

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL SPECIAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING
May 4, 2020**

VIRTUAL MEETING

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.

SPECIAL MEETING

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

ROLL CALL:	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

POLICE CHIEF APPOINTMENT

Joseph Tracy

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

STAFF APPOINTMENT

William Fenwick – Alternate Public Defender – Unexpired 1 Year Term Ending 12/31/20

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Gallagher read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

RESOLUTIONS

Refund 2020 Recreation Baseball & Softball Registrations

Councilman Carnazza read the resolution

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Extending Grace Period for Property Tax Payments

Discussion – Councilman Gallagher stated that Governor Murphy has given towns the option to extended the grace period for property tax payments for 30 days until June 1st. Councilman Gallagher commented that the Borough already honors a 10-day grace period to May 11th. Interest is charged beginning May 12th. The Borough needs to pay the School Board and the County taxes. Discussion ensued.

Motion not to extend the Grace Period for Property Tax Payments for 30 Days – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
	Councilman Yhu	No

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Attilio Adamo, 1 Veterans Way, complained about a messy, muddy area that he has been cleaning and dredging himself due to a possible problem with the catch basin. Borough Engineer Skrable will take a look at the area to see what can be done.

Gary Mascolo, 31 Haring Drive, asked why mulch deliveries have been suspended.

Councilman Nalbandian responded that the DPW works a split shift due to the coronavirus and they are working on essential things for now.

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

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

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

EXECUTIVE MEETING

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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

ROLL CALL:	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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable reported as follows:

Stone Point Park – working on Field #1 drainage. Need to know how much paving to do. There are funds left in the budget.

DeWolf Road – DOT project is continuing; the contractor will be back the week of May 11th.

NJDOT Funding – the Borough received \$125,000 to do drainage work on 1st Street and Wescott Street.

Borough Paving Project – Northern Valley Old Tappan wants to do a shared services agreement for 2020.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councilman Binaghi thanked the Mayor and Council for their support with recent police issues. The Police Department has had an uptick in calls as more residents are home.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF / PLANNING BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL

The Golf Commission thanked the Mayor for opening our golf course last Saturday with certain requirements. They are asking that the bathrooms be opened in the locker room. In 2019 we had 240 members; so far in 2020 we have 175, we have been getting additional members from neighboring towns. We are working with the DeWolf Inn; they have opened for business; we created a new corner on the patio – everyone is separated.

Environmental Commission – the Community Garden is open; all plots are rented. We are looking into opening an additional new location. The Planning Board will have a visual test meeting on May 11th and will hold their real meeting on May 13th.

The Boy and Girl Scouts held their last meeting on March 8th. The Boy Scouts have 22 new members. The senior leaders have been having meetings; all other work has been suspended.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / HEALTH

Recreation Commission will meet virtually tomorrow evening. The Board of Health meeting is May 20th. He will speak with the Recreation Director and the Recreation Commission regarding summer basketball and summer camp and will report back to the Mayor and Council.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

DPW – mulch deliveries are on hold; busy with spring cleanup of parks and buildings and pump station monitoring. We received a new sewer truck; shared service and in service is working well. Councilman Binaghi and Councilman Boyce are on the committee with me to get the DPW agreement finalized and resolved by our June meeting.

Construction – according to Executive Order 122, the Building Department cannot issue new permits, they have many pending. They received a new computer program and are

learning the system. All inspectors are inspecting conditions at the Pearson property. In looking to help with zoning enforcement, we will recommend Pat O'Brien. His suggested title will be Deputy Zoning Officer.

COUNCILMAN YHU – SCHOOLS / SENIORS

The library will re-open soon, they are using online resources for now. Governor Murphy has closed all schools for the remainder of the academic year. The Board of Ed will have a virtual meeting on May 18th, you can log on if interested. Councilman Yhu listened to their meeting last Monday. They discussed computer devices they have been given to students. A neighbor of Councilman Yhu's has donated masks which were delivered to the Fire Department, Ambulance Corp, Social Services and Police.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE / FIRE / FIRST AID

Councilman Gallagher thanked the Borough staff for keeping the town moving during this pandemic.

The Fire Department has protocol to responses; their meeting room is closed to the public.

The EMS has answered 100% of calls; crews in place are doing a great job despite reduced numbers. Councilman Gallagher thanked Councilman Yhu for the donation of masks from his neighbor. We are still in need of supplies. The EMS has used a piece of equipment to disinfect their premises. They are using virtual meetings via Zoom to conduct business.

Memorial Day is important to be recognized; maybe we can live stream the Mayor's comments, lowering of the flag and placement of the wreath.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Two applications for Borough Attorney have been received; we should have a recommendation at our meeting on the 18th.

The JIF held their annual Safety Meeting Breakfast. Old Tappan received a recognition award of \$2,500. He thanked CFO Becky Overgaard and recognized the DPW for their participation.

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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 18, 2020