

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
SECOND FLOOR MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

**TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF
OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff shall conduct its 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Work Session meeting in the second floor court room at Wyckoff Town Hall, 340 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 and the meeting will also be live-streamed via the Township of Wyckoff's YouTube channel and members of the public may attend the meeting to provide public comment. This notice and agenda have been posted on the Township's home page Wyckoff-nj.com at the Quick Link for "Minutes & Agendas" on Friday, March 29, 2024. Please select "Township Committee" and locate the date of the meeting to view documents, such as resolutions and ordinances which are made available.

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1. Regular Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee called to order by Mayor Peter J. Melchionne
2. Flag Salute
3. Invocation by Pastor Fred Provencher from Cornerstone Christian Church
4. Reading of the "Open Public Meetings Act" statement by Municipal Clerk, Nancy A. Brown
5. Roll Call of the Township Committee Members Present:

BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES
SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

6. Request motion to open the Public Comment Period:

Public Comment period, five (5) minutes per speaker for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff.

Please step forward to the microphone if you wish to make a comment.

MOTION: LANE SECOND SHANLEY
BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES
SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

- Request motion to close the Public Comment Period:

MOTION: LANE SECOND SHANLEY
BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES
SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

7. Approval of the March 19, 2024 Work Session & Business meeting minutes.

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND LANE
BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES
SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

8. Consent Agenda: All matters listed below are considered by the Township Committee to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Township Committee, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:

I Resolutions (Adoption of the following):

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| #24-149 | Authorizing Vouchers & Payment of Bills |
| #24-150 | Confirming the Townships Applicable Bid Threshold and Authorizing QPA to Award "Window Contracts" |
| #24-151 | Authorizing an Affordability Assistance Grant with Christian Health for the Renovation of Evergreen Court, Unit #13 |

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- #24-152 Amend Resolution #24-117, 350 Smith Place, Block 434
Lot 8
- #24-153 World Autism Awareness Day
- #24-154 Private Sewer Extension – 673 Vance Avenue (Franklin
Lakes)

II Ordinances – Introduction

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III Motions

A. Approve the posting of temporary signs by the Zabriskie House Trustees for the ten day period from April 17, 2024 to April 27, 2024 to promote the Bergen County History Day event which was previously approved and being held at the Zabriskie House on Saturday, April 27th from 10am to 4pm.

Clerk: May I have a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda?

The Following vote is the vote on the Consent Agenda:

MOTION: MADIGAN SECOND SHANLEY
BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES
SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

9. Ordinances – Public Hearing / Further Consideration:

Mayor Melchionne, I have an Ordinance for Public Hearing / Further Consideration on tonight's agenda. It is **ORDINANCE #2006** which is

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for second reading, by title only, and a copy of this Ordinance has been posted on our municipal website, on the bulletin board in Town Hall where public notices are customarily posted, and copies have been made available to members of the general public of the Township who have requested the same.

CHAIRPERSON: This is the time and place for the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2006, and all persons who wish to be heard, please state your name before making your statement. If you wish to make a comment, please step forward to the microphone.

COMMITTEE PERSON SHANLEY: I move that the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2006 be closed.

COMMITTEE PERSON LANE: Seconded

ROLL CALL VOTE

BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES
SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

MUNICIPAL CLERK: BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that Ordinance #2006, after public hearing and further consideration is hereby adopted, and the Municipal Clerk is hereby

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authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Final Passage of said Ordinance in the official newspaper for the Township as provided by law.

COMMITTEE PERSON SHANLEY : I move Ordinance #2006 on second reading by title only.

COMMITTEE PERSON LANE : Seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES

SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

10. Adjourn

Chair: May I have a motion to and a second to adjourn the Business Meeting?

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND LANE

BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES

SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS MAY BE PAID AT ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION MEETINGS AND ALL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETINGS**

FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN DURING THIS MEETING

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Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Peter J. Melchionne called the regular meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee in the Municipal Court Room to order at 8:00 pm.

Flag Salute

The Township Committee proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Peter J. Melchionne.

Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Pastor Fred Provencher from Cornerstone Christian Church.

RE: Township Committee Meeting of Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Work Session and 8:00 p.m. Business Meetings will be livestreamed, members of the public are invited to attend the meeting to share public comments.

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Attendance

Township Committee Present: Mayor Peter J. Melchionne; Committee Present: Roger Lane, Thomas J. Madigan, and Timothy E. Shanley.
Township Committee Absent: Rudolf Boonstra

Staff Present: Township Administrator Matthew A. Cavallo, Municipal Clerk Nancy Brown and Township Attorney David Becker.

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Meeting Open for Public Comment

Committeeman Lane made a motion to open the meeting for Public Comment; Seconded by Committeeman Shanley. All voted in favor.

With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved. There being no persons stepping forward to make a public comment, Committeeman Lane made a motion to close the meeting for Public Comment; Seconded by Committeeman Shanley. All voted in favor.

With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved.

Approval of the March 19, 2024 Work Session & Business meeting minutes.

MOTION: SHANLEY _____ SECOND LANE _____
BOONSTRA ABSENT _____ LANE YES _____ MADIGAN YES _____
SHANLEY YES _____ MELCHIONNE YES _____

With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved.

Consent Agenda: All matters listed below are considered by the Township Committee to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Township Committee, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately:

I Resolutions (Adoption of the following):

#24-149 Authorizing Vouchers & Payment of Bills

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff is a municipality in the State of New Jersey operating under the authority from N.J.S.A. 40A:63-1 et seq; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff has received vouchers in claim for payment of materials supplied and/or services rendered; and,

WHEREAS, the said vouchers have been reviewed and the amount indicated on each voucher has been determined to be due and owing; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has a practice of each Township Committee member participating in the reviewing and signing of vouchers; and,

WHEREAS, the vouchers which comprise this bill list have been reviewed and signed by two (2) Township Committee members and they have found them to in order; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has certified that sufficient funds are available for payment of said vouchers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff that the action of the said Finance Committee be approved; and, that the payments of these bills are hereby authorized, and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to issue checks for their payments as listed on the bill list attached to this date's meeting minutes and covered by checks as follows: Payroll A/C; Town Hall payroll checks #21128-21141, Payroll Void Checks #0, Direct Deposit Voucher #20553-20645, Void Claims #091991, Library Payroll Checks #1800-1802, Library Direct Deposit Vouchers #8392-8418, Claims Wire #240303 &240304,

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Claims check #0922228-092312, AHDFT #, Accu-track #, and Trs. Dog Trust - \$1189.00.

#24-150 Confirming the Townships Applicable Bid Threshold and Authorizing QPA to Award "Window Contracts"

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey increased the public bid threshold to a maximum of \$44,000.00 effective as of July 1, 2020 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a) permits a municipality to increase the public bid threshold to this maximum of \$44,000.00 if the municipality appoints a Qualified Purchasing Agent ("QPA") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-9c who is granted the authorization to negotiate the award of contracts which are below the public bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff did previously appoint Matthew A. Cavallo as QPA for the Township; and

WHEREAS, Sections 11 and 12 of the Elections Transparency Act amend N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5, respectively, to clarify that the governing body of a municipality or county (or any agency or instrumentality thereof) may delegate the authority to award a contract having an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500 but below the increased bid threshold of a Local Public Contracts Law contracting unit with a qualified purchasing agent (i.e., a "window contract") to the QPA; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff desires to take advantage of the increased public bid threshold and authorize the QPA to award so-called "window contracts."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Wyckoff does hereby confirm its public bid threshold of \$44,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township's appointed Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized and empowered to award "window contracts" between \$17,500.00 and \$44,000.00, consistent with applicable law.

#24-151 Authorizing an Affordability Assistance Grant with Christian Health for the Renovation of Evergreen Court, Unit #13

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff approved the Affordability Assistance Policies and Procedures Manual ("Manual") by Resolution No. 2023-210 on June 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Manual permits Non-Profits/Special Needs Group to request assistance from the Township under the Affordability Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Christian Health (the "Applicant") has requested funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support necessary renovations to deed-restricted affordable senior housing at their Wyckoff campus located at 301 Sicomac Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey, specifically Evergreen Court Apartment #13; and

WHEREAS, Evergreen Court Apartment #13 is an Inclusionary Age Restricted Rental located on Block 443 / Lot 49.03 with 30-year

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Affordability Controls governed by the statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations restricting ownership and use of the property as an Affordable Housing unit; and

WHEREAS, the work proposed in Evergreen Court Apartment #13 includes:

- complete bathroom renovation, including replacement of shower, sink, vanity, exhaust fans, plumbing fixtures, accessories and painting, and
- the replacement of all flooring throughout the apartment and installation of a new ceiling fan in the bedroom; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has provided a project budget request dated March 18, 2024, in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the project, as well as “before” photographs of the primary areas to be renovated.

WHEREAS, the Applicant is a non-profit/special needs group that meets the eligibility criteria as outlined in the Manual; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants Planning & Housing, acting as administrators of the Township’s Affordability Assistance Program, has reviewed this resolution, and the form of resolution meets with their approval; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has reviewed the request and recommends the award of the Grant to the Applicant for \$12,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that:

1. An Affordable Housing Assistance Program Grant to the Applicant in the amount of \$12,000.00 is hereby awarded for the renovations of Evergreen Court Apartment #13 in accordance with the request for funding/project budget request dated March 18, 2024.
2. 75% of the grant funds shall be provided at the time of award. The remaining 25% of the grant funds shall be tendered upon receipt of a detailed report of actual costs incurred when the project is completed, along with supporting contractor invoices, updated “after” photographs of the primary areas renovated and confirmation from the Construction Code Official that all permits required have been obtained, inspected, approved and closed out.
3. All Township fees under Chapter 108 (Construction Code, Uniform) of the Code of the Township of Wyckoff are hereby waived with regard to this project.
4. The Mayor, Municipal Clerk, and any other municipal official deemed necessary for implementing this grant are authorized to execute any required documents and agreements.
5. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Township Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Construction Code Official, and Community Grants Planning & Housing.

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WHEREAS, Resolution #24-117 authorized the cancellation of tax under NJSA 54:4-303 Tax Exempt on property located at 350 Smith Place, Block 434 Lot 8, and;

WHEREAS, the effective date of this exemption of 1/1/2023 as provided by the Tax Assessor was incorrect, and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has revised the effective date to June 5, 2023, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff amends Resolution #24-117 for property located at 350 Smith Place, Block 434 Lot 8, and authorizes the Tax Collector to cancel taxes as of June 5, 2023.

#24-153 **World Autism Awareness Day**

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disorder that impairs social interaction, communication and behavior and often requires extensive family and community support and specialized intervention to lessen the negative effects of these deficits; and,

WHEREAS, Autism manifests uniquely in each individual and, as such, is a “spectrum” disorder ranging from severe to mild; and,

WHEREAS, behavioral recovery and significant improvement are often possible if an individual with autism receives an early diagnosis and evidence-based treatment; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, autism affects one out of sixty-eight (68) children in the United States and one out of forty-one (41) children in New Jersey – one of the highest rates in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Autism occurs regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status of geography, and a child is diagnosed with autism every eleven (11) minutes; and,

WHEREAS, the aims for *World Autism Awareness Day* are to inform the general public about the global health crisis of autism, stress the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention and celebrate the unique talents and abilities of individuals with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that today, April 2, 2024, is designated *World Autism Awareness Day* to raise awareness of the widespread range of autism, encourage early diagnosis and treatment and celebrate the unique talents and abilities of individuals with autism.

#24-154 **Private Sewer Extension – 673 Vance Avenue (Franklin Lakes)**

WHEREAS, the owner of the designated property located in the Borough of Franklin Lakes has submitted a request for the installation of a sewer lateral that would facilitate a connection to the Wyckoff public sanitary sewer main in Vance Avenue, specifically designed to service their

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residence—an existing single-family home situated at Block 3303, Lot 8.01, also known as 673 Vance Avenue, Franklin Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Attorney has prepared a tri-party agreement to outline the terms and conditions of this collaboration, involving the property owner, the Borough of Franklin Lakes, and the Township of Wyckoff, which is hereby incorporated by reference and considered as an integral part of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and the Township Engineer have both reviewed the proposed project, subsequently endorsing the decision to proceed with the establishment of this sewer lateral connection as stipulated; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the extension of this sewer lateral will be provided through private means, with no public funds being allocated for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby grants its approval for the execution and implementation of a privately funded sanitary sewer lateral extension. This approval is subject to adherence to all conditions and requirements as specified within the Developer's Agreement attached hereto. This resolution affirms the Township's commitment to supporting infrastructure improvements that benefit its residents and those of adjoining municipalities while ensuring compliance with all relevant regulations and standards.

II Ordinances – Introduction

ORDINANCE No. 2008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 177 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), ARTICLE XII (SCHEDULES), SECTION 177-51 (SCHEDULE S: SPEED LIMITS) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WYCKOFF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 177 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article XII (Schedules), Section 177-51 (Schedule S: Speed Limits) of the Code of the Township of Wyckoff be amended and supplemented as follows:

CHAPTER 177. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

ARTICLE XII. SCHEDULES

§ 177-51. Schedule S: Speed Limits.

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Clinton Avenue Zone-1	30 25	From Lawlins Road to the center of Wyckoff Avenue Entire length
Clinton Avenue Zone-2	30	From the center of Wyckoff Avenue to Main Street

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Eder Avenue	30 25	Entire length
Grandview Avenue Zone-1	35 25	Entire length
Grandview-Avenue Zone-2	25	Between Wyckoff Avenue and Ravine Avenue when flashing school speed limit signs are in operation and children are going to or leaving Coolidge School during opening or closing hours. At all other times, speed limit is 35 mph.
Hillcrest Avenue	30 25	Entire length
Lawlins Road	30 25	Entire length
Newtown Road	30 25	Entire length

SECTION 2. If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence, or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

III Motions

- A. Approve the posting of temporary signs by the Zabriskie House Trustees for the ten-day period from April 17, 2024 to April 27, 2024 to promote the Bergen County History Day event which was previously approved and being held at the Zabriskie House on Saturday, April 27th from 10am to 4pm.

Clerk: May I have a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda?

The Following vote is the vote on the Consent Agenda:

MOTION: MADIGAN SECOND SHANLEY
BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES
SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved.

Ordinances – Public Hearing / Further Consideration:

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COMMITTEE PERSON SHANLEY : I move that the Public Hearing on Ordinance #2006 be closed.

COMMITTEE PERSON LANE : Seconded

ROLL CALL VOTE

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COMMITTEE PERSON SHANLEY : I move Ordinance #2006 on second reading by title only.

COMMITTEE PERSON LANE : Seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved.

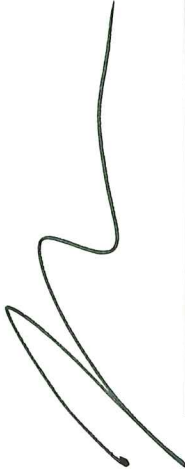
Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm

Chair: May I have a motion to and a second to adjourn the Business Meeting?

MOTION: SHANLEY SECOND LANE
BOONSTRA ABSENT LANE YES MADIGAN YES
SHANLEY YES MELCHIONNE YES

With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved.

During the course of this live meeting there were between three and five concurrent viewers watching on YouTube.



Peter J. Melchionne, Mayor



Nancy A. Brown, Municipal Clerk

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Mayor Peter J. Melchionne opened the Open Work Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the second-floor municipal court room.

Nancy A. Brown, Municipal Clerk read the Open Public Work Session statement: *“This Open Public Work Session Meeting of the Wyckoff Township Committee is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and e-mailed to said newspapers. The agenda with the resolutions and ordinances to be considered was posted on the Township’s website at “Minutes & Agendas” on the Friday prior to this evening’s meeting.”*

Present: Mayor Peter J. Melchionne, Township Committee Roger Lane, Thomas J. Madigan, and Timothy E. Shanley
Also Present: Township Administrator Matthew A. Cavallo, Township Attorney David Becker, Esq., and Nancy A. Brown, Municipal Clerk
Absent: Rudolph E. Boonstra

It was confirmed that the Finance Committee has reviewed and signed vouchers, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk have signed any necessary documents.

Mayor Peter J. Melchionne opened the meeting for the ten (10) minute public comment period, two (2) minutes per speaker for public comment on any governmental issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Wyckoff. Motion from Committeeman Shanley, seconded by Committeeman Lane, all voting yes to open the ten (10) minute public comment period. With an affirmative vote the motion was approved.

Seeing and hearing no one, Committeeman Shanley made a motion to close the public comment period, seconded by Committeeman Lane. All voted in favor. With an affirmative vote the motion was approved.

Presentation of Proclamation to Ramapo Boys Basketball Team to Congratulate them on Winning the NJSIAA Group 3 State Championship.
Mayor Melchione read the proclamation aloud.

WHEREAS; The 2023-24 Ramapo High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team is the 2024 NJSIAA Group 3 Boys Basketball State Champion for the 2nd year in a row having soundly defeated Freehold High School by a score of 94-47 on March 10, 2024 at RWJ Barnabas Health Arena in Toms River, New Jersey after dominating each of their previous NJSIAA State Tournament games over Teaneck High School, 82-44 in the Sectional Semi-final and Northern Highlands High School, 50-34 in the Group 3, North 1 Sectional Final, both at Ramapo High School, and Colonia High School 49-31 at Bloomfield High School in the NJSIAA Group 3 Semi-final; and

WHEREAS; This exceptional team finished their season with an overall record of 25 wins and 8 losses, and finished the season ranked #7 overall in the state of New Jersey in the NJ.Com Top 20 and also the #1 Group 3 team and the #2 team in the Big North Conference, #2 in North Jersey by the Bergen Record, and also earned the title of Large Groups Team of the Year by the Bergen County Coaches Association; and

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WHEREAS; In addition to winning the NJSIAA Group 3 State Championship, the team also won the Big North - Freedom Division Title with its 8-0 record in league play and for the first time since 1993, reached the Bergen County Jamboree Tournament Final after defeating Bergen Catholic High School in the semi-final; and

WHEREAS; The 2023-24 Ramapo High School Boys Varsity Team benefited greatly from the dedication, commitment, and leadership of head coach, Nick Vier, and assistant coaches Jim Ring, Tyrell Biggs, Craig Nichols, and Dan Ring, and Team Manager, Sam Kuznetsov; and

WHEREAS; Special thanks is extended to the parents, coaches, and all of the Ramapo students, educators, and administration for their never ending commitment and support; and

WHEREAS; A special group of athletes – Sophomore Michael Moody, Juniors Hudson Beauchamp, Ryan Goldman, Peter Keith, Jack Sposa, Connor Young, and Charlie Wingfield, and Seniors Chris Cervino, Wyatt Eglinton-Manner, James Gamper, Corey Jones, Jordan Ricks, Zachary Schnorrbusch, and Peyton Seals achieved these extraordinary feats due to their commitment to unselfish team play, tireless work ethic, outstanding basketball skills, and their overall commitment to the sport of basketball.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Township Committee of the Township of Wyckoff, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the 2023-24 Ramapo High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, Coach Nick Vier, and his staff are hereby extended congratulations on behalf of our entire community for the significant success they have achieved, and our thanks for serving as positive role models for the young athletes of our community and for illustrating the rewards which can be achieved through commitment and diligence in pursuing excellence.

Tom Madigan:

Congratulations to you as repeating State Champions. It was a tremendous teamwork effort. I was watching and cheering you on. I want to make special note that Wyatt Eglinton-Manner, Chris Cervino, and Peyton Seals have been playing together since they were Freshmen and they all scored over 1,000 points in their career it is unheard of and never done before, that deserves special accolades for that. As a former Board Member of the Ramapo Indian Hills Board of Education, and we have Mr. Bogdansky from the Board here tonight, one of the things we were always most proud of was our student athletes. Wyatt is the Valedictorian this year which is very special and will be attending Johns Hopkins University which is also very special. Meanwhile Peyton will be attending Princeton University. I have no doubt you will all do us proud in the future, congratulations again.

Roger Lane:

What really jumps off the page for me was beating Bergen Catholic High School. It doesn't show right now but I used to run Track in New Milford and we used to play against bigger schools who used to be able to draw from a larger group of people so for you to win that game was sweet. Congratulations on all of your victories and you'll see many, many more in the future.

Timothy Shanley:

Congratulations, two years in a row is amazing. Wyatt, you had a great season. I know you got injured last season and the team picked it up and still won it, but it was even easier to win it this year than last year because you had a great

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season. Also, congratulations on becoming the Valedictorian, that just got announced by Ramapo this week. Not only were you a good athlete, but you're also a damn good student. Congratulations, that's very important. Peyton, my youngest son, TJ, he wanted to always go to the games to see you. He was one of your biggest fans, he's like "I'm going to get to see Peyton tonight". I'm like "That's great". You had a fan in TJ. Hopefully he can play like you at some point, but he's only in 4th grade. Congratulations. I know Bergen Catholic was a huge win, but I also loved watching you beating Northern Highlands because I have a freshman and a sophomore at Ramapo, and we like to beat Northern Highlands.

Peter Melchionne:

Once again, congratulations on back-to-back championships and making it to the finals of the jamboree. 20 years ago, I was in that tournament when I went to Becton Regional High School, we did not do well in that tournament. Congratulations, please come up to receive your proclamations and take some pictures with the Township Committee.

Coach Nick Vier:

Thank you to the committee for having us, it is a tremendous honor. You covered the highlights of the season we had; I would like to just touch on, just like you did, with how strong as students these gentlemen are. It's been a privilege to watch them show up every day and work hard, are great role models in our community, great students, great basketball players and I'm proud that they represent our school and community very well.

Administrator's Review of the 8:00 p.m. Business Meeting:

Review of the February 6, 2024 Business Meeting Agenda:

Matthew Cavallo:

1. Administrator Cavallo reviewed the resolutions which appear on the 8:00 pm Business Meeting agenda for tonight. He highlighted #24-151 which is another Affordability Assistance Grant with Christian Health. This grant is for Evergreen Court Unit #13. The Affordability Assistance Grant will utilize funds from our Affordable Housing Trust Fund to renovate Unit #13.
2. Mr. Cavallo also mentioned resolution #24-153 which is a resolution in recognition of Today being World Autism Day.
3. Additionally, Mr. Cavallo brought up #24-154 which is a resolution authorizing the execution of a private sewer extension agreement with 673 Vance Avenue in Franklin Lakes. This will be our first single family home that will be able to connect from Franklin Lakes into the Wyckoff sewer system. I expect that we will be able to connect more homes in the future. Now that we have worked out a billing arrangement with the borrower, Franklin Lakes, in which they will bill their residents and we will bill the Borough of Franklin Lakes. If there's any non-payment, Franklin Lakes will handle that through the tax lien process.
4. We also have one ordinance for introduction which is an ordinance to amend Schedule S of our Vehicle and Traffic Section specifically having to do with speed limits. This is a recommendation from our Police Department and our Township Engineer to lower speed limits on several roads in the town. These are municipal owned roads, not county roads. The roads in question are Clinton Avenue, the entire length, Eder Avenue, the entire length, Grandview Avenue, the entire length in Wyckoff, and just a side note, Hawthorne recently changed the speed limit on their section of Grandview Avenue to 25 mph, so the entire length from Goffie Hill Road to Wyckoff Avenue will now be

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25 mph. Also included in the ordinance are Hillcrest Avenue, Lawlins Road and Newtown Road.

5. We have one ordinance for public hearing this evening which is an ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank. This is an ordinance that we pass every year ahead of the municipal budget. It's not saying that we are exceeding our cap, even though that's what the title says, it is an ordinance that actually "banks" whatever cap we have left for future use if we need it.

Administrator's Report:

Matthew Cavallo:

1. I hope everyone had a great Easter. For those of you who are celebrating Ramadan, Happy Eid next week.
2. The Mayor and I attended a meeting with other Mayor's and Administrator's from the 5th Congressional District arranged by Congressman Gottheimer's Office to discuss federal grants and appropriations. This was very helpful, and we hope to use some of this knowledge to take back some federal dollars for Wyckoff.
3. We are currently working on several grants:
 - a. We are working with our grant writers on a federal appropriation submission to our US Senators and Congressman Gottheimer to install a sanitary sewer trunk line between Franklin Avenue and Russell Avenue along Wyckoff Avenue. This project aims to extend the sanitary trunk sewer and expand the sewer service area to approximately 196 residential homes.
 - b. Bergen County Open Space Grant for work at Pulis Field. – The public hearing for the submission of this grant is at the April 16th Work Session Meeting. We are applying to take back some Bergen County Open Space tax dollars to assist in constructing a lacrosse practice area at Pulis Field.
4. This is the last call for anyone who has any content for the Summer newsletter.
5. Curbing and right-of-way tree work for the Grandview Avenue Improvement Project started a month ago. We ran into an issue with the depth of the gas main on Grandview Avenue. Thanks to reps from PSE&G, who met us on the site today to develop a solution. We will discuss it more once we hear back from PSE&G. The closure of Grandview may not happen the week of April 15th, but we will keep everyone posted through social media and our eNews.
6. We met onsite with O&R last week to discuss the relocation of two utility poles to complete the Lawlins Road Partial Reconstruction Project, which is funded by NJDOT.
7. Several shade trees have been removed from Russell Farms Community Park and have started to be replanted throughout the Town at the direction of the Shade Tree Commission.

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8. Joe, Anna, and I have one more webinar to take on April 9th regarding the required tree ordinances. We are working on a final draft to share with the Shade Tree Commission later this week or early next week. More will come at the next meeting.
9. We have successfully migrated all of our cellular devices from Verizon Wireless to FirstNet, the interoperable public safety broadband network operated by AT&T.
10. The parking lot lights at the Larkin House have been converted to LED by the DPW.
11. The new State law amending the New Jersey Fair Housing Act was signed by the Governor last week. I am meeting with our Affordable Housing Planner tomorrow to discuss the impact on Wyckoff.
12. Save the date: The annual Fireworks show will be on September 28th. Due to conflicts the weeks before and after, no rain date has been planned.
13. A PSA from the Police Department: The Wyckoff Police Department is proud to announce a new program to help people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) during a traffic stop. It's called the Blue Envelope Program.

The goal of this program is to avoid any misunderstandings between officers and individuals with ASD. If someone with ASD gets pulled over, the driver presents the Blue Envelope. The driver will keep a copy of their driver's license, registration card, current insurance card, and an emergency contact list inside the blue envelope. The outside of the blue envelope contains instructions for the driver, like keeping hands on the wheel and a warning about the flashing lights and noises. The reverse side of the envelope contains instructions for the police officer, such as simplifying requests and if the driver becomes upset, to contact a person on the emergency contact card. A checked off box will also indicate whether the driver is verbal or nonverbal.

If you or a loved one would like to participate in the Blue Envelope Program, please stop at the Wyckoff Police Department or call our main number (201) 891-2121 and an officer will drop off your blue envelope. The program is currently only available to Township of Wyckoff residents.

Township Committee Reports:

Timothy Shanley:

1. Fireworks Committee met up on March 28th the only date that really works for the fireworks as Matt just said is September 28th. Because the weekend before is the Greek Festival and then if you're going to go into October, it's Rosh Hashanah, which is I believe the third and the fourth and you're going to move into Yom Kippur on the 12th. We're hoping that we're going to be able to do it without having a rain date because we don't have a rain date. So hopefully we'll be able to have them. I know last year in September, we got rained out twice, and we couldn't have, hopefully we can bring them back September 28th of this year.
2. The Design Review Board who has not met for many times in the past couple of years, just had their second meeting last night because the Abbott Family

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Properties at 397 Franklin Avenue, Wyckoff which had been before the Zoning Board and the Design Review Board wanted to change the color of what they were doing. They brought the new color into the Design Review Board and it was looked at last night and they approved it went from light gray to light brown. Everyone on the Design Review Board likes their choices.

3. Zoning Board also met the third Thursday of March. They gave a one-year extension to a property on Lafayette Avenue that was approved last year on May 30th. They haven't been able to do the construction, so they gave them a one year extension on it. They also gave a variance for a portico on Morley Drive. They also gave approval for a modest rebuild on East View Terrace. And then they also had 811 Wyckoff Avenue it's a complete teardown they asked them to come back because they felt they had too many nonconformities. They'll be coming back at the next meeting in April.

Roger Lane:

1. On the Shade Tree matter that Matt reported on, as you can see from the Russell Community Park trees have already been replaced to other areas.
2. One thing when I first joined the committee, I've always had a pet peeve the speeding in town. The fact that we're making alterations to some of these speed limits on some of the streets is absolutely tremendous. I'm going to meet with Brian Zivkovich, the Sargeant who is in charge of that. I think we can add additional streets to that as well as we move forward we just have to review it with them because they are obviously the one who make the recommendations but in particular when you talk about Grandview Avenue with everything that is happening there and Coolidge School, it's near and dear to me because I have some grandchildren that are there. Being able to slow that traffic down before they even hit the school is going to be a tremendous benefit plus once Public Service gets that line moved, we can get that whole project complete.

Matt Cavallo: The Borough of Hawthorne has already passed an ordinance and reduced the speed limit on Grandview Avenue in their section of town. Their final reading on that was last week so those signs will probably be going up this week if not next week.

Tim Shanley: What did they go down to?

Matt Cavallo: 25 miles per hour. We will be matching the speed for that entire length of Grandview Avenue from Hawthorne at Goffie Hill Road to Wyckoff Avenue. The speed limit will be 25 miles an hour at all times, not just in front of the school.

Roger Lane: Hopefully when they reduce the speed limit on Grandview Avenue in Hawthorne, they also need some road paving in that section anyone who has traveled it, knows. The other key thing that I'm going to talk to Brian Zivkovich, our Traffic Safety Officer, about is enforcement. It's one thing to have these speed limits reduced, but unless there's enforcement, you know, it may fall on deaf, heavy feet, so to speak.

3. I missed the Fireworks Committee meeting because I had another obligation. But I'll be there with Tim at the next meeting and if there's any changes to what has been reported already, I'll be happy to report on that at the next meeting.

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Thomas Madigan: Not to beat a dead horse, but the sooner the better. I just wanted to go on the record. I'm in favor of a fireworks rain date on Sunday the 29th. I don't want to wait until the middle of May to find out the guy isn't available because that's six weeks from now.

2. I am happy to see the ordinance coming up tonight on the speed limits. Reducing the speed on some of those streets is important. I know that as Police Commissioner, and then as Deputy Police Commissioner, Rudy and I've been discussing it with the Police the last few years. I want to thank Peter Melchionne as the current Police Commissioner, and Roger Lane as this year's Deputy Police Commissioner, it's a positive for our residents. This list represents several streets that we've been trying to reduce the speeds on. It takes time for the police to do their studies, to look at the data, and to make recommendations. Thank you, Gentlemen. It's good for our residents.

Mayor Melchionne: On the subject of the police, I know we have talked about the speed of the drivers, but also, over the last few years, we've prioritized pedestrian safety here in Wyckoff. We've had a pretty aggressive plan of installing speed calming signs and crosswalks signs at all of the schools. Schools were our priority and then we went out to some key, select streets around town to try to slow the traffic down there. Safety has definitely been a topic of discussion. Rudy Boonstra took the lead on this issue for the last few years and it's great to see we're making progress here.

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Roger Lane: Can I just add something really quickly to that? At Coolidge School there were a number of crosswalks. If you can believe it, there were four crosswalks in the vicinity of Coolidge School. If you can imagine that within a couple of 100 yards, all of these crosswalks, all of the traffic getting backed up with people crossing in and between all of the cars and there's only one crossing guard. That problem has now been alleviated by having one crossing area with the one crossing guard to monitor it and with the appropriate lighting. Now it's a matter of educating the public - having people on site to educate the parents.

I know that Matt prepared a letter that was delivered to the Principal at Coolidge, and I believe that's been shared with every parent that does the pickup. In the beginning, it may seem like, well, why can I cross the street here? Well, because it just messes up the whole flow of traffic and it's a lot safer to have just a single crosswalk. I think the engineers that came up with the new design should be commended. It's a matter of education and making sure that everybody's aware that that's where they need to cross the street.

Pete Melchionne: Great point. And then just last him on talking about since we're on the subject right now I know it's something we have to work with the County on but I would love to see Wyckoff Avenue come down from 40 miles an hour.

Matthew Cavallo: I wasn't going to mention that because it's something that in the works. It's something that has to be done in a step-by-step process and we are looking over it. I'm not going to commit to anything, but we are looking at the reduction of speed on Wyckoff Avenue from the intersection of Wyckoff Avenue and Godwin Avenue to right around Lawrence Court to be lowered from 35 to 30. It already is 30 miles an hour from Lawrence Court though it might not be signed appropriately, we're working on that right now. From the area right before Lawrence Court to right passed the nursery school on the property of the Reformed Church at 30 miles an hour and then it goes back up to 35 as it passes Cornerstone Church and Community Park and then for some reason as it passes Community Park it jumps up to 40. We are looking at trying to get a uniform speed limit along Wyckoff Avenue, preferably in the 30 number.

Tim Shanley: Does that have to get set by the County?

Matthew Cavallo: It does so that's why I'm not saying we're not committing to anything. We've already started conversations with the County Engineer. If you recall when the County lowered the speed limit on Sicomac, that process took about 16 months for the County to do their study, get the Freeholders on board. Hopefully we can get study done quicker. And once the study is done and they share the results with us, then we can use our connections to speak with our County Administrator, the County Executive, his staff and the commissioners, to get that push through in less than 16 months.

Mayor Peter Melchionne:

1. I attended the Library Board Meeting last week, their business as usual over there doing an excellent job for Wyckoff. Roger, Matt, and I attended Hope Christian Disability Awareness breakfast two weeks ago. It was a great breakfast, and they had a ribbon cutting for a new wing there, they made some really, really big renovations for their residents and more for their patients, it was really something to see.
2. Matt Cavallo mentioned I attended the grant seminar at Bergen Community College, it was very informative. It's always been one of our goals here as personnel and finance over the last two years and along with Matt and Matt's

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knowledge on the grants, I don't know how he knows all this stuff, but he does an excellent job, but we also brought in a grant writer and it's worth every penny of it. We're trying to bring as much money here into Wyckoff to help us with especially offset some of the stuff in our budget.

3. Lastly, the military tribute banners are on sale. I know we had over the last few years we've had a lot of people purchase them. We got to the point where I had to take some out of service so there has to be some repurchasing because they do because of UV lighting. We do keep them off from Memorial Day through Veterans Day, then about after three or four years they do need to be repurchased. But we do still have the banners on sale you don't have the veteran does not have to live in Wyckoff. It could be any resident Wyckoff, close any family member from wherever they are if they want to honor them. It's always great when they start going up around Memorial Day, and they're available until April 24th for purchase.

Thomas Madigan: I was approached about Wyckoff being involved with doing a National Museum being planned in Virginia, outside of Washington, DC where they are trying to get memorialization audio and video of people that have memories of September 11, 2001. Whether you were a first responder on the scene, lost a loved one, what your town across America did on that particular day and what was your personal experience. Mr. Mayor, you're working on it, putting it together and then the folks that are running this would set a date most likely, middle to end of May, to coordinate with the library to come to Wyckoff and see how many people we have in town that might be interested in sharing their personal experience. We all know where we were that day. But it's already twenty-two and a half years, in a blink it'll be gone. So that could be exciting for our town and I think we'll have more information collectively, that we could plug in.

Roger Lane: I just want to add the name Brian Clark to that. He's been on many, many documentaries. He was one of the handful of people that the plane hit the second tower below where he was and he survived and he's an eloquent speaker and he's amazing to listen to his story.

Township Attorney Report – David Becker, Esq.:

Matt Cavallo mentioned that at our Business Meeting tonight, we will approve a resolution for a private sewer extension. Just to follow up on that. The home is in Franklin Lakes. I do think we're going to have some more homes looking to connect to our sewer in that area. I just wanted you all to understand the finances. The homeowner will have to pay their connection fees to the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA) before they can connect. Then Wyckoff will bill Franklin Lakes each year and it's up to them to build the residents. They will have until October 1st to pay. Franklin Lakes is obligated to pay us for all of the flow. Franklin Lakes has to pony up the money and then they can put a lien on the home or go after their residents themselves because as a separate municipality we're not able to do that. The way we have the agreement set up means that we will be guaranteed the money because we're billing Franklin Lakes directly.

Roger Lane: Was there any idea how many homes potentially it could be?

David Becker: I know we have one home looking to connect waiting in the wings. That has come to my attention haven't gotten too much further not sure what they're actually doing, but they're interested in doing it, but I'm sure there's going to be a few more.

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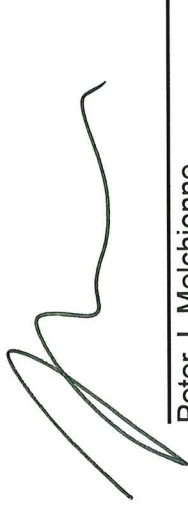
Matt Cavallo: We have a pump station that was recently renovated in that area, so we have the capacity for it. As long as the slope is there that can get it to a manhole in Wyckoff. Vance Ave and then we also have Wayfair Circle and Wayfair Lane. That could possibly also connect into the area. So pretty much that entire area off of Vance Lane bordering Ramapo High School that is currently on septic as long as the pitch is there for the sewer line to be built, they could connect if they want.

Mayor Melchionne asked for a motion to close the Work Session:

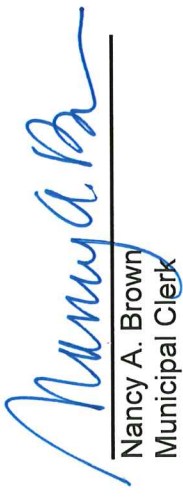
Mr. Shanley made a motion to close the Work Session, seconded by Mr. Lane. All voted in favor. With an affirmative vote, the motion was approved.

During the course of this meeting, there were between 1 & 4 viewers watching live on YouTube.

The Open Work Session Meeting was Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Peter J. Melchionne
Mayor



Nancy A. Brown
Municipal Clerk