

BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR & EXECUTIVE MEETING
September 8, 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.

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 Brian Giblin
Borough Clerk, Jean M. Donch, RMC

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 1171-20 – Vacate Portion of Forest Avenue Right-of-Way – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - None

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Nalbandian read the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION

Quitclaim Deed – Liberty Street – Block 1203, Lot 18

Discussion – Mayor Kramer recused himself from discussion. Councilman Gallagher described the property location. The Borough is considering taking over the property rather than pursuing foreclosure proceedings as it may be close to the chip dump. The CFO commented that the property would not benefit the Borough according to the DPW Superintendent as it is not close to the chip dump. There are taxes due on the property.

Councilman Nalbandian made a motion not to accept the offer of the Borough taking over the property.

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Boyce reported that the Golf Commission would like to recognize former Chairperson Dan Morro for his years serving the Golf Commission and the community by offering him a life time golf membership. On consensus the Council agreed.

Motion to provide former Chairperson of the Golf Commission Dan Morro with a life time golf membership – 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

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

No Public Comment

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Yhu

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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Also Present:	Borough Attorney Brian Giblin
	Borough Clerk, Jean M. Donch, RMC
	Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable reported as follows:

2020 Paving Project has been completed with a minor punch list.

DeWolf Road / Howard Drive – a DOT project; meeting with the contractor to review a minor punch list.

Zoom meeting will be held on Thursday with Bergen County Soil – they are asking for riprap to be shown on plans.

30 Autumn Lane – vacant lot where a house is being built – the DEP is involved we require a soil moving permit from the owner.

DPW FENCE

Councilman Binaghi reported that he received a call from a resident on Demarest Lane whose property borders the DPW. Currently there is a fence in place and trees that the resident planted. The resident is concerned that the fence will be moved and a road put in. The DPW Superintendent's intention is to move the fence and plant trees for safety and cleanup. Councilman Binaghi will speak with the resident.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF / PLANNING BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL

The Golf Commission met on September 3rd. The Commission has decided to close tee box #2 in an effort to appease the neighbor who complained about golf balls on her property. The Golf Superintendent will meet the budget for material this year. The concessionaire is planning a concert on September 12th. A hold harmless agreement and insurance certificate as well as proof of payment to the State for a liquor license is pending and required. A letter will be drafted by the Borough Attorney advising this. Revenue is up, college kids have joined the course. Rates and fees will be discussed.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Police Department – 2 cars were stolen in Old Tappan. In many towns, under aged kids have been riding their bikes in a gang-type fashion – riding around weaving in and out of cars. The officers have started issuing written warnings. There have been issues reported between the high school and their Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEO).

COUNCILMAN YHU – SCHOOLS / SENIORS

Students returned to school last week; more than half have decided to do their entire fall semester via remote learning. Fall sports are under NJSIAA rules. Outdoor sports will begin late September / October. Indoor sports February / March. September is Recovery Awareness and Suicide Awareness Month. The library is open with measures for not overcrowding. Seniors will meet next month at Stone Point Park for Senioreise and will follow guidelines.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

The DPW shared services agreement for mechanic services with Woodcliff Lake is working out well. Norwood is interested in entering into a similar agreement. The DPW Superintendent would like to send a copy of the agreement to Norwood for review. On consensus the Council approved the request. Under Construction Department, the

complaint from Mrs. Binaghi regarding bamboo encroachment on her property seems to be taken care of; a trench was cut, a barrier installed, and bamboo was cut back. Apparently, the homeowner is complying with the remedy.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / HEALTH

Recreation Commission has received a for profit application from Game Time requesting use of Stone Point Park for 4 weeks; they will pay the \$250 fee. Winter basketball is on hold. Playground equipment has been delivered. No Board of Health report.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE / FIRE / FIRST AID

First Aid continues to hold their meetings and training via Zoom. The installation dinner scheduled for early December is on hold. The Fire Department's October 16th inspection will be held; they would like to show their new equipment. Engine 62 did not meet the minimum bid. There are some interested parties to purchase it. The Board of Fire Officers would like to replace Engine 62 and Rescue 61 and combine the two for a rescue pumper. they would like to see a utility vehicle added. Fire Prevention Week will be cancelled.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

None

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
Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney

Reviewed and approved:

By: Jean M. Donch, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: September 21, 2020