

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
November 18, 2019**

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 John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Victor Cioce	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present
	Councilwoman Jin Yhu	Present

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**PRAYER** – Councilman Guy Carnazza

**PROCLAMATION**

**NVOT Boys Cross Country Team**

Mayor Kramer read the proclamation honoring the coaches and players on the NVOT Boys Cross Country Team.

**PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

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 – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

## **BOARD APPOINTMENT**

**Kristen Zales – Recreation Commission – Unexpired 5-year Term Ending 12/31/23**

Motion to accept the Mayor’s appointment – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance 1157-19 – Amend Capital Ordinance – Stone Point Park Improvements – Resolution of Adoption**

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

Second – Councilman Cioce

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 Carnazza read the resolution

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

## **CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Nalbandian read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – None

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

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – DPW / CONSTRUCTION**

Zoning and Building – visibility at corner lots – some changes were made; on-going process; safety issue. For now, one-on-one basis. Our Zoning Officer wants to create an ordinance on vacant and abandon properties. We will be meeting to discuss his budget. DPW – last leaf pick-up will be early December. Discussion ensued on sharing the DPW Mechanic with other towns for a fee.

### **COUNCILMAN CIOCE – ENVIRONMENTAL / LIBRARY / HISTORICAL**

Library – held a meeting last Wednesday; they are getting prepared for their budget meeting. Environmental Commission meets tomorrow evening. They will discuss a Community Tree Recovery / Arbor Day Foundation program. Councilman Cioce's recommendation was to get input from the DPW Superintendent. A 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event recap meeting was held, they discussed what worked and what did not work.

### **COUNCILMAN YHU – SAFETY / SENIORS / AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

We have a girl scout working on her gold award project. Some Senior Advisory Board appointments will expire the end of the year. The Social Service Director will retire effective January 31, 2020. We need some volunteers on the Local Assistance Board. Councilman Yhu will attend the League of Municipalities this week.

#### **COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – PLANNING / ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT / FIRST AID**

The First Aid and Fire Department were reminded that budget meetings are approaching. The Fire Department held their elections they will have the same line officers for 2020. The First Aid Corps will hold their meeting and elections this Wednesday. The Planning Board met last Wednesday; the engineer for the Pearson application did a good job reviewing the proposed plans. The application will be continued next month.

#### **COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / GOLF / HEALTH**

Recreation Commission – member John Brophy will step down and Kristen Zales has been appointed this evening to take his place. Golf Commission – work on the 9<sup>th</sup> tee will begin. There is a problem with the air conditioning in the club house. Board of Health meets Wednesday.

#### **COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / FIRE / SCHOOLS / ADMINISTRATION**

Budget meetings are scheduled. Police - Councilman Nalbandian communicated with our Labor Attorney who spoke with the PBA Attorney. We are waiting for a response; we need a draft contract and then we will hold a meeting.

#### **MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Kramer will distribute Council Committee Assignments the first week in December.

#### **ACTION ON MINUTES**

Councilman Nalbandian made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, October 21, 2019
- Regular Meeting, October 21, 2019
- Special & Executive Meetings, November 4, 2019

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Councilman Cioce abstained on all meetings. Councilman Gallagher abstained on the November 4, 2019 Special & Executive meetings.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**New Ambulance – Final Specifications & Quotes**

Councilman Gallagher advised that the committee met and all aspects of design were discussed. We spoke with local towns who purchased new ambulances so we could speak with vendors to come up with our requirements. A quote received from Braun Manufacturing came in within budget. Councilman Gallagher reviewed additional points and specifications. Borough Attorney Allen Bell advised how the Borough moves forward from here.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2020 Mayor & Council Meetings**

Reorganization Meeting – January 6, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Motion – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – Second Meeting Added in June, 2020

On voice vote, all in favor.

### **2020 Budget Meetings**

First 2020 Budget Meeting Date to be confirmed with the Borough Auditor. All proposed budget meeting dates thereafter are okay via voice vote.

### **Ordinance 1158-19 – Amend Golf Course Fees – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Carnazza read the resolution.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

## **PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

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Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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No Public Comment

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Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Carnazza

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: December 2, 2019