

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2022**

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 Clerk Jean M. Donch
	Borough Attorney Brian Giblin

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER – Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Melanie Cohen, 152 Birchwood Road, explained that her and her husband have been residents for almost 40 years and full-time members of the golf course for 30 years. She served on the Golf Commission as the Membership Chair. Due to working full-time she only plays on the weekends. For years she played with a group of women on the weekends at 11:30am since women were not allowed on the course until after the men were finished. Not allowing women to play on the weekends was acceptable many years ago. Thankfully this is no longer an issue. She applauds the Mayor and Council for bringing in a management company to run the course. Hopefully this will help the course reach its full potential.

Mrs. Cohen received an email at the beginning of the year in regard to paying the annual dues early to avoid any increase that might be assessed by the management company. Her husband received an email from the Men's Club in regard to a dues increase to ensure that the Men's Club would have tee times on weekend mornings. There was no mention of additional costs to play on weekend mornings when they renewed their membership. She spoke with the Borough Administrator this morning about these issues. She spent a lot of time explaining what the hopeful direction of the golf course is, including the various clubs, and it was appreciated. She indicated that the details of all these items and arrangements have not been worked out yet. If this is the case, why is the Men's Club dues email an appropriate thing to send out. It seems grossly unfair to use the dues paid to these various clubs towards payment for tee times since it leaves out anyone who has not aligned themselves with one of these clubs. There needs to be total equity for tee times regardless of gender or club membership on the weekend mornings.

Councilman Carnazza asked what the Men's Club dues are used to pay for.

Mrs. Cohen explained that it was her understanding that it was used to pay for the various tournaments where there were prizes given out and when lunch was served.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that moving forward every club will be run by the management company. They will not be private clubs anymore. There will be a Women's Club, Men's Club and Junior League. The money will come to the Borough and tournaments will be held.

Mrs. Cohen is concerned with 2 issues and she feels that the Mayor & Council should also be concerned with them as well. The first, that tee times should not be based on gender. The second issue is that there is equity amongst who gets tee times on the weekends. She is hoping that these issues will be addressed. The inequity and the problems on the weekend mornings that women experienced should not be. She's sure this management company has faced similar issues with their other municipalities. Explained how the tee times were handled historically.

Sandy Kleinman, 55 Lakeview Drive, explained that she works during the week and enjoys playing early on the weekends. She's concerned about not being able to play on weekend mornings just because she is a female.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 1197-22 – Amend 2021 Salary Ordinance – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Carnazza

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Yhu read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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

Ordinance 1198-22 – Amend Recreation Fees – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Yhu

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Carnazza read the resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes

Councilman Carnazza	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
Councilman Yhu	Yes

Ordinance 1199-22 – Establish Golf Course Committee – Resolution of Adoption

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

Second – Councilman Carnazza

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Boyce read the resolution

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

DPW Foreman - Daniel Hartman and Shawn Pospisil

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes

Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
Councilman Yhu	No

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board - Vicken Bedian - Alternate #4 - Unexpired 2 Year Term Ending 12/31/23

Mayor Kramer appointed Vicken Bedian to the Planning Board as Alternate #4.

The Mayor explained that he had the opportunity to interview Mr. Bedian last week. Mr. Bedian lives on the corner of Orangeburg Road and Old Tappan Road and graciously allowed the town to cut down a good number of his trees to improve the sightline. He is a civil engineer with a lot of experience of presenting to various boards and reading plans.

Golf Course Committee

- Thomas Corcoran - 3 Year Term
- Daniel Morro - 3 Year Term
- Richard Ferrigno - 2 Year Term
- Kurt Linder - 2 Year Term
- Ray Donnelly - 1 Year Term

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Boyce

Second – Councilman Binaghi

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 Nalbandian read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes

Councilman Carnazza	Yes
Councilman Gallagher	Yes
Councilman Nalbandian	Yes
Councilman Yhu	Yes*

*Councilman Yhu voted No on Confirm DPW Foremen Appointments

RESOLUTION

Golf Course Management Company Agreement

Councilman Boyce read the resolution

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – Councilman Nalbandian had several questions in regard to the agreement including a section that mentions the Consumer Price Index.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the agreement has been reviewed by the Borough Attorney, Borough Auditor and CFO. She explained that payment of bills will be handled the same way with the Borough paying them. The only thing that will be sent to Kemper to pay is the payroll.

Ms. Overgaard explained that Kemper will submit to her how much salaries are and all the taxes and other deductions and then she will wire them the money so they can cover the payroll.

A brief discussion ensued about the Consumer Price Index.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that for us to continue to move forward this agreement needs to be signed as soon as possible. This is a 2-year agreement and if at the end we choose to extend to a 3rd year then we can discuss it at the point and negotiate.

Mayor Kramer explained that we have had so many Borough officials and professionals review this contract and we need to move forward.

Roll Call	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	No
	Councilman Yhu	Yes

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – RECREATION/HEALTH

The Recreation Commission has begun discussing Town Day.

The Board of Health meeting is tomorrow night and he will report back after that. There are now 591 COVID-19 cases in town.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/CONSTRUCTION/FIRST AID

Had a preliminary meeting with the Construction Official to discuss his budget.

Has a meeting setup with the DPW Superintendent for later this week.

Reminded the Seniors that they are now able to order at-home COVID-19 tests through the federal government.

The First Aid Corps will have a meeting tomorrow and he will report back after that. They have notified the Emerson Ambulance Corps that they have disassociated themselves for mutual aid purposes.

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

Will meet with the CFO once she is back in the office.

Informed the Mayor and Council that former Councilwoman and Borough Administrator Mary Carmenini passed away in 2019.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/ENVIRONMENTAL

The Planning Board had their reorganization meeting. They heard a preliminary review on a potential subdivision application on Old Tappan Road which does not happen often but is permissible.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – POLICE/GRANTS

Spoke with the Police Chief about setting up a meeting to review everything for 2022. There was a promotion ceremony held this afternoon for our 2 new Sergeants. Read the 2021 Police Department statistics and highlights along with the December 2021 reports.

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN - FIRE/LIBRARY/SCHOOLS

Met with the Library to discuss their budget. They wanted to know if they could get their liability insurance through the JIF and pay them directly. They would also like to install LED lighting throughout the building to reduce their energy costs but the lighting fixtures need to be changed. Can the DPW do this and then be reimbursed?

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the Library cannot be covered by the JIF separately but can be covered under the town. She will contact the Library, get all of their information and send it over

to the JIF. She then asked if they have done an energy audit to see if PSE&G will cover some of their costs as long as they do what is recommended.

Will be meeting with the Fire Chief next week to go through his budget. The Chief would like to start doing mutual aid resolutions with the surrounding towns. It appears that we are the only town that does not do them.

All were in favor of adding the mutual aid resolutions to the next agenda.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Kramer read a letter from Mr. Sherlock, a 90-year-old River Vale resident, in regard to joining the golf course. He was not able to make a payment by the end of the month in order to receive the discounted rate due to illness. He is looking for an extension until May. He and Councilman Boyce are in favor of approving his request.

Mrs. Haverilla asked if this was setting a precedent.

All were in favor of granting Mr. Sherlock's request.

The Mayor explained that he has been attending virtual Mayors meetings where some interesting topics have been discussed.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Councilman Nalbandian made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Sine Die Meeting, January 4, 2022
- Reorganization Meeting, January 4, 2022

Second – Councilman Carnazza

Discussion – None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Gallagher discussed the possibility of making the Mayor and Council meetings virtual so that it is available for the public to view.

This topic will be added to the February 22, 2022 agenda for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Pet License Late Fees

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the late fees begin as of March 1st. They start at \$5.00 for the first month and increase an additional \$2.00 per month after that. Do we want to make it a flat fee like some other towns have done?

A brief discussion ensued and it was decided to leave the late fees as is.

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 Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Carnazza

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: February 22, 2022