

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013**

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 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	Absent

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**PRAYER** – Councilman Victor Cioce

**CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Cioce read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – Councilman Binaghi abstained on Claims and Payroll

Resolution Adopted (see page 7)

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

Councilman Cioce made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Meeting, July 15, 2013
- Special Meeting, July 31, 2013

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None.

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

**PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – None

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

Harriette Weil, Board of Health member, 101 Lakeview Drive, is seeking approval of the Mayor and Council to have a Zumba class as part of the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign. The approval request includes use of Borough property, approval for the instructor to charge a fee of \$5.00 per person and insurance coverage under the Borough’s insurance.

The Mayor and Council were okay with the proposal of a Zumba instructor but advised that it would be subject to verifying insurance coverage with the Risk Manager.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – FIRST AID / TECHNOLOGY**

At a special meeting of the Mayor and Council held on July 31<sup>st</sup>, a location was determined for the United Way affordable housing project proposal. The Construction Official has recommended establishing a committee to review and update Borough Ordinances.

**COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / DPW / SAFETY**

Summer basketball has ended. Old Tappan finished with 3 teams in the final games. Proclamations will be presented at a future meeting. Artie Lake, DPW Superintendent, and his crew are doing a good job.

#### **COUNCILMAN KRAMER – POLICE / HISTORICAL / SENIORS**

Councilman Kramer discussed the idea of inmates painting the Borough Hall. He had negative feelings, concerns with security, safety and the comfort of the employees. The Council expressed their individual feelings on the matter. On consensus it was decided that this is not a good idea at this time.

The Hackensack River Keeper held their annual paddling event on Lake Tappan. The event was successful and they are looking forward to holding it again next year. The Police Department is participating in a state wide drunk driving campaign. The Senior Advisory Committee met last Thursday. A Lunch and Learn is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>. The CFO, Rebecca Overgaard, Councilwoman Haverilla and Councilman Kramer met with the Golden Age Club at their meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The members of the Golden Age Club were informed that they are not covered under the Borough's insurance policy. It was suggested to them that they provide a hold harmless agreement and proof of insurance coverage or join with the Senior Advisory Committee and then they can operate under the Borough's insurance policy. In general the members of the Golden Age Club were not happy.

#### **COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GOLF / EDUCATION / GRANTS / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

The Golf Commission met two weeks ago. Some golf outings are scheduled. The golf course looks good. The Mayor's Golf Outing is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Arts and Entertainment – attendance was good at Concerts in the Park. Two of the concerts were held at the Firehouse due to inclement weather.

#### **COUNCILMAN CIOCE – PLANNING / ENVIRONMENTAL / BUILDING**

Environmental Commission - Unused drug collection is scheduled in October. Water bottles with the Sustainable NJ logo may be distributed on Town Day. The next Environmental Commission meeting is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Request to Vacate/Purchase Avenue B

Allen Bell reported that a resident at 222 Orangeburgh Road obtained a variance to renovate their property. He believes that Orange and Rockland has an easement running through the paper street known as Avenue B that the residents would like to purchase. A purchase of the property would have to be done through a bidding process. Before any decision is made a copy of the easement needs to be obtained to determine if the easement covers an area of the paper street and if Orange

and Rockland objects to the sale of the property.

#### Street Excavation Permit Request – 191 White Avenue

Artie Lake, DPW Superintendent, reported that under the Borough ordinance if the road was paved within three years the request has to be denied and then approval needs to be made by the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council were in favor of approving the request provided the steps given in the DPW superintendent's letter were followed.

#### Frueh Court Sink Hole

DPW Superintendent Artie Lake advised that a section of the storm drain collapsed and a shade tree was lost due to a sink hole. Patricia Cleary, an attorney representing the developer, advised that they are waiting for direction to get this matter resolved. There is a performance bond, no maintenance bond. The Mayor and Council recommended that she contact Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable to discuss resolving this matter.

#### Central Avenue Property Access Request

Allen Bell reported that as part of the remediation at the gas station a monitoring well needs to be placed on Borough property in accordance with the DEP. Allen Bell spoke with the attorney about the Borough's concerns. Together with the Borough's Engineer, Thomas Skrable, they will locate a spot acceptable to the Borough.

#### Golden Age Club – Insurance Issue

Discussed under Councilman Kramer's report.

#### Ordinance 1060-13 – Amend 2013 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Kramer read the resolution

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – None

Resolution of Introduction Passed (see page 39)

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

Julia Fortunato, 2 Ogle Road, president of the Golden Age Club, stated that after 35 years it was never known that the Golden Age Club was not covered by the Borough's insurance. Julie Fortunato, her daughter, 2 Ogle Road, is concerned with upcoming trips because some have already been paid for. Ursula Callahan, 11 Country Squire Road, has collected funds for upcoming trips. Dolores Alessi, 32 Russell Avenue, voiced her concerns with commitments made. The Golden Age Club did solicit quotes to be insured but they are not affordable. They have decided to disband the Golden Age Club and join the Senior Advisory Committee in order to be covered by the Borough's insurance. A letter was sent to the Mayor and Council confirming this. The ladies were told that the Golden Age Club can speak with the CFO who can open a trust account with the remaining Golden Age Club funds through the Borough.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Carnazza

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor and Council  
Allen Bell, Esq.

Reviewed and approved:

Jean M. Donch, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Date Approved: September 16, 2013