

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR & EXECUTIVE MEETING  
November 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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**REGULAR 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 Brian Giblin

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Ordinance 1172-20 – Amend Parking Ordinance – Resolution of Adoption**

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

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – 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

### **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

### **PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

Mr. and Mrs. Levy, 6 Camron Court, have a noise complaint against Colonial Manor before the court. Their house is adjacent to the Colonial Manor. Borough Attorney Brian Giblin advised that because their complaint is before the court, the Governing Body cannot comment but can certainly listen.

Mr. Levy stated that the Colonial Manor held an event on Sunday, October 25 outside under tents, that went past 11:00 p.m. which is the time limit. Mr. Levy personally spoke with the owner and asked him to lower the music. Mr. Levy understands events are held outside now because of COVID19 and it is their lively-hood. However, he asked what can be done now to prepare for spring, 2021 on his behalf.

Borough Attorney Giblin responded that generally a neighborhood mediation is held to

try to work things out for both parties. This is a pending court case and the Governing Body cannot intervene.

Motion to close meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2020 Best Practices Checklist**

Old Tappan qualifies for full State Aid Funding based on scoring 22 ½ points out of 29 questions answered with the assistance of CFO Overgaard, Borough Clerk Donch, Borough Administrator Haverilla and DPW Superintendent Brackenbury. He thanked everyone for their efforts.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Engine 62**

Councilman Yhu asked for an update on the sale of Engine 62. Councilman Carnazza advised that there is a potential buyer who is a retired New York City fireman, that wants to use the truck as a funeral vehicle for firefighters. Councilman Carnazza said Old Tappan needs to get recognition on the truck. Councilman Gallagher commented that the truck is 30 years old and has no life left for fire service. He would like to see it serve someone's use. Discussion ensued on a selling price.

Motion to sell the truck for \$5,000 with Old Tappan recognition – Councilman Carnazza

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

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

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Also Present: Borough Attorney Brian Giblin

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Borough Engineer Thomas Skrable was absent:

Mayor Kramer reported on his behalf that 200 Old Tappan Road has received final approval from the County.

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

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

Construction – very busy department; an adjustment was made to their office hours in an effort to keep up with pending work they will open in the morning until 1:00 p.m. A Code Enforcement Officer was hired; we have since received resolution to in town violations. The DPW would like to work on Veterans Day which falls on a Wednesday this year and exchange it for Christmas Eve. The Governor has added mandates employees are required to do and to comply with our Joint Insurance Fund (JIF).

## COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION / HEALTH

According to Northwest Bergen Regional Health, the representative has advised that Old Tappan has 134 cases and 5 deaths, COVID19 related. Recreation Commission meets tomorrow evening. In the process of gathering quotes to repair the Skate Board Park in Stone Point Park. Councilman Gallagher commented on considering a Pickle Ball Court or a parking lot.

## COUNCILMAN YHU – SCHOOLS / SENIORS

Board of Education – the High School provided their annual student achievement report; higher SAT and ACT scores have been reported. Their Administrators have been participating in Ethnic Diversity Training Courses. All standardized testing usually given by the State has been postponed due to COVID19. Community Development – Councilman Yhu thanked the Fire Department and First Aid Corps for assisting with the Halloween event and those who donated candy. Senior Citizens are hoping to get back to normal living again.

## COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE / AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Police Department – one officer will be returning to work; another officer will be out for approximately 4 – 6 months. The Police Chief met with the PBA negotiations committee regarding the sick day policy, minor changes were made. Several school guards have been quarantined since 10/25 a family member of one of the guards tested positive. The Police Chief met with the JIF compliance representative a report will be provided. They spoke about Police accreditation whereas the JIF contributes \$25,000 and the cost to the Borough is \$25,000 for the program. Borough Administrator Haverilla explained the process. The prosecutor will require all Bergen County Police Departments to have body-worn cameras. Training for de-escalation officers will be held in December and January. One of our officers who participated in a SWAT team program will be rejoining the program on his own time with no cost to the Borough.

## COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF / PLANNING BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL

The Golf Commission meets Thursday. The course has been closed for the past three days due to rain; it will remain open until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mark Uhrick got hit in the back of his head with a golf ball; we are looking into ways to prevent that from happening again. The Superintendent is hold \$4,500 for the state regulated pump meter. He needs some contractors to come in and do some work that needs to be done. The concessioner is still at 25% capacity; they will look to have small parties. The Environmental Commission meets on the 17<sup>th</sup>. They are working on a tree ordinance that fits Old Tappan. The Planning Board meets November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Boy and Girl Scouts are holding limited meetings; they cleaned up at the reservoir and removed about 400 lbs. of trash. One of our residents has earned his Eagle Scout recognition.

Mayor Kramer advised that he met Dan Morrow, former Chairperson of the Golf Commission and he has asked if he could have a plaque or certificate advising of his life-time membership on the golf course.

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

A staff meeting was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>; telephone system, handbook, website and sharing of ideas was discussed. He thanked Councilman Carnazza for his assistance with Engine 62. The drive-around Halloween event was tremendous; our Fire Department and First Aid Corps saw about 500 kids. They will begin preparing their budget for their budget meeting next year.

Councilman Yhu reported that Old Tappan responded to a fire in River Vale for a Mutual Aid call. It seems like our EMT's are responding to a lot of River Vale's calls now. We have been talking about Mutual Aid regionalization; he asked if we are able to talk at a municipality level to join forces to save costs. Councilman Gallagher responded that we have a good working relationship with River Vale. Sometimes our coverage seems to be a lot, but they assist Old Tappan as well, they lent us an ambulance during our Halloween event and have donated a lot of equipment. Mayor Kramer agreed with Councilman Gallagher's response, towns go through cycles every once in a while.

#### **Mayor's Comments**

The budget meeting schedule will be sent out by our CFO; we will meet with our auditor in December. Mayor Kramer was invited to an Eagle Scouts Award Program; he read a proclamation for Councilman Boyce's son, Will Boyce and also Brenden Perry. Mayor Kramer commented on fireworks that were heard on Halloween.

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

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Boyce

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: November 16, 2020