

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
May 7, 2018

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SPECIAL MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

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

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PROCLAMATION

NVOT Girls Varsity Basketball

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation honoring the coaches and players of the NVOT Girls Varsity Basketball for their courage, determination and success.

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilwoman Haverilla read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes

Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

Resolution Adopted (see page 8)

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1127-18 – Community Garden Fees – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Cioce read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Councilwoman Haverilla questioned the size of the plots. It was determined that the plots can be made smaller in the future if need be.

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

Resolution of Introduction Passed (see page 14)

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

Orlando Rodriquez, 7 Kristin Place, inquired about the home owned by the Chabad located across the street from his home. He reported that last week there were a number of cars parked in the area for what he believes was religious activity. The police were contacted by Mr. Rodriquez as he is concerned with congestion and safety as well as his property value. Borough Attorney Allen Bell reported that the Chabad have applied for tax exemption and are being challenged. They are not approved to operate as a synagogue at the house. He advised Mr. Rodriquez to report any on-going, regular activity of this kind to the Borough.

Motion to close Special Meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – None

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

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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	Councilman Victor Cioce	Present
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	Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable reported as follows:

Bids have been received for the paving of North Washington Avenue and the Borough's 2018 paving program. The bids are being reviewed for detail and options. A recommendation will be made at the next Mayor and Council meeting.

Old Tappan Road / Orangeburg Road Traffic Signal – the County was contacted; they will meet with representatives of the Borough to discuss this project. Thomas Skrable will gather a few dates for Mayor and Council consideration.

CFO, Rebecca Overgaard explained that back in 2012 the County requested Old Tappan to install four ramps that we have not gotten reimbursed for. She asked for consideration to deduct Old Tappan's overdue funds from the County's tax money. There has been recent discussion on this between Old Tappan and the County. The Mayor and Council agreed to her request.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

The DPW received their new hydraulic lifts. They recently street swept the town in accordance with Storm Water Management. The DPW is in the process of delivering mulch.

COUNCILMAN CIOCE – ENVIRONMENTAL / LIBRARY

The Earth Day Fair held on April 21st was well attended. Activities included pet adoption. Councilman Cioce happily announced that his grandson won first place in a poster contest that day.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / FIRST AID

Opening Day went well; the DPW helped a lot with the event. Summer basketball will close on the 15th. Golf Commission – held discussion on use and cost of golf carts. The Pitch Chip Cup for kids age 8 – 12 is turning out to be successful. Twenty-four kids have signed up, 19 of them are Old Tappan residents.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE/ EDUCATION / ADMINISTRATION

Board of Health – Northwest Bergen Regional was honored as a recipient of the New Jersey Influenza Honor Roll for their work dealing with the 2017-2018 flu season. Their health educator spoke with Madison Spine and Physical Therapy who are interested in collaborating with Old Tappan seniors on teaching them about fall prevention. The State passed legislation allowing the towns to set up Charitable Trust Funds to help offset property taxes. The law takes effect on July 3rd.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / FIRST AID

No Report

COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – POLICE / SAFETY / SENIORS

Seniors will hold a Lunch and Learn on Thursday. The Police Dispatch Service is going well in conjunction with River Vale. The Police Department will be hiring a new officer to replace Officer Butler who has retired. NVOT would like to hire Class III officers to

monitor the schools. An ordinance and a contract need to be in place. Officer Weaver will be doing her bike tour again this year. Donations to the event can be made online.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Two weeks ago Mayor Kramer attended and judged, with other Mayor's, a talent show at the Northern Valley High School. The event was sponsored by the Northern Valley Coalition for Kindergarten to 12th grade kids. Last week he attended a Social Justice Fair. Mayor Kramer was in attendance for opening day of baseball. He thanked Councilman Carnazza for his help with the event. A letter was received from former Councilwoman Carmen Ein; she is in Italy for the month of May and cannot attend Old Tappan's Memorial Day Services. Our letter carriers are having a "stamp out hunger" food drive on Saturday.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor and Council
Allen Bell, Borough Attorney

Reviewed and approved:

By: Jean M. Donch, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: May 21, 2018