

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN**  
**MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**March 2, 2020**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, notice 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.

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

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

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
	Councilman William Boyce	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Gallagher read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**30 Autumn Lane**

Patrick Gambuti, 16 Autumn Lane, provided a handout with a site plan and photographs of the vacant property located at 30 Autumn Lane. Autumn Lane residents John Ranu and Evelyn Moy were also present.

Mayor Kramer read a letter he received from the property owner dated February 14, 2020 stating that they are interested in selling the property.

Mr. Gambuti reported that the owner received permission at the Planning Board level and from the DEP to build on the property, which according to his photographs and history, is wet lands. Mr. Gambuti is concerned about flooding on his property and the negative impact on the area. He stated that the Master Plan protects land like this.

Ms. Moy added that this property is a wet area and building on it would create ill effects.

Mr. Ranu likes the wooded view from his property and would rather not see a house on it.

The Council will look into Green Acres funding and will speak with the owner about the Borough possibly purchasing the property in an effort to retain it as open space.

#### **Ordinance 1161-20 – Amend Recreation Fees – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Carnazza read the resolution.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)**

Councilman Gallagher reported that discussions were held by legislators in regard to Fire Department and Ambulance Corps members. He explained that about 20 years ago, the Borough went into an agreement that was certified by the state whereas the Borough would put funding into a retirement program for these members. Councilman Gallagher further explained a problem with the payout and what legislators are trying to change. Discussion ensued. This will be discussed further during next year's budget meetings.

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

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Barbara DiTrollo, 31 Knickerbocker Lane, inquired if a new Code Enforcement Officer would be hired.

Councilman Nalbandian responded yes, we are going ahead with the position. He explained the job description.

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Carnazza

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

## **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

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Councilman Jin Yhu

Present

Also Present:

Borough Attorney Allen Bell  
Borough Clerk, Jean M. Donch, RMC

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable was absent.

Councilman Binaghi reported on his behalf that the DeWolf and Howard drainage project is being addressed. Lines have been painted where the drainage work will be done.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Councilman Carnazza referred to an incident that occurred with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys travel game against River Vale. The parent who made inappropriate comments apologized to the board, referees and River Vale coaches. He has been suspended from attending home games for the balance of the winter and summer seasons. Councilman Carnazza commented on the Recreation Code of Conduct. The Recreation Commission meets tomorrow evening.

### **COUNCILMAN YHU – SCHOOLS / SENIORS**

Pertaining to schools, Councilman Yhu congratulated the cast and crew of Into the Woods which was spectacular. He attended a high school Board of Ed meeting last week; they are working on their budget but feel they will come in under their 2% cap. Community Development – the Borough Administrator and I will attend a Mayor's Wellness Campaign meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Paramus. Alumni In Recovery is traveling through local towns to bring awareness to drug and alcohol addiction. There will be a conference call tomorrow with the state Board of Health concerning the Coronavirus outbreak. The library is planning on introducing new programs. Seniors will hold a Lunch and Learn on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Local Assistance Board is working on new ways to fund raise.

### **COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE / AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Councilman Binaghi spoke about a clothing bin that is located at the DPW and how the Recycling Coordinator has found a way for the Borough to make money from them. Our Police Chief is retiring soon; interviews will take place for a new Police Chief this week. We will advertise for new police officers.

### **COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF / PLANNING BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Golf Commission met on February 6<sup>th</sup>; Tom Cochrane has been voted in as our new Chairperson. Our goal is to get 100 new members to join the golf course. We are looking for our turf to be the best in Bergen County. We are exploring getting new cart paths and working on a master plan for the entire course. The Environmental Commission meets on March 10<sup>th</sup>. On June 6<sup>th</sup> together with Hooked on Fishing, a National Trails Day event will be held. Planning Board – 200 Old Tappan Road has been on the agenda. Councilman Boyce is working on obtaining a list of younger veterans in town.

Councilman Yhu added that a veteran who resides in Sunrise had never received his award from WWII. With the help of Mayor Kramer and assistance of our Congress representatives, we were able to get the award which was presented to him last Wednesday.

#### **COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – DPW / CONSTRUCTION**

We will proceed with the hiring of a Code Enforcement Officer on a part time basis. We passed an Interlocal Shared Services Agreement with Woodcliff Lake for our mechanic; it is going well for both towns. At the last Mayor and Council meeting Councilman Nalbandian mentioned that our Recycling Coordinator has found ways for the Borough to make money from recycled equipment including the use of clothing bins that Councilman Binaghi spoke about this evening. Ryan Weaver will be bringing in eleven new scouts bringing our total to over twenty in town.

#### **COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE / FIRE / FIRST AID**

Budget meetings are almost done. Councilman Gallagher reviewed the Fire Department and First Aid Corps activity reports.

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS - None**

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Binaghi

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: March 16, 2020