councilman Kramer made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, November 21, 2011
- Regular Meeting, November 21, 2011
- Special & Executive Meeting, December 5, 2011

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – None

Roll Call:	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Kramer	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH

Mayor Polce read a certificate of appreciation and names of recipients in appreciation for service to the Borough.

(See annexed list)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN CIOCE – PLANNING / BUILDING / TECHNOLOGY

Councilman Cioce reported that this will be his third time as liaison to the Planning Board. He commented that the members perform an important roll in shaping Old Tappan. The Green Team became part of a group of 82 towns in earning a Sustainable New Jersey Certification. Councilman Cioce commented on the beautification of Bonnabel Park. He stated that Old Tappan is blessed to have the dedicated volunteers that contribute their time to the community.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / SHADE TREE

Councilman Carnazza thanked the members of the Recreation Commission and John Brophy, Chairman, Al Harnisch, Vice Chairman and Mary Haveron, Secretary. He thanked Artie Lake and the DPW staff for their efforts in the Borough.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GOLF / DPW / SENIORS

Councilman Binaghi commented on his 13th year as Councilman. He spoke highly of his family. Councilman Binaghi congratulated Mayor Polce and Councilman Kramer on their re-election. As liaison to the Golf Commission he thanked Dan Morrow and Peter Turnamian. He thanked Golf Professional Doug Meeks and Golf Course Superintendent, Paul Parascondolo. Councilman Binaghi commented on the changeing year that the DPW had and how they clean up the town after storms. He congratulated Andy Brackenbury on his appointment as Deputy Superintendent of the DPW. Concerts in the Park are a success thanks to private donations and the assistance of Councilwoman Haverilla. Solar Energy Project – since the project has been completed the Borough is already experiencing a substantial savings in electric. The touch screen located in the Borough Hall foyer tells how much energy is being collected and how much is being used. The total cost of the project was approximately \$800,000 half of which was paid for by grants. Councilman Binaghi thanked his wife for her support, the Mayor and fellow Council members as well as the entire Borough Hall staff and volunteers.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – ENVIRONMENTAL / FIRST AID / HEALTH / EDUCATION LIBRARY

Councilman Nalbandian congratulated Mayor Polce on his re-election. He thanked Mayor Polce for his dedication and leadership within the community. Councilman Nalbandian congratulated Councilman Kramer and Councilman Binaghi on their re-election. Councilman Nalbandian commented on the commissions and boards that he was honored to serve as liaison to. He commented on the efforts of Chairman David Keil and the members of the Environmental Commission. The Green Team members were able to obtain certification for the Borough under the Sustainable New Jersey Program. The Board of Health members with Dr. Stephen Wiklinski as the Chairman perform a great service to the health and safety of the Borough. Councilman Nalbandian thanked Sue Meske and Don Hettinger for their leadership at the library and the patrons who utilize the library. He thanked all the members of the Borough staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Councilman Nalbandian thanked his wife and children for their support and wished everyone present a Happy New Year.

COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA –FINANCE /FIRE

Councilwoman Haverilla congratulated Mayor Polce, Councilman Kramer and Councilman Binaghi on their re-election. She thanked the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer and Borough Staff for their dedicated hard work throughout the year. Councilwoman Haverilla thanked Donna Geitz, Director of Social Services for her assistance with the food pantry along with the help of Arlene Fultonberg. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts were thanked by Councilwoman Haverilla. An Eagle Scout project was conducted by her son, Joe, who collected and assembled emergency buckets with a goal to help the elderly be prepared in emergency situations. Councilwoman Haverilla thanked the Fire Chief for his many years of service and the Deputy Fire Chief, and all Fire Department volunteers. She was honored to be Fire Commissioner this past year. Councilwoman Haverilla acknowledged the assistance of the Fire Department during the Halloween snow storm. She commented on the passing of a member of the Fire Department for 58 years, Charles Lake, Sr. She thanked Mayor Polce, her fellow Council members and her family for their support throughout the year. Councilwoman Haverilla wished everyone present a very Happy, Healthy New Year.

COUNCILMAN KRAMER - POLICE / GRANTS / HISTORICAL

Councilman Kramer gave recognition to friend and former Councilman, Nick Pappas and County Freeholder, Robert Hermansen. He thanked his wife Carol for her support. Councilman Kramer thanked all the voters for electing him for another term as Councilman. Special thanks to Councilwoman Haverilla, who served as campaign chairperson and Treasurer John Flanagan. Senior Advisory Committee – under the direction of David Northrop, they are an eager and dedicated group in serving the needs of the senior residents. Already planned for this year are a Lunch and Learn program and a traffic safety course. Safety Committee – Chaired by Artie Lake they meet on a regular basis. All departments are represented. Matters regarding safety both on and off the job are discussed. Police Department – Congratulated Police Chief Shine and his entire department for the services that they provide to the citizens of Old Tappan. He thanked the department’s negotiating team. Historical Committee – held two meetings this past fall and look forward to this coming year. Alliance Committee – under the long leadership of Councilwoman Haverilla continues to meet for the well being of our youth and seniors as well. Councilman Kramer thanked the entire group of volunteers and staff members who serve the Borough. He wished everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Polce welcomed everyone to the Reorganization Meeting. As we have had in the past twelve years, we will continue to face significant challenges over the next twelve months but they will be over-shadowed by greater opportunities. Your Mayor and Council are committed to providing the

Borough with first class services so the Police, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer First Aid Corps and the DPW have the necessary resources to continue providing top services to our residents. The success of this Administration is due to the efforts of so many people. This is a team effort. The collective effort by each Council member combined with the Borough family. This collective effort allows us to achieve the goals that we set out to reach each January.

Mayor Polce thanked all the members of the Borough family for a great 2011 and an outstanding job over the past twelve years. He thanked each Council member individually for their efforts and dedication to the Borough. Mayor Polce thanked his wife, Joy and his entire family for their never ending support, understanding and patience.

Mayor Polce thanked Chief Financial Officer, Becky Overgaard, Borough Clerk, Jean Donch and Borough Administrator Pat O'Brien. He had kind words for each of them on their hard work and efforts throughout the year. Mayor Polce commended Jeff Bliss, Borough Auditor and Allen Bell, Borough Attorney for their outstanding professionalism and decision making on behalf of the Borough.

Mayor Polce thanked Recording Secretary Sylvia Kokowski for her work for the Borough. He thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works and the Ladies Auxiliary for all they do for our town. Mayor Polce commented that the "hallmark of this administration" is to communicate and deliberate openly and honestly on issues. This leads to leadership, teamwork and ultimately good friends. Mayor Polce thanked all the Borough Staff, Professionals and Volunteers and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLICS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion - None

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second - Councilwoman Haverilla

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

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved:

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

Jean M. Donch
Borough Clerk

cc: Mayor and Council
Allen Bell, Esq.

Date Approved: January 17, 2012