

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL SINE DIE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022  
FIRST 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.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:            7:00 PM**

<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	Absent
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

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

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**PRAYER** - Councilman Jin Yhu

**PUBLICS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion - None

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

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - None

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

## **CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Carnazza read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

## **ACTION ON MINUTES**

### **Minutes to be Approved**

Councilman Carnazza made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, November 15, 2021
- Regular Meeting, November 15, 2021
- Closed Meeting, December 6, 2021
- Regular & Executive Meetings, December 6, 2021
- Closed Meeting, December 15, 2021
- Special Meeting, December 15, 2021

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Yhu abstained on the Closed Meeting, December 15, 2021.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/FIRE

Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Congratulated Councilmen Carnazza and Yhu on their reelection. Old Tappan is fortunate to have these 2 dedicated public servants looking after our residents, youth and business owners.

Summarized his responsibilities and gave highlights of the past year while serving as Fire Department, Administration Office and Finance Office liaisons. Thanked the staff of all of these departments.

Spoke about the challenges over the 2 years due to COVID-19. Hopefully we can put it behind us soon.

Thanked the residents for allowing him to serve and work with some of the best professionals, Borough staff and volunteers.

Thanked his family for all of their support.

#### COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – POLICE/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Honored to work with this Mayor, Council and Borough staff.

Our Finance Office along with our Auditor take a professional approach to keeping our books in order so we can keep taxes at a manageable rate. The Administration Office keeps us apprised of everything we need to do. The Golf Course has 2 major retirements this year and they will be missed.

Served as liaison to the Police Department which had an active year with promotions, retirements and new hires along with challenges due to COVID-19 and unfunded mandates. Thanked Chief Tracy and Lieutenant Wacht for their leadership. Read the 2021 Police Department statistics.

Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

#### COUNCILMAN YHU – FIRST AID/SCHOOLS/SENIORS

Wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Councilman Carnazza on his reelection.

Thanked the residents for having confidence in him to serve as councilman for another term, the Mayor and Council for their wisdom and guidance and his family for all their love and support.

Complimented the Borough staff for a job well done last year. Offered his well wishes to the staff that his retired or moved on. Sent his prayers to the families of Lori Langone and David Northrop who we lost last year.

Thanked the Senior Advisory Committee for their hard work during a challenging year. The Local Assistance Board had a busy year with the food pantry, delivering meals to residents and providing financial assistance to those in need. He is grateful for their service to the Borough.

Thanked the Library Director and Board for making the Library a great social hub.

Congratulated the local and regional Board of Education's newly elected and reelected members. He looks forward to working with them.

Applauded the efforts of all of our volunteers. Thanked the First Aid Corps and explained their dedication to our town.

Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

#### **COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL**

Thanked all the Borough staff, professionals, volunteers and committee chairs for their dedication and patience during the past year.

Thanked the Mayor for his leadership and his wife for her help and support.

The Environmental Commission has been very busy this year with more people showing interest in the environment and the new Community Garden.

The Golf Commission will be seeing some significant changes this year with 2 major retirements and the implementation of a management company to run it.

Scouting has been every active.

The Planning Board has a few different applications before them this coming year.

#### **COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH**

Thanked the Mayor, Council and Borough staff for all their support and dedication to the town.

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Kramer congratulated Councilmen Carnazza and Yhu on their reelection. Their service to this Council and this town is invaluable.

He is proud of the town's accomplishments in 2021. Commended the Council, Borough staff, professionals and volunteers for a job well done and for making the best out of a bad situation with the pandemic.

He thoroughly enjoys his elected position as Mayor. Whatever successes he has he attributes them to the hardworking people that he works alongside with. As we head into a new year and challenging budget season he knows that working together we will ensure that Old Tappan remains a wonderful community that we all love to call home.

Wished everyone a happy, healthy new year.

**OLD BUSINESS** -None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**PUBLICS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

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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 Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

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 18, 2022

