

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2020**

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 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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Kurt Otto, 42 Kristin Place and Joseph Carbone, 40 Churchill Road, were present to discuss the sidewalk fund. Mr. Otto reported that he built a house on a corner lot 5 years ago; he paid COAH, building permit and escrow fees as well as making a contribution to the sidewalk fund. He is in the process of building another house on a corner lot as well. He feels corner lots are paying double into the sidewalk fund due to being defined as having two front yards. Mr. Otto suggested a front yard be determined on a corner lot and linear footage configured for the sidewalk fund on one front yard only.

Mr. Carbone added that corner lots already have disadvantages. We see the need for the sidewalk fund but the process seems unfair.

Councilman Gallagher commented that contributions into the sidewalk fund are important and are being used regularly.

Councilman Boyce will bring the matter to the Planning Board.

Maryellen LaFronz, 15 Kristin Place, reported that services are being conducted at 140 Old Tappan Road at a high level due to their recent and upcoming holidays. The services are not being held at 183 Old Tappan Road In order to attend the services you must register online and are then giving the address of the services. This is a home in the middle of a residential area being use as a house of worship and it is affecting her property value. The Council advised her to meet with the Zoning Official and enter a formal complaint.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN YHU – SCHOOLS / SENIORS

Schools are so far, so good with the hybrid learning model. The officers in the school act under Chief Tracy's authority. The School Superintendent thanked the Police Department for all their help with reopening and traffic duty. Seniors are continuing with their line dancing and Seniorcise at Stone Point Park.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Police Department – the traffic plan in effect at the grammar school seems to be working smoothly. There were two high end vehicle thefts last week. One of our officers will be out on medical for 4 – 6 months. The two new officer hires are working out well.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF / PLANNING BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL

The Golf Commission met on September 17th; former Chairperson Dan Morro was honored and presented with his lifetime golf membership. The concession now has 25% indoor dining capacity. The Environmental Commission meets tomorrow night. There is a Green Infrastructure Storm Water Management seminar available. The Planning Board heard an application for placement of a sport court. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts need a place to meet. The Firehouse was recommended.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – DPW / CONSTRUCTION

DPW – Chestnut and Stone Point Parks are open for use. New fences will be placed; fields have been prepped; getting ready for leaf season. Waiting to hear back from Norwood regarding a shared service agreement. Construction – there are a lot of projects going on in town; 84 zoning permits, 184 outstanding building permits, the office is busy. Our recently hired Code Enforcement Official is also an Assistant Building Inspector. Our Zoning Official would like to make him a Building Inspector to help out. Councilman Nalbandian referred to some issues. The Mayor pointed out 2 unsightly properties that are not being maintained as well as dangerous intersections. Door tags are being placed on homes where there are dangerous conditions and violations. He would like the Council to consider having our Code Enforcement Officer also have the title of Assistant Building Inspector. This matter will be discussed further.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / HEALTH

The Board of Health held their meeting. There are 109 cases of COVID-19 in Old Tappan, 5 deaths, 4 from COVID-19. Recreation Commission – basketball games were held at Stone Point Park; well attended, masks were worn. Soccer at Stone Point Park and Chestnut. Fire Engine #62 has been placed on eBay for sale – interested parties placed bids.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE / FIRE / FIRST AID

There will be a brief inspection ceremony held on October 16th at the Fire House for members only. First Aid – an Eagle Scout has completed his project building a fire pit in the rear of the First Aid Corps building. First Aid continues to hold meetings and respond to calls. The First Aid Corps and Fire Department have put together a plan for Halloween. Kids will be in front of their homes and they will deliver treats and candy. A decorate your mask contest may be held.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

No Comments

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Gallagher made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, August 17, 2020
- Regular Meeting, August 17, 2020
- Regular & Executive Meetings, September 8, 2020

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Deer Population Control – Councilman Yhu asked for an update. Mayor Kramer advised that there has been no recent discussion by the Mayors.

Voting – Councilman Gallagher asked if Old Tappan is prepared for voting considering the many changes. Borough Clerk Donch explained the process.

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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 – Councilman Boyce

Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Boyce

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor and Council
Brian Giblin, Esq.

Reviewed and approved:

Jean M. Donch
Borough Clerk

Date Approved: October 19, 2020