

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020
SECOND HALF**

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.

Oath of Office Administered to Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr. and Councilman Thomas Gallagher by Mayor John M. Kramer

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	Absent
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present (via phone)

Also Present:	Borough Attorney Brian Giblin
	Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch

PRAYER - Councilman Jin Yhu

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Oath of Office administered to Judge Warren F. Clark by the Honorable Marilyn C. Clark, P.J.S.C.

Judge Clark thanked the Mayor and Council for his reappointment and commended the Court Administrator on doing such a great job.

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion to nominate Councilman Carnazza for Council President - Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

NOMINATON FOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO PLANNING BOARD

Motion to nominate Councilman Boyce for Representative to Planning Board - Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

Motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendations – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

APPOINTMENTS

Standing Council Committees

Mayor Kramer appointed Council Standing Committees (see annexed appointment list)

Motion that the Mayor’s recommendations be approved – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Professionals

Mayor Kramer nominated the following to a one-year term:

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion to approve – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

Staff appointments

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion to approve – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion - None

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

APPOINTMENTS FOR VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Kramer nominated the following:

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion to approve – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion - None

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Carnazza read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/FIRE

Councilman Gallagher is looking forward to again working with the Borough Hall staff in 2021.

Congratulated Fire Chief Kutzin and the new board of fire officers and wishes them much success in the new year. Right now, the Fire Department is currently in lockdown due to a COVID exposure after a meeting. We currently have mutual aid coverage for our fire calls. Many of the members went for testing today. There is a meeting scheduled with the Fire Chief and his top two officers to review and update the current Fire Department ordinance.

COUNCILMAN YHU – FIRST AID/SCHOOLS/SENIORS

The Board of Education reorganization meeting is tomorrow. He will report back anything of interest.

Looking forward to working with his new assignment, the First Aid Corps. He congratulated their new officers. Has some ideas he would like to discuss with them.

Councilman Yhu would like to try and do a better job of getting in touch with the Senior Advisory Committee this year. He and the Borough Administrator are trying to organize a Zoom or teleconference meeting with them.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Spoke about the Police Department accreditation process and whether or not we want to do it. He is in favor of doing this because it will protect our officers now more than ever. It is expensive and is ongoing. We are one of the few towns that are not accredited. It will put us in a better place moving forward. We will have better standing and our policies and procedures will be in place. The Police Chief will be coming to the next meeting, along with our JIF representative, to speak about it again.

Believes this is the first time the Police Commissioner was not on the negotiating committee for the PBA contract. He thinks this worked well and should continue.

Councilman Carnazza asked if the arbitrator has made a decision yet.

He does not know but assumes that Councilman Nalbandian would have reported back to them if there was.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL

Doug Meeks is the unsung hero of the Golf Course. He has managed to keep the operation afloat even with such explosive growth. Would like him to be acknowledged at some point for this.

The Environmental Commission would like to open another Community Garden because of the success they have had with the first one. Food from the garden was donated to the Borough's food pantry. They are looking at a piece of land on Chestnut Avenue.

Mayor Kramer asked if the Environmental Commission had considered a piece of land behind the library.

The Borough Administrator reported that the property behind the library is owned by the library but they are not paying for the upkeep and probably do not want to. She explained this to Dave Keil and Bill Howe.

The commission will look in to the property.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH

The Recreation Commission has a meeting tomorrow night and he will report back after that. They are not sure what is happening in February and March as far as sports goes.

He asked the Borough Administrator to reach out to the Bergen County Board of Health for pricing. Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission wants too big of an increase in their contract for 2021. This will be discussed at the budget meetings. He then discussed registering for the COVID vaccine.

The Borough Administrator spoke with Hillsdale and they also got a huge increase from Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission and are looking to change as well.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 1175-21 – Amend 2020 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public by 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 by Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: January 19, 2021