

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
May 16, 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.**

<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 Clerk Jean M. Donch
	Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Jr.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**PRAYER** – Councilman Thomas Gallagher

Mayor Kramer read a statement explaining that at the most recent Planning Board meeting it was reported to him that the Chairman of the Planning Board indicated that the Mayor and Council were not in favor of saving the historic building at 244 Old Tappan Road which is currently under review by the Planning Board. He wanted to make clear that this Mayor and Council has not discussed any such matter and have come to no conclusions on it. They have no right to discuss anything of this nature at this point and time. He invited the public to speak tonight on whatever matters they would like however the Mayor and Council will not be responding to anything having to do with 244 Old Tappan Road.

**PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK**

Motion to open the meeting to the public – Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

Johan Bager, 6 Klein Court, thanked the Mayor for his statement because it answered his questions. He had seen some posts on social media stating just the opposite and he is glad that the confusion is now cleared up.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Gallagher

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

## **STAFF APPOINTMENT**

### **DPW Mechanic - Steven Castellano**

Motion to accept the appointment – Councilman Jin

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion – None

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

## **CONSENT RESOLUTION**

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Toured the golf course yesterday and heard from many members that the course is in the best

shape it has ever been in. We currently have 254 members. He has also heard very positive reviews of the food. There are several items that we would like to improve on the course. The liquor license is forthcoming.

The Environmental Commission has been very busy. Dave Keil has several types of trees that are available to residents. The tree ordinance has been revised and will be reviewed again.

A majority of the last Planning Board meeting was discussion on 244 Old Tappan Road. The public, Planning Board and Borough professionals were able to question the applicant's professionals.

#### COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – POLICE/GRANTS

Read the Police Department's April 2022 activity report. As of this past Wednesday all of the officers have been outfitted with body cameras. A test will be administered on June 26<sup>th</sup> by an outside company for the Sergeant promotions. After the test is taken and evaluated the Police Committee will meet with the candidates. The plan is to bring forth 2 names to the Mayor and Council at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

#### COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

Tonight, is our new CFO, Jessie Coward's, first official meeting.

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

The Construction Department is still very busy. Inquired about the old golf course truck being used as the inspector's vehicle. He will work with the DPW to get it outfitted for the inspectors.

Mrs. Haverilla stated that once the inspectors start using the truck the travel allowance will cease for those that use it.

He will find out which inspectors plans on using the truck.

Councilman Carnazza will inspect the vehicle to see if it is still ok for use.

The Seniors have temporarily suspended their social activities at the Senior Center due to a small outbreak of COVID-19.

This week is National EMS Week so please thank our First Aid Corps for their service. Damage was discovered on the new ambulance but after an investigation by the Captain no one could determine where or when it happened. He will follow up on repairs. They have begun a recruiting campaign and will be placing banners in several areas throughout town.

Mayor Kramer explained that there was a construction meeting this morning with Suez who will be replacing the water main on Kristin Place. The project will begin on June 9<sup>th</sup> and last 5 - 6 weeks.

The BCUA's public hearing on rate increases was discussed.

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

Pickle ball will be played on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 9am-12pm at Stone Point Park. The storage container and signs have been installed.

He will look into the ambulance repairs.

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

None

#### **ACTION ON MINUTES**

Councilman Binaghi made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Regular Meeting, April 18, 2022
- Regular & Executive Meetings, May 2, 2022

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Foxwood Estates - Title 39 Request**

Mayor Kramer read the letter received from the Foxwood Estates Home Owner's Association requesting that the Police Department begin enforcing Title 39 on their private roads.

Councilman Binaghi explained that when this development was built Title 39 was left out of the developer's agreement so they have to officially request it from the Borough and they did not do that until now because they are having parking issues. This will not require us to plow their roads,

however the DPW has been doing it as a favor to them. They are plowed last. We also do not have to pave the roads.

The Borough Attorney will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

### **300 Orangeburg Road Drainage**

Councilman Binaghi explained that the resident at 300 Orangeburg Road is having drainage issues from a house behind theirs. Trees are starting to pop out of the ground and after research by the homeowner, drainage pipes were found. The Borough Engineer went and inspected the issue said it is a mess but is not sure what the Borough can do.

Mrs. Haverilla explained that the Code Enforcement Officer is aware of this issue and he has notified the homeowner and will be following the proper procedures to address the issue. No one is living in the house right now. Both the Borough Engineer and Construction Official agree that the pipes should not be there.

This issue will be discussed at the next meeting when the Borough Engineer is present.

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### **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

Jane Cho, 16 Lakeview Drive, thanked the Mayor for clarifying that matter. She is also concerned with other comments made by the Planning Board Chairman made to the applicant's attorney. Feels that the applicants may think they can now demolish the historic building. She hopes that someone follow up on this.

Arie Davis, 24 Lakeview Drive, explained that he lives directly behind the basin that they are proposing to build at 244 Old Tappan Road. He hopes the town investigates and makes sure that there will not be any flooding issues.

Mayor Kramer thanked Mr. Davis and suggested that he voice these concerns at the Planning Board meetings.

Councilman Gallagher stated that he had heard that the Lakeview Condo Association was going to hire their own civil engineer who will work with the Borough Engineer to answer any questions they might have.

Ms. Cho explained that their board has a civil engineer on it but he has not been hired to do anything more than write a letter on the board's behalf in regard to flooding issues. The board will have a meeting to clarify which direction they will be going. Does not feel that their questions and concerns are being addressed at the Planning Board meetings. She knows the Mayor and Council cannot answer any questions but they should be protecting the residents.

Mr. Giblin advised Ms. Cho that the Planning Board is a separate legal entity. The application is before them and it would be improper for the Mayor and Council to discuss any issue in regard to 244 Old Tappan Road.

Motion to close the meeting to the public – Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Binaghi

Second – Councilman Yhu

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: June 20, 2022