

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014**

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	Present

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**PRAYER** – Councilman Ronald Binaghi

**CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Kramer

Discussion – Councilman Kramer abstained on Claims and Payroll

Resolution Adopted (see page 7)

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to approve the following minutes

- Regular Meeting, May 19, 2014

Second – Councilman Kramer

Discussion – None

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

## **PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

George Stafford, Director of NJ Highlands Coalition, made up of 80 groups and 600 individuals. He advised that the master plan for the NJ Highlands is under review this year. Mr. Stafford was present to ask the Mayor and Council to pass a resolution to protect any changes to the Highlands Act on behalf of the people who live there.

Pamela Morgenstein, Old Tappan resident, stated that sidewalks were installed this week on her street. No notification was provided to the residents. Thomas Skrable advised that the contractor was responsible to provide notification. He added that this is the first time the Borough is being made aware of this. Ms. Morgenstein asked who is responsible for damaged shrubs and sprinkler systems. Thomas Skrable said he will handle any property damage reported with the contractor.

Fred McIntosh reported that during the sidewalk project there was a sign removed that stated an incorrect turn. He wanted to report this in case the sign is re-installed. Mr. McIntosh described the location and the sign he was referring to.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Cioce

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

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / FIRE / HEALTH / LIBRARY

The library had a very active month in May. They added new board members to fill some vacancies. They are organizing a date to honor Marjorie Weissman who donated funds to the library prior to her passing. The funds were used for a new children's center. The Fire Department is reviewing policies and procedures.

## COUNCILMAN KRAMER – POLICE / HISTORICAL / SENIORS

The new Senior Center grand opening is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Social Society and Senior Advisory Committee meetings will be held in the new center. Pertaining to a traffic light at the intersection of Orangeburg and Old Tappan Roads, a suggestion was made to have the Mayor and Council adopt a resolution to be forwarded to all city agencies that would be affected. Councilman Kramer is drafting a resolution for Mayor and Council consideration. The Police Committee met. They discussed the traffic problem at the lower end of Charles Place and recommended ordinance amendments. Councilman Kramer read an email with recommendations from the Police Committee pertaining to "no standing zones" on Old Tappan Road.

## COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / DPW / SAFETY

Recreation Commission – summer basketball registration is over. A record 136 kids have registered. DPW – Artie Lake and his crew are working on the new Senior Center in preparation of the grand opening. The DPW will be filling pot holes within the Borough.

## COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – FIRST AID / TECHNOLOGY

The Planning Board is currently hearing an application for a 4 lot sub-division that requires a "D" variance.

## COUNCILMAN CIOCE – PLANNING / ENVIRONMENTAL / BUILDING

At the May Environmental Commission meeting a tree replacement plan was reviewed. The landscaper attended the meeting. He was told that he can begin his work but he needs to submit a revised tree replacement plan. An Eco Lecture was held at the library on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Walk to School Day was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Environmental Commission meets tomorrow evening.

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

The Golf Commission held a meeting. The Par Bar & Grill is doing well. They would like to place a fountain with lights in the pond on the golf course. Fifty-two houses signed up for the town wide garage sale last weekend. Concerts at Oakes Park are scheduled and will begin in July.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

Thomas Skrable Borough Engineer reported as follows:

Councilwoman Haverilla recused herself on sidewalk discussion.

Sidewalks – Orangeburg Road is complete. He will speak with the contractor pertaining to the non-notice complaint heard from a resident this evening.

Inglese Subdivision – Sidewalk Contribution – corner of Lindy Place and Old Tappan Road. Thomas Skrable reported that a majority of the work is complete. Sidewalks are not allowed on Old Tappan Road therefore a sidewalk contribution cannot be made. Borough Attorney Allen Bell asked that the owners have their attorney contact him in an attempt to work things out.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Greg Zaccone is the proprietor of two health and wellness businesses in town. He applied for a banner permit and was denied. He is asking the Council to review the reason for the denial and the Borough's ordinance. He is attempting to place a 3 ft. banner for approximately 30 days. Councilwoman Haverilla read the section of the Borough's ordinance pertaining to banners and explained the procedure for permission. Borough Attorney Allen Bell advised that the Council can make recommendations to amend the ordinance to the Planning Board if they decide to.

Sign Permit – Michael F. Laviola Foundation

Councilman Carnazza recused himself and left the dais.

Michael Laviola and Mark Covitz were before the Council. In memory of his son who passed away in 2008, Mr. Laviola formed the Michael F. Laviola Foundation. This is a non-profit fund raiser for contributing to research of the particular cancer his son passed away from. In addition, two scholarships are given away each year. For the past 5 years he had placed a fund raiser sign / banner with no problem. This year, which is the last year of the fund raiser in Old Tappan, he received a summons.

Mark Covitz commented that the Borough ordinance should be reviewed for proper interpretation of a fund raiser and a resolution considered by the Council to permit a request such as this one.

Councilman Carnazza returned to the dais.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

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

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Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – None

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

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Cioce

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

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  
Borough Clerk

Date Approved: July 21, 2014