

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL SINE DIE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024
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.

All meetings are videotaped and posted on the website.

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

ROLL CALL:	Mayor John Kramer	Present
	Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Absent
	Councilman William Boyce	Present
	Councilman Guy Carnazza	Present
	Councilman Thomas Gallagher	Present
	Councilman Cort Gwon	Present
	Councilman Jin Yhu	Present

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

PRAYER - Councilman Yhu

PUBLICS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilman Yhu

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion - None

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

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion - None

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 1246-23 – Amend Noise Ordinance – Resolution of Adoption

Councilman Gallagher 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 Yhu

Second – Councilman Gallagher

Discussion – None

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

Councilman Gallagher read the resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

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

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Gallagher read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

Roll Call	Councilman Boyce	Yes
	Councilman Carnazza	Yes
	Councilman Gallagher	Yes
	Councilman Gwon	Yes

Councilman Yhu Yes

ACTION ON MINUTES

Minutes to be Approved

Councilman Gallagher made a motion to approve the following minutes:

- Closed Meeting, November 20, 2023
- Regular Meeting, November 20, 2023
- Regular & Executive Meetings, December 4, 2023

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion – None

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN GWON - RECREATION/LIBRARY/SCHOOLS

Recapped the year for Recreation stating that it was a successful sports year. Next year they are looking to install picnic tables or benches near the pickle ball courts.

The Library had a large growth in visitations. They made some necessary repairs to the building and grounds.

The high schools swapped principals this year. They had many successes both academically and athletically. We have been working on the gate and parking issues with them.

Congratulated Mayor-Elect Gallagher, Councilman Binaghi and Councilwoman-Elect Massaro on their successful campaigns. Thanked the emergency services, Library Director, Recreation Director, DPW and Borough Hall staff along with his fellow Council members.

He is proud to have served with Mayor Kramer from whom he has learned so much.

COUNCILMAN YHU – DPW/SENIORS/FIRST AID

Wished everyone happy holidays and congratulated Mayor-Elect Gallagher, Councilman Binaghi and Councilwoman-Elect Massaro. He knows that Mayor-Elect Gallagher will be a great leader. Thanked Mayor Kramer for his leadership and guidance and congratulated him on a successful career.

Thanked the Borough Hall staff, DPW and Senior Advisory Committee. He also thanked all the volunteers, especially the First Aid Corps who got to work with this year. They are a very dedicated group. Thanked his family and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COUNCILMAN CARNAZZA – POLICE/ADMINISTRATION/HEALTH

Congratulated Mayor-Elect Gallagher, Councilman Binaghi and Councilwoman-Elect Massaro on their elections. Thanked the First Aid Corps, Fire Department, Police Department, DPW and Borough Hall staff.

Read the 2023 Police Department report and statistics. Read 4 letters of commendation from residents.

COUNCILMAN BOYCE – GOLF/PLANNING BOARD/FIRE

Thanked Mayor Kramer for his leadership and being his mentor. Congratulated Mayor-Elect Gallagher, Councilman Binaghi and Councilwoman-Elect Massaro. Thanked the Borough Hall staff and his fellow Councilmembers for their hard work and dedication.

The Veterans Committee is up and running and looking to expand their membership.

Read the Fire Department's 2023 accomplishments and praised the Fire Chief.

The golf course is running well and membership has increased. Bunker repairs will be bid this coming year.

The Environmental Commission added another Community Garden and will also be adding pollinator gardens near both garden locations.

The Boy and Girl Scouts have been serving the community well with their various projects.

Thanked his family.

COUNCILMAN GALLAGHER – FINANCE/CONSTRUCTION/ENVIRONMENTAL

Wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Councilman Binaghi and Councilman-Elect Massaro. Old Tappan is fortunate to have them both.

He is looking forward to working with the Council in 2024. Thanked his family, emergency services and the volunteers serving on the various boards, committees and commissions.

Thanked the Borough Hall staff, DPW and professionals.

Thanked Mayor Kramer for his guidance, leadership and dedication to Old Tappan and wished him health and happiness.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Congratulated Mayor-Elect Gallagher, Councilman Binaghi and Councilwoman-Elect Massaro. It is nice to see Mayor-Elect Gallagher and Councilman Binaghi following in their father's footsteps. Councilman-Elect Massaro is well known and respected in town.

He is appreciative of the respect given to him by the Borough Hall staff and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the Borough. Our emergency services, volunteers, DPW and professionals are second to none.

His successes are a reflection of the Governing Body members he has served with over the years.

Thanked his wife and family for their sacrifices.

The Borough has a great team coming in and he knows that Mayor-Elect Gallagher will do a great job.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Gallagher

Second – Councilman Yhu

Discussion - None

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

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Gallagher

Second - Councilman Yhu

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean M. Donch, RMC
Borough Clerk

Reviewed & Approved: January 16, 2024