

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022**  
**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 Guy Carnazza and Councilman Jin Yhu by Mayor John M. Kramer

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

<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

**INVOCATION BY Pastor John C. Holliday**

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO OFFICERS**

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Evan Kutzin - Mayor Kramer administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Christopher Reilly

Deputy Fire Chief Brian Morgan – Mayor Kramer administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Fire Chief Brian Morgan

Officers - Mayor Kramer administered the Oath of Office to officers of the Fire Department - Captain Alex Naylis

First Aid Corps - Mayor Kramer administered the Oath of Office to the officers of the First Aid Corps - Captain Victoria Walker, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Emma Christensen, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Jesse Hopfer

## **NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Motion to nominate Councilman Nalbandian for Council President - Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

## **NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO PLANNING BOARD**

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

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

## **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

### **Planning Board**

Mayor Kramer appointed members to the Planning Board

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **Standing Council Committees**

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

Motion to accept Standing Council Committee appointments - Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

## **Professionals**

Mayor Kramer nominated Borough Professionals to a one-year term (See annexed appointment list)

Motion to accept the Borough Professional appointments - Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

## **Staff appointments**

Mayor Kramer appointed the following:

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion to accept the Staff appointments - Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

## **APPOINTMENTS FOR VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

Mayor Kramer nominated the following:

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion to accept the Board, Committee and Commission appointments - Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

## **CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – Councilman Binaghi asked to pull the Confirm Police Sergeant Appointments resolution for discussion.

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

Councilman Binaghi explained that the Police Committee interviewed 6 candidates for the Sergeant promotions. There was a grading system that consisted of points from the Police Chief, written test and the interview. The 2 candidates they chose came out on top of the grading system, and after much discussion, were Katie Weaver and Christopher Reilly.

Councilman Yhu stated that all the candidates were highly qualified but the 2 selected really stood out.

Councilman Binaghi read the Confirm Police Sergeant Appointments resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – POLICE/GRANTS**

Looking forward to working with Police Chief Tracy, Lieutenant Wacht and the rest of the Police Department in 2022.

### **COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION**

Read a newspaper article from 1953 entitled “Meet Your Police Chief”. At one time we had a 1-man police force and constables.

Looking forward to working with the Finance Office in 2022.

#### COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH

Congratulated Councilman Yhu on his reelection.

Looking forward to another year with the Recreation Commission and Board of Health.

#### COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/CONSTRUCTION/FIRST AID

Congratulated Councilman Carnazza on his reelection.

Already has a meeting scheduled with the Construction Official and he will be doing the same with the DPW Superintendent soon.

Looking forward to continuing with the First Aid Corps. He congratulated the 2 new Lieutenants appointed tonight. Will be cancelling a mutual aid agreement with the Borough of Emerson.

Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

Passed out a copy of the new Community Garden plan. They are hoping to get that in the ground this year.

There are lots of exciting changes on the horizon for the Golf Course. Looking forward to finalizing the agreement with Kemper Sports as soon as possible.

Looking forward to getting several applications viewed by the Planning Board including the one for 244 Old Tappan Road that will be reviewed diligently by all of our professionals.

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

Thanked the Council for the effort that they put forth with all of their committees.

He thanked the Borough Auditor, Jeff Bliss, who was in attendance tonight.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ordinance 1197-22 – Amend 2021 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Yhu 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

**Ordinance 1198-22 – Amend Recreation Fees – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Carnazza read the resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

**Ordinance 1199-22 – Amend 2021 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Introduction**

Councilman Boyce 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 Yhu

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 Carnazza

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