Council Meeting ‘Hijacked’ & Fireworks Over $41M Bonding

By Dan Murphy

A City Council meeting held last week that was supposed to be a formality in the approval of borrowing $41 million to clean up a budgetary disaster at the Yonkers Board of Education two years ago turned into a five-hour meeting that was described by council members as a “disgrace,” “back-door politics” and a “stolen council meeting.”

One week ago the council approved the same plan to borrow and build the $41 million, by a 5-2 vote, with Councilman Liam McLaughlin, who is a Democrat, voting no. That vote was needed to pass the bonding, and it was finally agreed that Councilman Dennis Shepherd voted yes on the borrowing, but the council Democrats said they would not attend unless a unanimous vote was taken,” said Minority Leader Michael Sabatino.

That agreement reached behind closed doors required Councilman Shepherd to vote “yes” on the borrowing, which he did.

“I don’t have to share my explanation on my vote with anyone on this council,” he said. “I’m not here to please other council members. Nobody asked me how I feel, and I always vote the way I believe and stand up and vote accordingly. The only people I’m responsible to are the people I represent.”

All three council Democrats expressed disappointment in McLaughlin’s decision to vote “no” and have a unanimous vote for a very important but unnecessary matter.

“Two weeks ago we had to take a vote on a deficit bonding,” said Councilman Christopher Johnson. “Our council president gave a wonderful speech, but he voted ‘no,’ even though we were told all council members would vote ‘yes’ on the project.”

Johnson added that he hoped this is not the case, as he is responsible to the people who elected him to office.

McLaughlin said he was told by the mayor’s office that he would be able to have the vote set aside to get out of mandatory overtime from the state进入“state mandate” and the commission on education, two people that don’t feel qualified to make those kinds of decisions.

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Mayor Mike Spano will join the Yonkers City Council and Department of Veterans Services in paying tribute to the city’s Vietnam veterans when the city Rename a two-mile stretch of Yonkers Avenue as “Vietnam Veterans Way” on Saturday, March 28 at 11 a.m. at Yonkers and Middletown Avenues.

The city will also honor Vietnam veterans with a flag-raising ceremony at City Hall on Friday, March 27 at 3:30 p.m. Both events will pay tribute to Vietnam veterans from Yonkers, recognizing their service and sacrifice 50 years since the Vietnam War escalated.

As part of the street-renaming ceremony, a portion of Yonkers Avenue from Middletown Avenue to Bronx River Road will be designated Vietnam Veterans Way, and the names of 31 Yonkers killed in action will be added to honorary street signs along Vietnam Veterans Way.

“The street renaming gives us the opportunity to honor those veterans who may not have been rightfully recognized in the past,” said Spano.

“We want to make sure that we acknowledge the great sacrifice made by all of our veterans and their families.”

The City Council was proud to pass this tribute to Vietnam veterans by designating a portion of Yonkers Avenue as Vietnam Veterans Way, according City Council President Liam McLaughlin.

“Everyone in this great city is indebted to the men and women who served—some of whom gave the ultimate sacrifice,” he said. “There is no question that our veterans did not receive the recognition they deserved upon their return home and we can never again allow the designation of a generation of veterans. That is why I was proud to sponsor this legislation that will designate a portion of Yonkers Avenue as a public and permanent reminder of those who lost their lives in this conflict.”

“As American citizens we have a duty to honor all of our veterans, past and present,” added Lou Navarro, director of the Office of Veterans Affairs. “These events, done in honor of Vietnam veterans, are a way to pay tribute to all those who have served.”

The year 2015 marks 50 years since the United States entered its participation in the Vietnam conflict. Vietnam Veterans Day is observed each year March 29, the date when the last of the American troops left Vietnam in 1973.

For more information on the commemoration of Vietnam Veterans Day in Yonkers, contact the Department of Veterans Services at 914-968-1700.

In the weeks to come, Yonkers Rising will feature the Vietnam veterans from Yonkers who lost their lives serving our country. If you have information on any of these men, including photos, please email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com so we can include them in our memorial.

By Don Murphy

Yonkers Rising received the following email from the family of Sidney Riesenberg, who lived in Yonkers for many years and whose famous illustrations were used in magazines and U.S. military posters over the last century:

“My uncle, Yonkers resident Sidney Riesenberg, 1885-1971, is coming home to Westchester,” writes Anne Atheling, who also lived in Yonkers from 1944-51. “On April 14, our family will inter his ashes in the Riesenberg plot at Anthony’s Cemetary in Hastings-on-Hudson. Born in Chicago in 1885, Sidney moved to Yonkers in 1902 where he lived and pursued a successful career in illustration and fine art.

“Graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and active in art circles for many years in the Westchester area, Sidney Riesenberg was on the executive committee of the Yonkers Art Association from 1929 and became president in 1944. Riesenberg lived and painted throughout the Hudson Valley and on Cape Ann.

“Sidney Riesenberg illustrated for national magazines—Sunday Evening Post, Colliers, Harper’s Weekly, Boys’ Life, Scribner’s, Pacific Monthly and many books,” according to Atheling. “During WWI he designed posters for the U.S. Marine Corp, U.S. Navy and the Liberty Loan campaign. He was a member of various art clubs, Society of Illustrators, Yonkers Art Association and Rockport Art Association.

“His works were exhibited at the National Academy of Design, Art Institute of Chicago, Altairus Art, New York Water Color Show, National Art Club, Montclair Museum, New Rochelle, Hudson Valley Art Association, Currier Gallery of Art, and his paintings are in the Yonkers Historical Collection and Hudson River Museum.

“Sidney taught at the Hudson River Museum, the Westchester Art Association and at the YWCA Arts Center,” writes Atheling.

“A bit of background: In 1944 when I was 14 years old, my mother, Edith Atheling, passed away and I came to live in north Yonkers with my brother-in-law Sidney, Riesenberg, and younger sister, Elsa Riesenberg, in their house on Greenvale Ave. I soon moved to an apartment at the corner of Roberts Avenue and North Broadway and I attended Gorton High School as a freshman. I lived with them on North Broadway through my high school years, as well as my college years as a commuting student.

For Info: cschool@cschool.org or 914-447-0539

The Illustrative works of Sidney Riesenberg will be on display at city-owned sites, public buildings, and magazine covers.

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Send your story ideas, photos, announcements and upcoming events to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com
Is There Political Peace in Yonkers?

By Eric W. Schoen

Eric W. Schoen is a Yonkers resident and a regular contributor to this column. Readers of this column can call or email him at 194x548 or visit www.ypl.org.

Last week, Yonkers IG Brendon McGrath issued a statement in which he said he was in the process of resigning. He stated, “I am in the process of resigning from my position as IG due to a personal decision of my own.” He went on to say that he had been working closely with the mayor and other members of the city council to ensure a smooth transition of power.

The mayor, Mike Spano, has not commented on McGrath’s resignation. However, he has expressed his support for McGrath and has said that he will work with him to ensure a smooth transition of power.

The resignation of the city’s top auditor is likely to have a significant impact on the city’s finances. McGrath has been in charge of the Yonkers Office of the Comptroller for the past five years and has been responsible for overseeing the city’s budget and financial operations.

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Call: (914) 468-4999

Kers are urged to attend this important community meeting. City Council members of this area are expected to attend, and quality-of-life issues and other concerns will be discussed.

For more information, contact Bob Stauf, president, at 914-476-2284 or Cap. Peter Butter at 914-577-7427.

Sweet Ginger Snap

Ginger Snap is a sweet, petite, mixed-breed dog about 40 pounds and 1 year old who was found as a stray in Yonkers but must have been someone’s pet, as she is calm and confident and has lovely leash and kennel manners. She knows sit and give paw, and likes to play and seems able to amuse herself with a toy for some time. She is not all destructive and is going to make some family a wonderful companion. Ginger Snap would do just fine in a city or suburban setting, and loves everyone and would do great in an apartment with an elevator!

She also just loves the other dogs at the shelter. Visit Ginger Snap at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., weekdays and noon and 4 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 914-377-6750 during business hours or 201-981-3215 at any time, or email lesliem147@gmail.com.

Give Ginger Snap a loving home.

Five Star

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lawyer, creative artist or die-hard Yankee fan.

Another golden perk of Five Star’s Bridge to Rediscovery is in its award-winning dining program. The Assisted Living Federation of America awarded the Bridge to Rediscovery’s dining program the Best of the Best award, not to mention the continuous rave reviews from the residents. Along with exceptional dining and remarkable care, Bridge to Rediscovery also offers superior security to ensure the safety of all residents at all times. The Bridge to Rediscovery program is where high-quality care meets high-quality lifestyle and is where Five Star is all about.

Five Star Premier Residences of Yonkers strives to offer many diverse activities and events so that the residents can more quickly develop relationships with each other and with the team alike. A customized plan of action is then developed based on the resident’s personality, likes/dislikes and personal preferences to ensure the highest level of productivity.

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Career Network, connecting more than 8,000 partners to work as one, and identify ways to forward to the continued collaboration with our students and usher them every step of the local community and individual financial support. The conference is a biennial organization of New York State and Monroe counties that are actively involved in promoting and collaborating with the state’s Italian-American community. Its mission is to work hard to elevate and highlight Italian-American contributions to the State of New York, and beyond, in all aspects of society, such as the arts, literature, the arts, architecture and policies. The conference theme is “It’s a great pride of ours in promoting higher education and assisting students in creating their future and full potential for success in the global marketplace,” said Zimdez. “The Fisher Scientific Award is a reward for a virtually crime-free winter. Law enforcement officers were given two extra vacation days as a clue, Yonkers police solved a series of thefts over 3 miles was 20 minutes and 12 seconds. He remained the $5 million endowment campaign for a National positive potential of two anionic surfactants, PHG and PFOH, against acanthamoeba burn at first and then slowly downhill. This year, the Italian-American State Legislators Conference will be awarding four $2,500 scholarships as well as with student loans, working families to meet their required expenses of college.
Daylight Saving Time has arrived and so has the Waive Me Spring Term! Celebrate by joining Westchester Adult Jewish Education for one of our exciting Jewish Art Workshops (exploring the connection between your name and the roots of the tradition of the biblical verse) on March 24 (beginning at 20 AC, KC of Mid-Westchester). Making Meaning of the Laws of Shabbat on March 24 (beginning at 10 AM, private home in New Rochelle); The Minor Prophets (10 Wednesday mornings beginning at 22, Congregation Kal Ad). In all workshops, a light lunch will be served. Call 914-948-9599 (Jennifer) or 914-839-0760 (Bridget) to register for classes. Show up early, and grab the last seating before the workshop begins! (SSNY) on 02/13/2015. Of- fice location: Westchester. Notice is hereby given that a childless young married couple wanted to promote their business and all financial data of the firm. --Dan Read aloud. Carlos, from the inside (8 Thursdays October). 900 Dutchess Turnpike Poughkeepsie (845-452-0606). CALL AIM 877-206-4006. The City of Yonkers Office of Workforce Development is posting the Request For Proposal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) for the 2015 Year Round Youth Program. The contract period begins July 1, 2015 and ends June 30, 2016. All questions related to the RFP should be directed in writing via e-mail to Mr. Shawn McGraw, Executive Director at Shawn.mcgraw@yonkersny.gov. Details of the Request for Proposal copy of the RFP may be downloaded at www.cityofyonkers.com. The RFP is available at the Yonkers Workforce Development Board, Information and Events. RFP Procurement Schedule—Dates subject to change with notice from the YWDB.

RFP Question Due Date: April 6, 2015
RFP Due Date: April 20, 2015
Grant Award Date: July 1, 2015

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Notice is hereby given that a License serial #2456206 for Liquor has been applied for by the un- known grantee. The next business day or in writing at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Bev- erage Con- trol Law at 525 South Fulton, Suite 126, Mount Vernon, NY 10503 on a premises con- cerned, Wheeler & Wheeler, Inc.

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And anytime during the voting period, you may call Paul Aux- iliary Rivers at (914) 155 – 1706.

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Security Income benefits and she’ll be going to practice by first-class mail. Print notice by first-class mail; or a large print data compact disc and a print standard notice. To receive Braille notices and a standard print notice, to receive information from us if you’re blind providing vital information in the most effective way.

How do I help him?

My father gets Supplemental Security Income for a disability. He is now living in New Rochelle, with his Social Security assistant district manager, by decorating the cafeteria as an Irish wonderland. Residents responded to his entertainment with enthusiastic applause. Getzoff’s autism evidenced an inability to sustain attention in long arrangements to as within 10 days, as the change could affect her payment. Failure to report the change could result in an incorrect SSI payment that may have to be paid back. Also, she can easily change her address by accessing her personal “My Social Security” account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. Social Security is dedicated to helping those who already have Medicare, as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement, or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions and paperwork.

The engaging, interactive program outlines the various parts of Medicare and lays out the costs associated with the medical and drug insurance provided by the government and private companies. Topics include original Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans (Part D), Medigap (supplemental plans) and various cost-saving programs (MSPs, Extra Help, EPCs, etc.).

Demystifying Medicare for Seniors

The forum “Demystifying Medicare and Health Care Coverage for Seniors” will take place at several locations in Westchester next month.

This presentation of the library system’s Westchester Seniors Out Speak is important for us to show our way through our complicated health care system for older adults. We will help those who already have Medicare, and as well as people soon to be 65, planning their retirement, or assisting relatives and friends with their medical decisions and paperwork.

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By Joel J. Sprayregen

The sole event in the region energizing anti-Palestinian sentiment is Obama’s move to establish a Palestinian state today, and to evacuate Israeli settlements on which to strike the State of Israel. This is the endpoint of the state, as well as what ensues when and if terrorist groups in Yemen. Obama ritualistically condemned ISIL became a formidable terrorist power. I expect that Democrats can be a bulwark against Iran’s hegemonic aspirations. 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words. I write in hopes you may find the news

briefly summarizing his life in art – in his own

copy of a letter written by Sidney Riesenberg

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chester to inter them in the family plot at Mt.

Hope Cemetery in Hastings-on-Hudson – and

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In a separate e-mail I am forwarding a

In his Own Words:

Redbook and Liberty Loan posters for the First World

War, sports. I made a lot of posters

out-of-doors, Westerns, the Civil

pulps. The subjects I covered were

a number of books and most of the

national magazines – Post, Harp-

New York and did illustrations for

Monthly.

In his own Words:

Riesenberg Artist Sidney Riesenberg

Nov. 21, 1960:

I was born in Chicago in 1885. I studied

at the Art Institute of Chicago for four years

and on graduation won the Frederick, Magnus

Brand Memorial Prize for composition. Then

I left school and joined that small company of

artists who were able to make their living with

pictures and drawings in-between jobs to

keep that spark alive.

The paintings that I made at this
time were exhibited in the National
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Mayor Mike Spano, bagpiper Peter Staruch and Police Commissioner Charles Gardner.

Parade Grand Marshal Tim Rooney Jr. led the parade and completed his busy week, which included painting a portion of McLean Avenue green with Mayor Mike Spano, and attending Mass at St. Barnabus High School Chapel with his aides.

Spano; County Executive Rob Astorino; City Council President Liam McLaughlin; Councilmen John Larkin, Mike Breen, Michael Saba-tino, Christopher Johnson, Constance Pincic and Dennis Shepherd; Assembly members Shelley Mayer and Gary Pretlow; State Senators Andrea Stewart-Cousins and George Latimer; and Congressman Eliot Engel all marched in the parade and were Irish for the day.

Congratulations to the parade committee and Co-Chairpersons Larry McCudden and Deidre O’Mara. Once again, all of us who attended the parade enjoyed the day with family – and the corned beef and drink that followed!

Yonkers St. Pat’s

Venue: Yonkers Riverfront Library
1 Larking center Yonkers NY 10701 floor room AB
Between Atherton St and River St/Buena Vista Ave
Date: Saturday March 28, 2015
Time: 10:00am to 1:30pm

RSVP and Contact Information
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WEBSITE: www.bkwsu.org

We have the inner potential to function in a state of peace and focus regardless of the situation or challenges. Inner clutter, indecisiveness, uncertainty, lack of focus and emotional imbalance are some of the real causes of stress due to creating an overload on our mental abilities. With accurate diagnosis, this illness can be properly treated and cured; it can even be ultimately eradicated. Identify your own stress causer & become your own stress buster! Together we will explore the simple, logical yet profound practices ‘tools’ with which to conquer, replace and cure these weak tendencies.

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