

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2018

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.

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

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilwoman Anna Haverilla

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Lorrie Getter-Howe, 43 Forest Avenue, is a volunteer for “Mom’s Demand Action” which hopes to bring attention to gun violence awareness by wearing orange on June 1st and that weekend. She provided a sample resolution that she would like the Mayor and Council to consider adopting. However, since the Mayor and Council will not meet again until after June 1st, they advised that they would make an effort to contact various Borough Boards and Committees and

make them aware of the event. Councilman Carnazza advised her that she would have to notify and get permission from the schools separately.

Donna Bernard, 11 Green Way, commented that she was before the Mayor and Council about 20 years ago in regard to gun violence adding that the Borough needs to be part of making gun violence awareness.

Robert Galow, 103 Sycamore Court, was seeking a tax assessment adjustment on a house that was demolished in 2016. Borough Attorney Allen Bell commented that he had the right to do a tax appeal but explained that the time lines with regard to tax appeals are strict and recommended Mr. Galow speak with his lawyer.

Patches Maggaro, 4 Churchill Road, stated that she is in support of the gun violence awareness event.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Councilman Cioce described the ordinance and then made a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion - None

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Cioce read the resolution,

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

Resolution of Adoption passed (see page 9)

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilwoman Haverilla read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – Councilman Gallagher asked to pull the Refund 200 Foot List Fee resolution.

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

Resolution Adopted (see page 10)

Refund 200 Foot List Fee

Councilman Gallagher explained that this is a \$10.00 refund request due to the fact that the applicant and their lawyer both requested the list. He commented that this is a minimal amount of money that involves costly transactions to the Borough and should be denied.

Motion to deny the \$10.00 reimbursement – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes

Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

All new DPW employees have completed electrical courses at Rutgers. Closed circuit cameras have been installed in the Council Chambers. Eighty-two loads of leaf compost were delivered to residents. Ten new trees have been planted in the playground at Stone Point Park.

COUNCILMAN CIOCE – ENVIRONMENTAL / LIBRARY / HISTORICAL

Councilman Cioce received an email from a resident who complained about the condition of the grounds in the playground area in Stone Point Park. She would like to see rubber mat flooring placed. It was noted that rubber tends to get hot and is very costly. Councilman Cioce will respond to the resident. The Environmental Commission has drafted basic rules for the Community Garden. An Earth Fair wrap up meeting was held; a town to host the Earth Fair for next year will be determined. Upcoming events include paper shredding day, family night and hooked on fishing.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / FIRE / SCHOOLS / HEALTH / ADMINISTRATION

Board of Health – the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission’s health educator will hold a presentation at the Old Tappan Senior Center on June 14th pertaining to medication safety. Flyers were distributed for Zumba in the Park to be held on Thursday, May 24th in Westwood. The Board of Health provided a copy of an ordinance from another town prohibiting sale or use of marijuana in all zones. The Board of Health would like to see a similar ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council. Discussion ensued. It was decided to wait and see what direction the State ultimately decides to take.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Planning Board did not meet in May. Summer concert series are booked for July.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / FIRST AID

Our golf team beat Bergen Catholic and are going on to the States. Forty-four kids signed up for Pitch, Putt and Drive. We are hoping that kids age 8 – 12 years old and parents will join our programs at the golf course.

COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – POLICE / SAFETY / SENIORS

Municipal Alliance will present “Hidden in Plain Sight” on Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Fire House. Police Dispatch – we are waiting for Old Tappan to be added to the contract with River Vale.

Councilman Nalbandian, Mayor Kramer, Borough Administrator O'Brien and I met with the Superintendent at the High School to discuss resource officers. A contract was prepared by Borough Attorney Allen Bell.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Referred to and commented on correspondence received from a resident. He attended the Borough's audit meeting; the Borough obtained a good report. Mayor Kramer attended the seniors Lunch and Learn.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilwoman Haverilla made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Meeting, April 16, 2018
- Closed Meeting, May 7, 2018
- Special & Executive Meetings, May 7, 2018

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – Councilman Binaghi abstained on the April 16, 2018 meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1128-18 – Affordable Housing – Central Avenue – Resolution of Introduction

Councilwoman Haverilla read the resolution

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – Borough Attorney Allen Bell advised that this ordinance needs to be referred to the Planning Board for review. Residents within 200 ft. need to be notified via certified mail.

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 20)

PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

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 – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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: June 18, 2018